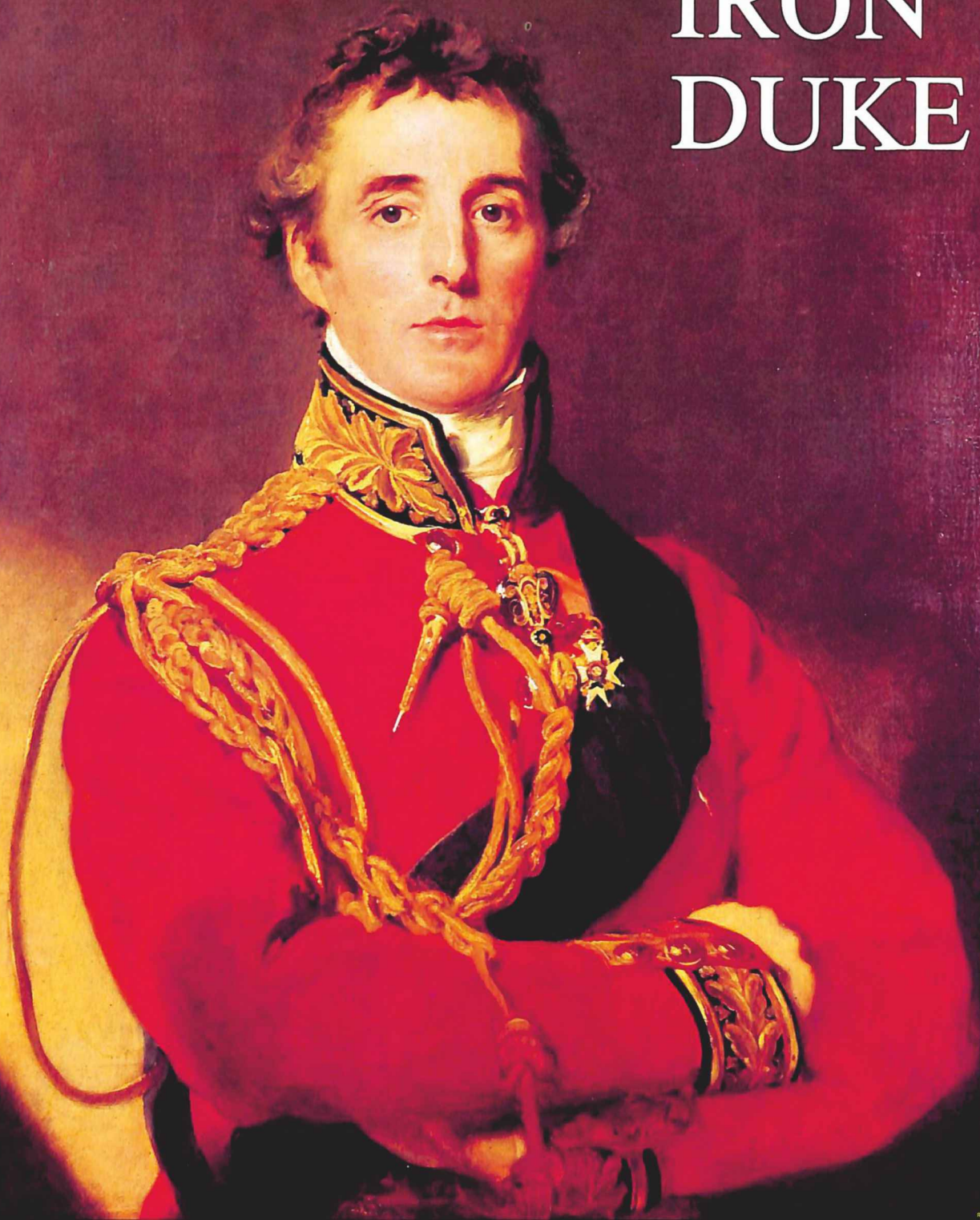


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*1st Battalion seven-a-side Rugby Team: 1988
Winners of the Army rugby seven-a-side Cup.*

Regimental Headquarters

Regimental Notes

COLONEL COMMANDANT, KING'S DIVISION

The Colonel of the Regiment relinquished the appointment of Colonel Commandant of the King's Division on 1st July 1988. The new Colonel Commandant is Major General E.H.A. Beckett CB MBE, late PWO.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

Lieut. Colonel J. M. Thorne was awarded the OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

APPOINTMENTS

Brigadier W. R. Mundell OBE assumed the appointment of Brig. Inf. BAOR in April 1988.

Lieut. Colonel P. J. Gardner assumed the appointment of SO1 G3 (OR) HQ BAOR in July 1988.

Lieut. Colonel T. J. Isles assumed command of 4th Battalion Yorkshire Volunteers in July 1988.

YORKSHIRE TOUR OF THE REGIMENTAL BAND.

The Regimental Band under Bandmaster C. North, supported by the Corps of Drums under Drum Major C. D. Naylor, carried out a very successful tour of Yorkshire during June 1988. Engagements included two concerts in Keighley, one in support of the National Lions entertainment of old people and the other in support of the Army Benevolent Fund, three performances with the Halifax Light Operatic Society, a concert in the Piece Hall, Halifax and a concert with the Huddersfield Youth Band in aid of two local charities.

The performances, which attracted many favourable comments, were a credit both to the Band and to the Regiment.

DWR ARMY CADET FORCES DETACHMENTS

DWR Army ACF detachments, located in most of the main towns of the West Riding, play a very worthwhile role in the training of young people besides being a valued source of potential recruits for the Regiment.

Some detachments, particularly those in the Huddersfield area, are often short of officers and adult instructors. Any ex member of the Regiment who is prepared to assist, or would like further information, should contact the Regimental Secretary or Major A. Kemp, Huddersfield Area HQ, TA Centre, St Paul's Street, Huddersfield (Tel. 0484 514147)

RECRUITING FOR THE REGIMENT

The Regiment encourages the recruitment of soldiers from the West Riding or elsewhere and especially those with family links. The Regiment is particularly interested in recruiting good quality young men, from the age of 16 onwards, for places as junior leaders or junior soldiers at the Junior Infantry Battalion (Scottish and King's Division) at Ouston, near Newcastle. Any family or individual requiring further information should contact RHQ or the local Recruiting Office.

SWORD OF BRIGADIER J. E. COLLINGS CB

A sword, once the property of Brigadier Collings, who commanded the 33rd from 1857 to 1868, is missing from the Regimental Museum. It has a brass scabbard with the VR cypher. The blade has a crest of a Moor's head with a bugle around his neck. Also engraved on it are 'Crimea', 'Alma', 'Balaklava', 'Inkermann' and 'Sebastapol'. It is thought the sword may have been loaned to the Officers' Mess of the 1st Battalion. However, it is not among Mess property. Anyone with knowledge of the sword or its present location is requested to contact RHQ.

THE REGIMENTAL COUNCIL

The Regimental Council met at Apsley House on 23rd June 1988. Present were: General Sir Charles Huxtable KCB, CBE, Colonel of the Regiment; Brigadier J. B. K. Greenway CBE; Brigadier W. R. Mundell OBE; Colonel C. R. Cumberlege; Lieut. Colonel W. Robins OBE; Lieut. Colonel A. D. Roberts MBE; Major K. M. McDonald TD, JP and Major A. C. S. Savory MBE. Major C. D. Miller was in attendance.

The Colonel in Chief and Major General D. E. Isles CB, OBE, were unable to be present.

The following matters were discussed:

Recruitment

The Colonel of the Regiment informed the Council

that, due in part to the lengthening of the Sandhurst course, only two officers had joined the Regiment in the past year. However, there was a good roll of candidates, both in numbers and quality. Included among them were seven sons of members of the Regiment. Nationally soldier recruitment was going through a difficult period due to demographic changes in the population. The King's Division was less affected than others and the 1st Battalion was well up to strength.

Officers' Dinner Club 1989

It was agreed that the dinner would take place at Ternhill in June 1989 on a date to be arranged in conjunction with CO. 1 DWR.

York Minster Service 1988

The Service would be held in the Lady Chapel, York Minster, on 5th November 1988.

The 'Iron Duke'

The accounts of the 'Iron Duke' were reviewed and it was noted that due to the efforts of Major Miller, the Business Manager, the income of the account had been increased and as a result a small excess of income over expenditure was forecast for the year ending 31st March 1989.

Regimental History

The Colonel of the Regiment had appointed a small sub-committee of the Council to oversee the production of the history. The members are: Major General Isles (Chairman), Lieut. Colonel Robins and Major Savory. In the absence of Major General Isles, Major Savory gave a review of the progress since the last Council meeting.

Regimental Silver

It was agreed that the Regiment should endeavour to add to its silver collection from time to time. Following a full discussion it was decided to purchase a small model of a AFV 432 and a figure of a soldier in the uniform of World War II. The cost of these two purchases would come to approximately £3300, which would be met from the Officers Days Pay subscription account and Officers' Mess funds.

Regimental Chapel, York Minster

A coloured reproduction of a design for a new frontal for the altar in the Regimental Chapel was presented for inspection and approval. The design was agreed subject to minor alterations. Half the cost of the frontal, up to a maximum of £1500, will be paid for by the Regiment. The balance will come from the funds of York Minster.

Yorkshire Affairs Committee

Colonel Cumberlege, Chairman of the Yorkshire Affairs Committee, gave a review of the aims and activities of the Committee. The principal aim was to enhance the Regiment's profile in its main areas of recruitment. In this connection the Committee was strongly of the opinion that the location of RHQ to a more central site in Halifax would be highly beneficial. This was supported by members of the Council and it was agreed in principle that RHQ should be relocated and that the means of bringing it about should be examined in detail.

Regimental Christmas Cards 1988

Three designs were tabled - two in colour and the other a plain card with the Regimental badges on the front. It was agreed that a quantity of each design should be produced and the cost, approximately £2000, should be underwritten by the Regimental Association Fund.

REGIMENTAL MUSEUM

MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES

A meeting of the Trustees of the Regimental Museum took place at Regimental Headquarters on 12th April 1988. Present were: Brigadier D. W. Shuttleworth (Chairman), Colonel C. R. Cumberlege, Lieut. Colonel W. Robins, Lieut. Colonel J. R. A. Ward and Major K. M. McDonald. Dr M. Blanch, Director of Leisure Services, Metropolitan Borough of Calderdale, Mr N. Herring Senior Keeper Bankfield Museum, Mr K. A. Mathews Assistant Keeper (Military) Bankfield Museum and Major C. D. Miller were in attendance. The Colonel of the Regiment and Major A. C. S. Savory were unable to be present.

The VC Display

A report on the security of the high value medals was considered and followed by a full discussion on the security arrangements in operation at the Bankfield Museum. At the conclusion of the discussion the Trustees were of the opinion that the VCs should be put on display and that a recommendation to that effect should be made to the Colonel of the Regiment.

New Trust Deed

Following advice received from the Regimental Solicitor it was decided to adopt the form of Deed recommended by the Army Museums Ogilby Trust. In the light of the content of the Deed it would be necessary to draw up a new Loan Agreement with the

Metropolitan Borough of Calderdale and Dr Blanch undertook to prepare an initial draft for consideration by the Trustees.

Museum Brochure

Mr Mathews reported that no progress had been made since the last meeting, but the Regimental Short History was selling well. However, it was agreed that a separate Museum brochure was desirable and that costings for the production of a brochure should be obtained.

Accession Register

Lieut. Colonel Robins reported that RHQ now had a computer print out of the Accession Register from 1963 to 1987. The Register prior to 1963 will be transferred to the computer shortly.

Regimental Archives

A proposal that the Regimental Archives should in future be considered as part of the Regimental Museum collection, and therefore part of the responsibility of the Trustees, was agreed. It was also agreed that a policy should be established to clarify what category of documents should be held at RHQ and what should be held in Bankfield Museum.

Review of Funds

The Regimental Secretary reported that the Museum Funds had a cash balance of £270 and £1750 in investments.

Dr Michael Blanch, Director of Leisure Services of Calderdale Borough Council, leaves Halifax in September to take up a similar position in Shropshire. Mike Blanch has been a good friend and a valued professional adviser to the Trustees of the Regimental Museum. His experience with the National Army Museum, coupled with his drive and imagination, proved to be invaluable when the Regiment was involved in refurbishing the Regimental Museum during 1985/86.

Mr Keith Mathews, the Military Keeper at Bankfield Museum, is also leaving for another appointment. His work, especially on the updating of the Accession Register, has been of particular help to the Regiment.

ACQUISITIONS

Recent acquisitions include:-

- From Mrs. A. Stead (now deceased); the medals and badges of her late husband CSM E. (Jackie) Stead DCM MM.

- From Mr. and Mrs. J. Lupton; a World War I soldier's tunic.

- From Mr. Bill Stevenson ex 1/7th DWR; a 7.62 mm FN Automatic revolver removed from a senior German officer captured in Holland by 1/7th DWR.

- From Mrs. G. Taylor; the medals and a collection of letters, documents and photographs of Pte. R. W. Siddall 2/5th DWR and 2Lt. D. H. Siddall Machine Gun Corps. The brothers were killed within three days of each other in April 1918.

- From Colonel P. A. Mitchell; archive material and reports on 1 DWR tour of Northern Ireland 1973-74.

- From Mr. D. Munro; documents relating to the services of his father Pte. J. Munro 5th DWR 1916-19.

- From Mr. W. Sharpe; 8th Army and divisional shoulder slides plus a collection of Army Orders, special messages, documents and publication 1943-45.

- From Mr. J. B. Jessop; the wartime diaries of Corporal G. A. Bailey 1/4th DWR 1916-18.

1st Battalion

COMMANDING OFFICER'S INTRODUCTION

In the period between November 1987 and April 1988 - leaving aside our routine No. 1 Company deployment - we responded to emergency unplanned call outs on 45 occasions. Burma and Somme Companies' nights out of bed figures averaged 70%. Out of 37 planned training days Burma achieved only 7, and Hook Company manned the guard day and night 41% of the time. The horrific events surrounding the shooting and subsequent burial of the GIB 3 have been relayed graphically. Dukes' companies have been in the thick of these events in Belfast and Newry throughout. We have now been involved in 25 major incidents - mortaring, command wire bombing, shooting and attack by improvised grenades. Out of the other five resident battalions only the Green Howards in Londonderry have experienced similar levels of activity. We are thankful for the lack of serious casualties and have achieved some successes, in particular the finds by alert soldiers of three command wires with bombs attached, the clearance of many devices, including a 1200lb bomb on the border, and tens of weapons recovered.

But I can still report that the Battalion has not tired of the pressures, and has seemingly responded to the challenges. Of course there have been the occasional lapses - the much publicized 'seeing off' of Senator Kennedy, for example - but there are 268 families still

here and our retention of soldiers is the best for the King's Division. As part of the reshuffle caused by the formation of 3 Brigade our No. 1 Company deployment is temporarily in Armagh City before moving to SW Belfast by 1 September. We look forward to that exciting new task in the area where we believe we should have been deployed from the start of our tour but which political pressures would not allow.

The other reason for which we should thank 3 Brigade is for allowing the No. 1 Company to stage through Palace Barracks over the Waterloo Weekend. It was the closest we are likely to come on the tour towards having all the Battalion in the barracks at one time and it was a splendid occasion. Last year I extended an invitation to the OCA to visit. I am delighted that 21 took me up, thus adding spice to the Open Day and the memorable social functions in the Officers', Sergeants' and Corporals' Messes as well as an extra special Disco for the single soldiers. Inevitably the fatigue bill was large (one soldier was overheard saying "I wish we had come second at Waterloo!) but it was certainly worth the effort. We were blessed with good weather and no surprise deployments on the day. We intend to mount something similar in Tern Hill next year when perhaps many more Old Comrades will be able to attend.

ALMA COMPANY

Newry Operations By Lieut. J. Adams

Regardless of which part of the TAOR you work in you will always find HILLS. If there is an incident you are normally at the bottom and the incident at the top.

You have no option but to run at the speed of a thousand gazelles to sort it out. In the normal course of a trip to Newry this may happen once or twice, for our part it seemed a never ending occurrence.

While we were in Newry, the Gibraltar Three funeral procession came through. These were hectic 72 hours. There were blast bombs in carpet factories, hijacked vehicles in car parks, hoax bomb calls and proxy bombs.

Once the Gibraltar shootings had taken place there seemed to be an immediate backlash in the Catholic estates of the Derrybegs, North Street flats, and Barcrofts. Cars were hijacked and petrol bombed and all arterial routes into Newry were blocked. Newry was taking on the appearance of a small Beirut.

The RUC policy was to leave the vehicles in situ, a sensible policy, "let them.....on their own doorsteps". This led to further frustrations in the local population. They started petrol bombing moving lorries and vans, and succeeded in severely injuring a Telecom engineer who careered into a telegraph pole after being hit.

We were forever finding replica weapons, balaclavas and primed petrol bombs, but this did not curtail the mood of some of the more ardent locals. We did catch 4 of these so-called hijackers red-handed.

In the rural areas we uncovered the largest landmine ever to be found in the province, 1600 lbs of HME. Having dealt with this, Downshire Road was the target of a hoax proxy bomb. The double-hatted HQ raced back to deal with this as well.

Life was not always hectic and towards the end of the tour Newry town multiples managed to have small barbecues to which the RUC were invited.

Armagh City; sleepy hollow with a difference By 2nd Lieut. G. F. Peart

Deployment to Armagh City was for many a new experience. Previously only rumours had reached the

lines, now the mere mention of Drumbreda and Drummarg, or Mullacrieve and the Daltons causes even the most hardened veteran to be consumed with trepidation. The western estates and the Mall are places never mentioned in Alma Company. Talk of Armagh City creates havoc, as men dive under their beds and hard-target to the cookhouse. The fear is real, but it's not the fear of terrorism; it's the fear of the prospect of the boredom of patrolling Armagh City!

Possibly the most ominous sight in this apparently sleepy town is the two cathedrals, one Catholic, one Protestant, squaring up to each other over the rooftops as if preparing for battle. Some of the people go out of their way to be friendly. On our first day, keyed up and alert, we saw a man running across the street towards us. We braced ourselves for the inevitable verbal onslaught, typical of Belfast. Instead we heard him say: "Hello lads, it's nice to see the Dukes' back in town. I was in the Dukes 1953-56!"

Our main problem in Armagh City was the maintenance of concentration and alertness especially when cups of tea were proffered at every street corner. It was difficult not to think that more incidents would have taken place patrolling Bradford's O.A.P. Home on a Friday night.

Nevertheless beneath this sleepy exterior run the perennial undercurrents or terrorism. Undercurrents which could, and will, emerge with devastating reality. It was with this threat in mind that our job was carried out both professionally and effectively.

BURMA COMPANY

Corry's Wood Yard By Lieut. B. Preston

In February Burma was given the task to provide a multiple to protect Corry's Woodyard, just outside the Ballymurphy Estate in West Belfast. Sgt. Chapman and his multiple were deployed first and it quickly became clear that this task was to be no cushy number. Initially the problem was to keep petrol bombers and rioters out, but shortly after lunchtime the situation took a turn for the worse as one team (4 men) was engaged with high velocity fire.

During the engagement confusion reigned with LCpl. Mills shouting at anybody who was within 5 metres of him to find out what was going on. One small part of the episode went as follows (White was the only member of the team not accounted for.)

"Chalky - where are you?"

"Down here". White lay on the ground beneath a pile of wood chippings.

"What are you doing down there?"

"Staying here until I know that * * * * * has stopped shooting!" It became clear at this point that the wood chips covering White were from the high velocity rounds which had struck the wood pile directly above him.

Shortly after this, LCpl. Mills had a heated discussion with an RUC constable who claimed the bangs were a nail gun on a building site nearby. The

dispute was short and acrimonious ending with LCpl. Mills suggesting that it was the only nail gun he had ever heard of throwing nails over 300m at high velocity.

The aggro continued and at about 2100 hours Lt. Preston and his multiple came forward for a relief in place. 5 Platoon left with Chalky White, whose facial colour still closely resembled his name.

The handover had been made difficult by darkness, the noise of manoeuvring vehicles, the petrol bombs and the requirement to fire baton rounds. However, it was not long before the new multiple had settled in.

The area became ominously quiet and heart beats slowed. Suddenly, five sharp cracks were heard from the area in which Cpl. Innes and his team had been positioned. 5 Platoon had also been shot at.

"Contact Wait Out" was heard on the radio and people began to react. Having established that there were no casualties except nerves, it was apparent that a water pipe had been hit. The multiple commander's team and a security guard entered the shed to assess the damage. Six more shots hit the shed at this point. An enormous cloud of dust and splinters was then kicked up and people set off for cover at a speed which would have done credit to many athletes.

The team of RUC chose at this moment to explain: "This is now an Army problem".



Corry's Wood Yard.

It was incredibly frustrating not to be able to return fire. The gunmen knew we were in there and were firing into the yard at random. It was abundantly clear that they were "out there", but we could not see exactly where and were in no position to fire at random into the likely cover in a civilian estate to flush them out.

We held our position throughout the night, in the drizzle, hoping that the unknown gunman would show himself and give us a chance to return fire. Perhaps predictably he refused to oblige. We left early next morning returning to Palace Barracks. Only five miles in distance, yet in some respects a world away.

The CLFs Battle Match

Simulating a Northern Ireland contact is difficult, but the Commander Land Forces (CLF) Battle match was designed to do just that. Competition shooting does have its limitations, but this shoot tested both team organisation and the individuals ability to concentrate when tired and under adverse conditions.

Each team for the competition consisted of two fire teams (eight men) dressed in helmets, Improved Northern Ireland Body Armour (INIBA) and

equipped with SA80. The competition started with a 100m dash to the 500m point to get heart and lungs pumping.

Any terrorist is a fleeting target so the next part of the competition was continuous, leaving little time for thought or error. A target appeared and one fire team dashed forward 100 metres to engage it. As it fell so another target came up for the other fire team to dash forward and engage. This happened four times until the whole team was 100 metres from the target.

Now the real test started. Imagine a crowded street, a gunman firing and vanishing into the crowd, the soldier now has to return fire, and hit the gunman, but without hitting the civilians. To simulate this the target moves in amongst other targets designated as civilians. Hits on the gunmen target score, hits on the civilian attract a penalty. The soldier has but a split second to make the decision to fire as targets move from using one civilian as cover to the next.

The fireteams commanded by Cpl. Dean and Cpl. Mitchell from 5 Platoon came second in the competition. Their success must be attributed to good preparation, a thorough understanding of the shoot and continuous concentration. The competition gave a fair simulation of the real situation.

CORUNNA COMPANY

Corunna Company's final tour of South Armagh was spent under command 40 CDO Royal Marines. It took a while for us to understand their peculiar combination of military and naval slang, but once we swapped dictionaries of "Marine speak" and "Duke speak" we got along far better. All we really wanted to know was where the galley, the heads and our cabins were.

For this deployment Milan Platoon was temporarily attached to Corunna Company whilst 9 Platoon was detached to Somme Company. Highlights of the tour were the find of a recently used purpose built hide during a search of the Western estates, a multiple Improvised Anti-Armour Grenade (IAAG) attack against the RUC (outlined later) and several useful arrests of local "hoods". The RUC provided some light relief when an off duty sergeant fleetingly spotted a masked terrorist brandishing an AK47 Assault Rifle skulking around the back gardens in lower Derrybegs. Having flooded the area with troops we discovered that this "terrorist" was armed with nothing more sinister than a Black and Decker hedge trimmer. The RUC had no further comment on the incident!!!

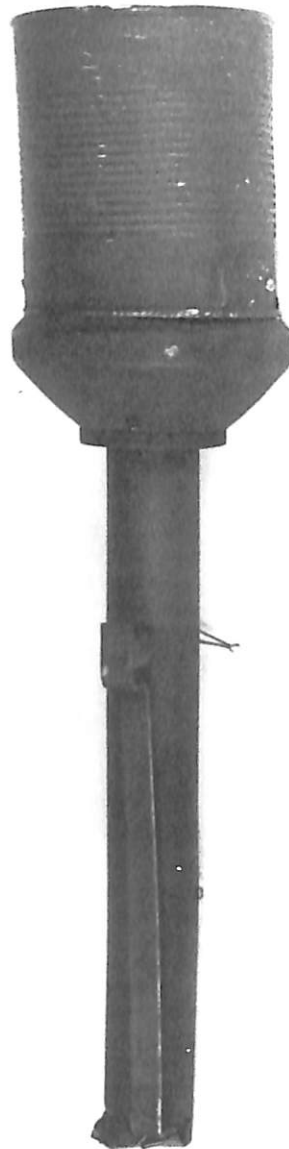
Leave has fallen well for us this year with two weeks in both March and May. We came back from deployment in support of 2 Queens in North Belfast covering a large Protestant march into Republican strongholds. Immediately after this we did an uneventful two week stint in Armagh City attached to 2 UDR.

The Improvised Anti-Armour Grenade

Have you heard the one about the exploding baked bean tin? In the age of complicated weapon systems, guided missiles and Star Wars the Dukes' have an enemy whose preferred weapon is the High Explosive catering sized baked bean tin. The delivery system for this high tech weapon is a strong arm and a broom handle. Nick-named the "Drogue" the device consists of high explosive and a copper cone packed into a can to form a shaped charge. It is thrown or lobbed against the side of the vehicle where it should explode, pierce a hole in the armour and send a bolt of molten metal through to the interior.

Corunna Company has been involved in two incidents in Newry where Drogues have been used. The first occurred in November of last year when an elaborate IED was discovered directly outside the Cathedral in the town centre. The device consisted of two Drogues and shipyard confetti (nuts, bolts, ball bearings etc.) to be initiated on pull when a target passed by. Fortunately it was discovered before being completely set up. On a frosty night Corunna Company provided a six hour cordon while ATO dealt with the Drogue.

Corunna returned to Newry in April and the major incident involved Drogues. On 7 April at 2149 hours a group of terrorists waited on the Armagh Road for the regular RUC Hotspur vehicle to approach the town centre. When it came within a few metres the terrorists threw three Drogues javelin style. Two of them exploded near the gutter whilst another failed to go off and was crushed by the vehicle. The attackers left one behind as they escaped into the nearby estate, stunned by the ferocity of the explosions. Fortunately no one



An improvised anti-armour grenade or 'Drogue' bomb.

was injured. Corunna Company again provided the cordon for the subsequent clearance operation. For the rest of the tour we searched high and low for the possible attackers - a gang of seven foot tall, deaf, retarded zulus. We didn't find any!!!

Flying

On a four week tour in South Armagh the average time spent in a helicopter by a private soldier is 10 hours. All this time spent and yet barely a moment's thought as to how the "old bird" gets off the ground.

Well in fact there is more to the Corunna Air Wing than people realise. In November ten members of the company embarked upon a gliding course at Bicester for five days. At the end of the course there were ten glider pilots who had thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and received wings (from Corunna Company) for their efforts in the air.

A parachuting course at Ballykelly was heavily subscribed but a last minute deployment prevented Corunna from attending. Nevertheless we will try again this summer. The U18 contingent (two from Corunna) tried throwing themselves out of an aeroplane on a week long course at Londonderry. Unfortunately after five days ground training and theory, the weather was not good enough for them to jump. There are still several other members of the

company who have performed free fall jumps.

Gliding and parachuting is all very well, but you still have to rely on someone else to get you to your destination, whether it be 3000 feet for a static line jump, or 2000 feet for a quiet descending spiral on the thermals. This stimulated the wish to learn how to fly fixed powered aircraft.

Major Borwell and 2Lt. Wheatley delved into the theories of aerodynamics, aviation law, meteorology (and also into their pockets) to find that this flying lark was not quite as easy as the brill cream boys made it look.

For all this enthusiasm to get off the ground whether in Wessex, Lynx, glider, light aircraft or under a parachute, most agree that the best form of flying is an Air UK flight back to Leeds/Bradford.

SOMME COMPANY

Gibraltar 3 Funerals

The one thing you can say about Northern Ireland, without fear of contradiction, is that there is never a dull moment. This was highlighted during March when, having completed an extended tour on the border, we had just enough time to pat the children on the head and kiss the wife, before being deployed again, this time to West Belfast.

The company was split between two locations - Musgrave Park Hospital and Woodburn RUC Station. Our task was to take over the Royal Scots duties while the Gibraltar 3 bodies were returned to Belfast. The Scots were moved elsewhere. It soon proved to be a very busy, and taxing nine days. The patrols were always eventful, with the usual 'helpful' comments and actions you expect from the inhabitants of West Belfast. There were however several notable incidents which occurred during our short tour. Cpl. Antcliffes' team, while patrolling the Glen Road, was unlucky enough to fall foul of a command anti-personnel device, and he himself was injured, but we are delighted to report that he has now made an excellent recovery.

That setback was soon compensated for by the location of a 100 lbs Command Wire device by the side of Stewarts Town Road. Vigilant patrolling by 12 Platoon and sharp work on the part of Pte. Brooks meant that the device was located by a routine patrol and certainly saved someone from a very nasty shock. 24 hours later the bomb was defused.

One of our main tasks during our stay in Woodburn was to provide protection round Mairead Farrell's house on the return of her body from Gibraltar. This took slightly longer than expected (approx. 11 hours longer), with delays en route from Dublin. This proved to be one of the most tedious tasks the company has been allocated, and the soldiers showed their professionalism by maintaining a high standard of awareness throughout the 15 hours, and the bodies arrived without incident.

The company also had the dubious honour of providing a cordon whilst ATO dealt with two Mk 10 mortars found in a white van only approx. 50 metres from the RUC Station. By the time this incident had been cleared we found ourselves physically and mentally shattered and were ready to return to Palace Barracks and a well earned rest. However, with the escalation of violence after the Gibraltar 3 funerals we found our stay lengthened day after day, and it took a great deal of effort from everybody to keep up the high standards of patrolling and all round soldiering. When the Company did get the order to return to Holywood it came as a great relief.

This deployment was probably the most taxing and demanding one of Somme Company's "allocation", so far! At the time it seemed to last nine months rather than nine days. However, looking back on it now it also proved to be the most rewarding. It showed that if put under a great deal of pressure Somme Company has the resources and ability to succeed.

HOOK COMPANY

Medical Centre

The workload in the Medical Centre varies throughout the year. We are now half way through our busy period with first aid lessons, team medic cadres, deployments and, of course, large sick parades.

Contrary to belief, the Medical Centre does not operate entirely for the benefit of the Battalion. We look after RCT, RAOC, UDR, ACIO, TA, RPC and the Navy plus other small units. It is open 24 hours a day all year round, and if it was not for the words "Medical in Confidence" I could tell some really

embarrassing tales! We see all sorts of things: from a member of the guard waking up the Duty Medic at 0030 hours, complaining of a headache, to pregnant women. They are not the problem! It's the flapping husbands who get in the way. But the worst one is the drunken soldier who's been to the toilet and got his thing stuck in his zip, which tends to put tears in his eyes when you sort him out, that's if you can.

During the less active periods we have managed to send most of the staff away on courses. Within the Battalion, first aid is probably at its best for many

years, with each company providing more periods for first aid training. The new ATD 5 first aid package is causing slight confusion but in time this will be overcome.

Intelligence Platoon

After nearly 14 months of operating a Company Int Cell both in Newry and Bessbrook Mill, we finally find ourselves back in Palace Barracks for a short spell prior to our next major move, into West Belfast. Life will seem very strange for a while but the change of role will add a new dimension to the job. No matter how unpleasant Bessbrook Mill could be at times, after working in the area for so long you couldn't help

but get used to the place. What happy memories! - just like the day we were mortared along with the rest of Corunna Coy. Cpl. Hudson demonstrated for the first time in natural speed and agility by beating Pte. Shaw to the nearest piece of cover! You have to put it all down to experience and if nothing else the bank balance is a good deal healthier, for not being so readily accessible.

As a whole the Int Platoon is coping well and has now been responsible for the setting up of three separate Int Cells since our arrival in the province. Each member has gained a good working knowledge of the terrorist and his ways of operating throughout much of the Brigades.



The Community Centre
A farewell party for Mrs. Helen Wroe, Headmistress of the Kindergarten which she helped to establish.

OFFICERS' MESS

On the 26th April we said farewell to Kate, our first female Assistant Adjutant. We presented her with a piece of Irish crystal and she in turn gave us something. The unkind comment was made that it was the best thing she had done in her time with us! It was a Wellington boot. Not a green welly or a glass drinking welly but the sort that you get from garden shops to plant flowers in. Even Keith Best could get his foot into it very comfortably. It is painted scarlet and is made of porcelain. I am not sure whose idea it was but I would guess it was Preston's, and in no time the boot was filled and the CO took the first sip. The welly passed round all those present and did very well for most of us. And so to the second occasion when a new Regimental tradition came into being. A Dinner Night on the 19 May brought a number of guests and in

particular three captains from HQ 39 Brigade. The new tradition, that of guests drinking from Kate's welly while the band played their own Regimental March was a great success. The three captains could later be seen taking the places of the new fireirons, although I'm sure they were not discussing staff duties.

Visitors have come and gone and so have some officers and their wives. It was particularly pleasant to see Colonel Walter Robins. One wonders when was the last time the Regimental Secretary visited the 1st Battalion in an operational theatre. Sadly, the Mayor and Mayoress of Kirklees were unable to visit us as the whole Battalion was deployed assisting the RUC with the burials of the Gibraltar 3.

WARRANT OFFICERS' AND SERGEANTS' MESS

Valentine's Night

Wine, dine and entertain everyone for £6 a head, and what a night we had. The Mess was decorated to the theme, with heart shaped helium filled balloons hanging from the ceiling everywhere and many wives and committee members cutting out orange and red paper hearts 24,000 in all.

The evening started with a five course meal. Every lady received a box of chocolates and a real rose at their seat and at the end of the meal they received a heart shaped casket containing petit fours with an appropriate message on the lid. Once the preparations for the evening were finished all the paper hearts were thrown in the air and stayed where they landed.

Afterwards we danced to a live group, laughed at an excellent comedian and even saw the dawn break through as we danced to the disco.

Easter Cafe Night

We completely covered the Mess in parachutes and white cam-nets and vases of tulips and daffodils. The Cookhouse blew out 500 eggs so the wives and committee could paint them and hang them on little trees in the centre of each table. Every lady received a Cadbury's easter egg and a little basket with easter chicks in it.

We had another delicious five course meal and excellent live entertainment with of course our four in the morning disco just to round off another excellent evening.

20's Night

At the 20's Night, we dressed to the theme. "What did they wear in those days?" everybody asked.

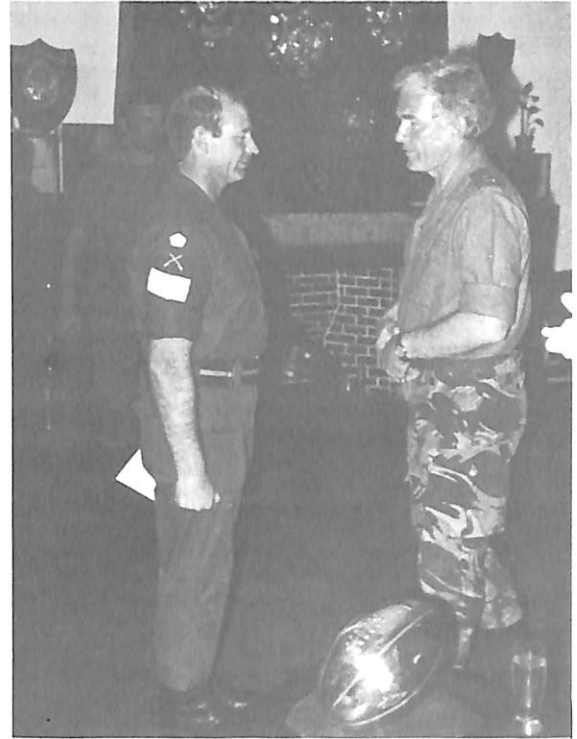
All the guests dressed up for this occasion and kind wives made decorations and portraits of gangsters and molls to help with the atmosphere. The evening was based around a set menu, but to start the night we had a cocktail bar run by Barney (CSgt. Barnes). The way he was shaking those cocktails you'd have thought he had a steel band accompanying him.

The live entertainment was a jazz band and female singer and I think the way most were tapping their feet it must have brought back many old memories.

The music and entertainment were excellent. People were still doing the Charleston at 3 a.m.

Regimental Dinner

On 13 May the Mess held a Regimental Dinner. The lads from the ACC did us proud. After dinner entertainments began with a comedian. We don't seem to have any luck in picking good comedians! After being only on 10 minutes he was led away by the PEC SQMS Wyatt who grabbed him by the hair. To his horror it came away - the poor man was bald! It got the best and only laugh from his act. There followed a Mess sing along where certain Mess members were trying to outdo old blue eyes Sinatra, that is everyone but Sgt. (Track Pad) Stead. It would be impossible to describe his voice, a cement mixer sounds better. All in all it was a great success.



C/Sgt A. Morton receives the Commanding Officer's Commendation from the CLF, Major General R. J. Hodges OBE. During a training exercise, C/Sgt Morton's prompt and brave actions prevented injury to another NCO involved in the exercise.

The Waterloo Cafe Night

Normally because of Staff commitments we don't have a function on Waterloo night. It's the Officers' Mess big ball of the year and we normally loan our staff to the officers for the weekend. However, this year the RSM decided, because of the OCA visit, that we could hold a special Cafe Night enabling us to host all the non-officers visiting Old Comrades in our Mess.

It was great to see so many old friends back with the Battalion once again. Geoff Hunter did his normal party piece and toured all of the Mess tables wearing only a Barbour jacket, green wellies, a flat hat, and sun glasses. Showing his fat hairy legs he claimed he was "the yuppie streaker".

Brian Stansfield presented the RSM with a beautiful print for the Mess on behalf of all the OCA visitors which was most appreciated.

The RSM left at 0530 hours apologising to the OCA still present and admitting defeat to the five who still remained. They finally gave in at 0800 but even then giving the excuse they had to leave to get changed for the Battalion church parade at 1000 hours. We enjoyed having them and I'm sure, judging by their letters since, they all enjoyed their night in the Mess.

SPORTS, GAMES AND RECREATION

Results 1987/1988

The Battalion won the following trophies in the season 1987/88:

Ruby

NI 15-a-side Championships 1988
NI 7-a-side Championships 1988
Army 7-a-side Championships 1988

Association Football

NI 6-a-side Plate Winners 1987-88
NI 6-a-side Winners 1987-88
NI League 1988

Athletics

NI Championships 1987
NI Championships 1988

Basketball

NI Team Championships 1988

Cross Country

NI League 1988
NI Team Championships 1988
NI Team Relay Championships 1988
NI Half Marathon 1988
3rd in Army Cross Country Championships 1988

Golf

AGA Championship 1988
Winner WO1 (RSM) T. Butterworth

Sailboard

NI Open Championships 1987
Winner Cpl. P. L. Evans

Swimming

NI Championships 1987

Many individuals have represented the Combined Services and Army in their respective sports:

Rugby

Combined Services Capt. C. A. Harvey
Army Capt. C. A. Harvey

Capt. J. C. Preston

Lt. S. D. Preston

Cpl. P. Draper

2 Lt. G. Knight

Lt. R. A. Preston

Lt. R. A. Preston

2 Lt. G. Knight

2 Lt. A. J. S. Wheatley

Pte. A. Simpson

Combined Service U21

Army U21

Cricket

Army Cpl. G. Summersgill

Army U25 2 Lt. A. J. S. Wheatley

Pte. Cross

Pte. Beetham

Cross Country

International Pte. Oxley

Army Junior Pte. Oxley

Pte. Towler

Swimming

Army 2 Lt. C. J. Willis WRAC



Commander Land Forces, Major General R. J. Hodges OBE, presenting Athletic colours to Private Oxley, Hook Company.

Rugby

After the disappointing first half of the season it ended on a high note by winning the Northern Ireland Championships against the Royal Welch Fusiliers and carrying off the Army Sevens Title in Aldershot for the second year running.

After easy victories in the preliminary rounds against 11 UDR (Ballymena) and 1 LI at Omagh, the Final of the Northern Ireland Cup was, as expected, against 1 RWF. As you can imagine the team did not need any incentive to prepare for a match that had to be won. The pack, realizing the value of the new scrum machine, put hours of work into their technique whilst the three-quarters worked on speed and skills training. The hard work paid off and through a great team effort, the forwards magnificent under the leadership of Capt. Chris Harvey, we won 20-3. Tries were scored by Capt. Andy McNeilis 2 and Cpl. Philip Jones 1. After a season of being taunted by the Welch this was just the tonic the team needed.

The 15-a-side out of the way it was now time to concentrate on the Army Sevens. Two build up Tournaments were entered, RAF Bishops Courts and the Northern Ireland Championships. Two teams entered in both competitions. The 1st VII won both, defeating the Welch easily in both finals 36-0 and 24-6. The second VII played well being defeated at the semi final stage on both occasions by the 1st VII.

So to Aldershot but not before ten days intense stamina and speed training taken by Cpl. Jones PTL.

The Preliminary rounds were slightly worrying; although the results were convincing in the end, the team was not playing up to its real ability.

The knockout section in the afternoon saw the team at its very best. The Quarter Final was against a young guest side from Loughborough College, result 36-0 to the Dukes. The boys were really keyed up for the big one against 7 RHA in the Semi Final. A powerful display of hard running and tackling put the match out of sight by half time resulting in the Gunners resorting to punching and kicking tactics throughout the second half, result Dukes 28-7 RHA Nil.

The other semi final was a hard fought affair between the Royal Regiment of Wales and the Welsh Guards, the Guards just winning by 12 points to 10. After watching the King's Division Depot win the plate competition with one or two Dukes in their squad, notably WO2 Willy Williams, the Dukes' took the field in the final and proved too powerful for the Welsh Guards coming home by 36 points to 6. The team was: Capt. Craig Preston, Capt. Andy McNeilis, Lt. Stuart Preston, Lt. Rob Preston, 2Lt. Adam Wheatley, CSgt. Wacker Walker (Capt.), Sgt. Taff Shaw (APTC), replacements Cpl. Philip Hawksworth and Pte. Owen Simpson.

Preparation for the 88/89 season will commence in August and you can all be assured the Dukes' are going for the CUP and, with a little luck, who knows..!

Cricket

The season has started with a flurry of outstanding victories with excellent batting and bowling performances. However, our slip catching leaves a lot to be desired. Notable performances with the bat are Lt. Adams' 102 not out against 11 UDR and the 169 run 6th wicket partnership between Lt. Adams and Lt. Preston against 1 Glosters.

Our bowlers too have produced some fine, accurate, performances. Cpl. Summersgill, who has played regularly for the Army and is now in the Combined Services Squad has taken 18 wickets in 44 overs and scored 225 runs. Cpl. Jones has taken 8 wickets in 22 overs, Pte. Robson 16 wickets in 11 overs and Capt. Preston 6 wickets in 11 overs. Behind the stumps Capt. Harvey is averaging 2 catches per match.

We are now into the Northern Ireland Semi Final of the Army Cup and the Final of the Northern Ireland element of the Infantry Cup. Both finals are likely to be on consecutive days against the old North Yorkshire enemy - 1 Green Howards.

Results to date**Army Cup (NI District)**

1st Rd. 1 DWR 163 runs
1 RWF 115 runs
Won by 48 runs

2nd Rd. 1 DWR 275 runs
1 Glosters 111 runs
Won by 164 runs

Infantry Cup (NI District)

1st Rd. 1 DWR 237 runs
11 UDR 81 runs
Won by 146 runs

2nd Rd. 3 Queens 133 All out
1 DWR 134 for 3
Won by 7 wickets

League (NI)

1 DWR 159 runs
Lisburn Garrison 44 runs
Won by 115 runs

11 UDR 73 runs
1 DWR 74 for 2
Won by 8 wickets

Football

In our last notes we were left battling away for the NI Cup for which 23 teams entered. We reached the final only to come up against our old enemies, 7/10 UDR. At the end of a disappointing first half we were trailing 4-0. Although we fought back in the second half, the final score was 5-3.

Next was the Six-a-Side Competition, held at Ballykinler, in which 43 teams took part. The 'B' team was knocked out of the morning league session, but the 'A' team won their league and progressed to the afternoon programme. After a long, hard day we won through to the final to play 1LI, who we beat 5-0, Pte. Steve Hancock receiving the man of the match award.

The eight who collected medals were: SSgt. McDuff (RAPC/Captain), Sgt. Stead, Cpl. Baseman, Ptes. Gill, Beetham, Reynolds, Hancock and Atherton. Pte. Max Atherton had an outstanding day.

The final competition was the Major Units League. At the beginning of the season our aim was to use the League as preparation for our cup matches, as many players would not be available due to operational, leave and course commitments. In the end we used 26 players. In the circumstances we had a very successful season, carrying off the League title by beating RAF Aldegrave on goal difference.

Exercise "Hopscotch"

On the 3rd June, the Commanding Officer and Colour Sergeant Walker of Corunna Company departed on Exercise "Hopscotch".

It was a ten day sailing expedition around the West coast of Scotland and the type of yacht we sailed was a Nicholson 55. The crew of twelve included Brigadier Bray, Commander The Ulster Defence Regiment, who took on the role of Mate. Lieutenant Colonel Roberts and C/Sgt. Walker were the two watch leaders and in addition we had two teams of four on board.

Apart from the Skipper and ourselves, the remainder of the crew were all from the Ulster Defence Regiment's various Battalions. At 1030 hours on the morning of the 3rd June the crew reported to 72 Squadron RAF at Aldergrove where we were flown to Craobh Haven by helicopter. The flight took just over an hour and that night was spent in the Scottish village, approximately forty miles north of Glasgow. It gave us a chance to get acquainted not only with the yacht but with those other crew members with whom we would be spending the next ten days.

On Day Two we set sail and headed up the coast to the north. The weather, despite being June was rather cold and rainy and remained so for three days. By Tuesday we had reached the Isle of Skye. En route we stopped in many of the scenic bays and most of us had taken at least one roll of film. Teams were beginning to get used to being on board and began working with each other.

On the following day, 8th June, we headed south again to Glasgow having completed the trip around Skye, a journey of about 200 miles! Our arrival date was Friday afternoon and this meant sailing continuously for two days. A routine was soon established of four hours on duty and four hours off. It did not take long for a little light rivalry to spring up between the two watches. Competition of sorts began as to who could sail the furthest in the four hour period, who could tack the fastest and who could make the best cup of tea!

At 2000 hours on Friday evening, we finally reached Glasgow with quite a few miles of ocean behind us. We embarked on the last part of the trip which was eventually to take us back to Belfast. The island of Bute was our first port of call and the customary crew dinner was taken in the town of Rothesay. The next morning on to Arran where we ventured ashore for a Barbecue at Lamlash Bay. The weather had by this stage of the journey improved considerably and we were able to dress in T-shirts and shorts. The leg home began on Tuesday 14th June and it was at this point that we had our first fishing success of the trip! We had trailed line for nearly 100 miles to no avail and yet just off Ailsa Craig (approximately 10 miles from Stranraer) we caught our first fish, albeit only two mackerel.

We arrived in Belfast at 2130 hours, Wednesday morning was spent cleaning and scrubbing the yacht and by 1030 we were ready to go our separate ways.
Colour Sergeant Walker

EXPEDITION "BEAUFORT'S DYKE"

A hit and run victim has spent a year waiting for the special care he so desperately needs and one weekend nine members of the 1st Battalion canoed 43 miles to help him to rebuild his shattered life.

The aim of Expedition "Beaufort's Dyke" was to canoe the great divide from Donaghadee, County Down to Portpatrick on the West Coast of Scotland and back to raise money for Private Chris Lloyd, severely injured in a hit and run accident in Gibraltar last year. Chris left the Battalion to settle on "the Rock" as a mechanic. Last July his whole world was shattered when he was found unconscious on the roadside, a tragic victim of a hit and run driver. After two weeks in a coma Chris came round but to the horror of both family and friends he was left with a mental age of five. He needs constant nursing care and only a specialised hospital can provide him with this. At £120 per day it is quite clear his family need financial assistance and so the Dukes' decided to plan the expedition and raise money for him.

Canoeing the rough Irish Sea requires a tremendous level of fitness and experience. Colour Sergeant John Cockshott, Colour Sergeant Brian Thomas and Corporal Tony Ward are trained canoe instructors and it was their task to lead and encourage the three other members of the team, Private Richard Gilliland, Lance Corporal Steven Struggles and Corporal Eric Innes, to battle their way across the seas and complete the 43 mile expedition. They trained hard for the challenge, something soldiers have little time to do here in the Province. Escorting the canoeists over the

sea from the Emerald Isle to Scotland and acting as safety boat was a 32 ft Yacht manned by Colour Sergeants "Baz" Walker and "Tommo" Thompson and Private Gordon Haley. They too had experience of the ocean but not only did they have to contend with the water, they also had to keep a watchful eye on the six canoeists in case of danger or difficulty. It can be quite hairy on this stretch known as Beaufort's Dyke as many ocean sailors have found out.

Setting out at 0600 hours from Palace Barracks complete with all the necessary kit and six kayaks, they embarked on what was to be one of the most challenging weekends of their lives. Only pure determination would get them across. The forecast was good and winds set to be fair, so with optimism they donned life jackets, splashdecks (and for Private Gilliland, the obligatory walkman!) and set off from the bay at Donaghadee. Sails hoisted and crew at the ready they yacht followed them, destination Scotland. The mists which lay on the horizon took a while to clear. Colour Sergeant Thomas explained:

"The worst part was that you couldn't see the shore and you had the feeling you were going to the end of the world! We followed the currents on the outward journey and completed the stretch in seven hours and thirty-two minutes. That was record time."

On arrival in Portpatrick they stayed overnight in a local pub and were greeted by a dram and a well earned meal. The first part of the journey was done but another twenty-one miles lay ahead of them. Next morning at 1030 hours they turned the canoes around



Expedition 'Beaufort Dyke'

Left to right: Sgt John Cockshott, C/Sgt Brian Thomas, L/Cpl Steven Struggles, Cpl Eric Innes, Pte Richard Gilliland and Cpl Tony Ward.

and pointed them in the direction of Irish shores. The return journey took them slightly longer again because of the currents. Tired but happy they drew up at Donaghadee. With forty-three miles and fifteen hours of canoeing behind them the expedition had proved to be a tremendous success.

It was thirty years ago that members of the 1st Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment covered the exact stretch of water, this time setting off from Orlock Point just a few miles up the coast. Twelve officers and men of the 1st Battalion took to their canoes, this time two men to a craft. Amongst them was Lieutenant M. R. N. Bray now Brigadier Bray, Commander The Ulster Defence Regiment. Their destination was the same and a fishing boat acted as the safety vessel. In those days uniform and berets were worn. Thirty years on not much has changed except perhaps the style of canoe. Today's

kayak is lightweight and made of the tough fibre-glass material which can withstand a lot of strain.

Commenting on the expedition Sergeant Cockshott said:

"The idea goes back a few years when we wanted to cross the stretch from Gibraltar to Morocco, however the weather always seemed to be against us. On our posting to Ulster the opportunity to cross the Irish Sea seemed the perfect alternative. The added bonus of raising money for Private Lloyd has made the trip well worth the effort..."

The target for funds for Private Lloyd is £1000 and the Battalion is well on its way to reaching this amount. On seeing that the Dukes had completed the expedition, one old lady in Brighton, where Chris was in hospital initially, sent £5. Let's hope that with the money raised Chris can lead what life he has left in a caring and professional environment.

VISIT BY MEMBERS OF THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION TO THE 1st BATTALION 17-19 JUNE 1988

Earlier this year the Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion very kindly invited members of the Regimental Association and their wives to visit the Battalion at Palace Barracks, Holywood. The weekend 17-19 June was suggested as it would coincide with Waterloo Day.

On Friday 17 June nineteen old comrades, a wife of a soldier and the parents of another assembled at Halifax for the outward journey, which was to be by coach to Liverpool, then by ferry to Belfast and finally by coach to Palace Barracks. In spite of the early 0730 hours start, no one was late and the party moved away

from Halifax on time. In fact the whole journey went very smoothly, the sea being calm, the boat not overcrowded and the weather very kind. On arrival at Belfast the party was met by Mr Adams and Miss Carol Hoile (WRAC), who were the conducting officers for the weekend, and taken to the Sports Club at Palace Barracks for a drink and sandwich supper. There, also, they were welcomed by the Commanding Officer who was followed by Major Charles Grieve, the 2i/c, who briefed the party on the programme for the weekend.

On the Saturday morning the party assembled at the cookhouse for a truly sumptuous breakfast, which the older members could hardly believe. There were faint mutterings of "not like this in my day", "a slice of bread, a pat of marg and jam if you were early", but all agreed that the tea tasted much the same and just as good. After breakfast everyone assembled in the UDR Hall for a briefing about the Battalion, which was introduced by the Commanding Officer. The Ops Officer, Captain Lewis, gave a very interesting and detailed talk on the Battalion's operational role and commitments and he was followed by the Adjutant, Captain Chris Harvey, who spoke about the social life of the families and single soldiers in Palace Barracks and Northern Ireland. Then it was aboard the coach for a trip around Belfast's outer ring road to see, at a distance, places hitherto known only as pictures on television screens. And so into Belfast city centre for an hour or so for shopping and sightseeing. The parting sight was that of the Reverend Ian Paisley

leading hymn singing outside Belfast's City Hall.

On arrival back at Palace Barracks the sportsfield had sprouted company tents around the perimeter and Bar BQ's were in full swing. At the initial briefing the previous evening the members of the party had been allocated to companies, which were now joined. In addition to company tents, other departments of the battalion had stands and displays including the Signals Platoon, PRI and Wives Club. Once again all members of the party were made most welcome. At about 1600 hours there was a demonstration of fire and movement of a section followed by a section attack. Once the fog of war had cleared, the Regimental Band and Corps of Drums marched on to beat "Retreat".

After a quick cup of tea and some sandwiches, most people retired for a short rest before the evening's entertainment which took place in the Officers' Mess and WOs and Sergeants Mess. In the Officers' Mess, a quite superb buffet dinner was followed by a brief but vivid re-enactment of the battle of Waterloo. There then followed dancing to the music of the Regimental Dance Band until breakfast was served at 0330 hours. With carriages at 0430 hours, it was a truly memorable occasion for which the officers in the party are most thankful to their hosts and all who assisted in making the evening (and morning) such a success.

In the WO's and Sergeants Mess, the hospitality was just as generous. The evening's entertainment was in the form of a cafe evening with a five course dinner, a cabaret and disco, which included a singer and



Visit of Old Comrades to the 1st Battalion, June 1988.

Mr. Sid Archer, Mr. Joe Perrin, Mr. Scott Flaving and Mr. David Bentley being entertained in the WOs and Sergeants Mess.

comedian. As with the Officers' Mess, weary revellers made their way to bed with sun well above the horizon.

Sunday breakfast was provided in the cookhouse at 0900 hours, but was only attended by the older members of the party. It was noticed that a former Commanding Officer of the West Riding Battalion, DWR (TA) attacked a couple of sausages with great relish. The Assistant Regimental Secretary could only face a cup of tea.

At 1100 hours there was a very well attended Battalion Church Service in the Garrison Church, which was conducted by the Reverend Colin Gibbs CF, the Battalion Padre. Following the Service the party were entertained by the Corporals Mess to drinks and an excellent curry lunch. After lunch there was to have been a coach trip to Bangor but a unanimous decision by the party that they were too exhausted to go resulted in it being cancelled, so that everyone was able to rest before the start of the return journey to Yorkshire.

At 1900 hours the party assembled in the Sports Bar for a supper and drinks. The Commanding Officer thanked them for coming and presented everyone with a statuette of a Duke's soldier in Northern Ireland patrol dress with an inscribed plate on the plinth commemorating the visit. The Regimental Secretary in turn thanked the Commanding Officer for the gift and the Battalion's generous hospitality during the weekend's visit. Then it was aboard the coach for the start of the trip back to Halifax which was reached at 0930 hours on Monday. So ended a memorable visit.

Those in the visiting party were: Lieut. Cols. W. Robins and C. Barnes, Majors C. Davies, D. G. Massey and C. D. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. S. Howarth, Messrs S. Archer, D. Bentley, A. G. Charlesworth, M. S. Flaving, A. J. Greenside, G. Hunter, D. Lyons, K. Lyons, J. Perrin, B. Stansfield, D. Stephenson, D. A. Sunderland and A. White, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Hill.
C.D.M.

H.M.S. YORK

Parties from the 1st Battalion and Wellesley Company, Yorkshire ACF have been recent guests of HMS York.

1st Battalion

"The party of five Dukes' on board HMS York experienced all aspects of Naval life. Initially I thought the Navy would be similar to the Army, a sort of floating battalion. In some ways it was, but I soon found out that the two are 'oceans apart'. The whole ship's weapons system, the heavy Bofors gun, the Vulcan Phalanx close in weapons system and the Sea Dart missile were all a far cry from the new SA80 rifle to which the Battalion had just converted.

The Dukes' party joined the ship in Cyprus to enjoy the relatively leisurely homeward leg following the ship's five month tour with the Armilla patrol in the Gulf. Tales of life in the Gulf dominated conversation.

Three weeks gave me the opportunity to see and speak with all the ship's departments. The engine room, highly computerised, the ship's stores appearing, as with so many stores, to be an administrative nightmare, and the Operations centre which was more like something out of Star Trek than the Operations Room which I had recently left in Newry. It consisted of radar, tracking systems and high tech communications all housed in a dimly lit room, which is the heart of the vessel from where the Captain fights the ship.

I watched and took in the detailed goings on, struggling with Navy speak: for galley read kitchen, for wardroom read mess and for duty mess deck dodger read fatigue man.

This was another world. I can understand the love of the sea and why going to sea for five months has such appeal, but I think you have to be born with sea legs, and I wasn't.

Many of the ship's company were horrified by the idea of soldiering in Belfast. For me being closed down for one month keeping watch seems similarly

abhorrent. Soldiers and sailors are kindred spirits in many ways but operating in separate environments and making the best of the facilities they have. At the end of the day the sailor keeps smiling like his soldier counterpart".

R. G. B.



HMS 'York'.
Private Cammidge of the 1st Battalion.

Wellesley Company Yorkshire Army Cadet Force

On 10th June Captain Peter Cole, OC Heckmondwike Detachment assisted by Sgts. Speight and Pears, took ten cadets to Rosyth to visit HMS York. Captain Cole reports:-

"The journey itself was very eventful. The minibus became short of fuel and there aren't any garages open between Newcastle and Edinburgh after 2000 hours. Sgt. Speight rang the RAC who came to the rescue with two gallons of petrol. We finally reached the shore base, HMS Cochrane, around 0200 hours. As it was too late to start pitching the tents, the cadets were bedded down in a corridor for the night and the staff slept in the minibus. We were just about to 'crash out' when a dark figure approached. This turned out to be Sub/Lt. Hargreaves who was on leave and full of cold but unfortunately for him lived the closest, so he had been detailed to brief us on our arrival.

On Saturday morning, after breakfast and tent pitching we were met by Sub/Lt. Holt who showed us round the dockyard and pointed out the ships there for Navy Day.

We then went on board HMS York which unfortunately was in dry dock for repairs having been recently damaged on exercise. We had a look around the ship and found something out about the daily life and running of a Type 43 Destroyer.

The cadets were given the afternoon off to enjoy the Navy Day activities and one cadet broke what must be a world record by eating six ice creams in one afternoon. In the evening the cadets were all invited to the Sea Cadets Disco.

Sunday morning found us all back on board HMS York. The cadets were given free run of the ship and seemed to pop out of every hatch and appear down every corridor. This was a very enjoyable weekend visit. All connected with HMS York were first class hosts, in fact everyone we met made us feel more than welcome. And in return we had introduced them to the ACF 'DUKES' style".



HMS 'York'
Cadets of Wellesley Company, Yorkshire ACF.

THE 1988 WINTER OLYMPICS IN CALGARY

I was the Director of the British Olympic Nordic Ski Team for the Winter Olympics last February with overall responsibility for the preparation over a four year period of a team to represent Great Britain in the cross country skiing events in Calgary. At the same time Major Martin Bray, formerly a national biathlete and manager of the British biathlon (ski-shooting) team at the Sapporo Olympics in 1972, was Director of the 1988 Olympic Biathlon Team.

The preparation for Calgary started back in 1984 after the Sarajevo Games. In the case of the Nordic team, it began with physiological tests at Loughborough and at the Army Personnel Research Establishment (APRE) at Farnborough where each Olympic hopeful was carefully examined. The ability to absorb oxygen and convert this into energy was assessed, for it would have been wasteful to put an athlete into a sophisticated four year programme if he did not have the physical capability and mental capacity to undertake it. For the initially selected there followed a steady build up of mental application, strength, stamina and technique throughout each season. And, with biathlon, there was the added dimension of shooting. The annual programme includes distance running, cycling, roller skiing (skis with wheels) for technique and endurance

work preferably on airfields or cycle tracks, summer skiing in the Alps and a winter programme on snow in Norway or Sweden prior to the competition season starting in January. Each athlete worked to an individual training programme drawn up by our Swedish trainer and was administered by a full time manager. It requires a total commitment, dedication and determination to achieve selection for the Olympic Games. So one is looking for an athlete who will be a quality cross country runner and who has the timing, hand and eye co-ordination to be a good skier, who has a high CO² (oxygen uptake) rating and who probably has a pulse rate in the low 50s at rest. The latter especially is important for the biathlete who must be steady when shooting. And there is an added difficulty with which to contend - the ability to live cheek by jowl with other athletes month on end often in spartan conditions.

At Calgary the Nordic Team competed in the 4 x 10 km relay, the 15 km - the blue riband event of the Games, the 30 km and 50 km races - the latter some 30 miles across country. In the event the conditions were testing for unusual reasons - very little snow, which made a fall serious and more than uncomfortable and the track icy once a few runners had been around a very severe course. In the Nordic team we had two



The 1988 Winter Olympics.

Colonel Johnny Walker, Director of the British Olympics Nordic Ski Team and Major Martin Bray, Director of the British Biathlon Team.

athletes remaining from Sarajevo - a Royal Marine corporal and a corporal in the RCT - two other marines, two civilians and a couple of girls, one from Aviemore and the other an NCO in the WRAF. We had a morale booster in 1987 by winning the Nations Cup at the International Lowlanders at Isny in Bavaria for the first time ever, winning gold medals in each of the events. But Calgary was different - with the Soviets and Swedes supreme and both setting the pace throughout. However, we did achieve our best ever Olympic performance. John Spotswood, the Royal Marine corporal came 38th out of 87 in the 15 km cross country, only four minutes behind the winner. This was twenty places better than his performance in Sarajevo and a minute and a half faster. It was also ten places higher than the previous best British placing of 44th in the 1960 Squaw Valley Games. So much depends on the conditions on the day of both the course and the athlete but Spotswood's fine result was well recognised by his fellow athletes. In the Biathlon events our best result was in the 20 km Biathlon where Cpl. Michael Dixon a corporal in the Royal Engineers and a member of the Nordic team in Sarajevo came 13th out of a field of 92. Dixon was a little over a minute behind the East German winner and shot 18 out of 20 over the four shoots in the race - 2 prone, 2 standing, 5 rounds each time at intervals throughout the race. Both these results were excellent with Dixon a real prospect for a top ten place in the World Championship next year. Once in the top ten medals

become a real possibility. Such results are reason enough when the doubters ask why the British take part in Nordic skiing and biathlon. Those who remember our own efforts in BAOR when in 1967 we won the Patrol Race and presented our beautiful trophy of the silver biathlete for the race, will know that Dixon's result was exceptional.

Calgary 88 was an unforgettable event. There is little to compare with the atmosphere and friendship generated in the international Olympic Village and in competition. The Soviet Nordic and Biathlon team are all soldiers and, whilst we were not actually comparing APWT results, there was much in common amongst the respective teams! And then there was the programme and organisation, weather aside, laid on by the Canadians. It was quite superb and nothing was too much effort. How do you cope with 18°C at a Winter Games when the bob run starts to melt?! They found the answer. The commitment and excellence of the Soviets and Swedes gave our athletes the sort of inspiration needed to lift their own performance. One learnt a lot sitting next to a Soviet IOC member on the hour and a half bus journey into Calgary from the Nordic Centre at Canmore. And then there is the pride of seeing someone who has worked for four years to achieve the ambition of representing his country at the Olympics and, in the event, doing well. I will not forget seeing Michael Dixon congratulated on his performance in the 20 km Biathlon by the President of the Swedish Ski Federation and David Miller from

'The Times' interviewing Dixon. Such occasions all help to make the team effort worthwhile. To see the fearlessness, concentration and skill of Cpl. Mark Tout, RTR, as he took his four man bob down the Bobsleigh run is an exciting moment.

Above all, there is the lasting memory of seeing a group of skiers who had gathered some six years ago, changing from a collection of enthusiastic amateur langlaufers into a thoroughly competent and internationally recognised Nordic Ski team backed and sponsored by Merchant Bankers, Samuel Montagu. Calgary 88 is already history and the team is now preparing for "Abbeville 92" under a full time professional Director - the latter a further indication of the progress made by the athletes - themselves supreme in the pursuit of excellence.

E. J. W. W.

BOOK REVIEW

ANZIO BEACHHEAD

Diary of a Signaller

£5.50 inc p & p from T. Roe, 96 Station Road, Pilsley, Nr. Chesterfield. S45 8BH.

A brief reference to this book was made in the last issue of the 'Iron Duke'. However, it deserves a short

review for, as Sir Harry Secombe says in his Foreword, "This is really a fine book and I recommend it as a true and graphic account of the day to day life of a soldier on and off the battle field."

Sir Harry is right, for the book is the World War II equivalent of the "Memoirs of Rifleman Harris". It throws much light on the activities of Gunner Roe and his comrades in arms throughout the Italian campaign, but with special emphasis of life on Anzio on the notorious beachhead in early 1944. War, from the viewpoint of the private soldier, is always confused and a book such as this can only serve to put the writings of Montgomery, Alexander, Mark Clark and other well known generals into proper perspective. Gunner Roe records the real consequences of the decisions made by the commanders - from battery to army group. The book is worth reading for this aspect alone.

Although the narrative is in the form of a diary, the prose is most evocative describing, as it does, the very real happenings in slit trench and OP during war.

It is an exceptionally good read which Camberley aspirants and those already at the Staff College would find a great help in realising what the pink DS solutions actually involve for the soldiers on the ground.

Gunner Roe is to be congratulated on his initiative of going into print.

D. E. I.

A REPORT ON THE INSPECTION OF THE 33rd REGIMENT IN 1774

In August 1983 an article was published in the 'Iron Duke' on the subject of General Charles Marquis Cornwallis who was Colonel of the Regiment from 1766-1806. The article made particular reference to the very high standard of training and interior economy in the regiment throughout the period of Cornwallis's colonelcy. In 1774 the 33rd was inspected by Major General William Howe, who was as good a judge as any of a regiment's fitness for service. When commanding the 58th Foot in Canada in 1759 his regiment was described by Wolfe as "The best trained battalion in all of America". In the same year as his inspection of the 33rd he was entrusted with the training of companies selected from regiments in England in the new system of light drill. Later he was to command the British troops in North America in the War of Independence. His report on the 33rd could scarcely be more complimentary.

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33rd Regiment
Inspection at Plymouth 31 March 1774
by Honorable Major General Howe

Officers	Rank	Age
Earl Cornwallis	Colonel	35
H. Oakes	Lieut Colonel	43
J. Webster	Major	33

30 officers: 22 English, 5 Scots and 3 Irish

Two of the ensigns, Duke and Drummond, 17.1 and 17.2 years of age.

Two officers (Capt. Dansey and Lt. Bailey) absent recruiting.

Other Ranks

Total 385: 319 English, 8 Scots, 57 Irish and 1 foreigner.

Drums

4 good and 8 bad (7 got in 1761 and 5 in 1769)

Colours

Got in 1761

Remarks

Officers: A good corps of officers. Exceedingly expert at their duty. Properly armed. Saluted well. Uniforms according to the Regulations.

NCOs: A good appearance. Attentive and expert at their duty.

Drummers and Fifers: Beat and play well.

Men

A very fine corps. Very young.

Recruits since last Review: 16 good. Not disciplined for the ranks.

Marching

The Slow Time Marches exceedingly graceful and with a proper step. In the Quick Time marches well with a proper step. This Battalion advances rapidly, frequently running over very uneven ground for a considerable extent and still preserving a proper front. The Arms are carried high and well.

Manual Exercises

Exceedingly well performed. In Quick Time the Motions being distinctly marked and done with great spirit.

Firings

Extremely well performed. Loads very quick, presents exceedingly well with the utmost attention to the restrictions of the ground, each man shoulders as soon as he is loaded not waiting for a signal. Good time observed in the firings. The Commanding Officer of the Regiment gives the word to the Officer Commanding of the first appointed platoon to begin the firing, no preparations being previously beat.

Manoeuvres

Performed perfectly well and with utmost rapidity.

Arms

Remarkably clean and in the best order.

Accoutrements

Good. According to the Regulations. The Flaps of the pouches are kept remarkably well polished and carried with exact uniformity.

Clothing

Good and according to the Regulations except additional shoulder strap put upon the right shoulder for the convenience of carrying the Waist Belt. Well fitted. The hats according to the pattern. Gayters good according to the pattern.

Regimental Books for entry of General Orders

Perfectly kept and the Orders regularly entered.

Regimental Accounts

The men were properly cleared and the accounts settled on 25th February. The pence and poundage settled to 24th December. Balance in favour of the men at Settlement on 25th February £68-8-0. Added to this credit each man will receive 15/- in lieu of a coat on 24th June.

Complaints

None

Officers Absent without leave

None.

General Observations

Fit for Immediate Service. 274 men drawn up in Battalion. The men are well dressed. Remarkably upright - strictly silent under arms. The files are always very open. The Battalion is exceedingly rapid in all movements, which for the most part are performed on the run, the same good front being nevertheless preserved without needing any assistance from the Officers to dress the Battalion on the Halt. The distance directed for the files are observed with little or no variation in their Movements without the least disorder which in closer file must unavoidably attend rapid movement with extensive front. The men are so perfectly attentive, steady and well acquainted with their respective places in Rank and File in the Battalion that the CO calling upon a file or single man by the number in which they stand in their respective companies to fire, the Battalion previously made ready, the order is obeyed without the least hesitation.

The Regiment made a most formidable charge running upwards 200 yards in the best order and fired a volley as soon as halted. In firing when formed 3 deep the front row does not kneel. The Regiment forms two deep for the oblique firing. An exceedingly fine company of Light Infantry. The officers and men well trained and perfectly acquainted with their duty. Was posted on the left of the Battalion for the manual exercises and firing - the Grenadiers remaining on the right. The light Company has a bugle horn to give signals.

The Regiment has nine musicians enlisted as soldiers.

The Officers have a Sutler, eat together and live in friendship.

The discipline of the Regiment is established upon the truest principles, far superior to any other Corps within my observation.

ENSIGN WALTER ANDREW WYNTER IN THE ABYSSINIAN CAMPAIGN 1867-68

Through the kindness of Colonel Sir Andrew Martin KCVO OBE JP, a grandson of Ensign Wynter, the Regiment has been provided with a photograph of a sketch of the Emperor Theodore of Abyssinia. It was drawn by R. R. Holmes who was the archeologist attached to the Abyssinia expedition. The following article is based on one written by the late Brigadier Brian Webb-Carter and published in 'Iron Duke' No. 120 (April 1961)

Walter Andrew Wynter, who was born in 1847, was gazetted an ensign in the 1st Royals in August 1865. Wishing to serve abroad, he transferred to the 33rd Regiment, then stationed at Poona, in India. He joined the Regiment on 1st March 1866. As there were eight captains away as well as several senior subalterns, ensign Wynter found himself in command of a company the day he joined. The Regiment, at that time commanded by its second Lieut. Colonel, A. R. Dunn VC, contained a large proportion of Irishmen - "hard drinkers all". This was so much a fact that

H. M. Stanley (who later discovered Livingstone) in his account of the Abyssinian campaign refers to the 33rd throughout as "the Irish Regiment". Wynter remarked on the men as "quite magnificent in appearance but their discipline was gradually deteriorating". In December 1866 the Regiment moved to Karachi where its first Lieut-Colonel rejoined from leave and again assumed command. He was J. E. Collings, a Crimean veteran and under him the 33rd had "drill and nothing else from morning to night".

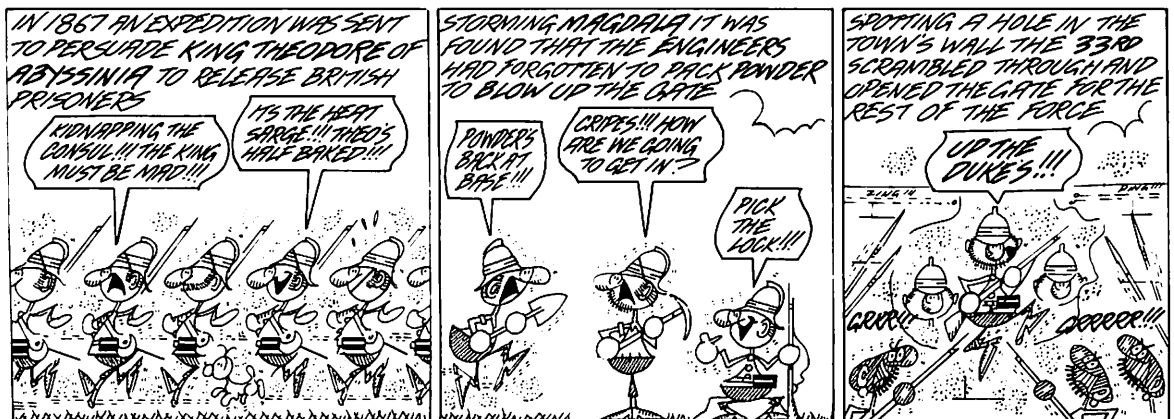
Late in 1867 the 33rd learnt that it was selected as one of the regiments to take part in the coming campaign in Abyssinia, which was being mounted because Theodore, the half insane King of Abyssinia, had placed a number of Europeans in chains at his capital at Magdala. Lieut. Colonel Collings having been promoted Brigadier the command of the regiment was again assumed by Lieut. Colonel Dunn. Wynter's company, which he had handed over to one of the returning captains, together with four other

companies, travelled in the "Indian Chief", which was towed by a P & O steamer. The ship was full of cockroaches and "the food was atrocious". The officers messed with the captain where the dinner was the same every night - "a couple of ducks and salt beef". The expeditionary force reached Annesley Bay on the Abyssinian coast on 3rd December. There was a chaotic state of affairs ashore and Wynter's company was ordered to round up, water and feed the thousands of ponies and mules which had been dumped in the port with no feeding arrangements. Order was restored and when after three weeks the Regiment began its march to Senafe "things were getting pretty shipshape". The Regiment had landed in what Wynter describes as "Waterloo-red full dress tunics and khaki drill trousers". It appears, however, that when the march began the Regiment was dressed in khaki completely. White helmets were worn, as in India. The long march of 397 miles to Magdala now began. It took the 33rd thirty-four marching days and it is with justifiable pride that Wynter records that he was the only officer to march to Magdala and back on foot. The expedition halted some three weeks at Senafe though Wynter's company, after only three days rest was sent forward to prepare the road. The only tools available were the regulation pick and shovel, and solid rock had to be levelled with these implements. Goongoona was "a lovely spot - full of wild flowers". Wynter was out every evening shooting for the pot. It was here that the company heard of the accidental death of Lieut. Colonel Dunn. He was succeeded in command by the senior major, A. S. Cooper, who had transferred from the 27th in 1861. Wynter remarks of this officer: "He had always had staff appointments. He was quite unknown to the officers and men and seldom spoke to anyone". Under this inspiring leader the Regiment pressed on to Magdala.

The Commander-in-Chief, Sir Robert Napier, now determined on a forced march to Magdala. He therefore dismissed all native servants and mule drivers. Each man had to lead a mule beside carrying full kit and 60 rounds of ammunition. Officers slept 12 in a bell tent and other ranks 20. The meat ration was provided from cattle which accompanied the column on the hoof. Tea and sugar were in very short supply. The combination of these conditions with the defective discipline which Wynter had remarked upon

in India produced an incident which sadly affronted the author of "Letters from Abyssinia from a Staff Officer". He says in an entry dated 30th March 1868, "The 33rd announced their arrival by playing into the tune of "Slap bang, here we are again"....they must have halted under the hill last night to get up so early....The men are stepping out as fresh as ever. The Regiment, I fancy, was left behind and passed *purposely* by the 4th King's Own as the men were getting a little unruly a few marches ago. One long march to Dildee, they were cursing and swearing and abusing everything from beginning to end relating to the expedition - mentioning names too, I fancy, rather too close to some people". Wynter makes no reference to the incident, which seems a pity. By 11th April the 33rd were camped on the outskirts of Magdala. Wynter was on outlying piquet that night when an Engineer officer, Prideaux, who was one of King Theodore's prisoners sent by him to treat with Sir Robert Napier was passed through the lines. The King's terms were that he would return all the prisoners if he was left in peace, but Napier demanded unconditional surrender. The unfortunate Prideaux, returning with this uncompromising reply, confided to Wynter that he had little hope of seeing the morrow. However, all the prisoners were released the following day.

The next day, 13th April, the British forces moved out for the assault on Magdala. The post of honour was given to the 33rd Regiment, a fact which seems to indicate that the Regiment had atoned for the "growling at Dildee". Following two hours of preparatory bombardment the 33rd, preceded by a few Madras Sappers and Miners, advanced to the assault. It turned out to be the last occasion the Regiment carried Colours into action. The Queen's Colour was carried by Ensign Howard Mellis and the Regimental Colour by Wynter. Before the advance the Divisional Commander had told them to wave the Colours as soon as they were inside the gate of the fortress. Under heavy fire the Regiment reached the gate. It was the function of the sapper party to blow it up; but, a trifle surprisingly, they had forgotten to bring up any explosives. In the delay while this was being obtained, three companies of the Regiment moved off to the right and began to clamber up the hill face, still under heavy fire. Despite protests from Mellis, Wynter with the Regimental Colour moved



with his party. It was now that the two first awards of the Victoria Cross were earned by the 33rd. Private Bergin, a very tall man, contrived with his bayonet to make a gap in the hedge that fronted the wall. Turning to Drummer Magner, he asked him to help him to scramble up. The drummer, however, clambered up on Bergin's shoulders and just managed to reach the top of the wall with his hands. A vigorous push from the butt of Bergin's snider deposited Magner on top of the obstacle. He then helped up Bergin. While Magner helped up more of his comrades Bergin kept up continuous fire and eventually drove the defenders inside the second gate. Wynter reached the top of the wall in his turn: "I was hardly ever on my feet as the men took me and the Colour in their arms and passed me from the centre of the column to the front." He continues: "I shall never forget the exhilaration of the moment, the men firing and shouting like madmen." The ensign now carried out his orders and duly waved the Regimental Colour to indicate that the assault had succeeded. Mellis, with the Queen's Colour, arrived with the main body of the 33rd - the flanking party having opened the main gate for them. He rejoined Wynter "in a fury" and threatened to put him under arrest for disobedience of orders. However, the two ensigns seem to have become speedily reconciled and

affixed the Colours on the top of a church "in accordance with Sir Robert Napier's instructions".

Orders about loot were very strict, records Wynter. Anything not taken at the point of the bayonet had to be handed over to the prize master. For this reason Wynter had to hand over the silver head of a processional cross, (now in the RA Mess at Woolwich). However, he obtained a large rhinoceros hide shield, heavily plated in silver, for five dollars from Sergeant Cook of the Regiment, who had gained it "at the point of the bayonet".

On 15th April the 33rd marched out of Magdala, homeward bound. They landed at Portsmouth on 20th June. All the ships in the harbour and at Spithead were dressed and manned, while bands on Southsea and other piers played "Home sweet Home" and "See the Conquering Hero Comes". There were large crowds in the streets who chafed the soldiers on their ragged clothes.

Ensign Wynter served on with the Regiment until 1881, gaining a brevet majority and seeing much service in Ashanti and Afghanistan. Subsequently he joined the 5th (Militia) Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers as second-in-command, and after commanding it for some years retired as a full Colonel.

THE SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS OF DUNCAN ALEXANDER FRASER MD, ASSISTANT SURGEON 76th REGIMENT

Among the items held in the collections of the National Army Museum is a set of surgical instruments once owned by Assistant Surgeon D. A. Fraser. He was commissioned as an Assistant Surgeon on 28 October 1853 and joined the 76th, then in Halifax, Nova Scotia, on 30th June the following year. He thereafter served with the Regiment in Ireland, Scotland, England and India, where he left the Regiment in 1865. By 1881 he had risen to the rank of Deputy Surgeon and six years later Surgeon General, the equivalent of Major General. He retired in 1891.

The instruments are an incomplete set for autopsy. The box in which they are contained is inscribed D. A. Fraser. Inside the lid are a pair of steel bowel scissors and a bone saw with folding ebony handle. Within the body of the box is a cartilage knife with four scalpels. In addition there is a pair of steel tweezers. Either side of this are a steel chisel and a spine wrench, which would have been used in conjunction with a hammer, which is missing. Also missing is a pair of pointed scissors which were fitted into the lid. Finally there is a three armed chain joined by a central ring with a sharp hook at the end of each length which would have been used to hold back skin and viscera to mortuary table thus allowing unhindered access to the inner organs.



Surgical instruments of D. A. Fraser MD, Assistant Surgeon 76th Regiment 1854-1865.

A PAINTING OF THE SIEGE OF SASSNEE, 1803 BY LIEUTENANT FREDERICK WILLIAM St AUBIN 76th REGIMENT

In 1800 the 76th Regiment was moved from Calcutta to Cawnpore in anticipation of difficulties with the Nawab of Oudh. Late in 1801 a treaty was concluded with the Nawab, which was repudiated within a year by some of his Zemindars. These were headed by one Bugwunt Singh who owned strong forts at Sassnee and Bijghur. In December 1802 Lieut. Colonel Blair was ordered to seize the forts and force the Zemindars into submission. On 27th December he commenced the siege of Sassnee and on the night 14th/15th January 1803 unsuccessfully attempted to assault the place. Hearing of this the Commander-in-Chief, General Lake, ordered half of the 76th (five companies) and two native regiments to reinforce Colonel Blair whom he himself joined. On 13th February Sassnee was captured without any loss to the British forces.

Among the officers of the 76th present was Lieut. F. W. St Aubin. According to the Historical Records of the 76th he had first been appointed an ensign in the 33rd before transferring to the 76th on 30th April 1798. However, there is no record of his having served in the 33rd, which is almost certainly due to the fact that he scarcely had time to do so; his initial commission being dated 26th November 1897.

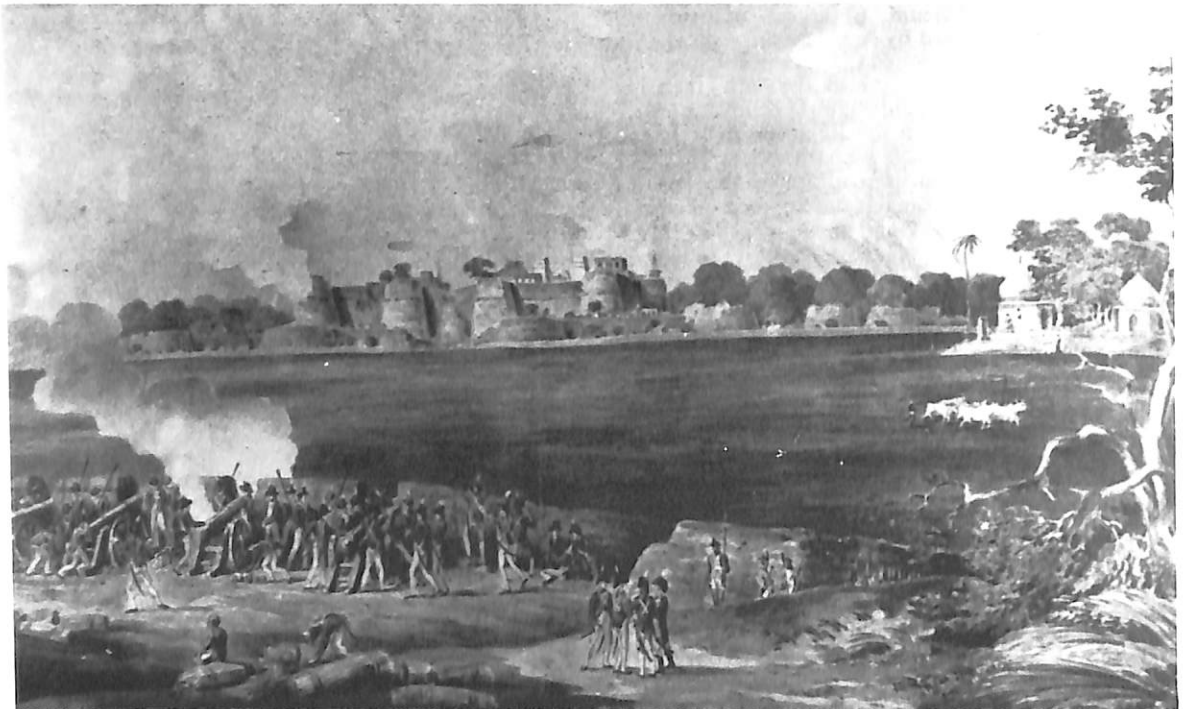
Lieut. Aubin was a talented water colourist as his painting of the siege of Sassnee well illustrates. It shows artillery in action against the fort.

After the capture of Sassnee Lake went on to

Bijghur. Most of the garrison managed to escape under cover of an uncommonly dark night rather than face an assault. By early March the five companies of the 76th were back in Cawnpore.

Early in August Lake left Cawnpore and concentrated his army at Kanoge preparatory to a move into Mahratta territory where he planned to do battle with the forces led by the Frenchman, M. Peron. The camp was luxurious, at least for the officers who were allowed to keep their wives with them. There was plenty of wine and even a ballroom. On 29th August Lake's army crossed the frontier and took up positions close to the fortress of Ally Ghur. After several unsuccessful attempts had been made to persuade the garrison to surrender Lake decided to take the fort by assault. One of Lake's staff officers was Lieut. John Pester who recorded in his diary (1) on 3rd September "At sunset went to the parade of the 76th to hear their band. St Aubin showed me a new purchase, a very clever horse, and told me that his company (the light company of the 76th) (2) would be one of those employed in the assault. We have been long and intimately acquainted and took a last farewell of each other".

The attack started early in the morning of the 4th. The stormers were accompanied by two 12 pounders. In a hurry to get to the gate which was holding up the advancing troops, the first of these fell into a ditch. While the other gun was brought up, the four



The siege of Sassnee January/February 1803
Painted by Lieut. F. W. St Aubin 76th Regiment.

companies of the 76th, who formed the major part of the storming party, came under very heavy fire and suffered many casualties. Among those killed were five officers of the Regiment, including Lieut. St Aubin.

Notes

1. "War and Sport in India 1802-1806". The frontispiece and only illustration in the book in which

Lieut. Pester's diaries are published, is the painting of Sassnee by Lieut. St Aubin.

2. The plaque at Ally Ghur, in memory of the five officers killed there, describes St Aubin as Adjutant. He had assumed the appointment on 4th June 1803. It is possible that he was attached to the Light Company for the assault.

FRIENDS OF THE REGIMENT APPEAL

The accounts for the year ended 31 March 1988 are published below.

Income, although slightly down on the previous year, was in excess of £3000 for the second year running. The reduction in income was due to lower rates of interest on money on deposit and to slightly less tax recovered on account of the lowering of tax rates.

Following fairly heavy expenditure in the previous year, mainly on the cost of refurbishing the Regimental Museum, expenditure was lower. However, a number of projects were supported, including; new cases for the storage of medals donated to the Regiment and kept in the Regimental Museum, trophies and prizes for the very successful DWR ACF inter Detachment Competition and the renovation of the Hoppner portrait of Lieut. Colonel Arthur Wesley, painted when he was in command of the 33rd. Financial support was also given towards the cost of the portrait of Colonel C. J. Pickering (Colonel of the Regiment 1938-1947) and a plaque in the Regimental Chapel in York Minster recording the location of

some of the Colours. A donation was made to the Armoured Infantry Museum to be established at Warminster.

The fund is therefore meeting, in a satisfactory way, its main object of supporting projects which cannot be funded from public or benevolent funds. More money is, however, still required in order to establish a strong financial base for the future. Ex members of the Regiment not already doing so are earnestly requested to support the fund by making a small annual subscription, preferably by Deed of Covenant so that tax paid may be reclaimed by the Regiment. RHQ will provide the necessary forms on request. Donations and legacies are also most welcome.

Recent additions to the roll of subscribers are:

H. A. Kelly, M. A. Lodge, J. B. K. Greenway, A. D. Palmer, T. J. Nicholson, D. Hughes, J. W. Wood and W. Blakey.

Donations have been received from:

Z. F. J. Bistucz, J. E. Horne, J. Rylatt, the Colonel in Chief, D. Noon, C. Davies and the Garrison Church, Palace Barracks, Holywood.

FRIENDS OF THE REGIMENT APPEAL

ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL-31 MARCH 1988

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Expenditure during the period:-		Income during the period:-	
Tax recovery charges	18.05	Subscriptions	1041.00
Refund of sum received in error	20.00	Donations	127.50
Towards Minster Plaque on Colours	95.50	Tax refund on Subscriptions	352.50
Towards Portrait of Col. C. J. Pickering	60.00	Tax refund on Dividends	8.26
Medal Cases Regimental Museum	285.52	Interest Charities Deposit Fund	385.16
Trophies/Prizes DWR ACF Ex 'Iron Duke' 1987	134.24	Investment Dividends	1161.66
Donation Armd Inf Museum Warminster	25.00		
Renovation of Hoppner portrait Hon Arthur Wesley	65.00		
Total	703.31		
Excess of Income over Expenditure	2372.77		
Total	3076.08	Total	3076.08

BALANCE SHEET

Value of Fund as at 1 April 1988	6347.14	Cash at Bank or on Deposit 31 March 88	2706.08
Cash at bank or on deposit	10012.00	Investments at cost	
Investments at cost	2372.77	Exchequer 12½ Stk 1990	£2000.00
Add Excess of Income over Expenditure during period ending 31 March 88	2372.77	Exchequer 11½ Stk 1991	5000.00
Total	18731.91	Treasury 10½ Stk 1989	3012.00
		MIM Britannia UT Exempt Units	4009.40
		Exchequer 10½ Stk 1995	2004.43
		Total	16025.83
Total	18731.91	Total	18731.91

Regimental Association

REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION AGM AND DINNER

The Regimental Association Annual General Meeting, Dinner and Dance will be held at the Prescott Street Drill Hall, Halifax on Saturday 15 October 1988. The AGM will start at 6.30 pm and will be followed by the dinner at 8 pm. Tickets at £8.00 a head are available through Branch Secretaries or RHQ. Cheques and PO's should be made payable to DWR Management Fund.

REGIMENTAL SERVICE - YORK MINSTER

The Annual Regimental Service will be held at York Minster at 11.30 am on Saturday 5 November 1988. Prior to the Service, St. William's College will be open at 10.30 am for coffee and biscuits, to which everyone is welcome.

After the Service, lunch has been arranged, at a small charge, in both the Officers and WO's and Sergeants Messes at Strensall.

FOUNDERS DAY: ROYAL HOSPITAL CHELSEA

Founders Day parade at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea was held this year on Thursday 9 June 1988. The Reviewing Officer was HRH The Princess Alexandra. Three of our In Pensioners, Reg Alton, Pinky Ellis and Bob Peel were on parade. The Colonel of the Regiment and Lady Huxtable were present as were, Major Miller from RHQ and Mr. Bob Temple and Mr. Peter Lewis from the London Branch of the Regimental Association. After the parade, Major Miller met In pensioner 'Sticky' Glew whom he found in good health, but a little unsteady on his legs.

LONDON BRANCH DINNER

The branch held its annual dinner and dance at the Park Court Hotel on 23rd April. We were pleased to again welcome General Sir Charles and Lady Huxtable and also the party from Yorkshire. Our thanks go to Cliff Frear for organising the trip to London. Tom Dickie made the long journey from Cumbria for the reunion and we were very pleased to see him. As the dinner fell on St George's Day every lady present received a white rose on entry to the dining room.

5th BN. DWR (TA) OFFICERS DINNER CLUB

The Annual Dinner will be held in the Officers' Mess, 3rd Battalion, Yorkshire Volunteers, The Drill Hall, St Paul's Street, Huddersfield, on Friday 11 November 1988 at 7.30 pm for 8 pm.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

A choice of three Regimental cards is available. Because a large stock has been purchased the cards will remain available for future years until stocks have been exhausted. A photograph of each of the cards is given in the Notices section, together with an order form. The wording inside each card is the same: "With

all good wishes for Christmas and the New Year" printed in red.

Envelopes are included in the price of the cards.

The cards are also available from PRI, 1st Battalion.

STEAM LOCOMOTIVE No: 46145: THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S (WEST RIDING)

Major David Massey, who at one time served with the 1st Battalion and is now OC H (HSF) Company 3rd Yorkshire Volunteers, commissioned Mr. J. R. Markland to produce a pen and ink drawing of this famous steam engine. The drawing shows the locomotive departing from Leeds with an express for Carlisle c 1954. When it was retired in 1963 one of the name plates was presented to the Regiment by British Rail. It now stands outside the Guard Room of the 1st Battalion.

Major Massey has a limited edition of 500 copies of the drawing printed and has kindly presented copy No. 1 to RHQ and copy No. 33 to the Officers' Mess of the 1st Battalion. Mr Brian Stansfield has presented copy No. 76 to the WOs and Sergeants Mess of the 1st Battalion.

The print measures 12" x 17" and costs £10. Copies may be obtained from: Major D. Massey, Sanders Cross House, Woodhead Road, Tintwistle, Hadfield, Hyde, Cheshire. Major Massey will donate £1 to the Regimental Funds for every print sold.

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KEEPING IN TOUCH.....

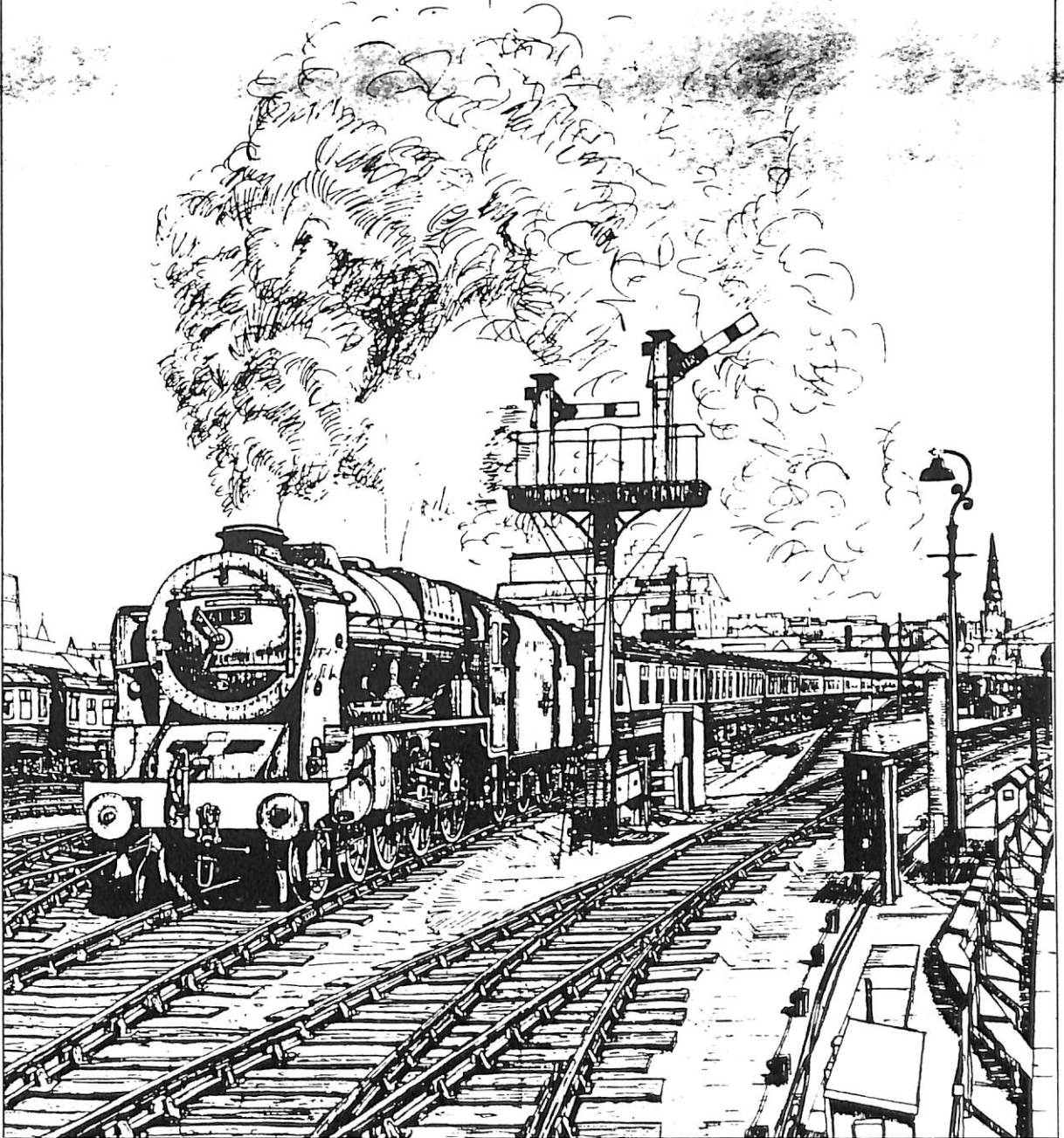
Mr Bill Mathews (4612658) recently visited the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, where he met In Pensioners W. Glew, W. Ellis and F. Alton all, like himself, former bandmen. From them he obtained the address of the Editor to whom he wrote:

"I enlisted as a boy in 1933 for 9 years and 3 years reserve joining the 1st Battalion at Mandora Barracks, Aldershot and serving with it in Malta and afterwards at Bordon Camp. I was then transferred to the 2nd Battalion and served in Multan, New Delhi and Peshawar before going to Burma in 1942. After the disastrous battle of the Sittang Bridge we withdrew to the village of Mokpalin where Private R. Hanson, myself and one other were caught in a road ambush as a result of Japanese infiltration behind us. After a stiff fight we were all captured. Being an NCO (I was then a Corporal) I was interrogated, beaten, kicked and threatened with decapitation. I was later thrown into a hut with the other two. When darkness fell the Jap interrogator, already incensed at my 'non co-operation' got into a row with me and said "You English are too soft and live too luxuriously". I hit him hard with a right cross (I was a regimental boxer like Cpl. Albert Hull, Cpl. Townsend and T. Rawnsley (MM)) and he went out - so did I, FAST, zig-zagging through the rubber plantation and with some Burmese being egged on by the Japs to recapture me. Only one of them managed to come close and he attacked with a dah with which he wounded me on the

J.R. Mackintosh '88

Stanier rebuilt 'Royal Scot'
No 46145

The Duke of Wellington's Regt. (West Riding)
departing from Leeds with an express for Carlisle.
c. 1954.



left shoulder. However, I managed to kill him with his own dah, jumped into the river and made good my escape. Some eight days later I had a brush with a Jap patrol, received a grenade wound in my right leg, and was again captured. I made out I was a 'straggler' but the Japs were all for shooting me as they thought I was a paratrooper. However, a Japanese Colonel had me fed and my wounds dressed. I was then offered a safe conduct to join other prisoners provided I gave "My word as an Englishman" not to escape. A fat hope! I had this shoulder wound and a suppurating leg wound but it was not until several days later, after a journey in a lorry, that I arrived at Moulmein Prison where I was roughly thrown among 37 other prisoners from the Dukes' KOYLIs' and Cameronians'; all packed in a cell measuring 30' x 12'. When I came round I heard a familiar voice announce that he was bandsman Charlie Bonnier. To this man I owe my life. A trained first aider he showed both skill and care in treating my leg, which was by now full of maggots, and my wounded shoulder, on which I could not lie. He tended me for weeks and showed a loyalty which was a credit to the regiment. We were later sent by ship, confined in its rotten hold, to Rangoon where, between working parties, I tended the sick and wounded under Colonel McKenzie of the Indian Medical Service, who was revered by all.

After my release in August 1945 I joined the 2nd Battalion, then commanded by Lieut. Colonel J. H. Dalrymple who, before the War, had been my boxing coach in our scraps against the King's Regiment. After a period of convalescence and having had no home leave since 1938 I sailed for the UK and disembarked at my home town of Southampton. There I met Colonel Strangeways whose batman I had been at Bordon Camp in 1937. I also met Brigadier Webb-Carter who I telephoned at his home at Bishops Waltham. He showed me his Regimental Drum which brought back memories of the time when I was a bandsman in 1933-35.

Surprisingly, in view of my experiences and the fact that I was invalided out of the Army, I am still very fit.

I remember many names from my days in the Dukes'. I wish I could renew touch with them all. I am a life member of the Regimental Association and still have a tattered membership card signed by Sidney Code. I would also like to visit the graves of the Dukes' buried in Rangoon Cemetery."

Mr Matthews' address is 5 Vinnecombe Court, Cambridge Drive, Ipswich IP2 9BU. (Tel. 0473 601131)

Another correspondent was Mr S. Woods (4621138) who wrote:

"I was in the library the other day and picked up a book about the War in Italy and read a sentence about the 1st Battalion attacking Mr Ceco, which brought back memories of over 40 years ago. I was with the Dukes' from 1940 to 1945, but was wounded on the banks of the Arno, outside Florence. I was evacuated to Pompei Hospital and then back to England in September 1944 and have often wondered how the Battalion fared for the rest of the War. Is there a history of the Battalion during and after the War that I can purchase? (Mr Woods has since purchased a copy of the history written by Brigadier Barclay) Although I was only a private, who once reached the dizzy heights of Lance Corporal for a short time, I was, and still am, a 'Duke'."

Mr Woods address is: 27 Lincoln Way, Bembridge, Isle of Wight.

Ex Bandmaster A. Clarke is now in the business of installing electrical and alarm systems. Dukes' who live in the Camberley area and want their premises secured should contact ACElectrics.

Mr Clarke's address is: 9 Holly Edge Road, Frimley, Camberley, Surrey. GU16 5ST.

Captain Anton Jacobson, a Norwegian officer, served in the 1st Battalion during World War II. With it he saw active service in North Africa, where he was awarded the MC following the battle of Djebel Boa Aoukaz in May 1943. In 1944 he took part in the landing of at Anzio and was captured there on 4th February. He recently wrote to Major H. J. T. Sills MC about his experiences before he joined the Battalion.

"Not being fully fit when the War broke out I was commissioned into the Intelligence Corps. Almost immediately I was ordered to join the 1st Independent Company at Rosyth, from where I joined HMS Effingham bound for "somewhere in Norway". The intention was that I should land in Norway and cross into Sweden with the Royal Mail. However, when we reached Norway the place for which we were bound was on fire. We therefore returned to Scapa Flow where the company was accommodated on the P & O liner "Orion". We had a few wonderful days before I was ordered aboard a small fishing vessel which was to sail to Mo i Rana. When we reached there I was given a huge bag to take to the Swedish border. The bag was heavy and very difficult to carry while skiing in white battle dress and using brand new skis and sticks, although the skiing conditions were excellent with the sun shining from a cloud free sky. We had to cross a frozen lake 18 miles long, which we managed to do in three hours. As I had not had skis on my feet since 1935 I found the journey rather a strain. Having handed over my package to the Swedes I slept like a log. The following morning I was ordered to return to Mo. I was also told that if I was cut off I should proceed to Herstad, 250 further north, where there was a British HQ. On arrival at Mo I was ordered to take a patrol to Hemnesherget, about 18 miles to the south, although this time we were expected to march rather than ski. We were soon knee deep in snow. We managed to take one prisoner before we returned. I was next appointed to the Norwegian battalion headquarters as an interpreter. The CO was not very fond of British troops so I was not given much of a welcome. As I never saw a British officer at his HQ I did not have much to do. For that reason I was invited to join the Irish Guards who were then in contact with the enemy north of Polar Circle. Although the Germans were not mechanised they had strong air cover and we were forced to withdraw to the village of Rognan. Suddenly the Norwegian colonel turned up and said he wanted me to go with him to a town approximately 100 miles to the north. We had hardly reached it before the Germans bombed it. I was then asked to go to the local Norwegian broadcasting station. The man in charge had suffered a nervous breakdown. As the record player had broken down I was asked to play Norwegian Folk songs on the piano in order to keep the station open. I played for hours until a civilian dentist arrived and told me that the British troops were being evacuated and that the Germans were only a few miles away. He gave me the

keys to his car and I set off on the only road. On the way I picked up a Swedish friend. When we reached the beach a fisherman said he would take us to Herstad. We got into his tiny craft but in mid fjord the engine gave out and we started to roll around in the heavy sea. I was sea sick but eventually we reached Herstad where I rejoined the British HQ. We were picked up by a destroyer and on the way back to England we learnt that the King of Norway and his Government had got to Britain and we were now allies. This was on 10th June 1940. We were treated like princes on board though we had to sleep on the deck. We eventually reached Greenock, but I was not given much time before I was sent on tour lecturing about events in Norway in aid of War Weapons Week. I was then ordered to London where I was billeted at Sir Graham White's country house, near Hendon. I was still a second lieutenant in the Intelligence Corps, but I decided that because I was trained as a guardsman in the Royal Palace at Oslo and later as an infantryman, I would apply to join a British line regiment. Meanwhile the Luftwaffe had commenced to bomb London and I found myself doing fire watching duties. This lasted until September when a huge land mine exploded on top of Edgeware Road Station. Our 2i/c was killed but I escaped with a minor shrapnel wound in my jaw. I was sent to Hatfield House in Kent in which were many casualties from Dunkirk. Although they were badly wounded they were in good cheer and I discovered another side to the British character which greatly impressed me. I was only there a week and on returning to London I learnt that I had been posted to The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, though another two months on roof top duties were to pass before I could report to Halifax.

That is the story I sent to the Supreme Army Command, together with details of my service with the 1st Battalion in North Africa and Italy. In February of this year a delegation from the Army Command visited my home to present me with a medal and a diploma signed by the King". Squadron Leader Bill Oliver wrote to say that he has started a holiday business against the day he ceases flying. Bill served with the 1st Battalion in Korea and left the Army in 1954. He joined the RAF in 1956 and flew fixed wing aircraft and helicopters. He was awarded the DFC for operations in Malaysia in 1964. In his letter he says that he had a mini Dukes reunion with Mike Perkis, who was a National Service Officer with the 1st Battalion 1951-52. Bill is now President of the North of Scotland Branch of the Korean Veterans Association.

Bill adds that any Dukes' who would like a holiday in the North of Scotland would be well advised to contact: Bill Oliver's Highland Sporting Holidays, Penfro, Allandale Gardens, Kintore, Aberdeenshire. (Tel. 0467 32441)

Mr Tom Gunn, who served with the 1st Battalion in Korea and was wounded in the Hook battle, writes to say that he has taken early retirement due to his war disability. He and his wife, Lillian, are now keeping tea and coffee rooms in Rothbury, Northumberland, at the Sun Kitchen in the High Street. All Dukes' will be made most welcome.

Mr Bill Townsend, who was a bandsman with the 2nd Battalion before the last war, wishes to be

remembered to all those who knew him. Bill attended the Band Concert given by the Regimental Band in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund at the Victoria Hall, Keighley on 4 June 1988. Bill particularly remembers Jock Norman and In Pensioner Sticky Glew, and wishes his friends to know that he still plays the clarinet in order to help his granddaughter with her music lessons.

Michael Wood and his wife, Pauline, called at RHQ on 18 May 1988. Mr Wood served with the Regiment from 1968-80, mainly with the 1st Battalion. He and his wife now live in Halifax. He works for the Petcraft Division of the Mars Group in Leeds. He brought with him the diaries of 1605 Corporal G. A. Bailey, 1/4th Bn. The Duke of Wellington's (West Riding) Regiment. The diaries had been given to Mr Wood by the friend of a grandson of Corporal Bailey, in order that they should come back to the Regiment. Written between 1st January 1916 and 24th February 1918, they give a vivid description of life in 1/4th Battalion in France during World War I, RHQ is now trying to trace the grandson so that he can be properly thanked for his gift.

Mr. Christopher Bates visited RHQ on 14 June 88. He said that he had met Colonel C. R. Cumberlege recently, who had advised him to call at RHQ. Mr. Bates had been Colonel Cumberlege's driver when the Colonel was commanding the 1st Bn. in Gibraltar in 1984. Mr. Bates, who lives in Leeds, is working as a sales representative.

Another recent visitor to RHQ was Major Godfrey Bellamy who served with the Battalion in Colchester, Catterick and Osnabruck before transferring to the Royal Army Education Corps. He left the army some years ago and is now the Administrator of the Physiology Department at Oxford University. He wishes to be remembered to all old friends and colleagues.

Mrs. Wyn Paulin of Barnoldswick has written to say that she is trying to contact any relative of the late Eddie Rothwell who is thought to have served with the 1/6th Bn. in Iceland during the last war. If any reader remembers an Eddie Rothwell, would they please contact RHQ.

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Major P. B. Hall, 28 Stoke Lane, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol BS9 3DL.

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Obituaries

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

Mr J. Winterburn

Jack Winterburn died on 4 March 1988. He joined the Regiment in 1932, at the age of 21, and served with the 2nd Battalion in India until 1939 when he left the army on completion of his seven years service. He was recalled to the Colours at the outbreak of World War II and served until 1943 when he was discharged on medical grounds. He had, by this time, reached the rank of Colour Sergeant. In advising RHQ of his father's death his son wrote, "My father was very proud of his service with the Regiment. He was abandoned as a child and raised in an orphanage. I think he found comfort in belonging to the Regiment in that it provided a substitute for having no family when he was growing up".

Mr M. H. Murphy

Michael Murphy died on 25th February 1988, aged 90. Mr Murphy enlisted as a boy in the 1st Battalion in 1913 when the battalion was stationed at Ambala in India. He remained with the 1st Battalion throughout his service and became a colour sergeant. He left the army in 1938 after 25 years service.

Mr A. D. Westerman

Arthur Westerman died at Halifax in March aged 78. He served in the army throughout World War II and was demobbed in 1946. When the Territorial Army was reformed in 1947 he joined as a civilian clerk and served successively with 382 Medium Regiment (RA (DWR), 5/7 Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment (TA), and the West Riding Battalion, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment (TA). On the formation of the Yorkshire Volunteers he became company clerk of 'C' Company of the 1st Battalion at Prescott Street in Halifax, until his retirement in 1975.

He was an active member of the Royal British Legion, being Standard Bearer of the King Cross Branch, Halifax, for 18 years and secretary for more than 25 years. He was a founder member of the Halifax Civil Service Retirement Fellowship.

Major C. Liversedge TD

Charles Liversedge joined the 5th Battalion in the early 1930s. Following his conversion to a Searchlight Regiment RE he served as Captain in 372 Company 43 (5 DWR) AA Battalion RE (TA). Later the battalion was converted to Royal Artillery and Charles was then appointed a Battery Commander. He thus had the unusual distinction of serving with the 5th Battalion as an infantryman, a sapper and a gunner. A dynamic and cheerful battery commander he will be remembered by many TA officers and soldiers who served under him. After the War he became a well known and much respected woolen manufacturer in Holmfirth. On retirement he went to live in Harrogate where the funeral took place. The Regiment was represented by Lieut. Colonel S. J. E. Huxley, Major F. B. Murgatroyd and Major C. D. Miller.

W. O. Lodge MD, FRCS

Oliver Lodge died at Ambleside, Cumbria, on 31st December 1987 aged 93. At the outbreak of World War I Oliver, then in his last year as a medical student at Leeds University, was on Salisbury Plain at an OTC Camp. One month later he was commissioned as a Lieutenant in the Special Reserve at Officers RAMC. His military career was short lived and he was next appointed a Surgeon Probationer in HMS Ghurka in which he was serving when she became the first ship to bring a German 'U' boat to the surface with all her crew alive. In 1919 he went to the Baltic in HMS Curacoa with a coastal motor boat crew on board which was intended to leap the boom of Kronstadt harbour and blow up the battleships in the hands of the Bolshevics. Later the Curacoa struck a mine and had many casualties, who required the skills of the young surgeon.

From 1924 Oliver was the Ophthalmic Surgeon to the Royal Halifax Infirmary and St Luke's Hospital at Bradford. Later he became the ear, nose and throat consultant to both Halifax and Huddersfield Infirmarys. He was a Founder fellow of the International College of Surgeons and travelled widely, twice being a guest speaker in Chicago and becoming a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Madrid.

Lieut. Colonel Hugh Le Messurier recalls:

"Oliver and Sheona lived with their two daughters, Anna and Fiona, in a house off Saville Park, Halifax and it was there that they entertained generations of Dukes' serving at the Depot. The warmth of their hospitality was matched only by the expectation that Oliver would produce some stimulating notion, however impracticable; for he tended to remember the past and to be quite clear about the future while leaving Sheona to worry about the present. Post War their welcome was just as warm and by then Anne was a medical student and with Sheona and Oliver graced the Depot dances held in the gymnasium. Oliver contributed to the 'Iron Duke' and was always interested in the army and the Regiment. A keen musician, he played the church organ at the village Church, Brathay, until quite recently.

Many will remember with gratitude this very gently, kind and generous man and will share the sadness at his passing with Sheona and Anne and her family who survive him".

Major St J. T. Faulkener

St John Faulkener died on 3rd June 1988, aged 94. He was commissioned into the Regiment in 1913 and was posted to the 1st Battalion, then in India, where he remained for the duration of the War. He applied to join the Royal Flying Corps but, to his lasting disappointment, the Commanding Officer declined to let him go. He took part in the campaign in Afghanistan in 1919 before being appointed Staff Captain of a 11th Infantry Brigade, Quetta. He returned to the UK in 1920 and then joined the 2nd

Battalion and served with it in Egypt and Singapore. He was a very good polo player and was a member of the 2nd Battalion team that won the Singapore Polo Cup in 1929. He was also a good tennis player. In 1928 he assumed the appointment of Adjutant of Malaya States Volunteer Regiment. In 1931 he returned to the UK and rejoined the 1st Battalion, after a year's sick leave, at Aldershot. He accompanied the Battalion to Malta where he became 2nd-in-command before retiring in 1937. After his retirement he became Secretary of the Ramsgate Sailing Club until recalled for service in 1939. As he was not passed fit for active service he was posted to the Depot, where he served firstly in Halifax and then at Brancepeth Castle, when the Depot was amalgamated with that of the Durham Light Infantry. At the end of the War he again became Secretary of the Ramsgate Sailing Club before moving to Gloucestershire in the early 1950s. There he played an active part in the British Legion Branch at Cheltenham. In 1983 he moved to Bosham, Sussex.

The Funeral Service and Cremation took place at Chichester on 13th June 1988. The Regiment was represented by Major A. C. S. Savory.

Mr C. Wass

Cliff Wass, who died suddenly on 4th June 1988 aged 59, enlisted into the Green Howards with whom he served in the Middle East and Malaya. Around 1951 he transferred to 1 DWR. For most of his service with the Battalion he was employed as the MT technical stores sergeant in which capacity he did sterling work with cheerful efficiency. On leaving the Army in 1967 he settled in Staveley where he was employed by the East Midlands Transport Service until his death.

The following members of the Regiment attended the Funeral Service at Chesterfield Crematorium. Lieut. Colonel W. Robins, Mr and Mrs L. Wilson, Mr J. Sykes, Mr R. Spring, Mrs P. Sheehan and Mr and Mrs J. Sargeant.

Sir Denis Hamilton KBE, DSO

Sir Denis Hamilton died on 7th April 1988, aged 69.

He had an outstanding career as a journalist, starting as a cub reporter with the Middlesborough Evening Gazette and finishing as Editor of the Sunday Times, Editor in Chief of Times Newspapers and Chairman of Reuters.

He also had an equally outstanding military career, which began in 1939 when he joined the Durham Light Infantry TA. By the age of 22 he was second-in-command of 11 DLI. The battalion went to Normandy in June 1944, but was later disbanded to provide reinforcements for other units. This way he joined 1/7th DWR.

Lieut. Colonel Barry Kavanagh, then commanding a company, recalls those days:

"Denis Hamilton joined 7th Dukes' in Holland as second-in-command to our much loved commanding officer, Felix Wilsey. When Felix departed to assume command of a brigade in the Reichswald, Denis took over command of the battalion. He was then aged 25. He quickly gained the respect of all ranks. His skill as a communicator, his obvious love for the Yorkshiremen and his decisiveness in command proved him to be a leader of very high quality. As a

result of his leadership the 7th went from success to success and, after the stirring battle at Halderen (where Denis won a well deserved immediate award of the DSO), went on finally to capture Arnhem. I ended up as second-in-command to Denis and established an even finer relationship with him, which continued until his death. Some time ago John Pyrah, Leslie Denton and I spent the day with Denis and his charming wife, Olive, and we re-fought our war-time battles over and over again. It was a very wonderful day for all of us. He was a splendid man of high integrity and loved by many. His death is a great loss to we old soldiers who had the privilege to serve under him."

After the war Sir Denis returned to journalism in the north east but soon moved, allegedly at the instigation of FM Lord Montgomery, to become personal assistant to Lord Kemsley. Later, as Editor of the Sunday Times, he was responsible for establishing the Colour Magazine and the Business Section as well as setting up the 'Insight' team, which set new standards of investigative journalism.

Sir Denis was a trustee of the British Museum and of the British Library. In 1982 he gave the Montgomery collection of papers to the Imperial War Museum, which have since been used as the basis of a definitive life of the Field Marshal written by Sir Denis's son, Nigel.

A memorial service was held in St Brides Church, Fleet Street on 24 May 1988, Mr Edward Heath, who gave the memorial address, described Sir Denis as "a man with extraordinary qualities of tact, diplomacy and skill.... whose modesty made him one of the least known figures of Fleet Street to those outside it."

Lieut. Colonel A. B. M. Kavanagh represented the Colonel of the Regiment at the service. Among ex members of the 7th Battalion present were; W. L. Denton, G. Fancourt, J. Pyrah, H. S. Le Messurier, B. Tomlinson, R. Farrar and T. Bax.

Major J. S. Milligan

John Milligan died at his home in Denholme on 18th March 1988 aged 70. John, who came from Halifax, joined the Territorial Army in April 1939 and was embodied in September of the same year, on the outbreak of the War. He was commissioned into the Regiment in December 1940 and served with the 1/6th Battalion in the UK and Iceland before landing with it in Normandy in June 1944. Granted a regular commission in 1946 he served with the 1st Battalion in Korea, Gibraltar, Colchester, Kenya and Catterick, becoming second-in-command in the early 60s. He then held staff appointment at home and abroad before returning to the Battalion as Families Officer in 1965, a position he held until 1968. He retired from the army in 1972.

He was Assistant Regimental Secretary at RHQ from August 1975 to July 1982 and Business Manager and Editor of the 'Iron Duke' from 1976 to 1982, introducing the coloured front cover to the magazine. When he finally retired in 1982 he had served the Regiment loyally and faithfully for 42 years.

The Funeral Service in the Halifax Parish Church was conducted by Canon Roy Matthews, assisted by the Vicar of Halifax Canon Robert Gibson. A Bearer Party was provided from the Regiment's PSI's serving with the 3rd and 4th Battalion Yorkshire Volunteers.

John's son, Lance, read the Lesson and the Address was given by Major General D. E. Isles, CB OBE.

In his Address General Isles recalled the wartime and post war service of John Milligan with the Battalion and at Regimental Headquarters. He mentioned John's innate wisdom, his great ability to "defuze" or take the heart out of a situation, his ability to get to grips with and sort out a problem and his ability as an administrator. General Donald also recalled John's huge and outrageous laugh which used to ring out over Arengo's Palace in Gibraltar, in the Kenya bush, in the Muthaiga Club and in all the Messes we ever occupied. In fact, he said, Buggy's first chuckle was a sure sign that the evening was getting off to a good start. He enjoyed life to the full but, at the same time, his serious side could not abide pompous people who over reacted and who insisted that life was all one great drama. For John, life was for getting on with the job and for finding an easier and more efficient way of doing it sensibly. General Donald concluded by saying that the Regiment mourns one of its favourite and stalwart servants, a splendid and lovable officer who stands out as a great character, a friend, and a solid and sound regimental soldier.

The following members of the Regiment were among those present - General Sir Charles Huxtable, Major General D. E. Isles, Major and Mrs. J. H. Davis, Miss Victoria F. Graham-Tedd, Mrs. Joan Fish, Major P. H. Haws, WO1 B. Noble, C/Sgt A. Williams, Major P. B. L. Hoppe, Brigadier and Mrs. D. W. Shuttleworth, Brigadier A. D. Firth, Lt. Colonel and Mrs. H. S. Le Messurier, Lt. Colonel A. B. M. Kavanagh, Mr. Tom Briggs, Major F. B. Murgatroyd, Major C. D. Miller, Major R. H. Ince, Major and Mrs. J. L. Streatfield, Captain J. H. Wallace, Mr. E. Gaukroger, Major and Mrs. J. M. Newton, Major and Mrs. S. H. Kirk, Lt. Colonel and Mrs. W. Robins, Major and Mrs. R. W. Asquith, Lt.

Colonel D. Booth, Major and Mrs. W. Blakey, Major M. P. C. Bray, Major and Mrs. K. M. McDonald, Mrs. Marian Huffam, Mr. J. E. Horne, Mr. W. Norman, Mrs. Monica Ivey, Brigadier and Mrs. W. R. Mundell, Mr. T. W. Mawson and Mr. H. Metcalfe.

Mrs A. Stead

Mrs Annie Stead, the widow of the late CSM Jackie Stead DCM MM, died at Bradford on 3rd June 1988, aged 95.

Mr C. F. Birch

Major General D. E. Isles writes:

"I wish to add a few lines to the brief obituary notice published in the Winter 1987 issue of the 'Iron Duke'.

RSM Birch enlisted in 1931 and, to the best of my memory, all his service was with the 1st Battalion and the Depot until being appointed to the 4th Battalion Green Howards in 1950. He left the army in 1953 after completing 22 years service. During his career he saw service in Malta, the BEF in 1940, North Africa and the Middle East. I remember him as a good NCO and Warrant Officer and a firm and fair RSM. I played a lot of rugby with him, both in Palestine and Egypt just after the end of the War and also at the Depot. He was a splendid front row forward of the old school, not often seen other than in a rare dribble - all his work was done in the scrum. His brother, Lance Corporal 'Hooky' Birch, was the hooker in the useful XV we had at the Depot in 1947/48, when Jack Dalrymple was commanding. Corporal Frost was the other member of the quite formidable (and elderly) front row, in the face of which it was prudent for opponents not to lie on the ball too long.

He was a good Duke who gave a lot to the Regiment during his 22 years service. Sadly, he did not keep in touch with us after he left the service."

NOTICES

REGULAR FORCES EMPLOYMENT ASSOCIATION

The Association, together with the Ministry of Defence and the Manpower Services Commission, is part of the Forces Resettlement Service. Its task is to assist all non-commissioned men and women who served with good character for a minimum of three years, or less if discharged on medical grounds, to find civil employment at the end of their engagements.

The Association, whose services are free, take a long term interest in ex-Regulars so they are available to them throughout their working lives.

Employment Officers are situated in Branches throughout the United Kingdom and they maintain close contact with local employers and Jobcentres. Their addresses and telephone numbers can be obtained from Unit Resettlement Officers, Jobcentres and local telephone directories.

During the period 1st April 1987 - 31st March 1988 the Association assisted 10,269 men and women with their resettlement and placed 5,017 in employment. Of those placed 2,321 were men and women from the Army of whom 11 were from the Regiment.

MEDAILLE DE LA FRANCE LIBEREE

The following is an extract from a letter which RHQ has received from MOD (Army) MS 1b.

"There are thousands of British War Veterans who are understandably totally confused by the recent rush of publicity given to the above medal, most of it totally inaccurate, suggesting that any former serviceman who took part in the campaign in France during World War II was entitled to claim and wear the medal.

The Medaille de la France Liberee, created in 1947, is not an ordinary service medal but a **special award** for distinguished services."

Anyone wishing to have further information on this subject should contact RHQ.

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