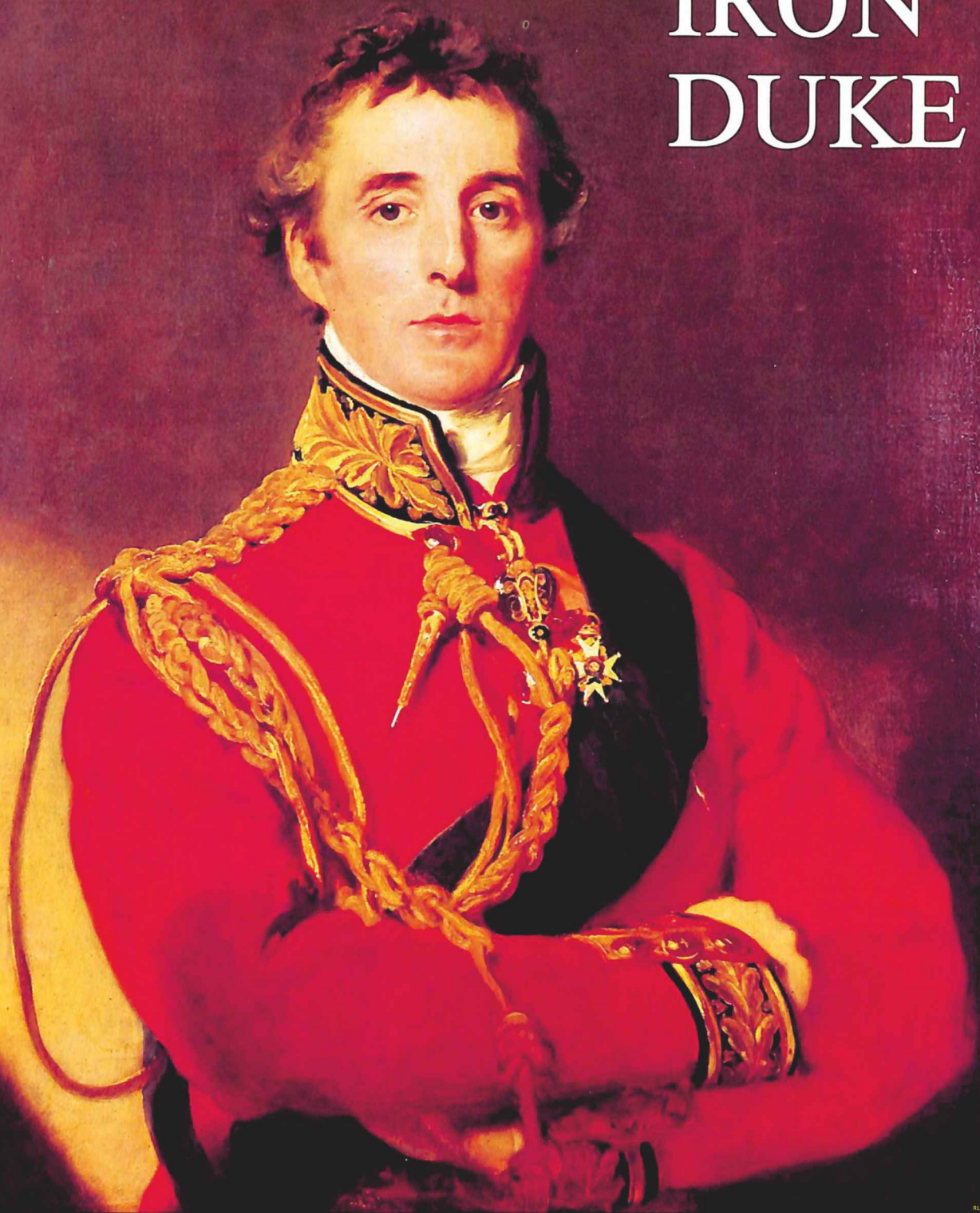


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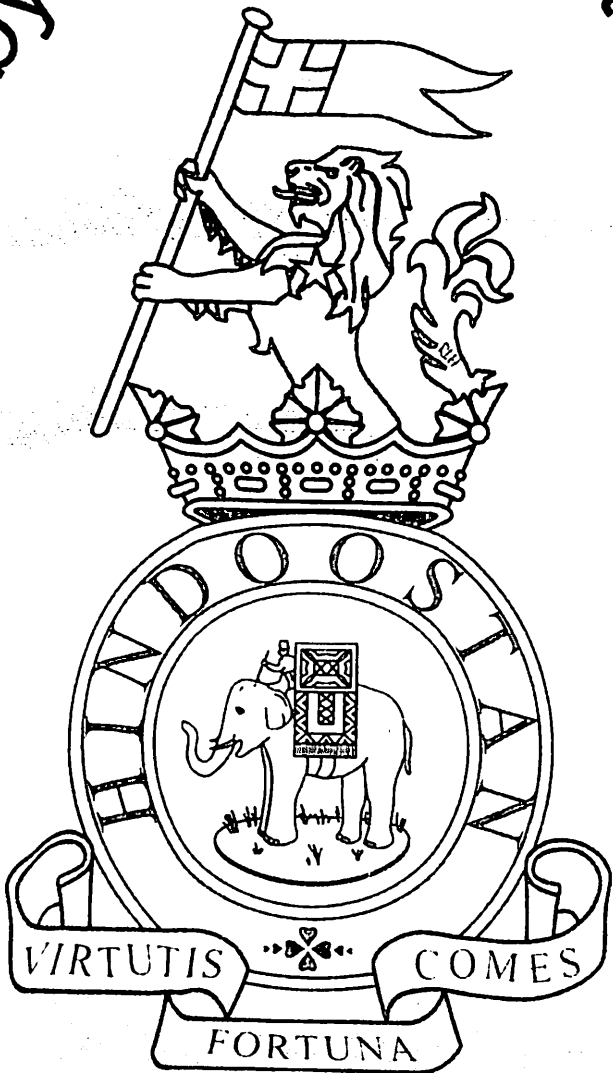
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The eight members of the 1st Battalion who have served in all eight tours the Battalion has undertaken in Northern Ireland.  
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Front row: C/Sgt. T. Woodward; WO2 (RQMS) B. Hey; C/Sgt. M. Turner.



# Regimental Headquarters

## Regimental Notes

### YORKSHIRE TOUR BY 1 DWR

A party of the 1st Battalion is to tour West Yorkshire during the period from 30 May to 3 June 1989, and South Yorkshire from 24 to 28 June 1989. Final programmes are to be confirmed, but the following events are proposed.

#### West Yorkshire

Tuesday 30 May Brighouse - Static Display and Band.

Wednesday 31 May Keighley - Static Display and Band. Evening Concert.

Thursday 1 June Bradford - City Centre march with salute taken by the Lord Mayor. Static Display and Band. Evening Concert.

Friday 2 June Halifax - Freedom March with salute taken by the Mayor. Static Display and Band. Evening concert or Retreat Beating.

Saturday 3 June Huddersfield - Freedom March with salute taken by the Mayor. Static Display and Band. Evening concert.

#### South Yorkshire

Saturday 24 June, Sunday 25 June. Rotherham Tattoo - Band and Static Display.

Monday 26 June Barnsley - Band Concert for Rockley House Trust and Home for Disabled Children.

Monday 26 June afternoon Sheffield - Static Display at Endcliffe Hall for Sheffield Area ACF.

Tuesday 27 June Barnsley - Static Display and Band. Evening Concert.

Wednesday 28 June Sheffield - Static Display and Band. Evening Concert.

### A NEW HMS 'IRON DUKE'

It has been announced that one of the new 'Duke' Class Type 23 frigates for the Royal Navy is to be named 'Iron Duke', others in the same class being 'Norfolk', 'Argyll', 'Lancaster', 'Marlborough', 'Monmouth' and 'Montrose'. 'Iron Duke' is not likely to be commissioned before 1993, but it is hoped there will be some form of alliance between the Regiment and the Ship. The reintroduction of this name for a ship of the Royal Navy will rekindle for some older members of the Regiment memories of the close links from 1923 to 1942 with the 25000 ton battleship of that name which was Jellicoe's flagship at Jutland.

### MEMORIAL STATUE - THE LATE FIELD MARSHALL THE VISCOUNT SLIM KG, GCB, GCMG, GCVO, GBE, DSO, MC.

The Burma Star Association with the approval of the Slim family has commissioned a sculptor to begin work on a statue of the late Field Marshal Viscount Slim, which is to be erected on Rayleigh Green in Whitehall.

Costs to create and erect the statue will be in excess of £100,000 and the Burma Star Association has launched an appeal for donations. Cheques or Postal Orders should be made payable to "The Slim

Memorial Statue Appeal" and sent to The Burma Star Association, 51 St. George's Drive, London SW1V 4DE.

### COLONEL E. J. W. WALKER O.B.E.

Colonel Johnny Walker has received a gold medal as a regional winner of a Barclaycard 'Hidden Heroes' award in the field of sports administration for services to Nordic/Biathlon skiing in preparation for the 1988 Calgary Winter Olympic Games. Barclaycard were one of the official sponsors for the 1988 Olympic Games and their panel included Virginia Wade, Andy Ripley, Virginia Leng and David Hemery. Colonel Johnny is now Chairman of the Combined Services Nordic/Biathlon Committee.

### REGIMENTAL MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES

Recent acquisitions for the museum or archives include: -

- From Mr. K. Finding of Camberley a 455 Colt Service Revolver, leather holster, ammunition, and a pair of 1914 pattern wire cutters all of which were used in the First World War by his father, the late RSM George Finding, a regular soldier who served with 2/6th DWR in France and Flanders.

- From Colonel P. A. Mitchell OBE a very interesting collection of maps, panoramic sketches, handover certificate and orders relating to the Hook position in Korea plus a selection of Chinese propaganda leaflets.

- From Major C. Moseley of Merthyr Tydfil, ex 5th DWR, a 9mm Luger Pistol with holster and two magazines and a 7.55 Mauser Pistol with holster and two magazines. Both removed from German officers after their surrender at Dunkirk in 1945.

- From SMI R. Battye of Thongsbridge Detachment DWR ACF a framed photograph of 'A' Coy 2/5th DWR taken in July 1916.

- From Major D. Bennett DWR ACF an early pattern 2" mortar with baseplate.

- From Mr. H. Marsh of Huddersfield the World War One medals of the late S299 Pte. J. Sanderson DWR.

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# 1st Battalion

## COMMANDING OFFICER'S INTRODUCTION

The pressure of our two years in Northern Ireland remained on right to the end because, following the bombing of unprotected quarters around the province, we had to deploy extra platoons to provide some measure of security, especially in Lisburn. Nevertheless the workload was made more palatable in the knowledge that the end was in sight. Imagine our dismay when, with two or three days to go, our dreams of 'paradise' were shattered with the news of the IRA bombing in Tern Hill. Luckily our advance party, who were occupying the target building, all escaped unscathed.

Tern Hill bombing excepted, it has been a very successful end to the tour. The happiest thing to report is that no soldiers have been lost to enemy action and that Ptes. Suffield and Main, who both suffered serious leg injuries late last year, are recovering well. I hope that they will be reporting back for duty before the year is out.

Our deployment into Woodbourne proved to be a great success. It was a challenging role and the soldiers responded accordingly, to the extent that our area was described by our bosses as the flagship of security force operations in Belfast. Apart from the No. 1 Company, we had to respond to 153 deployments during the tour, or one every 4 days. They ranged from a couple of teams for a day up to three companies for

eighteen days which on average resulted in each man in the Battalion being on operations every other night for the whole tour - quite a thought.

In these hectic last four months Dukes' soldiers found two command wire devices intact and a large cache of weapons under a kitchen floor. We also won the UK Rugby Cup to everyone's delight. I suspect that paradoxically we will be remembered during this tour for our Rugby successes more than the operational ones! Nevertheless much praise has been heaped upon the Battalion for its work, as well as its play, and great credit must go to all ranks for remaining so steadfast and cheerful through the hard times as well as the easy ones. The Yorkshire soldier has again proved to be the ideal blend for Northern Ireland.

This leads me to a final very important message to all members of the Regiment, past and present. While we are not affected nearly as badly as most other, recruiting is falling off due to the demographic trend. We leave Palace Barracks twenty under strength, with a further drop predicted. RHQ and the Battalion are contributing to the recruiting drive in 1989 with KAPE, ACF visits, special recruiters and displays, but it now needs a total Regimental effort to achieve our targets.

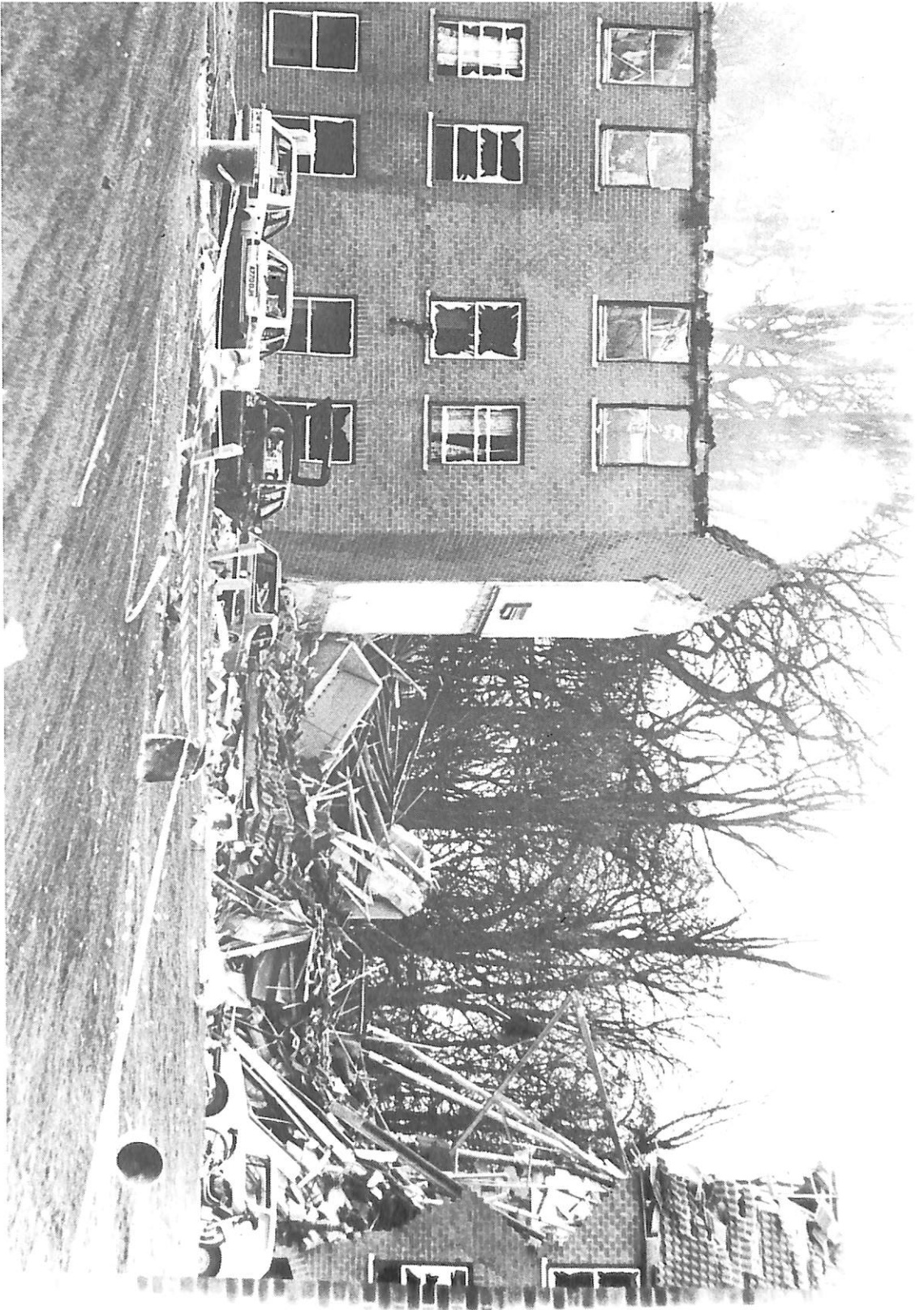
## THE TERN HILL BOMBS

At about 0330 hours on Monday 20 February 1989 I was awoken by a phone call in my quarter, Harwell House, in Palace Barracks. To my amazement it was Dennis Whittaker, the Families Officer, ringing from Tern Hill. In a slightly tremulous voice he said "Colonel, I am standing in the Officers Mess; 3 bombs have exploded in the barracks, HQ Company Block is burning fiercely; I can hear shots in the distance; we hope we have got everyone out of the accommodation". It was the sort of phone call I had been dreading for two years - but about Palace Barracks, not sleepy Shropshire!

A Provisional IRA Active Service Unit was disturbed by 2 PARA prowler sentries whilst placing 3 bombs in the HQ Coy Block. The terrorists, 3 of whom were seen at various times, were remarkably cool, attempting to bluff their way through the sentries' challenge. When that failed one terrorist placed a sports bag (containing a bomb) on the ground and drew a pistol. There was a brief struggle during which the terrorist had the opportunity to kill both soldiers - (they were armed but quite correctly had their magazines in their pouches). He escaped without firing and ran off into the block. The other two were seen a few moments later and challenged when they ran off; the sentry fired three shots. With considerable initiative, when the urge must have been to chase after the terrorists, the sentries then summoned the remainder of the guard and cleared the block. Thank goodness they did because, as the last of

fifty men accommodated in there (30 of whom were Dukes) ran out wearing just shorts, towels or pyjamas, the bombs exploded, including the one in the sports bag. The 2IC of the Guard was cut by flying glass. That was how close it had been to a major tragedy. The soldiers lost all their personal and military belongings and five individuals lost cars or motorbikes.

We had already planned that the Companies should have a fortnight's leave immediately on arrival from Northern Ireland, which was fortuitous, but the advance party and the remaining Paras all had to be accommodated in the indoor sports hall. The Camp became one large piece of forensic evidence and it was completely taken over by the West Mercia Police and the Serious Crimes Squad from the Metropolitan Police. As the area was cleared, slowly the restricted portion was narrowed down to the block itself and the damage was assessed. 183 bedspaces in HQ Company Block were lost, 100 for good. About 80 can be salvaged after a year's repair work. The three rifle company blocks suffered considerable superficial damage in the explosion - roof slates, windows, window frames and many internal fittings (the latter destroyed by over zealous searching for further devices!) These blocks should be ready for occupation when the Battalion returns from leave. By a certain amount of squeezing and using the gymnasium for two weeks, we can house Hook Coy until ten Portacabins are installed on the Battalion Square.



The Tern Hill Bombs: The morning after.



These will be comfortable one/two man rooms with fully plumbed in services. Then as I say, in a year's time we will be virtually back to normal.

It has been an eventful few weeks - the bombs, Pickfords pulling out of the contract half way through the families's move, bad weather delaying the containers and demands for manpower for the increased security and for collecting 3000 dustbins full

of forensic evidence - i.e. a building reduced to rubble! Apart from one or two key personnel losing their leave, life for the remainder should have been hardly affected and the forecast of events should continue to unfold as planned. Flexibility continues to be the main watchword of the British Army!

A. D. Roberts

## ALMA COMPANY

### Visit of BBC Leeds

When the chance of being on television arose, we jumped at the idea of some excellent publicity and set about planning a programme. The BBC "Look North" team comprised two producers from Yorkshire and a film crew from BBC Belfast. The aim of the short documentary was to capture the hopes and fears of some of the Yorkshire soldiers who make up a high percentage of the Battalion.

The crew began filming in December. The original idea was to make a seven minute extended news feature, however, the finished product was in fact fifteen minutes. Attempting to capture not only life in Palace Barracks but deployment in West Belfast required a tight schedule. Time was of the essence, it seemed, as for a fifteen minute feature almost 2½ hours of film were needed. Filming is definitely an art, so the Public Relations Officer discovered. To expect civilians (and TV personnel at that) to adhere to a military timetable became increasingly difficult. Cries of "Just one more shot" and "Can we take that again" filled her with dread as she wondered which senior officer she was going to upset this time. However, despite the inevitable hiccups, almost all the aspects the team had hoped to feature were captured on film and in interviews.

The lucky (or some may say unlucky) company to be in the public eye were Alma commanded by Major Martin Drake. His choice of five soldiers of varying age and experience turned out to be excellent and their very personal accounts of Province life added humour, colour and dimension to what could have been a run of the mill account.

The crew seemed to be very impressed with the Battalion and a letter of thanks followed "It's good to see the Yorkshire spirit thriving such a long way from home".

### Corporal K. Craddock

"Cpl. Craddock, you are one of the soldiers to appear on television" said my OC Major Martin Drake. Anybody who knows me well enough will know I am no Robert Redford lookalike. I did however accept the challenge and turned up for the

first filming session. It began in the cookhouse where the crew wanted to capture everyday soldiers life. Then we gathered in the Sandes Home to conduct interviews individually and in groups. The interviews were not as nerve racking as I had thought. The bright lighting made me uncomfortable but I carried on answering the questions. "What do you think of death?", "What do you think about when you are patrolling?" and "Are you afraid?" were some of the things the interviewer wanted us to explain. Eventually the finished product appeared on TV just before Christmas. The rest of the company had great pleasure in pulling our interviews apart but the relatives back home thought it was great. Alas all good things come to an end including my potential career as a TV star. I suppose I will just have to continue soldiering as I have done since I joined up all those years ago.

### Private Quirk

The news that we were to appear on the silver screen was an exciting prospect but one which was not uppermost in our minds as we prepared for our final deployment in West Belfast. Unfortunately we were to be there at Christmas. However, when we walked into the cookhouse that evening to the bright lights and video cameras, I knew that it was all real. Four of us were to be interviewed down at the Sandes home, normally a very relaxed place. The aim was to talk to the various kinds of soldiers. The married unaccompanied, the married accompanied, the new boy and of course the 'foreigner'. As far as I was concerned, it went very well. The interviewer was not pushy but seemed genuinely interested. I think he was a little surprised at what we told him. That night was then over and we began preparation for deployment. The day came, pigs parked on the parade square and there they were again....cameras, lights. It was everyone elses chance to get on the screen. The next time we were filmed was in West Belfast itself when we were patrolling. When the finished product appeared on TV, everybody was very impressed. It was well put over and made us all look like heroes.

## BURMA COMPANY

### Vehicle Check Point

In early October 1988 Burma Company had a platoon deployed into the Andersonstown area of West Belfast. A patrol was checking traffic on one of the main routes out of West Belfast towards the city.

Shortly after dark a car was driven over the brow of a hill, when the occupants saw a patrol and tried to

turn round. Pte. Walton was the nearest man to the car and without waiting for orders, he dashed across to it and put himself between the vehicle and its escape route. The driver revved hard and the car lurched forward catching Walton a glancing blow. As he staggered backwards Walton cocked his weapon and shouted "Stop the car else" The driver immediately



Pro I.R.A. artistry in Twinbrook

saw his point of view and stopped the car. After some discussion, which took a similar line to requesting the car to stop, the occupants got out and the car was searched. The boot contained two large bags of a grey substance which after some investigation proved to be home made explosives. The RUC arrived on the scene in force shortly afterwards, recognised the men and came up with the equivalent of "you're nicked mate". The two men were then taken away to be questioned. Several days later they were charged with possession of explosives. Hopefully they will both be away for some time.

#### Capture of a Gun Team

In late October two Burma soldiers were acting as a vehicle escort to a Police Mobile Patrol (The Blues). Information was received that a gun team was operating in the Ballymurphy. The Blues dashed into the 'Murph' to find the terrorist and because the information was not specific initially raided the house next door to where the gun-men were. Noises next door indicated suspicious activity and the Blues went in, that is to say the door splintered under the pressure of a boot, and policemen dashed into the house and upstairs. The military escort dashed to the back to the house to cut off escape and saw a weapon, ammunition and other military hardware being thrown out of the rear upstairs windows. This was seen as a clear indication that the gun team no longer wanted to participate in the plan they had devised and

wished to get rid of their dangerous toys before they got hurt.

A large number of women and children had been held hostage downstairs and the four men upstairs having been caught red handed were escorted away 'none too gently' by the RUC.

#### Success At Last

Midnight - mid November. Three search teams were required for a search in Armagh. The Ops officer tasked Burma Coy with the assurance that success is near certain. The teams were put together and reported to Armagh at 0800 hours. By 1100 they had deployed three ways. The team commanders arrived at their search area with RUC teams and got on with doing the outside area whilst policemen went into the houses. Cpl. Barratt decided to ponder the problem of his search before starting and his team therefore started to nose about in the yard, waiting for his firm and clear direction. McCamley and Hall looked under an oil tank and seeing an unusual piece of material gave it a tug. What they saw was both a thrill and a shock; they had uncovered an arms cache. Cpl. Barratt was told, but being of a suspicious nature insisted on seeing the 'find' before reporting it.

He told the RUC in the house first. He did find it difficult to hide his satisfaction at the fact that, having been given the less exciting search task, it was his team that had found the kit. He then tried to tell HQ 2 UDR at Armagh. Unfortunately communications were not

good, but he eventually discovered that by standing on top of the Land Rover with the radio held in the air he could get through.

The other two teams then redoubled their efforts and soon came up with their own finds. Cpl. Ashworth's team found an anti aircraft sight and LCpl Ashman found a rifle.

## CORUNNA COMPANY

I am writing these notes to the sound of MFO box lids being screwed down, the CSM's shiny floors being screwed up and the incoming CQMS being screwed to the wall. Yes, it is unit move time again and Corunna is the lead company into Tern Hill. This has its good points, in that we get to grab all the best offices, seats, kit etc. before the rest of the battalion can, but at the same time we have the awful prospect of having to fend for ourselves for two weeks while the rest of the battalion has leave.

We will soon be well settled in Tern Hill and be running the potential and Junior NCOs Cadre. This is just one of many cadres which will see the old orbit of Corunna substantially revised. We are all looking forward to England and there is no doubt that it will not be quite as easy a time as we had hoped it might have been! Private Main who was injured in November is up on crutches and seems to be making a good recovery.

### Private Main's Close Shave

The Command Wire Improvised Explosive Device, or CWIED for short, is a most effective terrorist weapon. It is also extremely simple to construct, needing only a detonator and explosives to be obtained illegally, the rest of the ingredients being readily available in any Woolworths or electrical store. The device need not be large and can be put into position quickly, and with the use of an accomplice, not necessarily in sight of the firer. The Battalion in its time here has encountered eight of these devices, of which five have detonated. Of those five, two produced serious casualties; one to Pte. Suffield of Burma Coy, and one to Pte. Main of Corunna Coy.

In Pte. Main's case the circumstances were typical of this form of attack. His team was moving up the Stewartstown Road towards the Poleglass Estate when it passed a wooden paling fence fronting the Margueritta Park housing estate. This was no more than 350 yards from the security force base at Woodbourne RUC Station and had been passed by another patrol no more than thirty minutes beforehand.

The lead man of the team passed the fence and moved into an area of waste ground that bordered the road. This must have been used as the signal for the firer to activate his device and it went off with a bang that was heard quite clearly in Holywood. It was obviously even louder in the Ops Room at Woodbourne and everyone there immediately realised an attack of some sort had taken place.

One of the attractive aspects of this form of attack from the terrorists point of view is that it causes temporary confusion while the troops check to see if anyone has been hurt, to allow them to effect an escape. In this case Pte. Main's team, after having taken immediate cover, looked through the cloud of

Had members of the search teams been asked if they wanted to go on this job the answer would have almost certainly been 'No'. When they were asked if they were glad that they had been in on it after the event, they all answered 'Yes'. So one major find to some degree compensated for two years of short notice call outs.

dust smoke and wood splinters to see him lying on the ground, blood welling from an injury to his right leg. His two other team members got to their feet, and picking him up dragged him over the road from the site of the explosion to an area of safety. One of them, a trained team medic, got out of his first aid pack and started staunching the flow of blood. Fortunately the Admin Rover group with the CSM and the Coy Medic were on the road on another task and drove up to allow the better equipped orderly to assist in the immediate first aid. It is at this moment that training takes over and proves its value. All the months of pre deployment training, the various competitions, the sweat and labours of barrack routine all proved their worth as everybody knew what they had to do and got on and did it. The Ops Room tasked the military ambulance, the OC hijacked the QRF landrover, the CQMS cooked the telephones, the cook started brewing up tea and the ops room at Palace started notifying next of kin. We all moan about Standing Orders, about repetitive rehearsals, about bull and red tape but when all these people and agencies, many uninvolved in the incident, and who had never heard of Pte. Main, all work together unprompted to get the job done and done well, then their value is proved.

Very soon Main was in the back of an ambulance and speeding to the operating table where he had his knee cap removed and a large metal bolt extracted from his bladder. He was conscious throughout and rather cheekily reminded the CSM to sort out his Criminal Injury Compensation Claim just before he was loaded onto the stretcher! For the rest of the company the night was spent clearing up the incident and allowing ATO and the forensic investigators to collect the evidence to hopefully convict the culprits if they were to be caught in the future.

What of those culprits? They probably had the easiest job of the evening and were no doubt having a beer in a pub when the first reports appeared on the late UTV news. To them if they ever get to read this we can only say, "You really achieved nothing that would advance your cause and in fact have only hardened the resolve of one young man to stay in the organisation that is still pledged to end your little games forever."

### MOR Find

Momentous events seldom seem to start in a sensational way. They normally begin very slowly and then gather momentum at an alarming rate. To be equal to them is made difficult mainly by this gradual development, one has to spot the signs and rapidly respond as the situation develops.

It was therefore without great concern that OC Corunna received a telephone call from the duty inspector at Woodhouse that said "We might have something on, is your QRF available?" This somewhat laconic request was not unusual, it could

denote anything from an expected full frontal assault in the front gate of the station down to assistance with push starting a RUC Landrover! "Of course" came the reply "Our QRF is always available". Nevertheless an antenna was starting to twitch so the QRF commander who was lounging in customary pose in his neat ops room was despatched to mount his two teams in their vehicles and await orders on the radio.

Five minutes later another phone call "You know your QRF? Can they come round to the front of the station and join my police mobile for a brief?" "Sure" was the reply "What's going on?" The RUC being Irish do not respond too well to a direct question. "We...ll, we may have a wee job". This was definitely significant "something on" was one thing, in RUC parlance that covered a multitude of sins, "A wee job" was something entirely different. "A wee job" meant action.

The OC decided it was time to put in a personal appearance and dropping his copy of the 43rd amendment to The Rugby and Cross Country Training Programme with a heavy thud on his desk he went out for the interminable trek from the Army base round to the RUC Station.

It being 1030 am he immediately went to the Inspectors' Mess. Nobody there, this was even more significant, especially as the customary sausage rolls that were the mandatory morning coffee consumption of the Woodbourne Station hierarchy were left untouched and rapidly cooling on the table. That this important tradition had been interrupted meant events of considerable significance must be taking place. Sure enough, a visit to the Subdivisional Commander's office proved even more significant. All the station hierarchy was there. All sat silently staring at the secure telephone on the Sub Div Commanders (SDC) desk. They all had their hats and flack jackets on! From the Superintendent down to the Duty Inspector, all were hooded and spruced and the OC felt horribly underdressed in just his combat jacket.

Without waiting for any prompting he grabs a phone, calls his ops room and tells them to scramble his Rover Group. Back in the office the silence continues. The phone rings, and all lean forward, "Yes, I'd love spaghetti bolognese tonight, dear, and tell Julie I'll pick her up after school". All lean back again. The phone rings again, all lean forward once more "Right, we're on our way" the SDC looked at

the OC "Is the QRF ready?" The OC remembers passing them on his way sitting in their armoured landrover with engine revving and the heater full on, "Yes" "Right Keith away you go". The Duty Inspector disappears and all lean back again. From downstairs there is much shouting, whoops, banging of vehicle doors and revving of British Leyland engines that signify the departure of the Sub Divisional Mobile and our QRF. Silence again. Minutes pass.

"We think we might *have* something in the Ladybrooks" That "*have*", a positive verb almost denoting a certainty is almost unheard of in Northern Ireland except in cases bordering on the spectacular. The OC decides it is time to don his own equipment and goes down to the waiting Rover Group to do so. He returns to hear the police radio in the office give the final and really rather thrilling news. "We have a positive here with three skulls". A "positive", a definite find and three skulls, three people of an arrestable disposition. The peace is shattered as four people try to exit through the same door at the same time. The OC leaps into the front seat of his vehicle and the three remaining RUC officers into the back. They roar out the gates and cream down to the address now being relayed over the army net from the QRF already in position. The army ops room realising the significance start "standing to" the remaining troops in the base and redirecting patrols on the ground to the scene.

The OC arrives to find the RUC gaining entry to a house by the convenient method of taking a 10lb sledge hammer to the door whilst another is busy trussing up three men in overalls inside a garage. A peer into the garage reveals the answer to all this. A van was being prepared to take 2 Rds 10 mortars with the intention of launching them that night. Probably at our own base. Identities of the men are checked and there then follows an exhilarating period as house calls are done throughout West Belfast by joint police and army patrols. One of them reveals a house takeover with two masked men holding a family hostage. They are arrested and more house calls ensue. Soon it is over and the RUC retire with their prisoners leaving the army to call ATO to dismantle the mortars and to get the forensic science experts to recover the pieces. This has indeed been "a wee job" and a most significant, timely and well executed one at that.

## SOMME COMPANY

### Procedure and Results of Searching

Before arriving in Northern Ireland Companies selected personnel to undergo a two week search course at Chatham Dean run by The Royal Engineers and led by the Company Unit Search Advisor (USA), normally the CSM. The course was demanding but interesting, covering many pieces of search equipment and teaching to systematically search: occupied houses, unoccupied houses (derelicts), areas, vehicles, bodies.

On completion of the course (Cpl. Kendrick (Somme Coy Team) came top from ten other mixed unit teams) CSM's were tasked with keeping up the interest within search teams and updating on: search

awareness, search equipment, evidence handling, documentation.

The six man Search Team consisting of:

- 1 x JNCO
- 1 x Pte. (Scribe)
- 2 x Pte. Search Team (Ferrets)
- 2 x Pte. Search Team (Ferrets)

were called upon many times to search in rural and urban areas. An occupied house search normally took approximately four hours although one Team working in the Poleglass Estate (West Belfast) took eight hours after finding a well constructed deep buried hide under the concrete floor in the kitchen. So there is really no time limit.

On SB/RUC request a Search Team is warned to prepare for an occupied house search. Later the USA briefs the Search Team giving as much information as is known about the occupants' habits, size of family dog etc. A Close Cordon, normally 3 x Teams of four men, guard the entry and exit of the target house and also give protection of the surrounding area. The Search Team then moves out headed by an RUC Constable. Entry is made. The Team disappears behind closed curtains and doors, emerging some time later! The following agencies are available and on call if required:

Search Dog  
 ATO - Ammunition Technical Officer  
 SOCO - Scene of Crime Officer  
 WIS - Weapons Intelligence Section  
 RESA - Royal Engineer Search Advisor  
 REST - Royal Engineer Search Team

The Battalion is proud of the results that Search Teams have made to foil any would-be attacks on the security forces. Listed are the company finds, both rural and urban, during the Battalion's Operational Tour in Northern Ireland.

Type of Find	Location	Method of Search
<b>Alma Company</b>		
5lb IED	Newry	Patrol
5lb IED	Belfast	Area Search
1500lb IED	Newry	Route Clearance
40 assorted rounds	Belfast	Area Search
<b>Burma Company</b>		
2000 assorted rounds		
3 x Rifles	Belfast	House Search
Twinflex	Belfast	
100lb Explosives	Belfast	Boot of car
Assorted ammunition	Belfast	Patrol

<b>Corunna Company</b>		
Mortars	Belfast	House Search
<b>Somme Company</b>		
Time Power Unit+	Rostrevor Ward	Area Search
Explosive Charge	Rostrevor Ward	Area Search
150 assorted rounds	Newry	Patrol
20lb CWIED	Newry	Patrol
150lb CWIED	Belfast	Patrol
2 Tubes of Primed Mortars	Belfast	Patrol
Purpose Built Hide	Belfast	House Search
3 Replica Pistols	Belfast	House Search
1 x Machine Pistol+	Belfast	House Search
2 Handguns	Belfast	House Search
3 x Ballaclavas+	Belfast	Area Search
Replica Pistol	Belfast	Area Search
Empty Bank		
Money Containers	Belfast	Area Search
1 x GPMG	Belfast	House Search
3 x Rifles (with scope)	Belfast	House Search
2 x IPG Launchers	Belfast	House Search
1kg Semtex Explosive	Belfast	House Search
2 x Time Power Units	Belfast	House Search
200 metres Twinflex	Belfast	House Search
1 coil Canadian		
Det Cord	Belfast	House Search
600 rounds assorted	Belfast	House Search
Purpose Built Hide	Belfast	House Search

### CATERING PLATOON

We are furiously packing away and cleaning our kitchen and dining hall ready for handover. It is the end of an era, as only four of us will be returning to Tern Hill.

Whatever happened to 1988? Time over here in the Province passes so quickly that before you know it it's Christmas, the most busy period for the Catering Platoon, is once again upon us. As is the case for most years, we had many functions to cater for with a host of varying menus from pies 'n' peas to elaborate buffets. In addition to this we ran our traditional Christmas Cake Competition. Every chef produced a cake of his own design with nothing artificial but the ribbon. This is the second year the competition has been run, and a lot of flair was shown. The standard of the cakes was excellent and many different ideas were seen.

Mrs Carolyn Roberts, the Commanding Officer's Wife, and five ladies of the Regiment did the judging. SNCOs entered a different competition which was won by Sgt. Fergusson.

The winners were:

1st: Cpl. North, 2nd: Cpl. Burns, 3rd: LCpl. Gander.

Four of the cakes were donated to the local hospital as a token of our gratitude.



Presentation of Christmas cakes, made by the Catering Platoon, to the hospital in Dudonald where many Dukes' babies were born. Mrs. Sue Wyatt on the left and 2nd Lieut. Carol Hoile WRAC (Asst. Adjutant) on the right.



## QUINQUENNIAL INSPECTION OF THE REGIMENTAL BAND

Every band in the British Army is inspected every five years in order to maintain standards. It is a chance for the Band to prove its professionalism and the inspection is carried out by inspecting officers from the Royal Military School of Music Kneller Hall. The inspection of the Band of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment took place on 13 October 1988 at Palace Barracks, Holywood. Colonel D. R. P. Lewis (Late WG) Commandant of the RMSM and Lieutenant Colonel F. A. Renton RA Director of Music at Kneller Hall arrived at Palace Barracks on their tour of many Bands.

The Inspection itself is divided into two sections, Inspection/Marching Band and Concert Band. The Inspection commenced with the Band and Drums forming up in ceremonial order on the Parade Square for the Marching Band Phase. The Square doubles up normally as a helicopter landing pad. They were asked to avoid landing at this particular time. After a somewhat detailed inspection of tunics and musical instruments, the Band and Drums commenced with the marching display. The Commanding Officer was present at the inspection as well. The display lasts about 15 minutes and must contain slow and quick marching, advance in review order and a general salute. The objective is to test the Band on its ceremonial awareness and its ability to simultaneously entertain the general public.



*Quinquennial Inspection of the Band*  
Colonel D. R. P. Lewis (late WG), Commandant of the Royal School of Music, Kneller Hall, and Lieut. Colonel A. D. Roberts MBE Commanding Officer 1 DWR at the inspection of the Band at Palace Barracks.



*The Royal Tournament: 1988*

The Band of the 1st Battalion took part in the Royal Tournament. The Drums were involved in the opening sequence, which traced the history of the drum.

Left to right: Cpl. Mann; Bds. Whitham; L/Cpl. Sidwell and L/Cpl. Wainwright in Elizabethan costume.

Phase two of the inspection was held in the 7/10 UDR hall at Palace Barracks. Seventy members of the Battalion and friends came to support the Band in the slightly more difficult part of the inspection. The opening Fanfare was composed by the Bandmaster WO 1 North especially for the occasion. Lieutenant Colonel Renton then set about testing in depth musical theory. Individual members of the Band were tested and answers came quickly and accurately. The next part was performance of a prepared piece of music "Suite in B Flat" by Gordon Jacobs. This is an extremely demanding piece and was played with skill

and enthusiasm. Dreaded "Sight Reading" followed. Despite fears, it went very well. A display followed which had the audience tapping their toes and laughing. Individual groups provided us with Big Dance band, a seventies style Rock Group, an Irish folk group playing whistle and flute, a woodwind ensemble and a Bavarian band. This excellent performance proved that the Band and Drums really were professional, versatile and above all excellent entertainers.

Their grade was "Very Good" which for a band of a regiment of the line is no mean feat!

### OFFICERS' MESS

Despite a host of extra deployments and the move back to Tern Hill being imminent, Mess functions went ahead as planned. A Regimental Dinner Night was held in honour of the General Officer Commanding Northern Ireland, Lieutenant General Sir John Waters KCB CBE, on Friday 11 November 1988. The function was well attended and gave the General an opportunity to meet some of the officers on a slightly less formal basis. After an excellent meal, the band rounded off the evening with an amusing musical performance. Despite obvious limitations on the use of fireworks in the Province, Capt. Mike Tinsley expertly organised an evening of "legal" bangs and fires for Bonfire Night on 5th November. Afterwards Glühwein and mince pies were served along with Chilli con Carne in the Mess. The festive season began with a traditional service of carols held at St. Georges Church Palace Barracks. The new padre, Reverend Andrew Jolly conducted the service along with Padre Vasey his catholic counterpart. The service was well attended by Dukes' and other members of the Holywood Garrison.

The highlight of the festive season was the traditional Ladies Guest Night attended by officers, wives and girlfriends. With no guests of a military nature (excepting the Assistant Adjutant's fiancé a

Royal Marine Captain) the evening had a wonderful family atmosphere. A system of 'place-swapping' ensured that guests got around and socialised and the dinner ended with a speech by the Commanding Officer.

On Christmas Eve, the few officers left in the barracks and some of the families gathered at the Mess to sing carols around the married quarters culminating in drinks at the Commanding Officer's house. The CO was to play host again on Christmas Day when any 'homeless' officer was invited to Harwell House to be fed and watered!

New Year was much more animated and Capt. John Bailey organised a 1970's party. Everyone was to turn up in what they were wearing in that year. Some didn't have to go far into the recesses of their cupboards to find an appropriate costume! 1989 was seen in true Duke's style.

Since New Year the married officers clubbed together to cater for all the 'livers-in' in a "Round the Houses" party. The first course was eaten in the Mess and then we were divided up into two groups. One group went to the Baileys and then the Grieves, and the other group went to the Morgans and the Kilburns.

### WARRANT OFFICERS' AND SERGEANTS' MESS

#### Introduction

Even though restricted by numbers at time, Christmas was again a social success. Between the 10th and 31st December we had three sit down meals and two buffets - all with free food and drink, so it was a very merry Christmas. The two main events were the Christmas draw on the 10th and Rupert/Andy Cap day on the 23rd.

#### Christmas Draw 1988

The preparations for the annual Christmas draw held by the Mess began on a gloomy day in January when the draw organiser received his brief from the RSM. The main objective was to make sure that the draw was one to be remembered and so the full weight of the draw committee swung into action.

The choice of a main prize had been made and the decision was to move away from the traditional theme of televisions, videos etc. and so arrangements for the purchase of a car began.

A list of virtually all the main car manufacturers and dealers was compiled and a letter outlining the draw theme sent. After much rejection and gnashing of teeth a dealer emerged who had made us an offer we could not refuse and consequently a Peugeot was ordered from Nato Cars of Bridgewater. In keeping with the Regimental tradition the colour ordered was red with grey interior trim.

Due to the confined seating arrangements within the Mess a limit had to be imposed on guests attending the night and therefore only the 2IC, Adjt., Coy Comds. and serving officers promoted from RSM could be invited. The CO was unable to attend.

The evening commenced with a drinks reception of Bucks Fizz and Glühwein followed by an excellent meal of fillet steak. As usual the cooks surpassed themselves and maintained their usual high standards. The main attraction of the evening was the draw and this took place after the meal with CSgt. Turner acting

as Master of Ceremonies and CSgt. Thomson checking and controlling the drawing of the winning numbers. There were seven minor prizes (costing between £150 to £350 each) and three star prizes of £500 (third prize), £1000 (second prize) with the major prize being the Peugeot car.

The three prizewinners knew that they had won a star prize but were still uncertain which was theirs to take home. Their anticipation ended after the three held a separate draw. Results were: WO2 Budden - third prize (£500), the Treasurer (CSgt. Turner) - second prize (£1000) and the lucky winner of the star prize, the Peugeot, was Sgt. Lee Greenwood of Alma Coy. Unfortunately Sgt. Greenwood was unable to attend (his prize was drawn by Mrs Morgan) but no doubt the prize made up for his absence. With the successful conclusion of the draw the evening's dancing commenced and with the aid of a fine disco the Mess "John Travoltas" led the way onto the dance floor.

#### Rupert/Andy Capp Day

The event is split into three phases: Phase 1 - The Football Match, Phase 2 - The Rupert/Andy Capp Awards, Phase 3 - The Drink.

#### Phase 1

After serving the soldiers Christmas lunch the venue is the field for a firm but fair game of soccer. 1988 broke all traditions. Due to the heavy

commitment of officers on operational duties, the powers-that-be turned the game into basketball (which made the WOs' and Sgts' Mess even bigger favourites and the RSM a star again at least for 40 minutes). Phase 1 to the senior ranks.

#### Phase 2

Onward to the Officers' Mess went the ten thousand with the band in front. With the officers being thin on the ground, the choice of Rupert was restricted. For readers not familiar with this phase, two playlets based on a theme are re-enacted to highlight mistakes carried out by both messes in the year.

On completion, the best nomination from the officers receives the Rupert Award. (A Rupert Bear in a glass/wooden case) and from the Sgts.' Mess the Andy Capp (a flat cap on a wooden plaque). The awards are all in good fun, and taken in the spirit meant (in most cases). Past COs and RSMs have won these coveted awards so many times now it is regarded as a career price. This year's winners were:

Rupert - Lt. Holroyd (promoted Captain the week after)

Andy Capp - WO2 Smith (still awaiting substantive rank)

I think this was the first time both winners were from the same company, Burma.

#### Phase 3

The officers did a good job this year.

## SPORTS GAMES AND RECREATION

### Rugby

After several years in the wilderness, the Dukes have again won a major Rugby trophy by beating 7 RHA in a magnificently fought match at Aldershot. The score was 16 points to 12 after extra time.

Aldershot Stadium was no place for the weak hearted as the match swung one way and then the other. At half time it looked as though things were going the way they went in recent years, 6-0 to the RHA. Mid way through the second half it was level. The score was 9-6 to the Dukes in the sixth minute of injury time. A penalty brought the score to 9 points all, right on the whistle. A drop goal put the Gunners into the lead in extra time and the Dukes' heads began to drop. Just before the break, Cpl. Jones made it 12-12 and then with a mere two minutes left on the clock the Dukes scored the all important try to win the match.

Though never a spectacle, this was one of the best finals for many years. The commitment to defence on both sides was outstanding. The Dukes did attempt to play attractive rugby even though they snuffed out each others back play.

The victory could not have been achieved without the marvellous support from the old comrades and the TA. They came from all over Yorkshire and the South of England answering the call. Amazingly the RHA were outsupported in their own back yard. Thank you very much from all the players and management.

Away from the Cup Scene, the 1st XV is enjoying a successful season against local civilian sides. So far we have played seventeen, won fifteen and drawn two, losing no matches at all! Victories were had over powerful teams such as Malone, Ballymena and RFC North.

The aim must now be to prepare for the Final against 7 Signals Regt. in April. Hopefully this will include matches against Halifax and Huddersfield towards the end of March.

So far this season representative honours have been achieved by:

Capt. Chris Harvey, 2Lt. Knight, Pte. Owen Simpson for the full Army Side and 2Lt. Adam Wheatley, Ptes. Andrew Quirk and Philip Horwell for the under 21 side. Sgt. Chris Spowett a current Combined Service and Newbridge centre of the APTC is now on strength and will be available for the final.

### Football

After a very slow start to the season we have eventually got the show on the road. We have managed to play seven league matches and won five, lost one and drawn one. Presently we are top but the league will not be finished until we leave, so I will pass on the final positions.

We set out on the "Aldershot Way" against 6 UDR, who we beat and then drew 7/10 UDR in the 2nd Round. Once again this proved to be an excellent match, which was nip and tuck all the way, eventually won by us with a last minute score by LCpl. Micky Wilden. This undoubtedly was the pinnacle of our two seasons in NI. Then onto 2 UDR which proved more difficult than expected but which we won 2-1. After the Christmas period we finally arranged the next game versus 3 Queens at Aldergrove. Another excellent match which went to extra time and with 30 or 50 seconds to go, the referee awarded a penalty against us and that was that although Pte. Sam Cross did manage to get a hand to the ball.



*1st XV Rugby Team: 1988/1989*

Back row: Major P. Robinson (coach); L/Cpl. Williams; Sgt. Chapman; 2nd Lieut. G. Knight; Capt. C. Preston; Lieut. R. Preston; Sgt. Shaw; Pte. Simpson; Sgt. Grogan; 2nd Lieut. R. Berry.  
 Front row: Cpl. Jones, Cpl. Davidson; Cpl. Draper; Capt. C. Harvey (captain); WO2 Ewell; Capt. A. McNeilis; 2nd Lieut. N. Norman. Not present: 2nd Lieut. A. Wheatley; 2nd Lieut. F. Peart; C/Sgt. Walker.



*The Football Squad: 1988/1989*

Back row: Captain Coll; C/Sgt. Nevin; Cpl. Barrett; Sgt. Stead; Cpl. Ingham; Pte. Cross; Pte. Reynolds; L/Cpl. Morgan; C/Sgt. Barraclough; C/Sgt. Woodward.  
 Front row: Cpl. Adamson; Pte. Wilden; S/Sgt Macduff; Cpl. Craddock; Pte. Atherton; Pte. Higgins.

In the Infantry Cup we drew 1 RWF at Ballykinler and eventually got "in gear" and beat them 5-2. In the second round we beat 2 UDR again 2-1. This left us against 3 UDR once more at Ballykinler in the same week as the Army Cup game. This proved just a little much to take at one time and we lost 3-2, once again to a penalty.

### Cross Country

With tighter security measures being implemented in the Province the Cross Country season 88/89 looked doomed from week one. It was going to be almost impossible to maintain the interest and any minimum standard of good training when we were "banned" from training outside Palace Barracks and also from participating in any civilian races. But the determination of the squad to combat the problem and qualify for the UK events meant first winning the qualifying rounds of the NI Competitions. In true Dukes' style and "against all odds" we planned our goals. Success followed:

**NI Cross Country Relay Championships** The event was held at Ballykelly on Saturday 29 October 1988. The Dukes' entered three teams and took 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winning the NI Major Units Trophy and individual mementoes. The 1st and 2nd team qualified for the Army Finals to be held in the UK.

**Army Relay Championships** Held at Rushmore Arena in Aldershot on Saturday 12 November 1988. We ran a good relay with our 1st team taking fourth place and our 2nd team sixth.

**NI Cross Country Championships** The event again was held at Ballykelly. The race was over six miles of grass and tracks and was very wet and muddy. The Dukes' took first place with individual mementoes going to LCpl. Alan Alty and Sgt. Russ Whelan, winners of the first and second individual prizes and Pte. Dean Oxley who won the Junior prize.

**NI Cross Country League.** The final race of the league was held at Aldergrove on Wednesday 11 January 1989. The best nine results of the thirteen league races



*The Cross Country Squad: 1988/1989*

Back row: Pte. D. Oxley; Cpl. C. Jones; Pte. L. Mower; Sgt. R. Whelan; L/Cpl. K. Hillam; L/Cpl. C. Scott.  
Front row: Maj. (QM) P. Wilkinson (Cross Country Officer); Pte. I. Hill; Pte. A. Stewart; Pte. E. Towler;  
L/Cpl. A. Alty; L/Cpl. C. Gardner.

*N.I. Cross Country Cup, N.I. Cross Country League Cup, N.I. Cross Country Relay Rose Bowl.*



counted for scoring purposes. The Dukes' team had ten first places to count and won the Major Units Trophy and individual mementoes. Other individual prizes went to Sgt. Russ Whelan and Pte. Eddie Towler, winners of the first and second individual prizes, and Pte. Ian Hill and Pte. Austin Stewart, winners of the first and second Junior Prizes.

**Army Cross Country Championships.** Held at Twiseldown Race Course, Aldershot on Wednesday 1 February 1989. Fifteen major units took part in the race which was over a six mile course. We completed the race in a very creditable third place. Pte. Dean Oxley once again became the best Junior Runner. A new member of the squad Pte. Douglas who entered the Army Youth Individual Championships, also ran an excellent race taking third place. Overall it's been a long, hard season with many operational obstacles hindering our training along the way. But, individuals have achieved remarkable goals, with seven of the squad running for the Army against Wales in January. A good year in which we have had some excellent results - a fitting reward to a very dedicated group of runners.

### **Basketball**

The Dukes' Basketball Team has firmly arrived on the Army scene. At the end of last season, we played for the first time in the Army Finals.

Our first game was against 39 Engineer Regiment, the eventual winners. Everyone thought it would be a walkover until half time arrived and they were only three points ahead. Unfortunately experience won the day and we lost by nine points (not a big margin in Basketball). Our next game was for a semi-final place. We played RSA Larkhill. This was an even closer game but again experience was the winner and we lost by three points.

This season is already well underway. I'm glad to say the Dukes have won both the Northern Ireland and Championship titles. The winning of the league had a lot to do with our team manager SQMS WO2 Wyatt. Without his organisation we would not have been able to complete our fixtures. Playing all our games away from home we played five and won five. The best game was a tough match against RAF Aldergrove which ended with the score at 59-39.

The Northern Ireland Championships were held in Lisburn on 22 January 1989. It was an early start and the whole competition was held in one day. Due to this all games were to be fifteen minutes each way. Our first game was against 3 Queens who we had beaten in the league 82-23. However, this time it wasn't so easy as they had meanwhile replaced many players. We eventually won 34-17. The second game was against 1 R Irish who we beat to get a place in the final against 1 Green Howards. It was a hard fought contest between two Yorkshire Battalions and we came out on top with 34-15. It was good to see members of Burma Company supporting us as they were on patrols in the area.

We now go to the Army Championships and we hope to do well. Thanks must go to all players for their hard work (mostly in their time off) - it has been a pleasure.

### **The Whitbread Round The World Selection by Pte. S. Cohen**

#### **Phase 1 - Mental and Physical Assessments**

"Waiting is the worst part" I thought to myself as the plane taxied onto the runway. Boarding the bus everyone seemed in a jovial mood. Cpl. Draper was doing his best to look like the Ancient Mariner complete with heavy wool jersey and pipe.

We had been previously told there would be between 80 and 100 candidates on this selection course alone and that over 1000 had initially applied. It looked as if competition would be stiff. On arrival we were ushered into a briefing by the RQMS WO2 Hutchinson who had not stopped smiling since we left. Did he know something we didn't perhaps? After a brief "Outline of Events" we spent a morning on tests and then the real assessment began. A run, followed by the confidence course, followed by a lograce.... and so it went on until we collapsed at about 9 o'clock.

The following day was much the same with an interview and debrief to finish off. Returning to the airport tired but relieved to have completed Phase 1, Pte. Alltimes voiced the question on everyone's mind "Did I do enough to make it?"

#### **Phase 2 - Sea Trials**

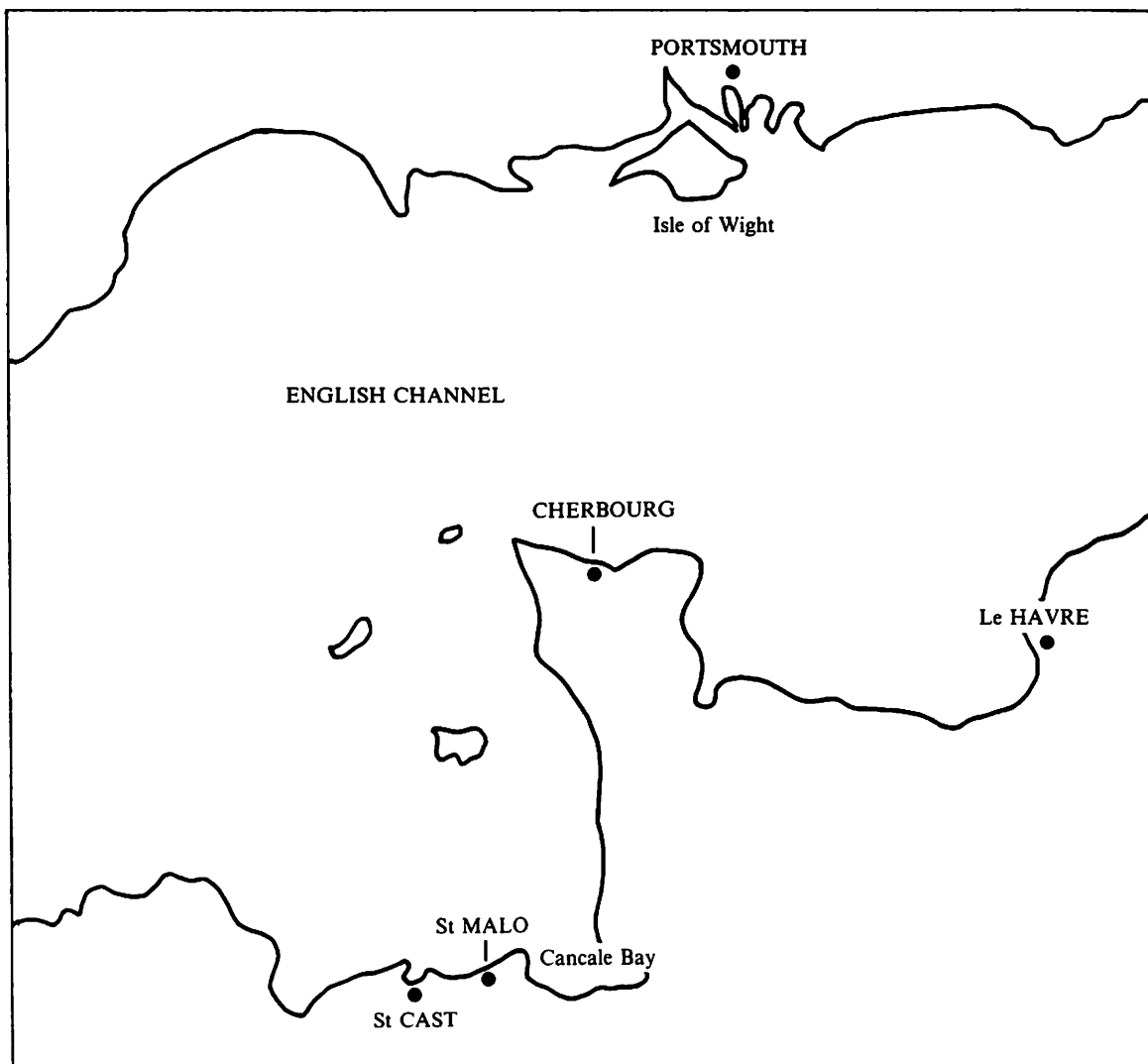
The nearest I have ever been to being "at sea" was a cross channel ferry trip. I was soon to discover the difference between that and ocean racing! Six Dukes' made it to round two and a further five had won themselves reserve places. Considering this was a Combined Services effort the Dukes gave an extremely good account of themselves. The Doctor Capt. David Ross, the RQMS and Sgt. Dean tackled the sea trials first. That left myself, Cpl. Draper and Pte. Healey yet to go. The crew assembled and made light work of the admin tasks, repacking sails and rations. We set off on a crisp sunny morning and were all given individual tasks. We sailed past the Isle of Wight and then out onto the Solent. At this stage the wind was calm and sailing fairly straightforward. However, once out onto the open seas in the Channel, the wind picked up considerably to 9 knots. This was the kind of sailing I had anticipated. The boat keeled right over to the port side, the water washed over the sides and the bow raised 5ft before slamming back down. It was like riding a roller coaster at a fair. 160 miles and 30 hours later we sailed back into the harbour and all too soon it was over. It left everyone wanting to set sail again. Anyone ever spending time on a similar vessel will understand the reason why 'old sea men swagger'.

## THE 33rd REGIMENT IN 1758

### The Attack on St. Malo and the Disaster at St. Cast

The Treaty of Aix-la-Chappelle, signed in 1748, concluded the War of the Austrian Succession. However, outside Europe the English and French continued their struggle for colonial power with undiminished vigour, particularly in North America and India. The dividing line between nominal peace with hostilities and open war was crossed in May 1756 when the French attacked and captured Minorca. As soon as the news reached England the British Government declared war on France. In October a newly formed Cabinet included William Pitt whose appointment resulted in the awakening of a new spirit and vigour in the country. The principal aim of Pitt's strategy was the overthrow of the French in America. Elsewhere he intended to use sea-power to lop off French interests, trade and territory in India, the West

Indies and Africa, while subsidising the armies of the Allies, Hanover and Prussia, to prevent the French from sending reinforcements overseas. In consequence the infantry establishment was increased by ordering fifteen regiments to each raise a 2nd battalion. The 33rd was one of the fifteen regiments involved. The Regiment was, at that time, stationed at Blandford Camp and was under the command of the Duke of Richmond (1). Major Peter Dalhault (2) was appointed to command the newly raised 2nd battalion. Late in 1757 Pitt, intending to harass the French, decided to send a force to destroy the French ships and dockyards at Rochefort on the west coast of France. Ten infantry battalions accompanied the fleet, but all this large and expensive force was able to achieve was the destruction of one small fort.



Operations against the French coast: 1758

One of the lessons to be learnt from this failure was that if sea borne landings were to be made in the future it was necessary to provide a better designed boat for transporting the troops from ship to shore; urgent action was taken to build launches with a lower draught and greater carrying capacity.

### St. Malo

In May 1758 the 33rd received orders to proceed to the Isle of Wight, the then normal concentration area for expeditionary forces. At the same time the fifteen 2nd battalions raised two years previously were designated regiments and the 2nd/33rd became the 72nd Regiment. The Duke of Richmond assumed command of the new Regiment and his younger brother, Lord G. H. Lennox (3) succeeded him in command of the 33rd. The troops encamped in the Isle of Wight were to form part of a force which has to carry out a further assault on the French coast, this time at St. Malo. Command of the expedition was given to the Duke of Marlborough (son of the Great Duke) and since his military talent was doubtful Lord George Sackville was appointed to be his second in command. The infantry was formed into four brigades, the 33rd being in the 3rd Brigade with the Royal Welch Fusiliers and the 68th Foot (previously the 2nd/RWF).

The Fleet set sail on 1st June and arrived off Cancale Bay, near St. Malo, on the 5th. Early the next morning a party from the Foot Guards and the grenadier companies of ten battalions, including that of the 33rd, were rowed ashore. Over 2000 men were landed during the day with the new launches proving their worth. After disembarkation had been completed the force, less 3 Brigade, which was ordered to secure the beachhead, advanced on St. Malo, the

(National Portrait Gallery)



Charles Lennox, 3rd Duke of Richmond.  
Commanded 33rd Regiment, 7 June 1756 - 7 May 1758.

33rd apparently joining before the attack. They managed to burn the shipping in the harbour but the enemy was in such overwhelming numbers, that the force withdrew. Once re-embarked the expedition sailed for Le Havre, but here again the French were found to be well prepared. Marlborough next headed for Cherbourg, which was reached on 29th June. The First Foot Guards and some grenadier companies were sent ashore to cover the landing by the rest of the grenadiers. However, with a gale blowing up and the food supply failing there was no option but to re-embark and sail for Portsmouth, where the force arrived on 1st July 1758.

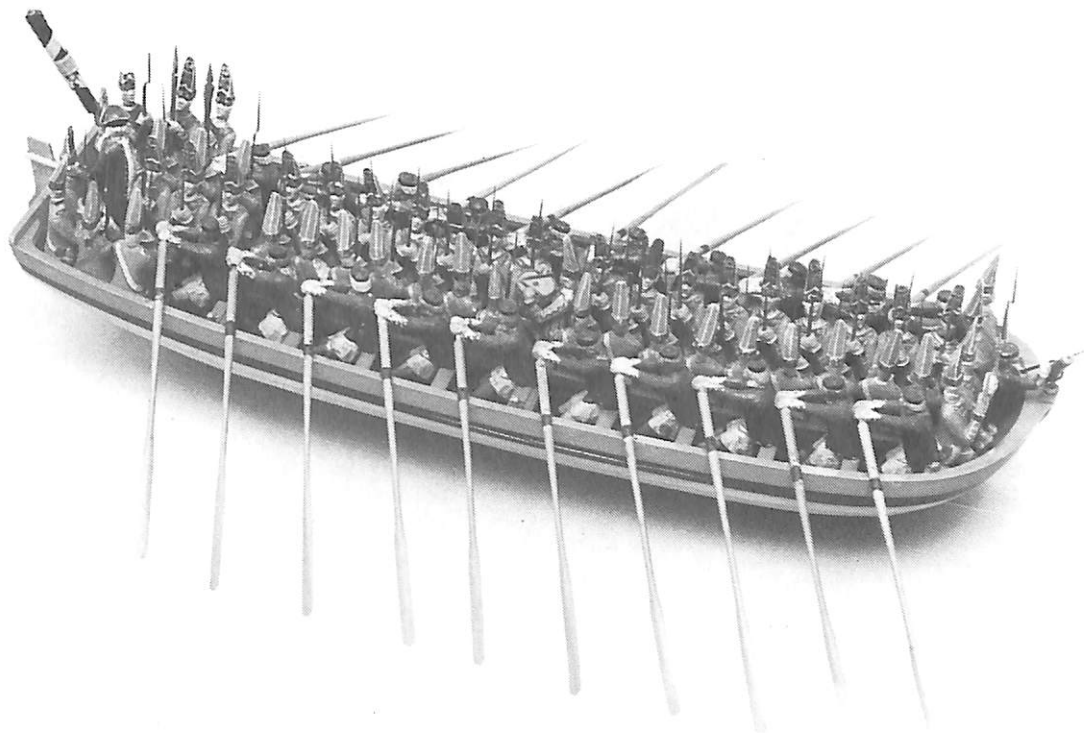
### The Disaster at St. Cast

In August Pitt resolved to make another raid on Cherbourg. Senior officers, alas, found such expeditions distasteful, and both Marlborough and Lord George Sackville managed to get themselves appointments in Germany. The result was that Lieut. General Bligh found himself in command even though he had few qualifications for the task and one great disqualification - his age. Horace Walpole in one of his pungent letters wrote:

"You know of course that Lord George Sackville refused to go a-buccaneering again, as he called it; that my friend Lord Ancram, who loves a drain of anything from glory to brandy, is out of order; that just as Lord Panmure was going to take command, he missed an eye; and that at last they routed out an old General Bligh from the armoury in Ireland".

The expedition, which included the 33rd and 72nd, set sail on 1st August and began well enough. On the 7th the Guards and the grenadier companies of the nine infantry battalions in the force, which had been formed into a battalion under the command of Peter Dalhaut, landed about six miles from Cherbourg and drove off 3000 French who had been up to oppose them. The rest of the army disembarked on the following day and advanced on Cherbourg which, being undefended on the landward side, quickly surrendered. Bligh thereupon proceeded to destroy the docks and burn thirty ships lying in the harbour. He was also able to send to England one hundred and seventy-three cannon, three iron mortars, twenty-two brass cannon and two brass mortars and some French colours.

Having accomplished his task Bligh re-embarked his force and sailed for St. Malo, but due to foul winds the Fleet was driven over to the English coast and it did not come to anchor at the Bay of St. Lunaire, twelve miles east of St. Malo until 3rd September. The troops disembarked, but before General Bligh could decide on his plan of action he was informed by Admiral Howe that due to the deteriorating weather the Fleet had to leave St. Lunaire and that the only place where he could re-embark the troops was in the bay at St. Cast, a few miles to the west of St. Malo. On the morning of the 7th September the army set out on its march to St. Cast. That evening it encamped near the river Equernon with the intent of crossing it the following morning. It is an indication of the incompetence of Bligh and his staff that the time for the river crossing was fixed at 6 am, which was the hour of high tide. It was not until 3 pm that the tide had ebbed enough for the troops to be able to cross. In the meantime they came under brisk rifle fire from French peasants and troops.



It was in barges like this model in the National Army Museum that the troops were landed on the coast of France in 1758.

The following day there was a brush with some French troops and prisoners were taken who revealed that a force of 10,000 was advancing from Brest. That evening Bligh encamped near St. Cast and sent word to Howe that he would embark the following day. Constant alarms during the night indicated that the enemy were near at hand and that a swift and silent retreat to St. Cast was desirable. Instead at 3 am on the morning of the 11th the drums beat as usual, thus alerting the French. By 11 am, when approximately two thirds of the force had been embarked, the enemy appeared in force on the hills above the beach. General Drury, who commanded the rearguard, consisting of 1400 men of the Guards and the grenadiers, formed his men across the beach to cover the embarkation. Twice he drove the enemy back but, ammunition failing, he was forced back in turn and there was nothing left but to rush for the boats. The French brought up artillery and many boats were destroyed with the sailors hesitating to approach the shore. In all, 750 officers and men were killed or wounded, including General Drury, and the remainder of the rearguard were taken prisoner. On 18th September the dispirited troops landed at Cowes and encamped at Newport. From there, on 21st September Captain Dansey Collins (4) of the 33rd wrote to his wife telling her, among other matters "...Lieut. Drummond (5) (as you may remember at Salisbury) is killed and Lieut. Price (6) taken prisoner

with 62 Grenadiers of that Company killed or taken". Also killed was Captain Edmonstone (7) one of the Regiment's finest officers.

In his letter Captain Collins also said "We are ordered to be ready to embark at the least notice". However, there were to be no more expeditions to the French coast until 1761, by which time the 33rd was in Germany.

A.C.S.S.

#### Sources:

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#### Notes

1. **Charles 3rd Duke of Richmond:** Commanded the 33rd Regiment from 7 June 1756 to 7 May 1758. Became a Field Marshal.

2. **Peter Dalhault:** A son of Major P. Dalhault who was surgeon of the 33rd until 1743. In that year his son succeeded him in that position and held it until 1750. It was not uncommon for the surgeon to draw pay as a combatant officer, as well as surgeon's pay, because the prospects of promotion for a surgeon were then so few.

3. *Lord G. H. Lennox: Younger brother of The Duke of Richmond. Commanded the 33rd from 8 May 1758 until 29 April 1762. He was Colonel of the 25th Foot (KOSB) for 43 years. Became a General.*

4. *Captain Dansey Collins: Appointed ensign in the 10th Foot (Royal Lincolns) in 1733. Transferred to the 2nd/33rd as a Captain when the battalion was formed in 1756. On the 2nd Battalion becoming the 72nd Regiment in 1758 he remained with the 33rd. His son also served in the Regiment. The family later changed their surname from Collins to Dansey.*

5. *Ensign Robert Drummond: Appointed ensign in the 33rd in August 1756. Four other Drummonds served in the 33rd between 1747 and 1806. They were probably all related, but how is not known.*

6. *Lieutenant Francis Price: Appointed to the 33rd in September 1756. Had previously been a sergeant in 2nd Troop Horse Guards.*

7. *Captain Thomas Edmonstone: Ensign 33rd Regiment 1743. Lieut. 1745. Capt. 1749. Wounded at the battle of Lauffeld in 1747. Commanded the Grenadier Company.*

## THE SUCCESSION OF COLONELS OF THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S REGIMENT (WEST RIDING)

### PART I

*When the 33rd Regiment and the 76th Regiment were linked together in 1881 to form The Duke of Wellington's Regiment their respective Colonels were General W. H. Hutchinson and General F. D. George CB, who were then sharing the Colonelcy until 1886. In*

*that year General George was appointed Colonel of his old Regiment, the 22nd Foot (Cheshire), while General Hutchinson continued as Colonel of the Regiment until his death in 1895.*

A.C.S.S.

### THE SUCCESSION OF COLONELS OF THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S REGIMENT (WEST RIDING)

General William Nelson Hutchinson	1 July 1881 - 29 June 1895
General Frederick Darley George CB	1 July 1881 - 12 March 1886
General George Erskine	30 June 1895 - 7 October 1897
General Sir Hugh Rowlands VC, KCB	8 October 1897 - 1 August 1909
Lieut. General Sir Herbert Belfield KCB, KCMG, KBE, DSO	2 August 1909 - 23 January 1934
Brigadier General P. A. Turner CMG	24 January 1934 - 30 October 1938
Colonel C. J. Pickering CMG, DSO	31 October 1938 - 31 October 1947
General Sir Philip Christison Bt. GBE, CB, DSO, MC, DL	1 November 1847 - 31 October 1957
Major General K. G. Exham CB, DSO	1 November 1957 - 31 October 1965
General Sir Robert Bray GBE, KCB, DSO	1 November 1965 - 31 October 1975
Major General D. E. Isles CB, OBE	1 November 1975 - 31 October 1982
General Sir Charles Huxtable KCB, CBE, ADC Gen.	1 November 1982

#### General George Erskine

30 June 1895-7 October 1897

George Erskine, the 4th son of Colonel James Erskine CB, Governor of New South Wales (1817-1823), was born on 24 February 1815. In 1832 he was appointed ensign in the 33rd Foot and subsequently served with the Regiment in the Crimean War, being present at the battle of Inkerman and the siege of Sevastapol. He became a lieutenant colonel in 1854 and commanded a depot battalion until going on half pay two years later. In 1857 he was appointed Lieut. Colonel of the Military Train before first becoming Deputy Inspector of Volunteers (1860) and then Inspector General. He held that appointment until 1868 when he was promoted major general and became Inspector of Army clothing. From 1873 to 1878 he was Brigadier General, Chatham. He was

promoted lieutenant general in 1877 and three years later was placed on the retired list with the honorary rank of general. In 1888 he became Colonel of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, an appointment he held until assuming the Colonelcy of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment in 1895.

Despite a not undistinguished career General Erskine received no honours, a fact commented upon in the obituary published in the 'Army and Navy Gazette' following his death on 7th October 1897. Under the heading 'Plain General George Erskine' the obituary recorded: "Not even a CB! And yet he was a veteran of fame and service, a most valiant captain, a sturdy soldier of ancient type." The writer expressed the hope that in the future "...heed would be given to the claims of patient merit."



Headquarters staff. In 1902 he became Inspector General of the Imperial Yeomanry in South Africa. It was during this period that he was awarded the DSO. On returning to England he was appointed to command 4 Brigade at Aldershot, having first spent a year as AAG 4 Corps. In 1907 he became GOC 4 Division and held that appointment until he retired in 1912. He was recalled in 1914 and appointed Director of Prisoners of War, a post he held for the duration.

For his services he was made KCMG in 1918 and KBE in 1919.

He ceased to be Colonel of the Regiment in January 1934 and died four months later on 19 April. His ashes are interred in the Regimental Chapel, York Minster, beneath a Tablet which records that he was responsible for the establishment of the Chapel as a Regimental shrine.

**Brigadier General P. A. Turner CMG**  
24th January 1934 - 30 October 1938



Percy Alexander Turner was born on 31st October 1868. In December 1887 he was commissioned as 2nd lieutenant in the 3rd (Militia) Battalion of the Regiment. Two years later he joined the 2nd Battalion with which he served in Nova Scotia, the West Indies and South Africa. In South Africa he was in a party of three officers and fifty-one non commissioned officers and men who saw service in Matabeleland in 1893-94. During the second rising in Matabeleland and Mashonaland, known as the Rhodesia Campaign, he served on the staff of the force commander. After

service in Burma and India he returned to England and was Adjutant of the 3rd (Militia) Battalion from 1906-1908. On promotion to major he was posted to the 1st Battalion in India. On the outbreak of the Great War he was sent to France as Commandant of the Military Base Depot at Le Havre. In December 1914 he was promoted lieutenant colonel and assumed command of the 2nd Battalion, just before the historic struggle at Hill 60. In that battle he was wounded in both legs and had to be evacuated to England. Recovered from his wounds he was appointed to command 195 Brigade Home Forces and, later, 224 Mixed Brigade. He retired in 1920.

Soon afterwards he began to produce 'Regimental Notes', the forerunner of the 'Iron Duke' and it was chiefly due to his initiative that the Regimental journal started in 1925. He was its first business manager until his death on 15 September 1940. He had ceased to be Colonel of the Regiment in 1938 on attaining the age limit for the appointment.

**Colonel C. J. Pickering CMG DSO**  
31 October 1938 - November 1947

Colonel Charles Pickering was born on 26 April 1880. He joined the Regiment from the 3rd (Militia) Battalion KOYLI in 1900 and, after completing a course at Hythe, where he passed top out of seventy-two students, was posted to the 2nd Battalion which was then in Rangoon where, for a time, he was ADC to the Governor General.

After a course at the London School of Economics in 1911 he was appointed Brigade Major 148 Brigade and, early in 1915, went out with it to France. Later that year he assumed command of 1st/4th Battalion DWR. Shortly afterwards, during a reconnaissance in 'no man's land', he was very severely wounded.



Fortunately the company commander, who was holding that part of the line, was a doctor and his immediate treatment undoubtedly saved his life. Then followed six months in hospital after which he was appointed AAG 67 Division. In 1918 he became AAG Aldershot Command. 1920 was spent at the Staff College from where he was sent to Ireland as AAG on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief. In 1925 he assumed command of the 2nd Battalion, then

stationed in Cairo, and took it to Singapore and Ireland. On vacating command in 1929 he became AA and QMG at Aldershot and held the appointment until he retired in 1933.

He was Colonel of the Regiment from 1938 until reaching the age limit in 1947. He died on 15th February 1951.

(To be concluded)

## H.R.H. PRINCE GEORGE OF CAMBRIDGE AND THE 33rd REGIMENT

H.R.H. Prince George was the only son of H.R.H. Field Marshal The Duke of Cambridge, the seventh son of King George III. The Prince was born in Hanover in 1819 and was probably still living there when he was appointed a colonel in the Hanoverian army at the age of 9. When he was 18 he was gazetted a lieutenant colonel in the British army by which time it seems to have been thought desirable to start his military education. Accordingly, in late 1838, he was sent to Gibraltar for attachment to the 33rd Regiment "for the purpose of perfecting himself in Drill and making himself acquainted with all points connected with Regimental duty". He arrived in Gibraltar on 9th October where he was received with a guard of Honour of the 33rd. On 12th October he wrote "This morning I went for the first time to the barracks of the 33rd to be drilled. I am attached for the present to that Regiment and learn my duties with them. They are a very nice Corps and were The Duke of Wellington's own regiment in the East Indies." He continued drilling twice a day until on 6th January 1839 he was able to record, "I went out for the first time with the whole regiment to drill. I commanded the second company and did tolerably well considering." Three weeks later he was clearly pleased to record that his foot drill would soon be over and "then I shall be mounted which I shall not be sorry for, as half the work will be done". His progress was rapid for by 9th February he was able to note, "The 33rd and 46th were out today on the Neutral Ground. I acted first as Major and then had to take command of the Regiment. Colonel Knight (the CO of the 33rd) took charge of the Brigade. I confess I was rather frightened but got off better than I expected." For a young man not then twenty years of age it must, indeed, have been an intimidating experience. At about the same time the Governor, Lieut. General Sir Alexander Woodford, who was clearly keeping a watchful eye over the Prince's training, reported, "He was lately commanded the battalion (33rd) by itself and in line with other troops in garrison and I was pleased to observe that Prince George seemed quite clear in all he had to do and certainly acquits himself very well."

On 25 April Prince George's attachment to the 33rd ceased when he left Gibraltar for Malta.

In 1845 Prince George was promoted major general. Five years later he succeeded his father as Duke of Cambridge. On the outbreak of the Crimean War he was appointed commander of the 1st Division and at the age of thirty-five was by far the youngest of the division commanders, most of whom were in

their sixties. The British and French armies gathered at Varna, on the coast of Bulgaria, and friendly relations were soon established. However, these were temporarily soured when the Duke, forgetting the significance of the date, asked one of the French generals to review the Guards Brigade on 18th June 1854. He thereby found himself saluting colours which bore the names of the great English victories over the French, including Waterloo. The Duke later commanded his division at Alma and Inkerman.

He became a Field Marshal and Commander-in-Chief of the Army; a position he held for 39 years. He has been described as good natured, industrious, well liked and affable. He was also, in his later years as C in C, often resistant to army reform.

In 1847 he married an actress, Sarah Fairbrother, who was known as Mrs Fitzgeorge after her marriage. Their three sons took the same surname.

He died in 1904.

(Courtesy of the Director, National Army Museum)



Field Marshal the Duke of Cambridge (1819 - 1904)



## THE REGIMENT: 50 YEARS AGO

*In 1939, as World War II threatened, the Regiment had a very different look to what it has today. There were then two regular battalions (the 1st and 2nd), a Regimental Depot and four Territorial Army battalions, each associated with a particular area of the West Riding. The Colonel of the Regiment was Colonel C. J. Pickering CMG, DSO.*

### 1st Battalion

In 1939 the Battalion was stationed at Bordon Camp, in Hampshire, with Lt. Col. W. M. Ozanne MC in command. One of the highlights of this period was a visit of Their Majesties The King and Queen to the Battalion. It was also called upon to demonstrate new weapons and equipment including the Bren gun and 3" mortar. The Battalion had won the Aldershot Command Rugby Championship, but lost in the semi final of the Army Rugby Cup to the 1st Battalion The Welch Regiment.

### 2nd Battalion

The Battalion was stationed in India at Multan and when 'A' Company rejoined from Amritsar in January 1939 it was the first time the Battalion had been together for nearly a year. Brigade training in 1939 was undertaken at Kohat. The Commanding Officer was Lieutenant Colonel F. H. Fraser DSO MC.

### The Regimental Depot

The role of the Depot was to train recruits for the two regular Battalions. Major V. C. Green was the Commanding Officer.

At this time an extensive rebuilding programme was carried out which included a new miniature range, drill shed, sergeants mess and gymnasium. Also a new pair of gates, upon each of which was the Regimental crest, were erected at the entrance to Wellesley Barracks.

### 4th Battalion (TA) - Halifax area

The 4th Battalion had been to Redcar for its last camp as an infantry battalion in the summer of 1938

and in November of that year had been converted to 58 Anti Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery. The 4th Battalion had its Headquarters at the Drill Hall in Prescott Street, Halifax and companies at Sowerby Bridge, Cleckheaton and Brighouse.

### 5th Battalion (TA) - Huddersfield and the Holme Valley

With Drill Halls at Kirkburton, Holmfirth, Mirfield and St. Paul's Street, Huddersfield, the 5th Battalion had, by 1939, already been converted to the 43rd (DWR) Anti Aircraft Battalion, Royal Engineers.

### 6th Battalion (TA) - Skipton-in-Craven

In April 1939, the 6th Battalion was based at: HQ Wing - Skipton and Settle 'A' Company - Barnoldswick, 'B' Company - Bingley, 'C' Company - Keighley and Haworth and 'D' Company - Keighley. But momentous events were at hand and the 6th Battalion was about to be expanded to form the 1/6th and 2/6th Battalions; with a combined strength of 50 officers and 1500 other ranks. As an 'Iron Duke' contributor of that time wrote "Among other things we have been allotted an additional recruiting area and the country goes to the city, - namely Baildon, Shipley, Saltaire and certain parts of Bradford and South to Denholme."

### 7th Battalion (TA) - Milnsbridge and the Colne Valley

Having traditionally recruited from the west of the County, the 7th Battalion was recruiting hard as news had reached them that they also were to have two battalions. Battalion HQ was at the Drill Hall in Milnsbridge, Huddersfield and the companies were based at Lees, Mossley, Slaithwaite and Springhead.

### Allied Regiments

The Yorkton Regiment of Canada.

33rd Battalion (The New England Regiment) Australian Military Forces.

### Affiliated Ship of the Royal Navy

H.M.S. 'Iron Duke' - then part of the Home Fleet.

## Regimental Association

### VISIT OF OLD COMRADES TO THE 1st BATTALION - 10/11 JUNE 1989

The Officer Commanding 1st Battalion has invited old comrades and their ladies of the Regimental Association to visit Clive Barracks, Tern Hill during the weekend 10/11 June 1989. The outline programme itself is: -

#### Saturday 10 June

am Regimental Association members arrive in time for lunch.

pm Open Day on Sportsfield for families and old comrades.

evening A function organised by the Sergeants' and Corporals' Messes.

#### Sunday 11 June

am Regimental Church Service followed by a review by the Colonel in Chief.

Lunch Disperse to home locations.

pm Due of the acute shortage of accommodation it will only be possible to accommodate one hundred persons in the barracks for the night 10/11 June. Married couples cannot be accommodated together.

Transport will be arranged by RHQ from the West Riding to Tern Hill and return. The cost of the weekend will be £16 a person if the RHQ coach is used. For those who make their own transport arrangements, the cost will be £10 a person.

An application form for this weekend may be obtained from RHQ or Branch Secretaries.

The same weekend, the Officers' Dinner will be held in the 1st Battalion Officers' Mess for serving and retired officers and their ladies. A letter will be sent to officers, concerning the dinner, in due course.

#### LONDON BRANCH

The following members attended the Remembrance Sunday Parade at Westminster Abbey on 13 November 1988: Brigadier and Mrs Greenwood, Major and Mrs Wood, Major and Mrs Connolly, Major Miller, Mr R. and Mrs Owers, Mr M. Hall, Mr B. Harrington, Mr E. Bennett, Mr K. Walker, Mr H. Kelly, Mr B. Temple, Mr Darcy, In-Pensioners Peel and Ellis, and Mr G. Nicholson. It was particularly nice to see Major Connelly and his new wife, Carmel, who had travelled down from Co. Durham. Apologies were received from Mr and Mrs Donald Seed, Mrs and Mrs Patrick Lewis, Mr and Mrs Ken Waterman and Colonel and Mrs Collins.

Instead of the normal monthly meeting in January we had a New Year drinks party. We welcomed a new member, Terry Haigh, who lives at Twickenham. Terry served with the Regimental Band from 1961-74.

Eight branch members managed to attend the UK Rugby Cup final at Aldershot. The suspense of the match shortened our lives somewhat but the result, and the fact that we all met friends we hadn't seen for some time, made a most enjoyable day out.

Our meetings are now held at the Duke of York's Barracks, Kings Road on the last Monday in the month at 8 pm.

#### PARA 90 - THE GOLDEN JUBILEE OF AIRBORNE FORCES

To celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the establishment of the first parachute unit in 1940, a special Airborne Forces Day is being held at Aldershot on 7 July 1990. Anyone who would like further information should contact RHQ.

#### ITALY STAR ASSOCIATION

The Italy Star Association was formed in 1987 with the aim of reviving the camaraderie that existed during the campaign in that country during the period 1943-1945. The inaugural meeting took place in the Royal British Legion Hall, Lymington, Hampshire on 3 February 1988 when 61 members attended. The membership has now been expanded to include veterans of the Campaign from this country and abroad. Association ties are available and the new Standard is to be dedicated during the afternoon of Sunday 28 May 1989 at St. Thomas's Church Lymington. Anyone wishing to join or learn more about the Association should write to the Chairman, Mr. M. C. Cheadle, 22 Fairfield Road, Barton-on-Sea, Hants BH25 7NG.

#### KEEPING IN TOUCH.....

Frank Parkinson wrote recently to say that he is now the proud owner of car number plate DW 3376 which he purchased through the licensing authority in Hong Kong, where he is the Assistant Director of Music at the Police Training School. He went on to say:

"We were fortunate enough to take the band on a visit to Rome recently and we happened to be

accommodated at a place called Netuno which is where the war graves are from the battle at Anzio. It was a very moving experience to see all those crosses with the "Dukes" cap badge on them and I felt proud to be with them on that day. If it is any consolation to anyone who has relatives who fell at Anzio, those graves are kept in absolute pristine condition and they are very well cared for."

Frank's address is: Assistant Director of Music, Police Training School, 18 Ocean Park Road, Wong Chuk Hang, Aberdeen, Hong Kong.



Frank Parkinson and his distinctive car number plate

Major Jeff Reynolds has been another recent correspondent. He has not been too well recently. Apart from an attack of flu his prosthesis has been giving him trouble and discomfort. Jeff has his 'Iron Duke' sent to him by Air Mail and has expressed his appreciation of the Business Manager's excellent arrangements on his behalf.

His address: 3 Park Lane, Highfield Road, Rosebank 7700, Cape. RSA.

Major Berney Eveleigh, who joined the 1st Battalion early in 1938 at the same time as Major Bob Burton and the Editor, has recently again become a subscriber to the 'Iron Duke'. Berney was in India with the 2nd Battalion when the war broke out and volunteered to join a newly raised regiment of the India Armoured Corps. He later served in the RTR. Major Eveleigh's address is given in the Change of Address section.

Major Bob Burton, who also served in the Indian Armoured Corps and RTR, died on 20th April 1989.

Mr Morton Williams, who served in 'B' Company in Korea wrote to say how much he and his wife enjoyed the Annual Dinner and Dance at Halifax in October. He added that he has never enjoyed good health since Korea and has been registered blind since 1967. In a subsequent letter he gave the information that he had been selected by the Welsh Association for the Visually Handicapped Bowlers to represent Wales in the Fourth World Blind Bowls Championships in Zimbabwe in June this year. He was Welsh Singles Champion in 1988.



Mrs Honor Jones wrote from Victoria, British Columbian Canada. Mrs Jones is the daughter of the late Mr Ovington who was Bandmaster of the 1st Battalion 1919-1934. She is writing a history of her father's life and RHQ were able to send her a photograph of the 1st Battalion's families taken in 1930. In it she was able to identify her mother, sister, brother and herself.

Among recent visitors to RHQ have been **Mrs. D. Lloyd** and **Mr Rhodes**. Mrs Lloyd brought with her the medals of her grandfather, Mr J. W. Crossley. At one time a coal merchant in Halifax he volunteered for service in South Africa during the Boer War, serving in No 2 Volunteer Company in the 1st Battalion. During World War 1 he served in the 1/4th Battalion, with whom he won the Military Medal. Mr Rhodes father was Sergeant Arthur Rhodes who, it is believed, served in the Regiment in France in 1945. Would any one who recalls a Sergeant Arthur Rhodes please contact RHQ.

Messrs. **Patrick Lewis** and **Jim Brockelhurst** MM of the London and Home Counties Branch of the Regimental Association paid a visit to the Royal Star and Garter Home, Richmond, Surrey to see **Mr. George Dillon**. George, who will be 91 years of age in August this year, is the only "Duke" resident at the Home. He served with the 1/4th Battalion during the Great War.



**Mr. George Dillon (right)**, who served in 1/4 DWR in World War 1, with **Mr. Jim Brockelhurst** MM, late 1st and 8th Battalions, at the Royal Star & Garter Home, Richmond, Surrey.

**Mr. C. H. Ellis**, MM, who also served with the 1/4th Battalion in the Great War, has written a very nice "Thank you" letter to RHQ for the help given in obtaining replacement medals for him. The medals arrived from the Army Medal Office in March this year and in time for Mr Ellis' 90th birthday which, he says, he appreciated very much. Mr Ellis lives at 21 The Close, Woodhall Spa, Lincolnshire and hopes to visit RHQ later this year.

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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.*

### **Major General Sir Douglas Kendrew KCMG, CB, CBE, DSO.**

Major General Joe Kendrew died at Nottingham on 28 February 1989 at the age of 78 years. Educated at Uppingham he began his military career as an officer in the Supplementary Reserve. He was commissioned into the Leicestershire Regiment in 1931. He was an outstanding rugby player, playing for the Army and England between 1932 and 1936. At the age of 19, he toured Australia and New Zealand with the British Lions. During the Second World War he was three times awarded the DSO. It will be for the fourth award of the DSO that he will be best remembered by the Regiment, when he commanded 29 Brigade at the time of the Hook battle in 1953. He was an inspiring Commander throughout the period of that battle.

Between 1956 and 1963, he held various appointments including GOC and Director of Operations in Cyprus, Director of Infantry and Head of the British Defence Liaison Staff in Australia. He retired from the Army in 1963 in order to take up the post of Governor of Western Australia, a position held for ten years.

The sentiments of the Regiment are well expressed in the Colonel of the Regiment's letter of condolence to Lady Kendrew which is reproduced below.

"Dear Lady Kendrew,

I am writing to say how sorry all of us in the 'Dukes' are to hear the very sad news about General Joe. Many of the Regiment knew him well since he was our Brigade Commander in Korea and we were serving under his command when he won his fourth DSO. I as a young platoon commander remember his inspiring leadership at that time and the enormous confidence his presence engendered in all those who met him.

The battalion served under his command again in Cyprus where he played such a key role in the campaign against EOKA. In Cyprus we remember not only his leadership but also the kindness and hospitality of you both, and your family, when you entertained so many of us at your house.

Many of the Regiment will remember him too from the Rugby field, both in representative teams and in many hard fought cup matches between the two regiments.

In all these varied activities we shall remember General Joe as an inspiring leader, a great commander, a first class sportsman and, above all, as a man who really understood and liked the soldiers he led so well.

Please accept, from all of us in The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, our expression of sorrow and of the loss which we all share with you and your family. He was a man we are all proud to have served under.

Yours very sincerely,

Charles Huxtable."

### **Lt. Col. R. T. H. Lonsdale DSO, MC.**

Lt. Col. R. T. H. (Dickie) Lonsdale died recently aged 74. He enlisted in The Duke of Wellington's Regiment in 1932 as a private soldier and two years later was awarded a place at the RMC Sandhurst. In 1936 he was commissioned into the Leicestershire Regiment, with whom he won the MC in the Waziristan Operation in 1938. In 1942 he transferred to the Parachute Regiment. He won his first DSO during the invasion of Sicily and the bar to his DSO at Arnhem, when his hastily convened "Lonsdale Force" held on to the last toe hold of land over "the bridge too far" for nine days.

### **Mr. James Newby**

James Newby, who died at Harrogate on 26 January 1989 at the age of 80, joined the Regiment in 1934 and served with the 1st Battalion in Malta in 1937. He was later posted to the 2nd Battalion in India, where he was the battalion farrier. He served in Burma with the 2nd Battalion but returned to the UK in 1942, where he was employed in administrative posts until he left the Army in 1946. He played rugby for the Regiment and rode in point to point in New Delhi before World War II.

### **Mrs. F. R. Armitage**

Sheila Armitage, the widow of Colonel F. R. Armitage OBE, died at Camberley on 5 January 1989. The funeral took place at the Aldershot Crematorium, at which her daughter, Miss Victoria Armitage, her niece Mrs. Carey and Mrs. Avril Exham were present. Major R. H. Ince represented the Regiment.

### **Mrs. St. J. T. Faulkner**

Mrs. Winifred Mary Faulkner, the widow of the late Major St. J. T. Faulkner, died at Bosham, Sussex on 12 January 1989 at the age of 89.

### **Mr. J. B. Cameron MBE, TD, MA.**

James Cameron, the husband of Mrs. Kitty Cameron, died on 11 October 1988 but the news was received too late for inclusion in the last issue of the 'Iron Duke'.

James Cameron saw distinguished war time service with the SAS being awarded the Legion of Honour, Croix de Guerre and Dutch Bronze Cross. After the war he rejoined Shell with whom he worked until his retirement in 1962.

Mrs. Kitty Cameron was Business Manager of the 'Iron Duke' for a number of years.

### **Lt. Col. J. H. Dalrymple OBE.**

Jack Dalrymple died on 28th March 1989. An obituary will be published in the next issue.

# Officers Location List

AS AT 1st APRIL, 1989

## General

Sir Charles Huxtable, KCB, CBE, ADC Gen, C in C  
UKLF Colonel of the Regiment.

## Brigadiers

W. R. Munfell OBE Brig. Inf. BAOR  
M. R. N. Pray M.Phil, Study into Army Trials Unit  
ACDS OR (L)

## Colonels

C. R. Cumberlege, Divisional Colonel, HQ King's  
Division.  
E. J. W. Walker OBE, COS HQ D INF.  
W. F. Charlesworth OBE, CGS Col MO SP

## Lieutenant Colonels

R. L. Stevens OBE, DCIS (A) MOD ACISG SO2  
S. J. Nash, SO2 G4 NEDIST & HQ 2 Div.  
A. R. Redwood-Davies MBE, CO 6 UDR.  
A. D. Roberts MBE, CO 1, DWR.  
J. M. Thorn OBE, Ch G2/G3 HQ NEDIST  
P. D. D. J. Andrews, SO1 School of Infantry  
P. D. Gardner, SO1 G3 (OR) HQ BAOR  
P. J. Mellor, CO JIB Ouston  
A. D. Meek, SO1 DS Staff College, Camberley  
T. J. Isles, CO 4 YORKS  
R. A. Tighe MBE, Dep. Comdt. Sennelager Trg  
Centre.

## Majors

D. M. Pugh, Sqn Comd AAC Harrogate  
P. J. Puttock, GLO 9 Sqn GL Sect.  
C. N. St. P. Bunbury MBE, OC HQ Sqn 29 Sig. Regt.  
Berlin.  
C. G. Fitzgerald, SO2 CSIT BAOR  
C. J. W. Gilbert, OC BATT Gambia  
M. S. Sherlock, TISO 6 UDR  
D. L. J. Harrap, SO2a QMG 6 Studies MOD  
A. J. Pitchers, Trg Maj Belize Def Force  
C. F. Grieve, SO2 G4 Ops Log Coord HQ SWDIST  
K. Best, TISO 2 UDR  
A. H. S. Drake, MBE, 2i/c 1 DWR  
D. Whittaker, King's Div Recruiting Officer  
M. J. Stone, COS HQ 6 Armd Bde  
D. I. Richardson, 1 King's BFPO 45.  
G. D. Shuttleworth, SO2 G3 Ops/O & D HQ  
NWDIST  
S. J. N. Morgan, 1 DWR  
S. C. Newton, 1 DWR  
M. J. B. Drake, 1 DWR  
P. R. S. Bailey, BMATT Zimbabwe  
G. A. Kilburn, 1 DWR  
P. Robinson, QM 1 DWR  
P. Wilkinson, Tech QM 1 DWR  
S. H. Dixon, RAPC Trg Centre pending transfer

## Captains

B. Coll, UFO 1 DWR  
C. A. Harvey, RMAS  
N. G. Borwell, (A/Maj) Malaysian Staff College  
A. J. Brear, Adj. 21 (SAS) V  
M. G. Tuley, 1 DWR  
C. S. T. Lehmann, SO3 Wpns Maint (Combat  
Vehicles) HQ BAOR  
D. S. Bruce, 1 DWR  
P. M. Lewis, Adj. 3 YORKS  
J. C. Bailey, 1 DWR  
R. Heron, Camp Comdt Armagh Admin Unit  
J. C. Preston, 1 DWR

## Subalterns

R. N. Chadwick (A/Capt), 1 DWR  
T. A. Brear (A/Capt), 1 DWR  
A. J. McNeilis (A/Capt.) 1 DWR  
R. C. Holroyd (A/Capt) 1 DWR  
M. Tinsley (A/Capt) 1 DWR  
R. G. Best, 1 DWR  
A. J. Adams, JIB Ouston  
S. R. Neath (A/Capt), ADC C in C UKLF  
M. D. Norman, 1 DWR  
D. Harvey, 1 DWR  
C. F. Peart, 1 DWR  
R. A. Preston, Depot, King's Division  
M. J. Wolff, Cardiff UOTC  
B. Noble, 1 DWR  
B. W. Sykes MBE, MTO 1 DWR  
G. Knight, 1 DWR  
A. J. D. Wheatley, 1 DWR  
R. P. Berry, 1 DWR  
J. C. Mayo, 1 DWR

## Retirements

Colonel C. R. Cumberlege retires in May 1989.  
Lieutenant Colonel J. R. A. Ward retired 25  
November 1988.  
Lieutenant Colonel S. J. Nash retires 21 May 1989.  
Major M. Carter retired 13 December 1988.  
Major D. L. J. Harrap retires 9 June 1989.

## REGIMENTAL ITEMS FOR SALE

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

	COST	POSTAGE
Jersey (Regimental badge) - navy blue	18.50	.50
Jersey (Cap badge) - black	18.50	.50
Blazer badge (Regimental badge)	8.50	
Wall plaque (Regimental badge)	8.50	.50
Lapel badge - Regimental Association	1.00	
Tie pin - Regimental Association	1.00	
Regimental tie	3.00	
Watch strap - maroon and french grey	1.10	
Comb and case - red, with cap badge	.80	
Book marker - maroon with cap badge and battle honours	.50	
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Short History	1.50	.25
The "Barclay Regimental History 1919-1952"	3.50	2.00

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

## NOTICES

### BRITISH COMMONWEALTH EX-SERVICE LEAGUE

The Red Cross home for paraplegics and the permanently disabled in Bangalore, India, is the home of many ex-servicemen who fought for the Crown in World War II. Many are now old and a scheme has therefore been started to give these men an interest and at the same time provide a modest income. With this in mind any envelopes or postcards with stamps on them are very welcome. The patients remove the stamps, which gives them a careful task to perform, after which the stamps are sold.

RHQ has been supporting the scheme for some months and has recently received a letter of thanks from Lieut. Colonel E. W. Davis from which the following has been extracted:

"The inmates of the Home join me in thanking you and all members of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment for the kindness you have shown in sending stamps from time to time....the stamps you send are sold first to school children at 5p and 10p each, the proceeds going to the paraplegics, some of whom get no pension....one old veteran of the Burma campaign is particularly keen to obtain stamps from Iceland, Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man..."

Letters and postcards should be sent to:  
Lieut. Colonel H. W. Davis,  
Red Cross Home for Disabled Ex-Servicemen,  
Bangalore 560 042,  
South India.

### COURAGE REMEMBERED

A History of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission T. A. Edwin Gibson and G. Kingsley Ward.

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