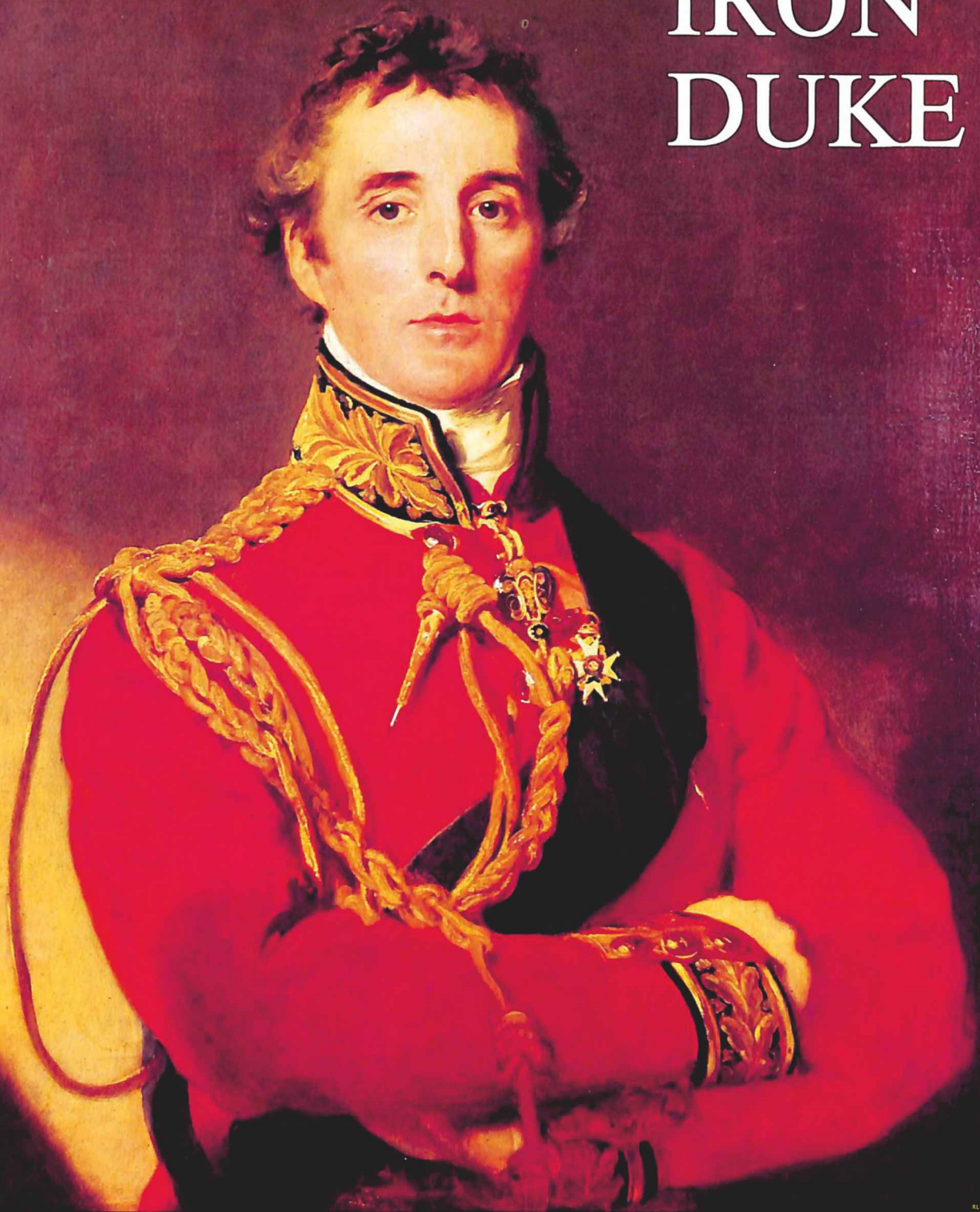


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THE REGIMENT

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The Leprechaun Club - that certainly applied at the opening of the Club, sponsored by the local branch of this famous firm

Regimental Headquarters

Regimental Notes

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS AND RETIREMENTS

Lieut Colonel J. R. A. Ward was appointed Commanding Officer of 4th Battalion Yorkshire Volunteers with effect from 1st December 1987.

Lieut Colonel M. J. Thorn is to be Ch G2/G3 HQ NEDIST with effect from February 1988.

Lieut Colonel R. L. Stevens OBE has been attached to ACISG Bovington.

Major A. D. Meek is to be SO1 DS Staff College, Camberley with effect from March 1988.

Brigadier J. B. K. Greenway CBE retired on 22nd October 1987.

Lieut Colonel T. D. Lupton retired on 26th December 1987.

MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES

Recent acquisitions include:-

-From Captain E. J. B. Mowat, who served in both the 2nd and 7th Battalions, a Japanese flag captured in Burma, a map showing the routes of 23 Infantry Brigade during operations in the Naga Hills, April-July 1944, a silk escape map of central and northern Burma and a number of photographs, posters etc relating to the Regiment.

-From Mr Harry Kilner of Huddersfield two DWR regimental canes and a World War II emergency ration.

Four members of Lord Cornwallis's Company of the 33rd Foot of the Brigade of The American Revolution were recent visitors to the museum. The Regiment is particularly grateful to the members of Lord Cornwallis's Company for their gift of exact replicas of the uniform, equipment and accessories of a soldier of the 33rd as worn in the 1770s. The gift, which was sent in several separate consignments, had a less than easy passage from California. The first package was held up by the Customs, who were much concerned by the presence of a twist of tobacco. Another package, containing the all important red coat, sat in a post office in California for 11 months. One parcel is still missing, but the visitors from America brought replacements with them so, at last the display is complete. All the clothing and equipment has been made to a high standard of craftsmanship and with great attention to detail. Apart from their visit to the Museum, the visitors also spent some time at RHQ examining the archives.

Among the recent acquisitions of the National Army Museum is a silver medal presented by the officers of the 33rd Regiment to J. H. Lewis for merit. It is dated 1817. At that time the 33rd was stationed in Hull. The medal was purchased at an auction by Sothebys for the sum of £440 (estimated price was in the range of £250-£350). The National Army Museum describe the medal as having been awarded to Private Lewis, but there is no evidence of the rank on the

medal. A check of the name against the Waterloo medal roll proved fruitless. It is thought that J. H. Lewis may have been a civilian.



Medal presented to J. H. Lewis
(National Army Museum)

SOME REGIMENTAL EVENTS IN 1988

23rd April 1988

London Branch dinner, Park Court Hotel, London.

17th-19th June 1988

Regimental Association visit to 1st Battalion in Northern Ireland.

23rd June 1988

Regimental Council meeting, Apsley House.

29th September 1988

Regimental Association trustees meeting, Halifax.

1st October 1988 (to be confirmed)

6th DWR dinner, Skipton

October 1988 (to be confirmed)

5th DWR Officers' dinner, Huddersfield.

15th October 1988

Regimental Association AGM and reunion dinner (location to be confirmed)

4th November

DWR Officers' annual dinner, Gimrack Rooms, York

5th November 1988

York Minster service and lunch.

REGIMENTAL HISTORY

Following the decision to produce a new history of the Regiment, a small History Committee has been formed to oversee the project. The members are:

—Major General D. E. Isles CB, OBE, Lieut Colonel W. Robins OBE and Major A. C. S. Savory MBE. It is anticipated that it will take four years to produce the new history. In the meantime a new short history has been published and is available from RHQ at a price of £1.50 (plus 25p postage). For orders of 10 or more the price per copy is reduced to £1.25.

EMPLOYMENT OF EX-DWR OFFICERS AND SENIOR NCOs IN YORKSHIRE

Because jobs occasionally become available with the TA or CCF in Yorkshire which would be suitable for ex-Officers, Warrant Officers or senior NCOs it would be helpful if RHQ had a list of those who might be interested in such appointments. Individuals in the categories described, including those nearing retirement, who would like to be advised of vacancies should inform the Regimental Secretary.

YORKSHIRE ARMY CADET FORCE WELLESLEY COMPANY

The Annual Camp, which was held at Wretham in Norfolk this year, took place from 25th July to 8th August and was attended by 65 cadets from Wellesley Company. They were visited by Brigadier W. R. Mundell OBE, Deputy Commander NE District and HQ 2 Division. He found the cadets in good heart and spent some time trying out the cadet version of the SA 80, as the picture shows. Since his visit to Camp, Brigadier Mundell has also visited the Skipton and Keighley Detachments of the Dukes' Cadets.

Dukes' Cadets took part in a 17 day expedition along the Dordogne River, in France, which was organised by Yorkshire ACF. The team, including three DWR cadets, set up a record for canoeing the river for over 300 miles, which has been submitted to the Guinness Book of Records.

Four cadets took part in this years Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Expedition. This brought the total number of DWR cadets who have completed their

Gold to nine. This is not only a record for Yorkshire ACF, but is also a record for any cadets badged to a particular regiment.

Wellesley Company, and in particularly Huddersfield Area, wish to welcome Mrs Pat Philips to the ACF. Pat has joined as company clerk and assistant cook and is the first female Sergeant Instructor to be badged DWR.

Cadet/RQMS James, Huddersfield, Detachment has joined DWR and Cadet/Corporal Clarke, Mirfield Detachment has joined PWO. Cadet/Corporal Mellor, Mirfield Detachment and Cadet/Corporal Littlewood, Halifax Detachment, commenced training at Depot The King's Division in September. Both hope to join 1 DWR early next year.



Yorkshire Army Cadet Force: Annual Camp 1987
Brigadier W. R. Mundell OBE tries out the modified SA80

1st Battalion

COMMANDING OFFICER'S INTRODUCTION

By Christmas time, the Battalion will have just about completed its first year in Palace Barracks and the pace is still fast and furious.

Major terrorist incidents are running at three times the level of 1986, which is a depressing fact. However, as a result there is no difficulty in convincing the soldiers that the threat to them is genuine both on and off duty. Dukes' have been involved in several serious attacks by the IRA - twelve shooting incidents, four Improvised Propelled Grenade (IPG) ambushes, one Improvised Anti Armour Grenade (IAAG) ambush and three Mortar attacks. Through good luck and good soldiering we have still avoided a serious casualty - The closest shaves having been a one round snipe against Sgt Acklam which hit his flak jacket with the shock wave bruising his kidneys, and a single round which smashed the optics in a manned observation post. We have also had our fair share of successes. Security considerations forbid me to elaborate, but on three occasions good observation by Dukes' soldiers has helped to capture two terrorist

Active Service Units red handed and uncover a 5 lb anti personnel mine.

As if the terrorist activity was not sufficient, the Northern Ireland's marching season has just finished. This involved long hours, usually firmly in the background, supporting the Royal Ulster Constabulary in monitoring many colourful parades, often close to sectarian flash points. July and August were 'rent a company' months. On 14th July, as an extreme example, we had one Company in Belfast under command 1 QLR, one Company in Portadown under 11 UDR, one Company in Castlewellan under 3 UDR, one platoon in Bessbrook under 3 Queens, one platoon in Armagh under 2 UDR and one platoon in Crumlin Gaol! We even had a Hook Company composite platoon warned off for Antrim under command 1/9 UDR. The RSM and I went to play golf! You will appreciate that the definition of battle procedure - getting the soldier to the right place at the right time with the correct equipment and properly briefed - takes on a whole new dimension. You will

also appreciate that working in many different places - both rural and urban - for many different cap badges demands considerable responsibility and sensitivity from the young commanders. They have not been found wanting.

The Rifle Companies naturally bear the brunt of the deployments and the separation, currently running at about 55%. However as a result Headquarter Company has found itself manning the camp guard frequently. Despite the fact that administrative departments are put under extra strain, the 'base rats' do it cheerfully and willingly, knowing that it is for good reasons. The regular routine of the Company roulement was described in my previous notes but our No 1 Company area has subsequently moved from Belfast back to South Armagh, this time to the town of Newry and its rural surrounds.

I include a photograph of the modern Dukes' soldier ready for patrol in South Armagh. You will see that he carries a bergen with 48 hours worth of rations, clothing and equipment. He wears the new helmet which is a great success, being light, robust and comfortable. Every man carries a piece of communication equipment and by 10th November we will have completed our conversion to SA 80, the new rifle. This has been extremely well received so far. It is light, manageable and accurate. However, Alma Company will be the first Dukes' to test it fully in the rugged environment of South Armagh. We also have available a number of Gortex wetproof suits for use in extreme weather. Boots excepted, the modern soldier is therefore very well equipped. This all sounds frightfully serious! Do not worry because we are also having fun. All the Companies have now had a three week spell of leave and they will complete their full entitlement before next April. The Officers' and Sergeants' Messes have had some tremendous parties. The single soldiers have subsidised disco nights in the NAAFI and seem to have just as much fun down town as anywhere else. They have access to subsidised driving lessons and golf tuition and we are working on clay pigeon shooting, tennis and squash tuition. A great many soldiers have taken part in adventure

training, including three platoons of Burma Company who somehow managed to take a week on the mainland.

And of course sport. The familiar rugby build up is in progress. The footballers are doing well. The cross country runners are sweeping the board in the Services League, and Cpl. Evans won the Northern Ireland Windsurfing Championships.

Life is therefore certainly not dull! We have faced fairly relentless pressure for our first nine months. I am pleased to report that all ranks are standing up to it superbly and are performing to a very high standard.



Equipped for action

ALMA COMPANY

One third of the tour has been completed and events such as Operation Bullet and our first deployment to South Armagh are but a dim recollection. Unlike the rest of the Battalion, the Alma has not had any other task in the countryside since May, instead we have spent much of our time in Belfast and have had a busy and interesting time working with 1 QLR for just over a month. We patrolled all parts of West Belfast, covered numerous marches (both Republican and Protestant) and had our fair share of incidents including three shootings, a bomb find and an "old fashioned" riot on the Antrim Road.

A day on patrol in West Belfast or doing the Belfast "Boogie"

"OK lads warning order, be ready to move in one hour down at the briefing room, we have to go to old

Andy town and the Riverdales again." Exit stage left one platoon commander. His bit was the easy part, we have to find the platoon! Runners are sent to the NAAFI and cookhouse. Soon men begin to appear carrying their cups of tea and half eaten meals with them. "Has anyone cleared the gym and the telephone?" says a voice from the back "No, Killer go and get Denton. He is bound to be on the phone again....and hurry up!"

"Right lads we are going out of old Andy town and the Riverdales, so be ready to move by 1255 hrs, down in Ops South Briefing Room." There is a slight mumble as the boys start to get their kit on. It is now part of a drill as everyone goes through their own rituals.

In the Briefing Room the Int Section bloke stands up and tells us exactly the same as yesterday, ie that the threat remains high in our area and we can expect

anything from a single sniper up to, but not including, a nuclear attack. The platoon commander spits off his orders in quick succession and then we move up to the loading bay where each team commander loads his team in turn and checks that each man has the right kit. "Killer why are you in a helmet and everyone else is in berets" etc.

This patrol, like many others, is dropped off at Andersonstown RUC station by Red One (who are the QRF) to pick up one of the neighbourhood policemen. A PC arrives and proudly tells us he wants to go to the Gransha's to deliver a Court summons and could we take him there?

Plan Two: a quick route change is given to all the team commanders who sigh and change their maps. "We will use the same pick up point as we have got bags of time", says our illustrious platoon commander. Famous last words, we are ten minutes late already.

"OK Flank teams out, quick as you can." The big electric doors jerk open and the first two teams sprint into the outside world, zigzagging as they try to cover the first couple of hundred metres, like drunken versions of Carl Lewis. Everyone knows that the exit from Andersonstown RUC is one of the most dangerous as it does not take a lot to work out that troops going into the station must come out sooner or later and there is only one gate! Even Cpl. Oldroyd gets into a gallop leaving this station.

Soon the team gets into the rhythm of the patrol. We all know where the places too hard to target are

located, so when something looks out of place we take less obvious routes and thereby hope to confuse the enemy. It certainly confuses us sometimes!

The metallic voice of our platoon commander sounds over the radio as he tries to make sure we have protection on all sides:

"Hello C 11 D, this is C 10 A. Send your location. Over."

"C 11 D Leeds Station. Over."

"C 10 A OK. Move now to.....Where did you say you are?"

Eventually the RUC finishes his house calls and it is time to the pick up point. There is now no way we can get to the original PUP in time, so a new time is sent over the radio: we are going to be late in. The toll of wearing a bullet proof vest under a combat jacket is by now beginning to tell and sweaty soldiers set off to the pick up point.

"Hello Charlie 10. This is Red One. I am at your pick up point. Move in now. Over."

"O B...S. Follow me lads." 400 m later we arrive (even more sweaty) at the vehicles and jump straight in. C/S 11 Devaney is late again. The RUC man bimbles up the middle of the road at a very fast walk (the RUC don't run) cursing the Army in general and Mr Wolff in particular.

"Get on", "Close the doors", "Let's go", "You're sitting on my foot", "Ouch get your rifle out of my ear".

"Home James".

BURMA COMPANY

Just another market town

All heads turn as the patrol moves quickly through the crowded streets, feet slapping the road as once again the soldiers are hard targets. Anonymous figures melt into shop doorways and poke their heads round high stone walls, covering each other and then moving off.

It was a warm July and each patrol soon broke into a profuse sweat, the ritual of wringing out soaked T shirts seemed to follow each excursion onto the streets of Newry. First impressions of Newry were that it is a normal market town, admittedly only 10 miles from the border, but nevertheless no distinct difference from Richmond or Skipton. Even away from the town centre, tree lined avenues and country lane cottages seemed to abound, but there was a more sinister side to this quaint rural town and for that reason half of Burma Company spent July and early August there.

Urban soldiering seemed to be more interesting than tramping the fields of South Armagh. Plate checking vehicles which park suspiciously in and around the town, a mini bus drives past. Check its occupants! a Fiesta screeches round a corner. Check it. A surly pedestrian swaggers past, cursing the presence of the security forces. Check him out. We aren't popular here, we aren't paid to be, and the terrorist threat is very high. We have to be on our guard at all times.

Out on the ground "Nick-names" ring out across the road, no use giving away our surnames, you never know who is listening. A confident approach to the

job, each soldier is capable of handling a heated argument or a fiery drunk: we seemed to encounter our fair share of both. Short patrols accompanying the RUC throughout the town, a mutual respect for each others' jobs in this staunchly Republican town, but humour abounds and these policemen have a fair, responsible approach to their tasks.

August 8th, the sixteenth anniversary of Internment and players sightings have been high. Our homely derelict RUC station is a vulnerable target. The day passes with few incidents; a vehicle highjacking and burning, a number of petrol bombs thrown and a bit of stoning on one of the run down Republican estates. Here we encounter the local players; evil characters, who through the years have developed a stony silence when questioned. Questioning one such player seems to bring the whole street out to see what is going on, it's reassuring that there is little chance of a shoot on a crowded street. I have a conversation with one of the onlookers. His parting words stick in my mind, "There is no solution as long as you're here, this is our country and it always has been."

We have moved off leaving the bonfires to burn and the tattered tri-colours, which seem to have had more colourful days, fluttering from the chimney pots. The lack of incidents reflects a successful day's soldiering by all those involved. Up to 20 hours on the ground left many tired but still switched on to the threat.

Another day dawns, we move slowly up one of the steep valley sides with Newry nestling at the bottom. We are about to support the RUC on a house raid and

we are to secure the area. We go firm behind hedges and walls, out of sight, out of mind. The heavily armoured cars screech as they round the sharp corner, breaking sharply outside the apparently normal semi-detached council house. The soldiers appear from behind their cover and the policemen smile, as they identify one by one their close support. In we move and the house is entered, soon the policemen come out, for fresh air; it is pretty unpleasant in there they tell me. An hour and a half later out comes the quarry, easily picked from his lair, but he will retreat into silence and it is questionable if anything will be learnt. So the game continues, cat and mouse, but who's the mouse?

The soldiers enjoyed the opportunity to work in the urban environment, it's more interesting with more contact with the "players" and public in general. There seems to be more going on and everyone stays aware of the threat. Thankfully the month passed off fairly quietly. No doubt Burma Company will return but great satisfaction can be drawn from a successful month's soldiering.

Adventure Training 1987 - Ex "Norfolk Nautilus"

In line with the OC's directive on adventure training, 4 Platoon decided that the most should be made of a week out of the Province by undertaking an extremely arduous canoeing expedition. Imagine however the planner's dilemma - I obviously needed a stretch of waterway for seven days canoeing, accommodation in various locations and transport between the locations. Well, as much as one would have liked to have gone to Norway for advanced whitewater slalom techniques, the most challenging that could be arranged was the Norfolk Broads - and this was only possible by registering the canoes as HM's Warships! Even worse was to come however. For some reason, no tents and rucksacks could be had for accommodation and travel. The solution was not easy to accept, but I reckoned that at a push, as 4 Platoon are a tough bunch, they could just about hack a week in Hoseasons cruisers.

Thus, in late September, the intrepid party embarked on Exercise Norfolk Nautilus with 3 eight-berth cruisers bearing a motley crew of unable seamen. We set off from the little known Norfolk backwater of Horning with the seaside resort of Great Yarmouth as the first stop off point. After an exhausting day's paddling, I must admit I was impressed with the stamina of the men who still had enough energy in the evenings to go out and explore the virtues of the local hostelries, discos and clubs.

Cpl. Ashworth made an outstanding discovery in Great Yarmouth; sleepwalking when afloat can be a particularly wet experience. Back at Palace Barracks, first right through the bedroom door may lead to the loo, but in these new surroundings it happened to be the River Bure!

Bright and early the next morning it was full steam ahead for Norwich. With the sun shining and among beautiful scenery, it was hard at times not to believe that we were on holiday; especially as some soldiers had the audacity to sun-bathe on deck.

The week passed quickly with each day bringing a new port of call. At one point a public house aptly named the Duke of Wellington was encountered. Donning "motified" tops and shorts, negotiations took place to see if long lost ex-patrons could possibly

obtain a discount, especially as a bulk purchase was probable - alas! no success.

As the week progressed, so our seamanship improved - well at least on two of the three boats it did. Sgt 'Splash' Hargreaves found that his cruiser was one day not performing as well as it had in the past. After an hour or so of puzzling, the suggestion was made that bringing the anchor aboard rather than having it dragging in the river bed may help. Lo and behold this solved the problem. Coincidentally it was this boat that managed to take a wrong turn in Great Yarmouth on the return route. Nothing too worrying really, except for the fact that the English Channel does not particularly resemble Brendon Water and I'm not sure permission to enter International Waters had been granted.

Finally, I must scotch any rumours that 4 Platoon were in fact preparing for deployment to the Gulf....though with the unpredictability of the past few months we may be on the short list. Overall the week was an outstanding success. Despite the dead weight of the cruisers, we had enough energy left to canoe under LCpl. Innes' expert tuition, and I would like to thank him for his efforts to turn us into cockleshell heroes.

'Gaining your licence'

Platoon Commanders Battle Course (P. C. B. C.) is the officers equivalent of the Brecon courses for NCO's. However, life is slightly more relaxed at Warminster. Students make juvenile comments during lectures and work is inevitably handed in late.

The task of PCBC is to qualify junior officers in range management up to and including, stage 5 field firing during Phase 1 and in Phase 2; all up to date tactics from section level to Company Group with all supporting arms are taught, discussed and practised. The course lasts a total of 14 weeks. Phase 1 comprises the first six weeks.

That initial month and a half of the Skill at Arms phase introduces the student to a strange but often likeable creature, the Small Arms School Corps (SASC). The SASC, (sometimes known as Cassette Heads) has its very own way of speaking, living and thinking. "So, for the next sentence or two my aim is to demonstrate some of the methods of instruction employed by the SASC (view foil on). At this point, are there any questions, right, I have some for you....Good point, well brought out, however I do not know the answer at the moment. I shall find out and let you know next lesson".

Once you have become accustomed to the format of the cassette, oops sorry!, lessons, they do become easy to follow. There are the usual series of weapon lessons, which fortunately for our course took care of SA80 conversion. It also includes revision on most weapon systems ie 9mm pistol, General Purpose Machine Gun in the Sustained Fire role, (GPMG SF), Mortars, 66mm and 84mm anti tank weapons. The emphasis is of course placed on the way to prepare, manage and run a range up to Advanced Application of Fire, and subsequently field firing to stage 5. It is at this point that, second only to general warfare, the most disturbing experience for a soldier occurs: the Range Danger Area Template. Many a good man has been horrifically turned into a guards officer in a single afternoon as he struggled with his datum point! Phase 1 ends spectacularly when we take part in a live firing

exercise involving all small arms, GPMG SF overhead fire, mortars on call and Chieftan tanks live firing in close support. It is unlikely we shall ever be involved again in such a large live firing operation, but it illustrates just what could be done.

Phase 2 is the opportunity for the course to get out of the classroom and do some soldiering. It also brings out the type of person that all courses have, the "knacker" and the foreign student. For it is during a command appointment that one really gets to see the true colours of your fellow men. Rightly or wrongly PCBC forms many an opinion in young officers' minds on the other regiments within the Infantry.

The usual sequence of events within a certain package, be it defence, attack etc, would be a lecture followed by a syndicate discussion. Then we would venture out into the world and carry out a Tactical Exercise without Troops (TEWT) before launching into an exercise lasting four or five days. The foreign element of our course obviously conduct their exercise in a slightly different manner. According to one overseas officer (a torturer by trade!) they site

trenches by throwing stones. The same man also complained to me in a trench when he prepared his 66mm rocket for firing that it wasn't loaded with a live rocket. How was he therefore to stop the "enemy" from the demonstration battalion from taking his position? I had no answer. Some overseas officers obviously believe in very realistic training.

The final exercise took place in Sennybridge. It involved a lot of "tabbing" with considerable weight as this appears to be the teaching since the experience gained in the South Atlantic. It lasted for about ten exhausting days and led us from one side of the Impact Area to the other and back, visiting all the old favourites like 'Dixies Corner'.

It is a great course, where you make a lot of friends who you will bump into time and time again. On successful completion you are licenced to run a range, blow up blinds and you know as much about the Falklands as you'll ever want to. However, it was nice to get back to the Battalion and the real world and to put into effect some of the lessons you have been taught.

CORUNNA COMPANY

Following a hectic period in Palace Barracks during the height of the Irish summer, Corunna Company moved south in August. As No 1 Company we were to take on the Newry patch with Company Headquarters based in Bessbrook again. The area is controlled by troops deployed on three distinct tasks. At Bessbrook there is rather more than a platoon responsible for rural patrols in the hazardous border area. Within the Taor we man the Fathom Op and the permanent vehicle check point; one perched on a mountain top, the latter on the main Dublin to Belfast road. Lastly at RUC Corry's Square in Newry Town there is a further detachment under the Company 21C. Each group or detachment worked long hours and met the challenge with Corunna gusto. Each location had had its fair share of anecdotes many of which are 'in-house' but some of them are not.

Newry Town - 'Rorkes Drift'

RUC Corry's Square in Newry is one of the most bombed police stations in the world. In spite of crippling casualties in the last four years, RUC morale is generally high. The Dukes' have been very well received in Newry and rapport between peeler and tommy is obvious.

Town patrols in Newry are specifically to support the RUC who would be far more vulnerable without army protection. Corunna Company has gained the perhaps dubious distinction of being the first army unit in many years to fire baton rounds at rioters. By Belfast or even Rorkes Drift standards they may have been trifling in number but stone, bottle and even petrol bomb throwers were becoming rather cheeky and were in need of some discouragement. In spite of this high profile approach civil - army relations have been surprisingly cordial. The Dukes' have been courteous and firm but always willing to act when necessary. LCpl. Yates proved that fitness pays off when he rugby tackled a thief who had just lifted an overcoat from a shop in the town and he was warmly

thanked for doing so. Soldiers and policemen not only patrol together but share the canteen in Corry's Square. This leads to a camaraderie between them which is perhaps unrivalled elsewhere in the Province. Soldiers, still 'hard target' in the town, sprinting from cover to cover weighted down with radios, flak jackets, helmets and weapons so fitness is improving even if some of the lads are wasting away. The new helmets have proved their worth against bottles and bricks on several occasions. The accommodation is cramped but adequate. Leisure facilities are basic but enjoyment of these is limited anyway because of the number of hours the soldiers have to work; the rest of the time they sleep. A month in Newry is just about long enough but the lads enjoyed a very active time, confident in the knowledge that they had done a very good job.

Fathom OP and PVCP 'Hill 60'

In order to meet the manpower bill of the Newry Company we had a platoon of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers under command. For much of the time these fellow rugby players manned the OP and PVCP, for the remainder they were involved in rural patrols. The night before Corruna arrived a Queens Regiment OP nearby was attacked. The gunmen were repulsed with at least one casualty which was a fine effort. We immediately looked to our own defences at Fathom OP. Cpl Walker, Sgt Varley, Sgt Rabjohn and their men worked doggedly and enthusiastically to transform the previously inadequate defences in both locations. One visiting officer commented that the sentries and commanders so impressed him that he regarded the Fathom OP as the best in South Armagh. Well deserved praise for 8 Platoon who put so much effort into their task. The living conditions in both locations were appalling and reminiscent of earlier campaigns. Barbed wire, mud, rats, duckboards, wind and rain conspired to make the Fathom locations less than hospitable.

Rural Patrols

When the Welsh weren't on Fathom they joined the Dukes' on patrol and also bolstered any singing contests. Rural patrols made frequent use of helicopters to disrupt patterns and surprise the enemy. This added to the variety and relief from the grind of long marches with full equipment to intercept traffic on remote border roads.

On our arrival in the area Corunna Company was involved in a string of clearance operations, both urban and rural. The most spectacular incident was the bombing of a petrol station within 100m of the border. When we finished admiring the fireworks, we had to mount a clearance operation to re-open the main road and check for other bombs. It was on this

and several other similar forays that close working relationship developed between the Company and the ATO/RESA teams. Throughout our five weeks Corunna had an unusually busy time due to a resurgence of PIRA confidence following recent setbacks. For all this, attacks were either deterred or proved unsuccessful. Company Headquarters in Bessbrook Mill spent much of its time visiting locations and patrolling. Working under command of the Queens Regiment was enjoyable and we were well looked after. On Corunna's return in the near future for the festive season the Scots Guards will be our masters and bagpipe lessons are forming part of our company training.

SOMME COMPANY

Mortar Platoon

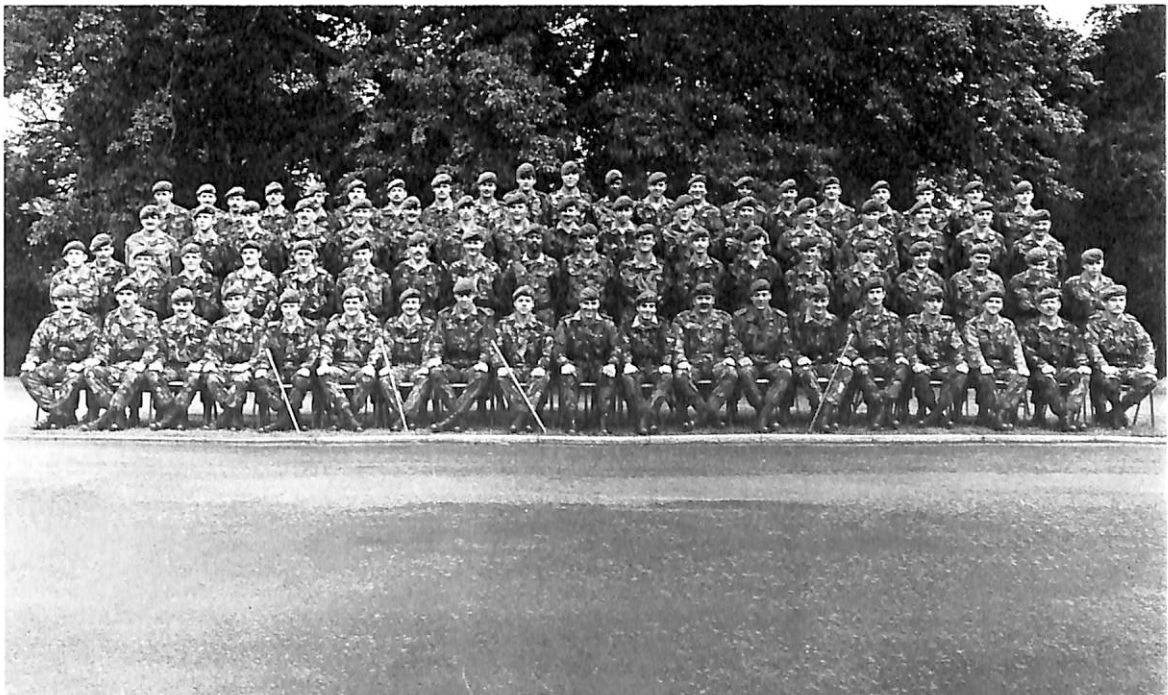
A two week training spell in mid July saw members of the Mortar Platoon rushing around Palace Barracks to the cries of "All rounds action". In between being chased off 'Gods finest acre', namely the rugby pitch, by the QM some successful Mortar training was achieved! The aim of the cadre was to enhance the knowledge and skills of LCpl. Lakey prior to his MFC/CPO course at the Mortar Division School of Infantry, for which he had been selected. The cadre also provided an excellent training and assessment package for another five potential MFCs

waiting in the wings for their chance to attend the course.

Although the cadre was only a short one, cobwebs were soon swept aside and some serious Mortar training took place. Training and study was intense and many evenings were spent with students buried deep in notes assimilating daytime instruction. The overall results were of very high standard.

Milan Platoon

The Milan Platoon also ran a training cadre in July with the specific aim of providing pre-course training



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for those selected and waiting to attend the Detachment Commanders (DC) Course at Netheravon. It likewise provided an excellent training and assesment package for the next batch of potential DCs, all vying for selection for this prestigious course.

The three week cadre covered instruction on the whole Milan syllabus including Soviet tactics, Battle procedure and Armoured Fighting Vehicle recognition. All who attended showed a marked improvement in knowledge and instruction techniques.

Machine Gun Platoon

The weekend of Sunday 9th August, a significant date in Northern Ireland heralding the Anniversary of Internment, started with the deployment of the Machine Gun Platoon into the city on 6th August in support of the Belfast Roulement Battalion (2LI).

Following closely on the heels of the traditional July marching season the city was 'bubbling' with activity, the incident rate and threat to the security forces remained high.

This certainly proved to be the case on the night of Friday 7th August when Sgt Whelan and LCpl. Samerson's teams were attacked on the Springfield Road by terrorists using an Improvised Propelled Grenade (IPG). Sgt Whelan's patrol was operating in support of an RUC mobile patrol in a static position when a muffled shot was heard at 2220 hrs, followed by the noise of something metallic bouncing down the road near them. A policeman fleetingly saw a hooded figure running off in the opposite direction and the object lying on the road was quickly identified by Sgt Whelan as an unexploded IPG warhead.

Sgt Whelan's patrol was used to secure the area throughout the subsequent clearance of the warhead until 0330 hrs when they returned to base to reflect on what might have been.

THOUGHTS FROM HOOK COMPANY

During the past eight months life has certainly proved to be different from the normal routine of a Headquarters Company - the BSM now knows what TOET's are! Gone are the leisurely days when departments required 28 days notice to talk to you, everything now from transport, equipment, guards and man-power to support the rifle companies has to be produced on a telephone call.

However, have our "out of bed nights" companies thought what life would be like without us?

The first thing people would notice is the lack of breakfast. The SQMS and his merry men would be braving the streets of Belfast instead of providing the humble and menial service of trying to please a starving regiment! Hungry, our intrepid Rifle Company soldier decides to obtain his leave pass and flight ticket; courtesy of the "sorry it's impossible" movements team who, on this occasion, have gone themselves. Realising his only hope is to get to HQ. NI movements himself, Pte. "Rifle Company" decides to

arrange transport and pops over to the "never busy" Mt Platoon:

"Can I have transport please?"

"Sorry, all on leave, rugby training or cross country training, you will have to get a taxi."

"Damn, no money, to the bounced cheque office I will have to go."

But the Pay Office, with Captain "Casino", (who has been known to provide a few services such as half price phone cards) is closed.

Now in a panic Pte "Rifle Company" decides to take the short cut across the grass where he meets 'Titus', our most vicious guard dog, usually quite harmless when under the control of the now missing LCpl. 'Rambo'.

With Titus firmly attached to his arm Pte "Rifle Company" makes his way to the Mrs only to find that the hartless staff have locked the doors.

Come back Hook all is forgiven.

REGIMENTAL BAND

Throughout June and July, the Regimental Band undertook a demanding, yet very enjoyable Kape Tour. Almost throughout we were accommodated at the Depot, Strensall. The Depot certainly made sure that we sang for our supper during our stay by inviting the Band and Drums to play for a recruits passing out parade and also to provide a Beating of the Retreat, which was a great success.

We gave a series of band concerts at the Civic Theatre Halifax in collaboration with the Halifax Light Opera Society. Our varied and demanding programme of music was warmly received by the audience and gave much satisfaction to the musicians. For our final concert we were joined on stage by D/Major Naylor and the Corps of Drums, who

demonstrated their technical skill perfectly to a packed house, with a performance of the Drummers Beatings.

Marching band featured prominently throughout our tour, with displays at both the Halifax and Brighouse Gala, Middleton Show Leeds, and the Rotheram Tattoo, where we joined forces with the bands of The 13/18 Hussars and PWO.

A major highlight of our tour must certainly have been the "Playing-in" of HMS York into King George's Docks, Hull. After entertaining the crew from the quay side, we were subsequently press-ganged aboard, receiving a guided tour, lunch and refreshments. In July we gave concerts at local schools, in Leeds, Bradford, Brighouse and

Huddersfield. A most memorable occasion to the Bandmaster was when the band played at his old school of Salendine Comprehensive, Huddersfield; a school also responsible for the education of another "Duke" WO1 (RSM) Brian Sykes MBE.

Not all our work was confined to the Yorkshire area. In June we played at a Mansion House banquet in the City of London and in July visited the Royal Hospital Chelsea, where we met several of our own "In-Pensioners" and later gave a most enjoyable concert in the Pensioners Club.

During our final week on tour, we travelled south to play at the New Forest and Hampshire County Show, the Colonel in Chief being present during one of our performances.

Our last engagement took us to Hickstead and International Showjumping, where we gave arena displays and provided music for the opening ceremony which included no less than eight National Anthems.



Bandmaster WO 1 (BM) C. North

OFFICERS MESS

Mess life and habits vary according to the roles mess members play in Northern Ireland. Much entertainment falls our way and Holywood seems to be the place to visit with VIPs enjoying Dukes' hospitality. There are many types of mess member: those who never seem to be here, who flit between 6 weeks in South Armagh and leave; those who never visit anywhere and who suffer arduous coffee breaks for 6 weeks at a time, and those who are totally dedicated to the creation of family life.

The family side of Mess life is booming and Sunday lunch in the bar can be likened to a good episode of East Enders/The Wide Awake Club, with LCpls Waite and Bowden displaying total understanding of young children.

Entertainments have been varied and often excellent: American Nights, Cannonball Run Parties, complete absence of Norland Nannies and a Summer

Ball entitled the "Hindoostan Ball", to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the raising of the 76th. The Indian Connection was well maintained with the guest appearance of a freak monsoon that obviously turned left instead of right at Sri Lanka. A sudden downpour, the like never seen before, created a leaky marquee. Padre Colin Gibb intervened to no avail and ultimately the Quartermaster's team saved the day with yards of plastic sheeting.

The ball itself was a memorable occasion. The Master Chef, SQMS Wyatt, and his men provided a veritable bean feast. The only person who did not enjoy the evening was the suckling pig who spent his night getting dizzy, then contributing to guests calorie intake. Those who survived the terrors of the Castle and Chaser disco will remember it as a truly excellent night.

WARRENT OFFICERS AND SERGEANTS MESS

With the variety of visitors and an excellent programme of entertainment, not forgetting the popular cafe nights, life within the Mess is at its busiest.

Unfortunately it is not usually possible to have all the Mess members together at once due to operational duties. Hopefully the Christmas Draw may well be an exception.

Although the Mess life is swinging and the building

itself is of good appearance, it seems to be badly positioned. Living-in members have now got used to living so close to the dog compound, they don't bother putting in early calls!

Talking about early calls, at least once a month there is a need to be up before the dogs! With a BFT at the start and end of each month, even Hook Company members find it difficult to be out of station on both occasions!



The Colonel of the Regiment presenting the British Empire Medal to WO2 G. O. W. Williams, at Strensall on 14 November 1987



The Preston Brothers
Captain Craig Preston (Hooker), Lieut Stuart Preston (Stand off) and 2nd Lieut Bob Preston (Centre)

SPORTS, GAMES AND RECREATION

RUGBY

The 1987/88 season is well underway and despite the obvious restrictions of Northern Ireland, Battalion rugby is healthier than it has been for a few years. Apart from one or two positions there is great depth in the squad.

The emergence of young talent is encouraging. 2Lt. Gary Knight a flanker in the same mode as Csgt Willie Williams, 2Lt Adam Wheatly a 6ft 3 inch speedy centre, Pte. David Battersby centre, Pte. Simon Thackery prop and with the arrival at the end of last season of 2Lt Rob Preston centre/full back, Pte Andy Lewis 2nd Row, Pte. Owin Simpson wing and Pte. Neil Quirk hooker, the squad has a nice blend of experience and youth. Preston (Rob), Wheatly, Knight, Simpson, Battersby and Quirk have all successfully attended the Army Under 21 trials.

All fixtures so far have been against the top civilian junior clubs: Coleraine, Lisbon, Carrickfurgus, Malone, Holywood and Ballyclare and all have been close results. The benefit of playing at this high level of civilian rugby has proved its value in the Army Cup so far:

1st Round

1 DWR. 48. 1 GREEN HOWARDS. 0. WON

2nd Round

1 DWR. 25. 1 GRENADIER GUARDS. 0. WON

The Northern Ireland section final will be played on the 11th November 1987 in Lisburn between ourselves and either the Royal Welsh Fusiliers or the Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment.

(Result: 1 DWR. 10. 1 RWF. 20. LOST)

FOOTBALL

The 1987/88 season has now begun and we still have a pitch despite the Rugby Team pinching the original pitch and the new building site encroaching ever nearer.

Pre-season started with friendlies against Holywood, RAF Bishops Court, DMSU and Belfast Services of which we won one, drew one and lost one.

We have entered the Major Units League which runs on a different system whereby you have played-by dates. With Operational deployments at short notice, it seems to be a good way of getting matches played. Naturally because of this we needed a large squad. This we have achieved with the old stalwarts of the first team, bringing in the good players from our old second team and one or two new players. Those worthy of note and who have broken through into the first team are LCpls. Morgan and Jones (REME), and Ptes. Gill and Atherton. Staff Sergeant John McDuff (RAPC) has taken over as Captain for the season and is certainly getting the best out of the players.

The results so far are:

Major Units League:
 1 DWR 3 v 1 DERR 3

Army Challenge Cup 1st Round:
 1 DWR 6 v 11 UDR 2

SWIMMING - THE ARMY AND INTERSERVICES SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

2Lt C. J. Willis WRAC

Being the only woman in a Battalion of men poses a few problems, one of which includes sport. It is

decreed in Northern Ireland that there will be no mixed sport save tennis where mixed doubles is permitted. Since I do not play tennis, this does not help! Imagine, then, my chagrin when I could not swim for the Battalion either! As an alternative I was 'attached' to a WRAC team and was able to swim in several league galas. During this time I was 'spotted' by the WRAC NI team coach and was put forward to swim in the Army Championships on 22nd July 1987. The team had been in training for seven weeks by the time the Championships were fought and the hard work paid off when we took home the trophy having come first. I was then entered for the Individual Championships on the 23rd July and swam in the 100m breaststroke, finishing 3rd, cutting half a second off my personal best, and being chosen to swim for the Army Women's Services Swimming Team.

This was where the 'fun' began. The two weeks prior to the Inter Services was spent training at Sandhurst and Minley - 3 hours a day with an 'alternative' sport sandwiched between sessions. There was much eating of pasta to 'Carbo-load' and the team were chosen as guinea pigs at the PT Research Centre at Aldershot.

FOCUS ON YOUTH

We have now managed to overcome one of our most urgent problems, that of finding suitable premises and setting up a youth club.

After a great deal of searching it was the Commanding Officer who discovered a delapidated room stuffed from broken floor to cobwebbed ceiling with a huge range of household furniture. Swift negotiations led to equally swift action, particularly from our Quartermaster, Captain Peter Robinson, who worked wonders. Within weeks the room was cleared of furniture, the floor replaced, new radiators and lights fitted, windows repaired, large sinks removed and fresh paint applied. The youngsters themselves eagerly completed the finishing touches with the 'customising' of lights, cleaning of windows and general sorting out. At the same time the Moscow Camp Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess presented the Club with a superb snooker table and the newly launched Northern Ireland Youth Service (NIFYS), to whom we owe a great deal, produced an excellent disco system which they allowed us to keep for the whole summer. The Duchess of Wellington during an earlier visit had selected the winning entry in a competition to find a club name. Sally Williams took the honours and won a personal stereo for her very appropriate suggestion of "The Leprechaun Club". The 9th July formal opening, kindly sponsored by Coca Cola attracted a huge crowd and we now have a well established and highly active club.

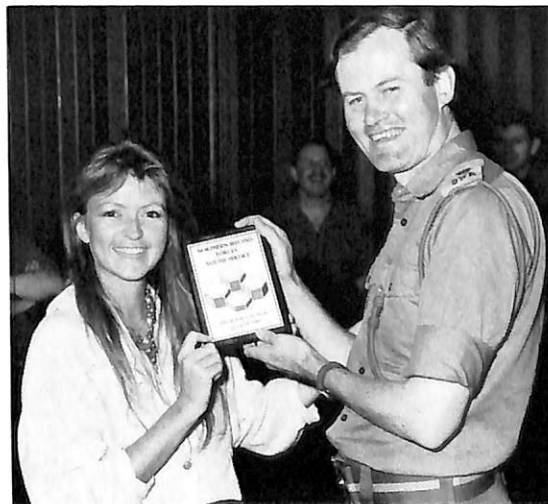
During August 39 Infantry Brigade, of which we are part, ran its first ever youth summer camp. Based at Ballykinler, the seaside camp provided eight days of adventurous activities for over 40 youngsters between 9 and 18 years of age. NIFYS Mr Walter Radar and our own Brigade Youth Officer Billy Kerr were the camp architects. The Dukes' sponsored the event and provided much of the administrative and training staff with Captain Adrian Snowball (attached from 1 Kings Own Border) acting throughout as

The day before the Inter Services the Mens, Womens and Water Polo teams travelled down to HMS Collingwood at Gosport. The training unit had graciously loaned the Army their facilities to host the Gala and Water Polo Competitions. The Army played a splendid game of polo against the RAF and a very closely fought game against the Navy to win the Polo Cup.

The day of the Swimming Championships dawned and the team felt well-prepared for the onslaught. Our 'spies' had reported a better-than-usual RAF side (situation normal) and a strong Navy side. Rivalry was high and, as the competition proceeded, it was evident that the RAF were going to stage a walk over. The fight was on against the Navy and by the Medley relay, the RAF had a 15 point lead and the Army and Navy were even. The Army needed to win or come second to assure second place and bingo, first it was, with the RAF coming in second and the Navy limping home in third. This was the overall score and signified the end of a successful Army swimming season. Well, not quite, the Army Women's Services team went on to tour Gibraltar, but that's another story!!

Camp Commandant. Blessed with good weather and given the tremendous support of all concerned the camp was a huge success. Some 22 Dukes' children took part and by all accounts the vast majority are itching to improve upon their newly acquired skills next year.

The Northern Ireland Forces Youth Service (NIFYS) is the newest member of the World Wide Forces Youth Service family. We were fortunate to be included in festivities at the end of August when Blue Peter star Caron Keating formally launched the Service. After lunch in the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess, Miss Keating presented the Battalion with a NIFYS plaque before riding on horseback,



Major Peter Mellor accepts the NIFYS plaque from Blue Peter star, Miss Caron Keating

accompanied by the Regimental Band, to the Leprechaun Club where she presented NIFYS pennants to uniformed and other youth groups and spent a further hour signing autographs. The whole of Miss Keating's day, which included visits to Lisburn and Ballykinler, was filmed by Leprechaun members Tracy Robinson and Philip Heron. They had earlier attended a specialist training day sponsored by NIFYS to learn how to use the film and sound equipment. We have yet to see the results!

So much for the youth activities highlights. Equally important are the twice weekly meetings without which none of the grander events could take place. We owe a huge thank you here to Mrs Tracy Hey, Sue Collins, Joan Porter, Diane Kerrigan and Viv Austin. Discos, ice skating, roller skating, ten pin bowling and all sorts of other events have been organised by these splendid ladies who freely volunteer their time to work extremely hard for the welfare of our youngsters.

THE JUNIOR INFANTRY BATTALION (Scottish and King's Division)

"A SUBALTERN'S EYE VIEW"

The wind accelerated over the open expanse of airfield, flinging the rain against his window like gravel. The Platoon Commander gazed disconsolently over the grey landscape, "another delightful July day in Northumbria", he thought. Turning his head back towards his desk, he gazed with dismay at the mountain of paperwork in front of him - week 4 reports. Somehow, he was expected to pass judgement on fifty sixteen year olds who, after five weeks military service (mostly spent in the classroom), he barely recognised by face, let alone by name!

He was making the most of a lull in the normal hectic atmosphere of the barrack block to try and crack all fifty in one afternoon. A glance at the Platoon Training programme showed him the boys were on Military Studies until 5 o'clock. 'Orientation for Service - The Rank Structure', it read. Hopefully, by the end of the day, those who had managed to stay awake in the soporific atmosphere of the 'MS Wing' would know enough to stop referring to him as 'Corporal'.

"Now, where was I?" he muttered. "Oh yes, Jennings. Attitude to military life? Now which one is Jennings?"

At the moment, after a sharp rap at his door, the stern face of Cpl MacKyntyre, Gordon Highlanders, appeared. "Phone call for you, Sir". Flicking his eyes momentarily to heaven he replied, "OK, I'll be there in a minute". The Corporal departed, grinning. It was bound to be Mrs Coghlan, fourth time this week.....

"Good afternoon Mrs Coghlan. What can I do for you?"

"It's about my son Gary, Lootenant Tinslob, he wants to leave. He really hates it there and misses his mates like mad. He didn't realise he would have to work so hard, and the man in the Recruiting Office said he would go to Cyprus. I mean, me and his dad have talked to him about it, but he seems set to go. I can't understand it, he's always wanted to join the army since he was six. He's not being mistreated is he? We want him to stay and make a go of it, but he's grown up now and we'll support whatever decision he makes".

"Well, Mrs Coghlan, thank you for phoning again. You know, your son is doing as well as anybody at this stage. Its just homesickness he's suffering, like all the boys do. I'm sure with a little bit of persuasion from yourself and Mr Coghlan, you can get him to stay and make a go of it. At least until his first leave weekend in a couple of weeks. What do you think? I'll have a talk to him, anyway. I can assure you he's being well looked after and you have nothing to worry about".

Mrs Coghlan seemed satisfied for the time being and rang off. The young officer moved back to his desk to write summary notes on the conversation in the lad's P-file.

Sergeant Hackey came in, a quiet Queens Own Highlander.

"Sorry to disturb you Sir, but is there any chance of a chat about next weeks military training?....."

THE SUCCESSION OF COLONELS OF THE 76TH REGIMENT

PART I

1745 - 1784

There have been four regiments numbered 76. Although prior to 1751 regiments were not known by their numbers, an order of precedence of regiments had been long established. A regiment's position in that order of precedence was important since at the conclusion of each war retrenchment followed and it was the youngest (or highest numbered) regiments which were the first to be disbanded. It was for that reason that there were three regiments numbered 76 before the

raising of a 76th Regiment in 1787 which was to become the 2nd Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment in 1881. There is no common factor connecting any of the regiments to each other, beyond the number 76. However that, in itself, justifies some reference to those earlier regiments in this record of the Succession of Colonels of the 76th.

LORD HARCOURT'S REGIMENT: 1745 - 1746

In 1742 war broke out between England and France over the question of the succession to the throne of Austria. In 1745 while the main part of the English army was engaged in the fighting in Flanders, Bonnie Prince Charlie landed in Scotland and quickly gathered an army of Highlanders. Having fought a successful action at Prestonpans, near Edinburgh, on 30th September; he turned south and marched into England. As a result of this threat 13 new regiments of Foot were raised. One of them was raised by Lord Harcourt at Thame, near Oxford. It was known as Harcourt's Regiment, (taking its name from its Colonel, as was then the custom), and ranked 76th in the order of precedence. By 13th November the Regiment was reported "half compleat" and a short while afterwards two of its companies were sent to relieve the Guards at Windsor. At the end of the year Harcourt's was sent to do duty in Suffolk and at Landguard Fort, Harwich. In June 1746, following the defeat of Bonnie Prince Charlie at Culloden on 16 April, Harcourt's Regiment was returned to Thame for disbandment - "the men to be given a bounty of only six days pay as to give more might have deterred them from re-enlisting in old regiments for which a bounty of two guineas was payable".

Simon, first Earl of Harcourt (1714-1777), the Colonel of the Regiment, was the son of the first Viscount Harcourt. He had been present at Dettingen (1743) on the personal staff of King George II and subsequently was appointed Governor to the Prince of Wales (later King George III). It was doubtless for services such as these that he had, by 1772, risen to the rank of General, as there is no evidence of any noteworthy military experience. In the same year he was appointed Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. He died in 1777, when he fell into a well while trying to rescue his favourite dog.



General Lord Simon Harcourt
1st Earl of Harcourt

76th REGIMENT: 1756 - 1763

In May 1756 war again broke out between the English and French following the capture of Minorca by the French. Augmentation of the infantry soon became necessary and an order was therefore issued in August for 15 regiments, all stationed in England, to each raise a second battalion. In November a new regiment was raised in Ireland by Colonel Lord George Forbes. As the highest numbered regiment then existing was the 60th, the new regiment was numbered 61. In 1758 the following order was issued in connection with the 2nd battalions raised two years previously:

"His Majesty is pleased to Regiment the 15 Battalions of Foot which were raised in 1756 and to direct that they take rank from the time of their Raising in the same manner as if they had been immediately formed into Regiments",

The effect of the order was to make all 15 regiments senior to the 61st with the result that they assumed the numbers between 61 and 75. Since there could not be two regiments both with the same number 61, Lord Forbes' regiment was redesignated the 76th.

Next it came the turn of the 76th Regiment to raise a second battalion. In October 1758 a warrant was issued for a £9500 advance for a "2nd Battalion to Lord George Forbes Regiment ordered from Ireland to the coast of Africa". In the following year the 2nd Battalion was redesignated the 86th. (It was disbanded in 1763).

In January Lord George Forbes was succeeded as Colonel by Lieut General William Rufane. At about the same time the 76th was once again recruited to two battalions. Both battalions served in the siege of Belle Isle (1761), at the taking of Martinique (1762), and were disbanded in 1763 following the signing of the peace treaty at Versailles.

Lieut General Lord George Forbes, 4th Earl of Granard
22 Nov 1756 - 15 Jan 1761

Lord George Forbes was commissioned into the 22nd Foot in 1726, at the age of 16. He later served in the 29th Foot before becoming Lieut Colonel of the 2nd Foot (Queen's Own Royal West Surrey's). In 1754 he assumed the appointment of Quarter Master General in Ireland and it was while serving in that country that he raised the 61st Foot (later re-numbered 76th) in 1756. He remained Colonel of the Regiment until January 1761 when he was transferred to the Colonelcy of the 29th (Worcesters) and at the same time promoted to the rank of Lieut General. He succeeded to the title as Earl of Granard in 1765 and died in Ireland on 24 October 1769.

Lieut General William Rufane
14 Jan 1761 - 1763

William Rufane was appointed ensign in the 24th Foot (South Wales Borderers) in 1722. By 1751 he had risen to become the Lieut Colonel and he remained in command until 1761, by which time he had served almost continuously with the Regiment for 39 years. In 1761 he was appointed Colonel of the 76th Regiment. On the Regiment's disbandment in 1763 he went on half pay until appointed Colonel of the 6th Foot in 1765, an appointment he retained until his death in 1773.

76th REGIMENT OF (HIGHLAND) FOOT: 1777 - 1784

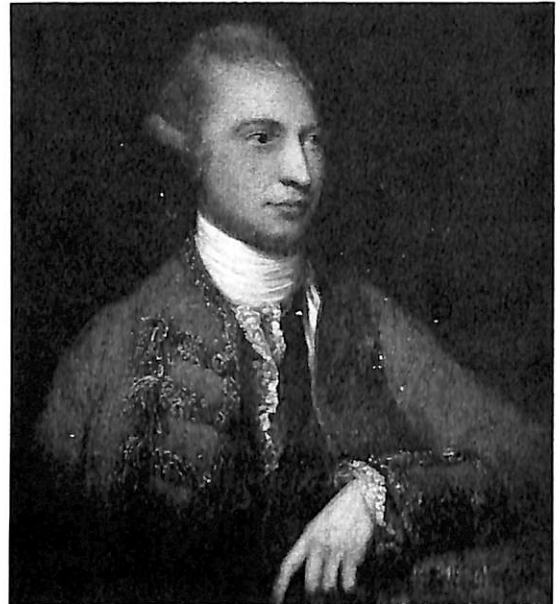
After the end of the Seven Years War in 1763 all regiments junior to the 70th Foot had been disbanded. When the disturbance in America began in 1775 there was once again a need for new regiments, but low pay and the prospect of fighting in what amounted to a civil war did nothing to induce men to enlist. All that changed when France entered the war in 1778 and many new regiments were raised, including several in Scotland. In December 1777 letters of service were granted to Alexander, 1st Lord MacDonald of Slate empowering him to raise a new regiment, the 76th of (Highland) Foot - often referred to as the 76th (MacDonald) Highlanders. By March 1778 it was 1086 strong. It spent a year training at Fort George and was then warned for service in America. After a fruitless journey to Jersey to meet what proved to be a non-existent French threat, the Regiment arrived in America in August 1779 where it was deployed in and around New York. In the absence of Lieut Colonel John Macdonnel, who had been taken prisoner before he could assume command, the Regiment was commanded by Major Lord Berridale.

In February 1781 the Regiment was sent south, to Virginia. In May the Regiment joined up with the force commanded by Lord Cornwallis and soon distinguished itself in a brush with enemy troops commanded by the Marquis de la Fayette. In the meantime Lord Berridale had handed over command to Major Francis Needham as he had to return to Scotland upon inheriting the title of Earl of Caithness. In October 1781 the 76th was among the Regiments forced to surrender at Yorktown. It also had to surrender its Colours, which are depicted in a portrait of George Washington in the Metropolitan Museum.

The 76th returned to Scotland after peace was signed in 1783 and was disbanded at Stirling Castle in March 1784.

Sir Alexander MacDonald 9th Bart, 1st Lord MacDonald

Lord MacDonald was a descendant of MacDonald of the Isles and as such commanded the loyalty of the great body of the Clansmen in the Western Isles. It was for this reason he was empowered to raise a new regiment. He was also offered the Colonelcy but declined the honour as he was not a soldier. Instead he proposed Major John Macdonnel, who was accordingly appointed Lieutenant Colonel Commandant. Macdonnel was at the time of his appointment serving with 72nd (Highland) Regiment in America. He was taken prisoner on passage home from America and does not appear ever to have served with his Regiment. He was promoted Colonel in 1782 and left the army in 1792.



Sir Alexander MacDonald
1st Lord MacDonald

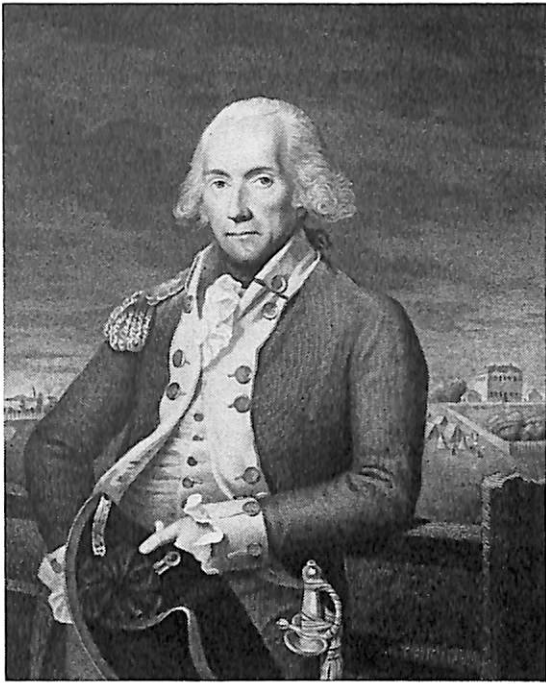
PART II

76th REGIMENT: 1787 - 1881

General Sir Thomas Musgrave Bt 12 October 1787-31 December 1812

Thomas Musgrave, the sixth son of Sir Richard Musgrave Bt of Hayton Castle, Cumberland, was born in 1737. He entered the army in 1754 as an ensign in the 3rd Foot (The Buffs). After service in the 64th Foot as a Captain he transferred to the 40th Foot as a Major in 1775. A year later he became Lieut Colonel and greatly distinguished himself in an action at Germantown, near Philadelphia, in October 1777. He then went to the West Indies as Quarter Master General but he left when he fell ill. He returned to America in the rank of Brigadier General and became the last British commander of New York. After the peace in 1781 he was appointed Lieut Governor of Stirling Castle.

In October 1787 he raised the 76th Regiment, the recruits for which came chiefly from the Musgrave family estates. He accompanied the Regiment to India and commanded the infantry in General Medows' campaign against Tipu Sultan in 1790. By then a Major General he had hopes of command in Cornwallis's campaign the following year but they came to nothing as Cornwallis thought Musgrave did not work harmoniously with the Civil Government of Madras. On return to England he was promoted to Lieut General and appointed Lieut Governor of Tilbury Fort. He became a General in 1802. In 1807 he produced the Standing Orders for the 76th Regiment. He died on 31st December 1812 and was buried in the churchyard of St George's, Hanover Square.



General Sir Thomas Musgrave Bt
12 October 1787 - 31 December 1812



Lieut General Sir George Prevost Bt
2 January 1813 - 16 February 1814

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George Prevost, the eldest son of Major General Augustine Prevost, was born in 1767. After service in the 25th Foot he joined the 60th (Royal Americans) in the rank of Major in 1790. Shortly afterwards he was sent to the West Indies with his Regiment. He became Lieut Colonel in 1794 and commanded the troops in St Vincent. He saw much active service there and was twice wounded. In May 1798 he was appointed military governor of St Lucia, a task he carried out so well he was made civil governor three years later. However his health broke down and he was compelled to return to England. He was soon back in the West Indies, this time as Governor in Chief of Dominica, where he was again involved in the fighting against the French. For a short time, in 1801, he was in command of Portsmouth District before again seeing service in the West Indies where he took part in the capture of Martinique. In 1808 he became Lieut Governor and C in C Nova Scotia and three years later Governor of Lower Canada. On 18 June 1812 the USA declared war against Britain. Prevost's conduct of the military operations was less than successful and led to humiliations at Suckett Harbour and Plattsburg (at which the 76th was present). In 1815 he was summoned to England to meet charges arising from his defeat at Plattsburg. He obtained permission of the Duke of York to be tried by Court Martial; but the consequent anxiety ruined his health and he died on 5 January 1816. He was Colonel of the 76th for only one year before being appointed Colonel of the 16th Foot.

Succession of Colonels of the 76th Regiment
1787-1881

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| General Sir Thomas Musgrave Bt. | 12.10.1787 |
| Lieut General Sir George Prevost Bt. | 2.1.1813 |
| General Christopher Chowne | 17.2.1814 |
| General Sir Peregrine Maitland GCB | 19.7.1834 |
| Lieut General George Middlemore CB | 2.1.1843 |
| Lieut General Sir Robert Arbuthnot KCB | 31.5.1843 |
| General William Jervois KH | 10.5.1853 |
| Lieut General Joseph Clarke | 6.11.1862 |
| Lieut General Mathew Smith | 28.2.1871 |
| General Frederick Darley George CB | 28.4.1875 |

(To be continued)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND SOURCES

It has not proved possible to trace portraits or photographs of all the Colonel's of the 76th Regiment, doubtless because they were not as well known as the Colonel's of the 33rd. None, for instance achieved the rank of Field Marshal, whereas four of the Colonel's of the 33rd did so.

General Lord Simon Harcourt, 1st Earl of Harcourt

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Lieut General Lord George Forbes, 4th Earl of Granard

Biographical details provided by RHQ The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment.

Lieut General William Rufane

Biographical details from the History of The South Wales Borderers 1689-1937.

Sir Alexander Macdonald, 1st Lord Macdonald

Portrait in a private collection. Biographical details from i) *Iron Duke* No. 109; ii) 'Sketches of Highlanders of Scotland' by Colonel D. Stewart.

General Sir Thomas Musgrave Bt:

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Imphal and Kohima: 1944

From: Mr N. L. Rylatt
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13 September 1987

The Editor
'*The Iron Duke*'
Sir,

I am a military historian in the process of collecting relevant material of the reminiscences of ex-

servicemen, either personally or through relatives, who served in the battles of Imphal and Kohima during 1944. Information of any kind or the loan of photographs, maps etc of the period is sought and will be gratefully received and duly acknowledged. All material will be returned as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,
N. L. Rylatt

BOOK REVIEWS

THE KOREAN WAR

by Max Hastings (Michael Joseph) £14.95

Korea has been called a forgotten chapter of post-War history, though it remains as real to Englishmen as does Vietnam to Americans: it was our last major military involvement (if we do not count Malaya, an aid-to-the-civil-power operation without the same risks and casualties). What we have forgotten is the Borneo operation, because it was so successful that it left few marks and quickly.

Without entering into the North Korean or the Soviet points of view, but not without recounting the villainies of Syngman Rhee, Hastings covers the background of this rather large and quite long war, limited though it purported to be and provides eyewitness evidences and reminiscences from both sides and several levels, from Chinamen and Americans, from incidents brave and barely recordable.

"Manpower v firepower" (David Rees - *The Limited War*) was our experience in the second phase, holding the line after the swirl down to Pusan and up to the Yalu River and back to the 38th Parallel. We of I DWR well appreciated the soldierly quality of North Korean and Chinese infantry, and our ability to overlap it all with sheer gunfire from heavy and medium artillery and mortars, from machine guns to airstrikes (using that controversial napalm on dug-in positions). Were it not an Anglo-American orientation, there might have been more room for reflection upon the infantry capacity of our enemy, worthy adversaries who drove us to highly professional defensive warfare before the protracted peace negotiations. What was achieved? Two Koreas, yes; but the halt of Communist expansion.

John Stacpoole

WELLINGTON'S MARRIAGE: a Soldier's Wife
by Joan Wilson (Weidenfeld and Nicolson) £12.95

Our Colonel-in-Chief is reportedly furious over a proposed film which depicts Wellington "as a bed-hopping drunkard who (in 1815) was having an outrageous affair with the Duchess of Richmond". In the book Charles Lennox, fourth Duke, appears at length in Chapter 11, but Charlotte appears only twice: first in a contemporary report that 'both the Duke and Duchess of Richmond are as fond of her (Kitty, Wellington's wife) as no tongue can tell'. Then we read that Kitty was too late to attend Sunday church, writing letters to the Duchess. The book virtually ends in 1814, rather than at the death of Kitty Pakenham in 1831. Admitting that the Duke enjoyed female companionship, the author tells us only of the friendship of Harriet Arbuthnot and her husband, their understanding and stimulating conversation, the peace of harmonious domesticity, which the Duke found so relaxing: 'On Harriet's untimely death in 1834, the inconsolable widower shared Wellington's home for the rest of his life'.

In her introduction the Wellington biographer, Elizabeth Longford writes: 'This graceful study of a hero's wife, though never under-playing the sombre issues, is always handled with light touch. I am glad that it should be the work of a scholarly and perceptive woman.' Joan Wilson is from Oxford (St. Anne's), and has lived beyond Wellington's India, in Malaya. Her last 13 years have been spent as archivist and curator to the present Duke of Wellington: she has had direct access to letters and family records at Stratfield Saye, as well as encouragement from the Pakenham historians.

What transpires is the reverse of the public image of the Great Duke. It provides a private view of disintegration, of sad events during 1790-1814 which were not scandalous or disgraceful, but which called forth courage and endurance from both soldier and wife. It is a new picture, with one special illumination - Kitty's failure left her Arthur a cold professional who could live out the Peninsular years without a single period of leave in England.

John Stacpoole

AN IMPROVISED WAR: THE ABYSSINIAN CAMPAIGN, 1940 - 1942

by Michael Glover (Leo Cooper) £18.

Italy declared war on Britain at midnight on 10/11 June 1940. Much of the Horn of Africa and a long stretch of the Red Sea coast was in Italian hands, threatening a vital L of C for Wavell's forces in the Middle East. The Italian army in East Africa numbered 250,000 men, but any plans they may have had were frustrated by Wavell's determination to free the Red Sea coast despite his limited resources and the heavy demands made on them. Having smashed the Italian army in the Western Desert he immediately switched an Indian division to join General Platt's small force in the Sudan. He was able to augment this with another Indian division which had been earmarked to go to Iraq in order to guard the oil supplies. With these two divisions Platt launched an attack towards Eritrea early in 1941. After fighting one of the toughest battles of the war, at Karen, the position was finally cleared at the end of March, 53 days after the battle had started. The Italians were not always the push-over propaganda made them out to be. Meanwhile, a force had been assembled in Kenya under General Cunningham. This was another improvised force, which eventually amounted to three divisions, consisting of troops from South Africa, West Africa and East Africa. Their task was to clear the Italians out of Italian Somaliland. Within two weeks this had been achieved and the force was able to go on and capture Addis Ababa - an advance of 1,700

miles in 53 days. By early April practically the whole of Abyssinia, Eritrea and Italian Somaliland had been conquered and the Red Sea Coast cleared, though various strongholds held out until November. During all this time Wavell was also having to contend with the Afrika Corps in the Western Desert, the German advance into Greece and later Crete and trouble in Iraq. The author pays his unstinted respect to all that Wavell did to achieve the victory in East Africa, particularly for his vision and the manner in which he husbanded his resources. Because Wavell was later associated with the over running of the British forces in the early part of the war in the Far East his great contribution to the war in the Middle East has yet to be fully recognised.

A. C. S. Savory

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S REGIMENT

48pp. Available from RHQ, PRI 1 DWR and Branch Secretaries. £1.50. (£1.25 for orders of 10 or more copies). Add 25p for postage if ordering a single copy.

Filling a gap of more than 30 years the Editor of the "Iron Duke", Major A. C. S. Savory, has compiled a short history of the Regiment. In addition to describing when and where all the Regiment's battle honours were won there are sections on such subjects as The Duke of Wellington and his association with the Regiment, the Regimental distinctions, the Colours and the Volunteer Army. The cost of the well illustrated booklet has been underwritten by the Regimental Association Fund.

The first short history of the Regiment was compiled by the then Editor of the "Iron Duke", Lieut Colonel M. V. Le Poer Trench, in 1944. Another brief account, intended to assist recruitment when training took place at Halifax, followed in the mid-50s. The new short history, outlining as it does the traditions of the Regiment, is a readable and useful reference book. It is the only history of the Regiment that is available until a new full length one is produced.

W. Robins

THE STORM AND CAPTURE OF THE FORTRESS OF ALLY GHUR

4th September 1803

Introduction

With the signing of the Treaty of Amiens in 1802 the British hoped for a permanent settlement with Napoleon. He however seized this opportunity to make fresh plans, among which was his desire to replace the British as the principal power in India.

Following the defeat of Tipu Sultan, the main threat to peace in India came from the Mahrattas, a loose confederacy of princes who largely lived by plunder and who dominated the whole of central India. While prepared to fight each other, one thing united them and that was their realisation that their

supremacy would be lost unless they could drive the British from the country. However what particularly concerned the Governor General, Marquess Wellesley, was the fact that Scindia, one of the most important of the Mahratta princes, had a French officer, Perron, who was in effect his Vice Regent. In addition, Perron was known to be in touch with the French Government, seeking its support. Wellesley's aim was to prevent the power of the Mahrattas from passing into the hands of France, which he first tried to ensure by peaceful means. However the Mahrattas procrastinated until at last, in August 1803, the Governor General's patience was exhausted.

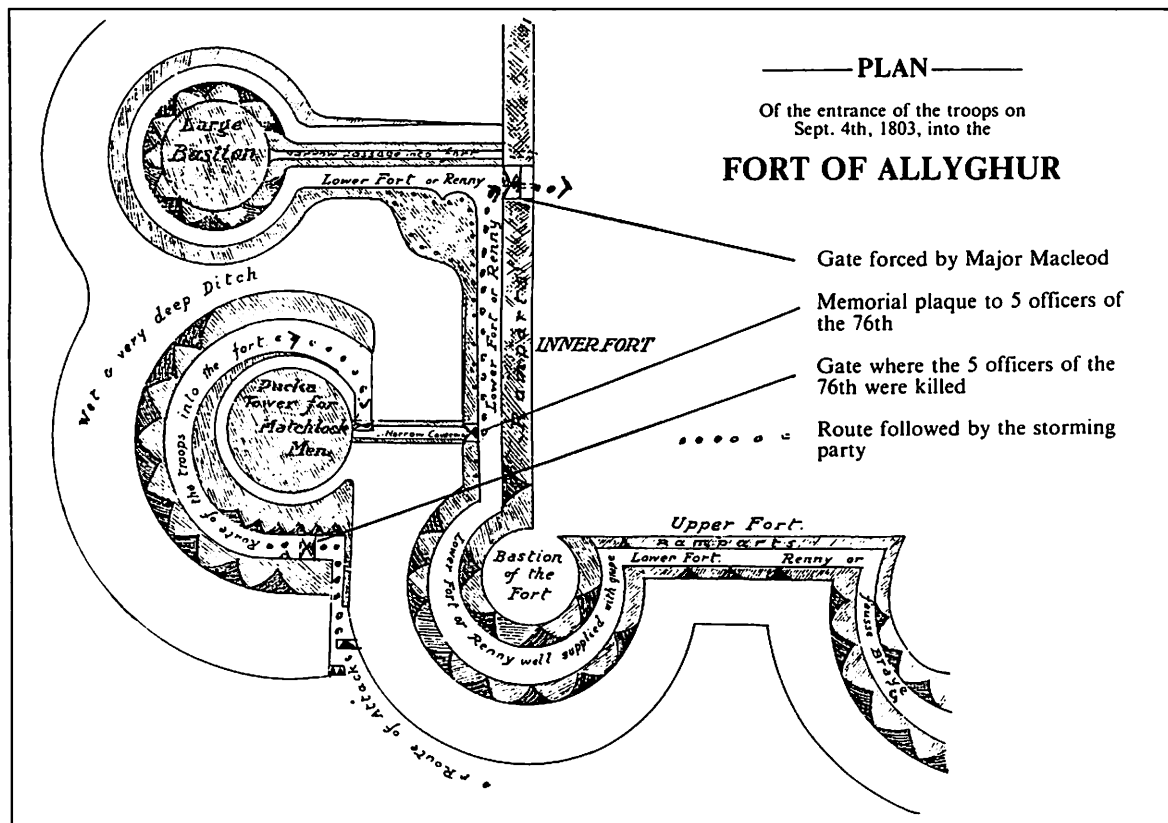
Planning to carry the war into every part of the enemies dominions, two armies were formed, one in the south (Deccan) to be under the command of Arthur Wellesley and the other, under the Commander-in-Chief, General Lake, to operate in the north (Hindoostan); opposing the Mahratta force commanded by Perron.

Lake's force consisted of about 15,000 men accompanied, as usual by about ten times that number of followers. Among his troops was the 76th, which was the only British infantry battalion.

Ally Ghur

The essence of Lake's plan was the defeat of Perron's army in the field in order to induce the Mahrattas to change sides. On 29th August his army entered Mahratta territory and marched straight upon the fortress of Ally Ghur where Perron had concentrated his forces. The Mahrattas deployed about 20,000 horses, but after a slight brush with the British artillery and cavalry, they abandoned the field without any attempt to come to close quarters. Perron

then withdrew with his bodyguard to Agra, leaving a Colonel Pedron in Ally Ghur fort with orders to defend it to the last. Lake summoned Pedron to surrender. Pedron answered with hesitating defiance in order to gain time to improve his defences. Lake, hoping to obtain the fort by bribery, took no further step until 3rd September when he resolved to assault the fort at once rather than lose precious time in a tedious siege. The decision was a bold one, for the fortress, which was deemed impregnable, consisted of an inner and outer fort, with circular towers at short intervals and an immense wet ditch surrounding the whole. Detached works of great strength defended the gateway. Its one weakness was the lack of a drawbridge. Since the only possible means of passing the wet ditch was by the gateway, Lake decided that the assault should be delivered at that point. During the night of 3rd September two batteries were thrown up to bring fire on the outworks of the gate and a storming party was selected of four companies of the 76th and four of a native battalion with a second native battalion in support. Colonel Monson (2) of the 76th was appointed to lead the attack.



The assault

At 3 AM on the morning of the 4th September the forlorn hope led the way forward to within 400 yards of the gateway. A small party of the enemy being visible a few men of the 76th were sent to surprise them, in the hope that they might enter the gate on the backs of the fugitives. However they defeated their

own object by killing every man of the enemy. At dawn Monson, with two companies of the 76th rushed the gate but it was shut. A six-pounder was hurried up to force the gate; without success. A 12-pounder was then brought forward, but it was not easily placed in position and in the ensuing delay the Adjutant and every officer of the Grenadier Company of the 76th



The causeway, at the end of which is located the memorial tablet to five officers' of the 76th Regiment

was killed. The gate at last being forced the stormers pursued their way along a circular road during which they were under constant fire from the circular tower and a neighbouring bastion. At the further end of the road was a second gate which was quickly forced and the British were then on the causeway which connected the outwork to the main fortress where they rushed a third gate before it could be closed to them. Still under heavy fire they entered the passage between the outer and inner forts before being stopped by a fourth gate. The 12-pounder was again brought up but the gate proved to be too strong to be broken down. However Major Macleod (3) of the 76th pushed through the wicket and entered the fort at which point resistance started to crumble. Many of the garrison were drowned when they jumped into the ditch in order to escape. In all 2000 perished in the assault of the fort which also resulted in the capture of 281 guns as well as most of Perron's military stores. The British casualties were 55 killed and 205 wounded, including 24 killed and 66 wounded in the 76th.

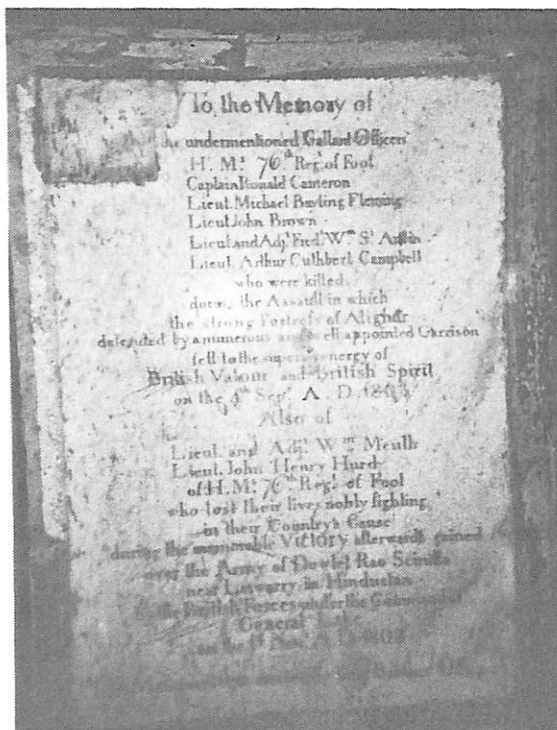
On 7th September, having first established the fortress as his advanced base (and erected a drawbridge) Lake resumed his march towards Delhi - 75 miles away. On the same day Perron left Scindia's service and surrendered to General Lake - such was the moral effect of the storming of Ally Ghur.

Victory recognised

Recognition of the victory came quickly. On 15th September the Governor General issued a General Order commending General Lake and his force for their gallant and successful assault. Two weeks later, following the capture of Delhi, he issued a further Order in which he directed that honorary colours be issued "with a device properly suited to commemorate the reduction of the fortress of Ally Ghur". The Governor General's younger brother, Arthur Wellesley, was equally impressed, writing "I think that General Lake's capture of Ally Ghur is one of the most extraordinary feats I ever heard of in this country".

While recognition of the Regiment's part in the capture was instant, it was not until 1851 that a medal was awarded. This was the Army of India Medal 1796-1826. 21 different actions are commemorated on the bars issued with the medal and of these the first is "Storming of Allighur". Few men were still alive to claim the medal 48 years after the event and only 29 were claimed by members of the 76th, 16 of whom had been present at Ally Ghur. Four of the medals are in the possession of the Regiment.

There is one other permanent reminder of Ally Ghur and that is a white marble tablet set in the wall of the inner gateway of the Fort in memory of the Adjutant and the four officers of the Grenadier



The memorial tablet

Company killed in the assault. Because it is under cover the tablet is still in good condition. The photograph here reproduced is the first to have appeared in the *Iron Duke* (4).

A. C. S. S.

Sources:

'History of the British Army' by Hon J. W. Fortescue
'Historical Record of the 76th Regiment' by Lieut Col F. A. Hayden

Notes

1. The spelling of Ally Ghur is as shown on the Honorary Colours. On the Army of India medal the spelling is Allighur. The modern name is Aligarh.
2. Lieut Colonel the Hon William Monson had been appointed to command the 76th, from the 52nd, in 1800. He commanded a brigade in Lake's campaign.
3. At the storming of Ally Ghur the 76th was commanded by Major William Macleod.
4. The Regiment is indebted to Lieut Colonel J. P. Cameron OBE, Assistant Defence Adviser, British High Commission, Delhi, for the photograph of the memorial tablet. The inscription on the tablet is set out in full in *Iron Duke* No. 66 (February 1947). The Adjutant, Lieut Frederick William St Aubin, who was one of those killed, had transferred from the 33rd Foot in 1799. He is almost certainly the first officer to have served in both Regiments.
5. The tablet also records the names of two officers who were killed at Leswaree. (1st November 1803).

THE HUDDERSFIELD AND DISTRICT ARMY VETERANS' ASSOCIATION 1897 - 1987

On 22nd of June 1987, Huddersfield was crowded with people who had come to see the grand parade in celebration of the 60th anniversary of Queen Victoria's accession to the throne.

Present were 40 veteran soldiers, all over 60 years of age. Most wore medals of campaigns all over the world: India, Africa, China, the Crimea, the Baltic. Inspired by the sight of the veterans, a group of gentlemen, with Major Welsh as secretary, met to see whether anything could be done to help these old soldiers. As a result the Huddersfield and District Army Veterans' Association was formed. Among its first aims was "to recognise and keep from being forgotten all veteran soldiers who have been in active service for their country".

Ex-soldiers at that time certainly needed help. Some of the parading veterans received pensions of only 4d (2p) a day, or none at all. Several were inmates of Crosland Moor Workhouse, being too old or ill to support themselves.

One of the main activities of the new association was to persuade the War Office to increase the pension of these men. They also helped the veterans find work (no retirement at 65 in 1897!), and distributed fuel, clothing and even spectacles, donated by a local oculist. A team of local doctors gave their services free. Other medical help was given in particular cases; Thomas Settle received a "body belt"

presumably a truss - it was "of great benefit to him", and Robert Smith, a cavalryman in the Indian Mutiny, was granted £1 to buy a cork leg for his wife.

From the very first, there were outings and other entertainments organised for the members. An annual picnic was held from 1898 onwards, to such places as Cawthorne, Kirklees Hall, Kirkburton, and even Halifax Barracks (which revived many old memories). There were frequent stops at pubs on the way, and free tobacco and tea afterwards.

The veterans became a familiar sight at events such as the opening of the Victoria Tower on Castle Hill in 1899 and the unveiling of the South Africa War Memorial in Greenhead Park in 1905. Balaclava dinners, smoking concerts, theatre visits (Cinderella in 1904) and even a lecture on airships in 1906, are all recorded in the archives.

The last service the association could pay a member was attendance at his funeral. The volunteers provided a bugler and firing party, and the veterans paraded to pay their last respects to their comrade. The association even had its own burial plot in Edgerton Cemetery.

All the veterans were long-serving soldiers or sailors, with overseas service. Some were possibly doubtful characters - the Victorian army was hardly a training ground for saint-hood.

Others were quiet heroes, like William Siddle, who



Some Veterans: 1904

won the Distinguished Conduct Medal in the Crimea, and read his own death notice in the newspaper after being seriously wounded; or John Thompson, ex-9th Lancers, who saved a lad from drowning in Whitby Bay. James Lodge was so proud of his service in the Crimea that he named his home in Kirkburton, Alma Cottage, after the first great battle of that terrible war. Ben Lockwood, of Holmfirth, nicknamed the Captain, had been captured during the Indian Mutiny in 1857 and "carried the marks of the manacles to the grave". Thomas Galvin, another mutiny veteran, became a highly esteemed inspector in the Huddersfield Police. Thomas Settle, wounded in the Crimea, served in the West Riding Constabulary. He

remembered the terrible conditions in the Crimea, the sight of the men being flogged with the cat o' nine tails, soldiers dying of cholera and himself being nursed by Florence Nightingale.

The association was formed and rooted in a time of Empire, when victories were remembered and the men who had won them were often forgotten. Nowadays the workhouse has gone, replaced by the Welfare State. But the association still carries out important and necessary work among veterans of later wars.

(The forgoing article, written by Mr John Rumsby, Senior Curator of West Kirklees Museums, is reproduced with permission from The Huddersfield Examiner)

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A group of Veterans, including some former Dukes': 1987

Regimental Association

TRUSTEES OF REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION FUNDS

A meeting of the Trustees took place at Halifax on Thursday 3rd September 1987. Present were: General Sir Charles Huxtable KCB, CBE; Brigadier D. W. Shuttleworth OBE; Brigadier W. R. Mundell OBE; Mr T. Briggs MC, LLB; Lieut Colonel Robins OBE; Major K. M. McDonald TD, JP, BA; Major F. B. Murgatroyd; Major A. C. S. Savory MBE and Major C. D. d'E. Miller. Mr J. Russell was in attendance. Major General D. E. Isles CB, OBE and Lieut Colonel A. D. Roberts MBE were unable to be present.

The accounts for the year ended 31st March 1987

The audited accounts were examined and approved.

Investments

The Investment Sub-Committee reported that £20,000 had been invested since the end of the financial year. The policy the Sub-Committee followed was to replace gilts with gilts and to invest new money in stocks with growth potential, thereby preserving the underlying strength of the funds. The £25,000 invested in the M & G Charifund in 1986 was valued at £40,000 as at the date of the meeting.

Donations and Grants

The following donations/grants were approved:

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| Army Benevolent Fund | £1500 |
| Royal British Legion | 200 |
| Huddersfield and District Veterans Association | 100 |
| British Limbless Ex-Servicemens Association | 75 |
| Salvation Army. Halifax | 50 |
| Federation of Army Wives | 50 |
| Renovation of Boer War Memorial Boards, Keighley | 50 |
| Assisted holidays | up to 500 |
| Ex-Servicemens Fellowship | up to 60 |

Regimental Chapels: York Minster and Halifax Parish Church

The Trustees approved a donations towards the cost of replacing the alter cloth in the Regimental Chapel, York Minster. The amount approved was 50% of the final cost, subject to a maximum of £1500. They also approved a grant of £30 towards the cost of the upkeep of the Chapel.

The improved lighting in the Regimental Chapel at Halifax, which the Trustees approved in 1986, had now been installed. It was anticipated that the renovation of the alter rails, which had also been approved last year, would be completed shortly. A grant of £50 towards the upkeep of the Chapel was agreed.

The Annual Dinner

The estimated costs of this years annual dinner were discussed and it was agreed that the amount of subsidy

would be in the range of £600-£700. It was also agreed that the Regimental Secretary should examine possible alternative venues for the Dinner and that the matter should be considered at the AGM.

The 'Iron Duke'

It was noted that the accounts of the 'Iron Duke' forecast an excess of expenditure over income of £300 and a grant of this amount was agreed. A further grant of £500 was agreed for the purchase of a word processor.

Regimental Histories

The cost of producing the new shorty history of the Regiment was £2,200. The anticipated costs of producing the new full length history were £32,000. In both cases the costs would be underwritten by the Regimental Association.

"The Way Ahead"

Because the new Trust deed gave the Trustees far wider scope to promote the efficiency, traditions and esprit de corps of the Regiment than in the past, it was necessary for the Trustees to re-examine their strategy. The Colonel of the Regiment therefore closed the meeting with the request that each of the Trustees should submit their ideas to the Regimental Secretary in order that the matter might receive fuller consideration.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM of the Regimental Association was held at St Paul's Street Drill Hall, Huddersfield on 19th September 1987. The Colonel of the Regiment presided.

1. Apologies

Apologies for their absence were received from Brigadier W. R. Mundell, Brigadier D. W. Shuttleworth, Colonel E. J. W. Walker, Major D. C. Roberts, Major F. B. Murgatroyd, Mr R Temple, Mr R Hawley, Mr H Randall and Mr J Rutherford.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting, held on 11 October 1986, were read, approved as a true copy and signed by the Colonel.

3. Matters arising

The Colonel pointed out that the date of this year's AGM and Dinner had been brought forward to September, as agreed at last year's AGM. However this had resulted in a much reduced attendance. Many members were now saying that a date in September was too near the holiday period. After discussion it was agreed that next year's AGM and Dinner should be held in early October.

4. General Secretary's Report

The General Secretary reported that 76 cases had been assisted during the year ended 31st March 1987

(72 in 1986). The total amount paid out had been £5420. Branch Secretaries had received details of all grants made and why, without the names or personal particulars of the individuals concerned. Five persons continued to receive the OCA special annual allowance. Three members were able to enjoy a holiday at the Lord Kitchener Memorial Holiday Centre under arrangements made by the Association.

Copies of the audited accounts are available for inspection and can be seen at RHQ at any time.

5. Accounts

The Colonel confirmed that the accounts had been audited, examined by the Finance Committee and approved by the Trustees. The funds were in a healthy state with the Regimental Association Fund being particularly well off thanks mainly to the income arising from the Days Pay Scheme.

6. Associate membership

Nominations for associate membership from Halifax (1), York (2) and London (1) were approved.

7. Proposal for a Regimental week-end at York

A proposal for a Regimental week-end at Depot the King's Division at Strensall during which the AGM, Re-union Dinner and other activities would be staged, had been examined by the Regimental Secretary. He reported that he had found little support for the idea due to lack of facilities for ladies at Strensall, the cost of travel and a reluctance to move out of the West Riding. It was not therefore intended to proceed further with the proposal.

8. Possible change of venue for future Re-union Dinners

The Colonel reported that a survey of costs had shown that there is very little financial advantage in holding the function in a Drill Hall. It had therefore been suggested that the Association should consider moving to a local hotel where the facilities and perhaps the meal would be better. After a full discussion the proposal was agreed on a one year trial basis.

9. Association visit to the 1st Battalion in 1988

The Colonel of the Regiment informed the meeting that the Officer Commanding the 1st Battalion had kindly agreed to host an Association visit to Palace Barracks, Holywood, Co. Down, if there is sufficient support. The proposed dates are Friday 17th June to Sunday 19th June 1988, which conveniently includes Waterloo Day. Following confirmation of support for the proposed visit it was agreed that further details would be circulated by RHQ once the travel arrangements had been confirmed.

ANNUAL DINNER AND DANCE OF THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

The annual dinner and dance of the Regimental Association was held in the 3rd Bn Yorkshire Volunteers Drill Hall at St. Paul's Street, Huddersfield on Saturday 19th September 1987. The dinner was attended by just over two hundred Old Comrades and their ladies and friends.

At the end of the meal, the Regimental Secretary proposed the Loyal Toast to Her Majesty the Queen and then called upon Major David Miller, the

Assistant Regimental Secretary to propose the Toast to the Regiment. In a short speech, Major Miller stressed how important it is for all Old Comrades to do their bit in keeping the name and family spirit of the Regiment alive in the West Riding. This is especially important now that the Regiment is reduced to only one battalion, the 1st, compared with pre World War II when there were two regular battalions, four territorial battalions and the Regimental Depot.

Following the toast to the Regiment, the Colonel of the Regiment gave a review of Regimental activities. He told the gathering that he and Lady Huxtable had just come back from a visit to the 1st Battalion in Holywood, Northern Ireland. He said that he found the Battalion in the most excellent form in both the military and social aspects. He stressed that he had found that the families were in good heart and most supportive of their menfolk.

After the dinner, there was dancing to the music of the Premier Four and it was good to see more people take to the floor than in previous years, including the jovial Sgt Bob Peel of the Royal Hospital, one of our three In Pensioners present. The others were Reg Alton and Pinky Ellis. The rest of the evening passed in a jovial atmosphere with almost every sentence prefaced with "Do you remember.....".

The Regimental Association wish to record their sincere thanks to the CO 3 Yorks for the use of the Drill Hall and to C/Sgt Allan Simpson and his team of marvellous helpers who did all that was asked of them and more. Without their help, the committee would have been hard pressed to have got the event off the ground.

LONDON BRANCH

We held a very successful AGM at the Park Court Hotel on Sunday 24th September when 25 members attended. Major Wood continues as President and Mr Owers as Secretary/Treasurer. As there were no nominations for the post of Chairman it was decided that Major Wood and Mr Owers would share the post for the time being. After the meeting and a buffet lunch we had a guided tour of the Royal Hospital Chelsea by In-Pensioners Peel, Alton and Ellis.

We are all sorry to lose Major Miller who has now taken up his post of Assistant Regimental Secretary and we hope he and Mrs Miller will be very happy in their new home.

Our monthly meetings are held on the last Monday of each month at Vivian Court, London W9 - further details from the Branch Secretary. New members would be very welcome.

8 DWR (145 REGT RAC) 43rd ANNUAL REUNION DINNER

The 43rd Annual Reunion Dinner of the 8th Battalion DWR (145 Regt RAC) was held at the St Ermin Hotel, London on Saturday 17th October 1987. Lieutenant Colonel Lyall Lusted, DSO, presided and thirteen members plus three guests were present. The guests included Major V R Bruce, late RAMC, Major G South MBE, late RTR and Lieutenant Colonel Walter Robins, the Regimental

Secretary who was the personal guest of Major F J Reynolds, who lives in South Africa. Major George South, who was Staff Captain of 21st Tank Brigade of which 8 DWR formed part, during his speech prior to proposing the toast to the Regiment, said he believed the spirit of comradeship, cheerfulness and loyalty which continues to this day among the members of 8 DWR is unique for a Wartime battalion.

VISIT TO THE 1st BATTALION

It is proposed that a party from members of the Regimental Association will visit the 1st Battalion at Palace Barracks, Holywood, Northern Ireland from Friday 17th June to Sunday 19th June 1988.

Travel arrangements

Outward, 17th June:

Depart from Halifax 0815 for Liverpool via Huddersfield to catch day ferry sailing from Liverpool 1115. No cabin accommodation will be booked on this sailing. Arrival at Belfast 2115 and transport to Palace Barracks under 1st Battalion arrangements.

Homeward, 19th June:

Depart 2100 from Palace Barracks for Belfast docks to catch night ferry, sailing 2215, Cabin accommodation will be booked for those who would like it. Arrival at Liverpool 0715 (Monday, 20th June) and met by coach which will return to Halifax via Huddersfield arriving at 0930 approx.

Accommodation

Men will be accommodated in a company barrack block which has bunk facilities for 60 persons.

22 ladies can be accommodated in the Sergeants Mess and Sandes Home.

Those who have friends living in married quarters are asked to contact them with a view to being provided with accommodation.

Programme

The programme of events for the weekend is to be confirmed, but it is hoped that it will include Retreat Beating and Supper on Waterloo Day, Saturday 18th June.

Costs

The estimated cost per person is expected to be £55-£60. The cost includes coach fare, ferry fare, cabin accommodation for the return journey, meals and accommodation at Palace Barracks.

Anyone interested should contact RHQ for further details. A form will then be sent to all applicants for completion and return together with a non-returnable deposit of £12 per person.

In the event of the trip being over subscribed, applicants will be selected on a "first come, first served" basis. In this case unsuccessful applicants will have their deposits returned.

The trip is primarily intended for members of the Regimental Association and their wives. However if space permits the parents of single soldiers serving with the 1st Battalion may also be included.

PASSCHENDAELE REMEMBERED

Lieut Colonel R. L. Stevens reports:-

"This year saw the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Passchendaele and the 60th anniversary of the

founding of the Menin Gate, and the Burgomasters of Ypres and Zonnebeke invited the participating units, or their successors, to attend the commemoration ceremonies. The Regiment sent no official party of Old Comrades but I represented the Colonel of the Regiment.

What was to become known as the 'Third Battle of Ypres', 'Passchendaele' or, by Lloyd-George the 'Battle of the Mud', was Haig's major offensive of 1917. It was intended to be a decisive blow that was to strike north out of Ypres salient to the coast at Ostend and finally Zeebrugge. The first event was at Messines, where the ridge was captured as a result of a complex British mining operation. The shock caused by the simultaneous detonation of 19 mines - containing about one million pounds of explosive - was felt clearly in London. If this preparatory event can be counted into Passchendaele, it afforded the real success of a campaign which was otherwise marked by the immense gallantry of those involved. The other preparatory event - the landings south of Ostend in June - was unsuccessful. In the build-up for the major attack one million men were concentrated around the salient, an action which did not go unnoticed by the Germans, who matched the reinforcement. On 31 July the main offensive opened and the first day's gains totalled 800 yards. The target of 'Zeebrugge in three weeks' was soon dropped. Ostend became a pipe dream, and when on 7th November the site of what once had been a village called Passchendaele was entered, the effort was spent. 400,000 allied casualties were suffered here and in the interim battles, at Poelcappelle, Brooiseinde, Polygon Wood and the Menin Road, to name a few. The rain had been unceasing that year, the drainage systems had been destroyed and the particular quality of soil was such that it quickly broke down into a glutinous mud, aided by the bombardments that reduced the area to a moonscape. Many battalions of the Regiment were involved. Certainly the Regiment was fighting just short of Passchendaele in October, the 1/4th were there, and Lt Col A. G. Horsfall DSO was killed commanding 2 DWR on 9th October when attacking towards Poelcappelle. The 1/5th, 1/6th, 1/7th, 8th and 9th Battalions were also involved.

This year's events started with the opening of the 'Passchendaele 1917' exhibition in the municipal school which gave me the opportunity to introduce myself to M. Bourgois, the Burgomaster of Zonnebeke (in whose area Passchendaele lies) and M. Verstraete, the Burgomaster of Ypres. The exhibition, comprising photographs, diagrams and war relics included a very good hand-drawn, day by day diagrammatic account of the battle. That evening a Military Tattoo was staged in front of the magnificent Cloth Hall in Ypres. The bands participating were from Koninlijke Harmonic Ypriana, The Royal British Legion, the 4th/7th Dragoon Guards and Muziekkpapel van de Zeemacht. A reception followed in the Cloth Hall.

At 11 am on 12th July a Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving was held at Tyne Cot Cemetery in the presence of HRH Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester and HRH Prince Philippe of Belgium. The weather was kind, with billowing white clouds and blue sky, and a huge crowd attended. Surrounded by the gravestones of the fallen, and by the vast stone



HRH Princess Alice of Gloucester and HRH Prince Philippe at the Tyne Cot Cemetery with the British Ambassador and Admiral Sir David Williams, the former Governor of Gibraltar.

walls which record the names of 34,927 British and Commonwealth who have no known grave, Princess Alice and Prince Philippe laid wreaths on behalf of the Commonwealth and of Belgium.

The 60th Anniversary of the building of the Menin Gate was marked by a ceremony on the same day. This monument with 54,846 names engraved on its panels was built by the people of Ypres in memory of those of the British Commonwealth who had died defending their town and who had no known grave.

Here the Belgian Committee organised the "Last Post" to be sounded every day for the past sixty years. Wreaths were laid by Princess Alice and Prince Philippe.

Among others attending the deeply impressive ceremonies were General Sir Martin Farndale CINC BAOR, the British Ambassador, the Chaplain General to the Forces the Rev James Harkness, Admiral Sir David Williams, representing the War Graves Commission, 47 standards of British Legion and Allied organisations, and a valued few of the survivors of the battle. The number of survivors fit to make the journey has greatly diminished, but the memory of their exploits is still fresh."

NORMANDY VETERANS ASSOCIATION

The Newcastle and District No: 7 Branch of the Normandy Veterans Association is in the process of

re-forming. The Chairman, Mr J. L. Downs and the Secretary, Mr J. E. Ferguson are both ex-7 DWR. Any financial contribution to help purchase a branch standard would be most welcome. Contributions should be sent to the Secretary, 16 Wakerburn, Southfield Lea, Cramlington, County of Tyne and Wear.

THE MONTE CASSINO VETERANS ASSOCIATION

There is to be a World and Commonwealth gathering in Cassino in May 1989 to mark the 45th anniversary of the battles of Monte Cassino. It is expected that this event will take place between 13th May and 20th May 1989.

Anyone interested in this trip should contact RHQ for further details. At the present time, RHQ has been given no estimates of costs.

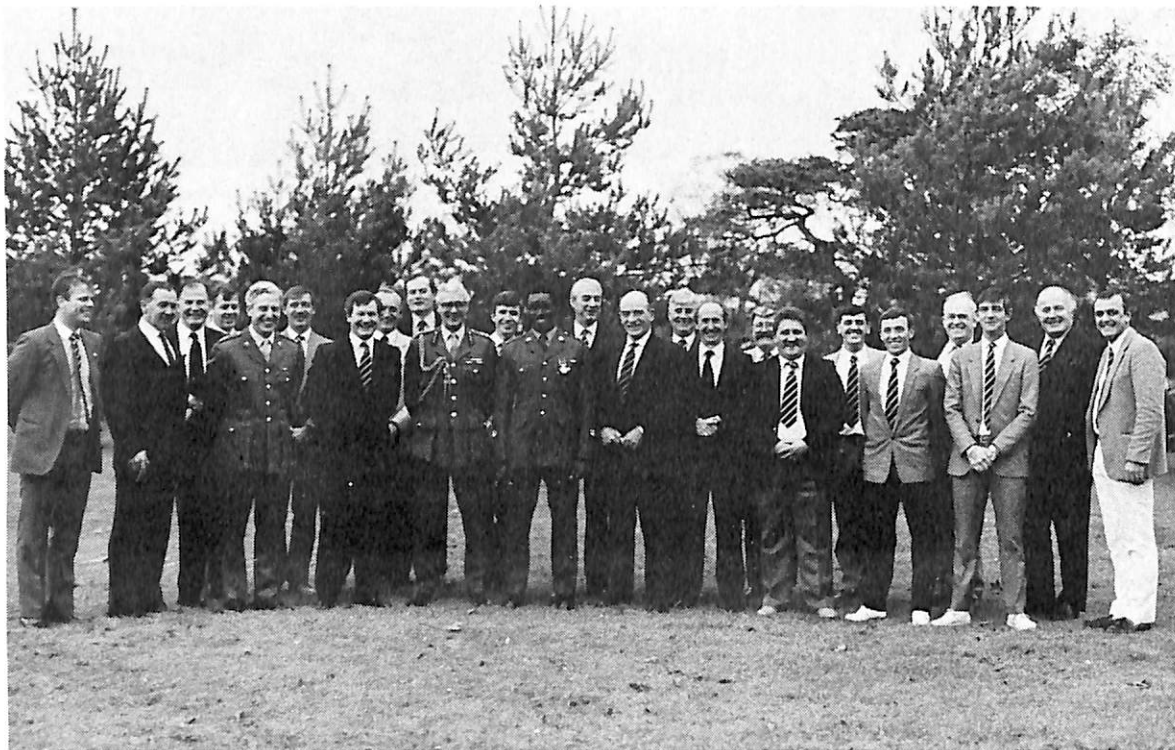
ANNUAL REGIMENTAL SERVICE - YORK MINSTER

The Annual Regimental Service was held in York Minster on Saturday 14th November 1987. Following a favourable response after last year's Service, the Lady Chapel was again used with the adjacent Regimental Chapel open for those that wished to use it. The Service, conducted by the Dean of York, the

Very Revd John Southgate assisted by Canon Roy Matthews, was well attended by members and ex members of the Regiment and their families. The Colonel of the Regiment read the Lesson and Canon D. I. Strangeways, DSO OBE MA gave the Address. Canon David Strangeways was commissioned into the Regiment in 1933 and joined the 1st Battalion at Aldershot. After Dunkirk he held a variety of staff appointments and in 1944 was GSO 1 21 Army Group. He later commanded 1 East Yorks in Berlin and Malaya before retiring in 1958, as a Colonel, to join the Church.

At the end of the Service the Dean dedicated a silver flower vase purchased for use in our Regimental Chapel from a legacy made by the late Major G. C. Tedd. The vase is engraved "In memory of Major G. C. Tedd who served in the Duke of Wellington's Regiment from 1942 to 1975 and was Regimental Secretary 1976 to 1984". His daughter, Victoria, was among the congregation.

Following the Service, lunch was provided in the Officers and Sergeants Messes at Depot, The King's Division at Strensall. Guests for lunch in the Officers Mess included the Dean of York and Mrs Southgate.



A Regimental group on the lawn of the Depot Sergeants Mess following the presentation of the BEM to WO2 G. O. W. Williams, on 14 November 1987.

KEEPING IN TOUCH.....

Visitors to RHQ during recent months have included: **Canon Roy Matthews**, one time padre to the 5th/7th Battalion and the West Riding Battalion.

Mr John Winterburn, who served pre War with both the 1st and 2nd Battalions and with the 7th Battalion during the War, visited RHQ on 2nd November 1987. He now lives at 17 Mount Pleasant Gardens, Kippax, Leeds and would be delighted to hear from any ex Dukes living in the Leeds area.

Mr Jack Sykes, now living in Belfast, and **Mr Geoff Pickling**, now living in Australia, by coincidence visited RHQ on the same day and at the same time. Geoff produced a couple of photographs of them standing together in Korea in 1953, when they were both in the MT platoon. Geoff is in the publishing

business and hopes to be back next year for the Regimental Association dinner.

John Wood served in the Regiment during his National Service and now lives in Canada. He paid a visit on 22nd September having attended the Association dinner the previous week. John, who was a bus conductor in Calderdale before he emigrated to Canada, now works in the theatre and TV and has made a name for himself as an impersonator of W. C. Fields.

Mr Tug Wilson came all the way from Portsmouth to attend the Association dinner where he met In-Pensioner **Reg Alton**, whom he had not seen for a number of years. Looking through a back copy of the *Iron Duke* they found a photograph of HQ Wing, 1st Battalion, winners of the Inter Company Shield in 1934-35, in which they are shown standing side by side.



WO2 Paul Grey, Belize Defence Force, who served with the 1st Battalion from 1964 to 1986, being presented with his Long Service and Good Conduct Medal by the Right Honourable Derek Aikman, Minister for Electricity, Transport and Communications, Belize.

Mr Keith Jagger, now living in Barking, Essex, visited on 25 September. He is a long distance driver for a haulage firm in London. He joined the West Riding Battalion in 1963 and became a regular soldier with the 1st Battalion in 1966. Before he left he was signed up as a subscriber to the *Iron Duke*.

Mrs Senior, whose husband is the grandson of **2215 Colour Sergeant Alfred Butterworth**, came with some interesting documents which included C/Sgt Butterworth's certificate of marriage in Barbados in 1892 and the baptismal certificates of two of his children in Bangalore, India. All the certificates are franked with the stamp of the Orderly Room, 2nd Battalion The West Riding Regiment. Although

fragile the certificates were photocopied for the archives. Colour Sergeant Butterworth won the DCM and was twice mentioned in despatches while serving with the Burma Mounted Infantry during the Boer War. He died in India in 1905.

Mr Leslie (Feathers) Peacock was another visitor in September. He joined the Regiment in 1931 and served with the 2nd Battalion until 1936. He was recalled in 1939 and served with the 2nd/6th Battalion in France in 1940. He now lives in Sussex and has recently been in touch with **Mr Ken Waterman**.

Captain Jim Mowat paid a farewell call to RHQ, before emigrating to Spain. He will be living in Alicante (see Changes of address) and visitors to that part of Spain will be most welcome.

Brigadier J. B. K. Greenway CBE, who retired from the army on 22 October 1987, has taken up the post of manager of the Managing Director's Office of W. H. Smith & Sons Ltd, Strand House, 7 Holbein Place, London SW1W 8NR (Tel 01 730 1200). He gave up his "bricks and mortar" course to undertake an attachment with his new firm which involved shop floor experience at various stores in the South and which he found to be much like working with a platoon again. Despite his retirement from the army Brigadier Greenway plans to continue his involvement with Regimental affairs to the best of his ability. He and Judith will continue to live at 145, Alexandra Road, Farnborough, Hants GU14 6RR. Recent admissions to the Royal Hospital Chelsea include **Arthur George Moore** age 79 who served in the Regiment from 1924 to 1934 when he transferred to the Royal Army Ordnance Corps. He retired from the army in 1946.

Change of address/New subscribers

Major P. B. L. Hoppe: 44 Alwinton Terrace, Gosforth, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne NE3 1UD.

Mr E. P. (Ted) Pennington: 27 Elizabeth Street, GPO Box 670G, Hobart 7001 Australia.

Lt Col J. E. Johnson: 68 Boswell Court, Queen's Street, Bedford MK40 2JJ.

Major C. D. Miller: Parkinson House Farm, 107 Parkinson Lane, Halifax, West Yorkshire HX1 3QQ.

Lt Col R. L. Stevens OBE: Beaurevoir, Swinton Drive, Bovington Camp, Dorset BH20 6LD.

Colonel C. R. T. Cumberlege: The Abbey Residential Home, Town Street, Old Malton, Malton, York.

Mr M. H. Murphy: "Car Cefua" Farm, Golflyn Lane, Northop, Near Mold, Clwyd CH7 6DG.

WO1 T Goddard: HQ North West District, Fulwood Barracks, Preston, Lancs.

Mr Michael Ralph MA: 1 Almond Avenue, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire.

Major P. F Connolly: 10 Glaisdale, Greenways, Spennymore, Co. Durham DL16 6SE.

Lt Col P. T. Hirst ACC: c/o The Midland Bank plc, 13 Parliament Street, York YO1 1XC.

John (Jack) Wood: 10-460 Leinster Street, Woodstock, Ontario, N4S 7G3, Canada.

Mr Dennis Frisby: 15 Raeburn Road, Sheffield S14 1DD.

Mr K. D. Pickup: The Chestnuts, Spa Lane, Wigton Magna, Leicester LE8 1QD.

Mr P. D. Horsfall: Poole House, Arkholm, Carnforth, LA6 1AU.

Capt. E. J. B. Mowat: MG 10, Javea, Alicante, Spain.

REGIMENTAL ITEMS FOR SALE

The following is a list of items that may be purchased through the General Secretary of the Regimental Association.

| | COST | POSTAGE |
|--|-------|---------|
| Jersey (Regimental badge) - navy blue | 14.50 | .50 |
| Jersey (Cap badge) - black | 14.50 | .50 |
| Blazer badge (Regimental badge) | 7.50 | |
| Wall plaque (Regimental badge) | 8.50 | .50 |
| Lapel badge - Regimental Association | 1.00 | |
| Tie pin - Regimental Association | 1.00 | |
| Regimental tie | 3.00 | |
| Watch strap - maroon and french grey | 1.10 | |
| Comb and case - red, with cap badge | .80 | |
| Book marker - maroon with cap badge and battle honours | .50 | |
| Biro - Duke of Wellington's Regiment, red and white | .30 | |
| Pencil - Duke of Wellington's Regiment, red and gold | .10 | |
| Regimental buttons Large | .25 | |
| Regimental buttons Medium | .35 | |
| Regimental buttons Small | .65 | |
| Publications: Regimental Association Rules | .75 | |
| Publications: Short History | 1.50 | .25 |

Payment:

Cheques and postal orders, made payable to "DWR Regimental Association Fund", and to include postage as shown against individual items or 10% of the value of the order (minimum 13p), to be sent with orders to the General Secretary of the Regimental Association at RHQ.

The Regimental Band have recently made a new recording, "The Band of the 1st Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment at Stratfield Saye", which is available as a tape for £4.50 or a 33rpm for £4.25. Both can be purchased from PR1 1DWR. A limited number are held at RHQ.

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|---|--|
| The Place: | Regimental Headquarters |
| The Time: | 1655 hrs one afternoon recently |
| The Chief Clerk had gone home. The telephone rings and the Assistant Regimental Secretary answers it: | |
| Assistant Regimental Secretary: | "RHQ, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment" |
| A Voice (male): | "I want to speak to the Colonel of the Regiment" |
| Assistant Regimental Secretary: | "I regret that the Colonel of the Regiment is not here. Can I put you on to the Regimental Secretary?" |
| The Voice: | "Yes, SHE'LL do." |

THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION ACCOUNTS

THE MANAGEMENT FUND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 1987

| EXPENDITURE | | | INCOME | | |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------------------|--|
| £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 283 | Branch Expenses | | 500 | Regimental Association | 500.00 |
| 59 | Refreshments | 157.95 | -do- | Regimental | - |
| 420 | Reunion Dinner (Deficiency) | 56.36 | 420 | Dinner Subsidy | - |
| | Regimental Dinner | | | Regimental Dinner | |
| | Cost of Dinners | 1,710.00 | | Tickets (less refunds) | 1,752.00 |
| | Regimental Dance Band | 60.00 | | OCA Guests and OAP's | 30.00 |
| | Other Expenses | 209.49 | | Donations | 15.90 |
| | | <u>1,979.49</u> | | Proceeds of Raffle | <u>136.00</u> |
| | Regimental Service | | | Regimental Service | |
| 254 | York Minster Service | 145.12 | | Tickets | 82.50 |
| | Sergeants Mess lunch, Strensall | <u>205.16</u> | | 96 | <i>Excess of Expenditure Over Income</i> |
| | | 350.28 | | | 27.68 |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| <u>1,016</u> | | <u>2,544.08</u> | <u>1,016</u> | | <u>2,544.08</u> |

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH 1987

| | | | | | | |
|------------|--|--------|---------------|------------|--------------------|---------------|
| | GENERAL FUND | 332.81 | | 314 | Cash at Bank | 305.13 |
| 333 | LESS: <i>Excess of Expenditure Over Income</i> | 27.68 | 305.13 | 19 | Cash in Hand | - |
| | | | | | | |
| <u>333</u> | | | <u>305.13</u> | <u>333</u> | | <u>305.13</u> |

REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION FUND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 1987

| EXPENDITURE | | | INCOME | | |
|---------------|--|------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| 12,526 | Personal Grants | 5,921.98 | 11,756 | Interest on Investments (Gross) | 13,299.00 |
| | -do- | | 813 | Bank Interest | 841.74 |
| | Army Benevolent Fund | 1,000.00 | | Covenanted Subscriptions | |
| | Grants | | 341 | Officers (Net) | 374.54 |
| 112 | Iron Duke | 115.50 | 10,502 | Days Pay Scheme: Soldiers (Net) | 10,912.48 |
| 1,000 | -do- Subsidy | - | | Income Tax Received | |
| 500 | Management Fund | 500.00 | 128 | Officers Subscriptions 85/86 | 119.20 |
| | -do- Regimental Dinner | - | | -do- 86/87 | 132.82 |
| 420 | Subsidy | - | | Days Pay Scheme: Soldiers 85/86 | 4,233.97 |
| 220 | London Dinner | 64.40 | | -do- 86/87 | 4,415.25 |
| 292 | Wreaths and Poppies | 137.85 | | Grants and Donations | |
| 603 | Arnhem Trip | - | 7,954 | Army Benevolent Fund | 1,104.00 |
| | Return to Somme | 751.95 | 59 | Subscriptions | - |
| 210 | Lord Kitcheners Holiday | 105.00 | 100 | G. Turner Trust | 100.00 |
| | Burma Star Association | 5.00 | 59 | Sundries | 44.61 |
| | CO Fund I DWR | <u>300.00</u> | 103 | Profit on Sale of Ties etc. | 60.55 |
| | Donations | | | | |
| 1,500 | Army Benevolent Funds | 1,500.00 | | | |
| 9 | -do- Raffles and Prizes | 10.00 | | | |
| | -do- Pension Grant to OCA | 104.00 | | | |
| 200 | Royal British Legion | 200.00 | | | |
| 50 | Salvation Army | 50.00 | | | |
| 50 | Blesma | 75.00 | | | |
| 46 | Ex Servicemens Fellowship | 37 | | | |
| 100 | Huddersfield Veterans | <u>100.00</u> | | | |
| | Sundries | | | | |
| 300 | General Secretaries Honorarium | 400.00 | | | |
| 563 | -do- Expenses | 771.46 | | | |
| 48 | Printing, Postage and Stationery | 20.68 | | | |
| 194 | Trustees' Expenses | 120.00 | | | |
| 167 | Audit and Accountancy | 104.00 | | | |
| 53 | RAFA Gloves and Carriers | - | | | |
| 51 | Refreshments | 16.99 | | | |
| 80 | Write Off: Debtor - Tandy RHQ | - | | | |
| 17 | -do- : Stock | - | | | |
| 49 | UST Charges | <u>29.15</u> | | | |
| 12,455 | <i>Excess of Income Over Expenditure</i> | 23,198.20 | | | |
| | | | | | |
| <u>31,815</u> | | <u>35,638.16</u> | <u>31,815</u> | | <u>35,638.16</u> |

MITCHELL TRUST FUND

| £ | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
|-----|---|---------------|------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| 20 | Trustees Expenses | 25.00 | 391 | Interest on Investments (Gross) | 446.79 |
| - | Audit and Accountancy | 30.00 | - | Deposit Interest | 41.60 |
| - | UST Charges | 0.52 | | | |
| 371 | Excess of Income Over Expenditure | 432.87 | | | |
| | | <u>488.39</u> | <u>391</u> | | <u>488.39</u> |

McGUIRE, BATE TRUST FUND

| | | | | | |
|-------|---|-----------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 477 | Grants | 365.00 | 1,718 | Interest on Investments (Gross) | 1,958.63 |
| 20 | Trustees' Expenses | 50.00 | - | Deposit Interest | 90.93 |
| 14 | Iron Duke: Free List | 10.50 | | | |
| 57 | Wreathes | 44.10 | | | |
| - | Audit and Accountancy | 50.00 | | | |
| - | UST Charges | 0.52 | | | |
| 1,097 | Excess of Income over Expenditure | 1,529.44 | | | |
| | | <u>2,049.56</u> | <u>1,718</u> | | <u>2,049.56</u> |

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH 1987

| LIABILITIES | | | | ASSETS | |
|------------------|---|------------|------------|--|-------------------|
| CAPITAL ACCOUNTS | | | | INVESTMENTS (AT COST) | |
| 112,701 | Regimental Association Fund | 112,701.21 | | Regimental Association Fund | |
| | Excess of Income Over Expenditure | 23,198.20 | 135,899.41 | £5,000.00 14% Cardiff Corporation 1989 | 5,052.33 |
| 5,254 | Mitchell Trust Fund | 5,254.29 | | £4,616.80 6% Greater London 1990/92 | 4,497.39 |
| | Excess of Income Over Expenditure | 432.87 | 5,687.16 | £5,410.70 9% Treasury 1994 | 5,475.56 |
| 18,528 | McGuire, Bate Trust Fund | 18,528.36 | | £4,500.00 15% Treasury 1998 | 4,320.00 |
| | Excess of Income Over Expenditure | 1,529.44 | 20,057.80 | £8,415.23 12% Exchequer 1992 | 8,475.15 |
| | | | | £1,000.00 10% Exchequer 1997 | 962.40 |
| | | | | £22,052.21 13% Treasury 1990 | 24,132.06 |
| | | | | £2,323.70 12% Treasury 1992 | 2,500.00 |
| | | | | £2,050.00 12% Exchequer 1999/2002 | 1,995.37 |
| | | | | £9,116.77 14% Treasury 1994 | 8,469.65 |
| | | | | £9,517.29 12% Exchequer 1990 | 9,500.00 |
| | | | | £9,054.32 11% Exchequer 1991 | 9,000.00 |
| | | | | 5135 Units Charifund Income Units | 18,031.03 |
| | | | | £8,637.66 10% Exchequer 1995 | 8,637.50 |
| | | | | 101,048 Market Value: £126,274) | 111,048.44 |
| | | | | Mitchell Trust Fund | |
| | | | | £400.00 5% Treasury 1986/89 | 393.35 |
| | | | | 81 Units Globe Investment Trust Ltd 25p | |
| | | | | Ord. Stock | 32.00 |
| | | | | £2,451.82 2% Consolidated | 997 |
| | | | | £361.50 3% War Loan | 205.25 |
| | | | | £455.41 12% Exchequer 1992 | 462.97 |
| | | | | £971.86 14% Treasury 1994 | 921.70 |
| | | | | £170.38 13% Treasury 1990 | 200.00 |
| | | | | 288 Units Charifund Income Units | 1,001.50 |
| | | | | £885.35 10% Exchequer 1995 | 883.20 |
| | | | | 4,598 (Market Value: £5,562) | 5,097.47 |
| | | | | McGuire, Bate Trust Fund | |
| | | | | £1,582.80 6% Greater London 1990/92 | 1,543.65 |
| | | | | £437.00 8% Barclays Bank Unsecured | |
| | | | | 1986/93 | 437.00 |
| | | | | £500.00 15% Treasury 1998 | 480.00 |
| | | | | £3,719.68 9% Treasury 1994 | 3,746.75 |
| | | | | £1,182.12 12% Exchequer 1992 | 1,198.33 |
| | | | | £1,575.48 14% Treasury 1994 | 1,492.30 |
| | | | | £448.48 13% Treasury 1990 | 500.00 |
| | | | | £2,486.60 12% Exchequer 1990 | 2,500.00 |
| | | | | £1,997.34 11% Exchequer 1991 | 2,000.00 |
| | | | | 747 Units Charifund Income Units | 2,505.97 |
| | | | | £1,721.97 10% Exchequer 1995 | 1,732.00 |
| | | | | 17,136 (Market Value: £19,643) | 18,136.00 |
| | | | | 122,782 | 134,282.21 |
| | | | | 1,761 Stock of Ties etc | 1,537.43 |
| | | | | 14 Cash in Hand | - |
| | | | | Cash at Bank | |
| | | | | Regtl. Assoc. Fund High Int Deposit | |
| | | | | Account | 22062.30 |
| | | | | Regtl. Assoc. Fund Current Account | 1250.94 |
| | | | | 657 Mitchell Trust Fund | 23,313.24 |
| | | | | 1,392 McGuire, Bate Trust Fund | 589.69 |
| | | | | | 1,921.80 |
| | | | | | <u>161,644.37</u> |
| 136,483 | | 161,644.37 | 136,483 | | 161,644.37 |

AUDITORS' REPORT

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

The 2nd day of June 1987

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

OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION (1st AND 2nd BATTALION DWR) FUNDS
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 1987

| EXPENDITURE | | | INCOME | | |
|--|---|----------|---|---|----------|
| £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 400 Pensions and Special Allowances | | 400.00 | 1,532 Interest on Investments (Gross) | | 1,676.20 |
| 52 Audit and Accountancy | | 57.50 | 90 Bank Interest | | 94.08 |
| 30 Grant | | 30.00 | 6 Subscriptions | | 6.25 |
| - UST Collection Charges and Expenses .. | | 4.01 | - Army Benevolent Fund | | 104.00 |
| 1,146 <i>Excess of Income Over Expenditure</i> | | 1,389.02 | | | |
| 1,628 | | 1,880.53 | 1,628 | | 1,880.53 |
| | | 1,880.53 | | | 1,880.53 |

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH 1987

| | | | | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|--|----------|-----------|
| CAPITAL ACCOUNT | 22,499.16 | | 19,406 INVESTMENTS (AT COST) | | |
| 22,499 ADD: <i>Excess of Income Over Expenditure</i> | 1,389.02 | 23,888.18 | £4,225.99 9% Treasury 1994 | 4,263.23 | |
| | | | 250 Shares Thomas Tilling Ltd 5 1/4% Cum. Pref. Shares | 250.00 | |
| | | | £9,075.30 2 1/4% Consolidated | 4,018.79 | |
| | | | £3,613.53 3 1/4% War Loan | 3,581.08 | |
| | | | £1,000.00 7 1/4% Birmid Qualcast Ltd Unsecured 1987/92 | 1,023.34 | |
| | | | £1,000.00 7% Rockware Group Ltd. Debenture 1988/93 | 980.62 | |
| | | | £998.58 12 1/4% Exchequer 1992 | 1,012.32 | |
| | | | £369.56 12 1/4% Treasury 1992 | 400.00 | |
| | | | £494.95 14 1/4% Treasury 1994 | 475.00 | |
| | | | £911.80 13% Treasury 1990 | 1,000.00 | |
| | | | £961.40 12 1/4% Exchequer 1990 | 1,051.80 | |
| | | | 614 Units Charifund Income Units | 2,500.00 | |
| | | | £1,324.05 10 1/4% Exchequer 1995 | 1,350.00 | |
| | | | (Market Value: £19,643) | | 21,906.18 |
| | | | 3,093 Cash at Bank | | |
| | | | Deposit Account | 1221.04 | |
| | | | Current Account | 760.96 | 1,982.00 |
| 22,499 | | 23,888.18 | 22,499 | | 23,888.18 |
| | | 23,888.18 | | | 23,888.18 |

AUDITORS' REPORT

We have examined the Balance Sheet and Accounts of the Old Comrades' Association (1st and 2nd Battalion DWR), for the year ended 31st March 1986, and have obtained all the information and explanations received.

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

The 2nd day of June 1987
 K. W. HOWARTH & CO.
 Chartered Accountants
 36 Clare Road
 Halifax
 West Yorkshire

WAR MEMORIAL FUND
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 1987

| EXPENDITURE | | | INCOME | | |
|--|--------|----------|--|--|----------|
| 35 Audit and Accountancy | 37.95 | | 475 Interest on Investments (Gross) | | 422.18 |
| - Floodlights: Duke of Wellingtons Chapel | 310.50 | | 46 Bank Interest | | 49.11 |
| Donations | | | 25 Minster Fund Accounts | | - |
| 20 York Minster | 30.00 | | 163 Donations | | 17.00 |
| 11 Flowers: Regimental Chapel, York Minster | - | | - <i>Excess of Expenditure Over Income</i> | | 511.97 |
| 50 Halifax Parish Church | 50.00 | | | | |
| 50 Sandhurst RMA5 | 20.00 | | | | |
| - Korean War Memorial Fund | 500.00 | | | | |
| - Keighley Memorial Boards Appeal | 50.00 | | | | |
| - UST Collection Charges and Expenses .. | 1.81 | | | | |
| 593 <i>Excess of Income Over Expenditure</i> | - | | | | |
| 709 | | 1,000.26 | 709 | | 1,000.26 |
| | | 1,000.26 | | | 1,000.26 |

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH 1987

| | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|---|---|-----------------|--------------|-------|---|---------|-----------------|
| £ | ACCUMULATED FUND | £ | 5,184.70 | £ | 3,891 | INVESTMENTS (AT COST) | £ | 3,730.35 |
| 5,185 | LESS: Excess of Expenditure Over Income | | 511.97 | | | £2,300.00 2½% Consolidated | 954.70 | |
| | Loss on Sale of Investments | | 183.02 | 4,489.71 | | £20.83 3½% War Loan | 10.42 | |
| | | | | | | 160 Shares Shell Transport and Trading Co. Ltd. 25p Ord. | 165.23 | |
| | | | | | | £556.53 12½% Treasury 1992 | 600.00 | |
| | | | | | | £519.52 14½% Treasury 1994 | 500.00 | |
| | | | | | | £448.48 13% Treasury 1990 | 500.00 | |
| | | | | | | 245 Units Charifund Income Units | 1000.00 | |
| | | | | | | (Market Value: £5,373) | | 3,730.35 |
| | | | | | 1,294 | Cash at Bank | | |
| | | | | | | Charity Dep. Account | 527.85 | |
| | | | | | | Current Account | 231.51 | 759.36 |
| <u>5,185</u> | | | <u>4,489.71</u> | <u>5,185</u> | | | | <u>4,489.71</u> |

AUDITORS' REPORT

We have examined the Balance Sheet and Accounts of the War Memorial Fund for the year ended 31st March 1987, and have obtained all the information and explanations we have required.

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

The 2nd day of June 1987

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

Obituary

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

Mrs P. H. Watson

Mrs Phyllis Horsfall Watson died on 10th July 1987 in her 97th year. She was the widow of two Duke's. Her first husband was Lieut Colonel A. G. Horsfall DSO, who commanded the 2nd Battalion from December 1916 until his death in action on 9th October 1917, during the 3rd Battle of Ypres. In his memory Mrs Horsfall and her daughters presented the casket for the Roll of Honour, which is in the Regimental Chapel in York Minster.

In 1920 Mrs Horsfall married Brigadier General W. M. Watson who had commanded the 1st Battalion in India from 1912-1915, before being appointed Commander 4 (Indian) Infantry Brigade. He retired at the end of the War and died in 1940.

Dr C. W. Curtis Bain MC, DM, FRCP

Dr Cyril Bain, a distinguished cardiologist and past president of the BMA died on 14th August 1987. He was 92.

His medical studies were interrupted by the 1st World War during which he served with the Regiment in France and Flanders, reaching the rank of Major. He was mentioned in despatches and won the MC when, in charge of a contingent of 8 men operating a mobile MG during a heavy attack, he wiped out an enemy position. In 1917, because of an acute shortage of doctors, he was asked to resume his studies. After early appointments at St. Thomas's Hospital and the National Heart Hospital he was appointed physician at Harrogate General Hospital and was placed in charge of the cardiographic department at the Royal Bath Hospital.

A commanding figure he was held in respect and some awe by his colleagues and was widely sought in consultation throughout north Yorkshire and the dales. He retired in 1958 and went to live in Cornwall where for many years he acted as a locum physician all over the county.

Mr T. Knowles MM

Tom Knowles died at Halifax on 24th July 1987, aged 90. He enlisted into the Regiment in May 1915 and was quickly promoted to Sergeant. He joined 1st/4th Battalion in France early in 1916 and was awarded the Military Medal shortly afterwards. He was badly wounded in 1918 and was discharged in 1919. Well known in Halifax, he served for many years on the Committee of the Old Comrades Association. The funeral service at Warley Church was attended by Major C. D. Miller, Mr Tom Mawson and Mr Harold Metcalfe, who served with Tom during World War I.

Mr C. F. Birch

Ex-RSM Birch died at his home at Guiseborough on 10th September 1987. He was one of two brothers who served in the Regiment. He was RSM at the Depot 1948-1949.

Mr L. Dawson

Leonard Dawson died in York on 4th June 1987 aged 73 after a long illness. He joined the Regiment in 1932 and served with the 2nd Battalion until 1937. At the outbreak of the 1939-45 War, he rejoined and served with the Regiment throughout the War. He was for a time Pioneer Sergeant.

Mr J. Calpin

Joe Calpin died on 26th June 1987 aged 48 in York. He was one of the last National Servicemen to join the Regiment and served in 'A' Company of the 1st Battalion from 1960-62. During this time he represented the Battalion at boxing, as a light welter weight. Recently, with his wife, he ran a guest house in York.

Mr H. Sykes

Harry Sykes, who joined the 7th Battalion in 1910 as a boy, died on 19th October 1987, aged 92. He went to France with the 1/7th in 1915, but was sent home sick in 1916 with severe frost bite to his feet. He later joined the 3/7th and remained with it as a batman or mess waiter until the end of the War. After the War he served with the 7th Battalion until 1930. The funeral service, at Marsden Parish Church on 23rd October 1987, was attended by the Regimental Secretary and Mr Gordon Simpson, ex-West Riding Battalion DWR (TA).

Lieutenant Colonel A. W. Woods

Will Woods died on 11th October 1987, aged 85. Commissioned into the Regiment from Sandhurst in 1921 he joined the 2nd Battalion in 1922, serving initially in the UK and then in Egypt and Singapore. He was ADC to the Governor of the Straits Settlements, Malaya, from 1926-1927. He was then appointed Adjutant of the Battalion and moved with it to India. From 1933 to 1938 he served with the 1st Battalion in the UK and Malta before going to Italy on a language course in 1938. Later the same year he became Adjutant to 4 DWR (TA). In 1941 he was appointed 2 i/c of 17th Royal Fusiliers after which he held a number of appointments in the UK before becoming 2 i/c of 9th Dorsets in 1942. On promotion to Lieut Colonel in 1944 he commanded 10 DWR until 1946, when he was appointed to command 4 ITC.

He retired from the army in 1948 and went to live in Lytham St Annes where he became a prominent and much respected member of the local community. Sadly his wife, Vera, died some six weeks before his own death. His brother, Pat, who also served in the Regiment, died in 1984.

The funeral service was held at Lytham St Annes on 17th October 1987. The Regiment was represented by Major C. D. Miller.

Mrs L. Trench

Mrs Lucy Trench, the widow of the late Lt Col M. V. le P. Trench, died on 30th October 1987 at the age of 98. Her son-in-law, Lt Col Richard McNair writes: "For many years Mrs Trench had assisted her husband when he was editor of the *"Iron Duke"*. She was an avid reader of the Regimental magazine until her last days."

Mr P. W. Coward

Philip Coward, who has been the Secretary of the Huddersfield Branch of the Regimental Association for some years, died in hospital in Huddersfield on Monday 19th October 1987. Having originally enlisted into 5 DWR (TA) he went to France in 1940 with 2/7th DWR and was evacuated with them through St Valery. Later in the war he transferred to the Reconnaissance Corps (RAC) serving in North

Africa where he became a POW in March 1945. After the War he re-enlisted into the TA and served with the RAC until final release in May 1955.

A staunch member of the Huddersfield Branch of the Regimental Association he has been involved in the organisation of many of their activities and will be sorely missed.

The funeral service was attended by the Regimental Secretary, Mr Jack Russell and representatives of the Huddersfield Branch.

Mrs P Rowlands

Mrs Pat Rowlands, wife of the late Captain Harold Rowlands died in Halifax on 24th October 1987 aged 74. The Regiment was represented at the funeral service by Mr Jack Russell and Mrs Joan Fish from RHQ.

Lieutenant Colonel T. D. Tetlow

Desmond Tetlow died on 20th November aged 53, following a heart attack. After National Service with the Royal Dragoon Guards, Desmond served with a number of RAC TA units in the south of England before joining the West Riding Territorials (DWR) in 1967. He commanded C (DWR) Company 1st Battalion Yorkshire Volunteers from 1969 to 1975, was appointed 2 i/c 1st Yorks in 1975 and in 1978 became CO designate of 3rd Battalion Yorkshire Volunteers. However for medical reasons he was unable to assume command. He was promoted brevet Lieutenant Colonel and subsequently held T.A. staff appointments at HQ UKLF and HQ 15 Brigade until transferring to R.A.R.O. in 1985.

Desmond was a qualified barrister and was Coroner for York for many years prior to his death. In recent years he was a member of the York Minster, Regimental Chapel Committee.

The funeral took place at York on 27th November and was attended by many of his service friends. The Regiment was represented by Brigadier W. R. Mundell, Colonel C. R. Cumberlege, Lieut Colonel W. Robins and Major K. M. McDonald.

Sergeant Robert Ingram

Bob Ingram died in the Queen Elizabeth Military Hospital, Woolwich, on 11th November 1987 aged 42 after a short illness. He was married with two children.

Following his enlistment in 1962 Sergeant Ingram served with the 1st Battalion until 1969 when he returned to civilian life for five years before re-enlisting and rejoining the Battalion in 1974. He was promoted Corporal in 1978 and Sergeant in 1986, holding among other appointments that of Medical NCO. He served with the Battalion in BAOR, Hong Kong, Cyprus, Northern Ireland and Belize, and from 1985 to early 1987 he was on the staff of ACIO Sheffield. After his return to the Battalion he was employed on the staff of the Unit Families Officer.

Bob Ingram was a loyal, helpful and very popular member of the Battalion and a keen supporter of all Regimental activities and sports, who will be greatly missed by his many friends and colleagues.

The funeral which took place at St. John's Church, Cudworth near Barnsley on 18th November 1987 was well attended by friends from within the Regiment and from other Regiments, Corps and Services. A bearer party was provided from among the members of the Regiment serving at Depot, The King's Division under WO2 (RQMS) Coates.

NOTICES

Army Birdwatching Society

The Army Birdwatching Society wishes to collect records of observation of birds in the Falkland Islands (including S. Georgia) and the sea around them for a future publication. Particularly required are records from the period 1982-1987.

It is probable that there are a number of military ornithologists with notes made during their time of duty who are unaware of the ABWS interest, or too modest to submit their records. But, every piece of the jigsaw has value, and can contribute to the picture.

So please send in your records, and/or the names of others you know who watched birds there. It is asked only that you should be self-critical, and say if you are uncertain about an observation or identification.

Please send your information to:
 Lt Col (Ret'd) W. STANFORD
 Editor, ABWS Journal
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 Camberley GU15 4PQ

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A history of the Duke of York's Royal Military School has been recently written by an old boy of the school. Copies of this book are obtainable from:

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