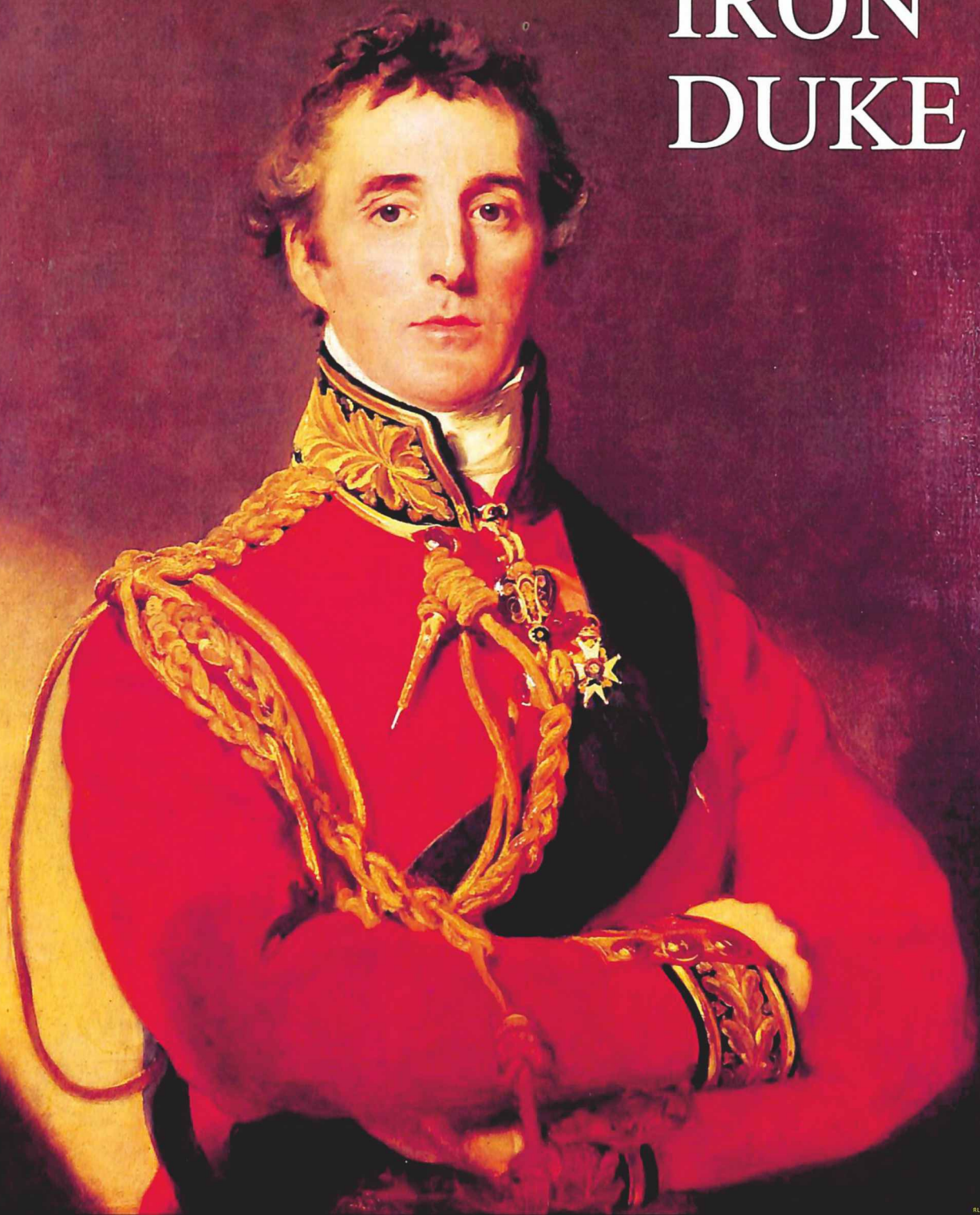


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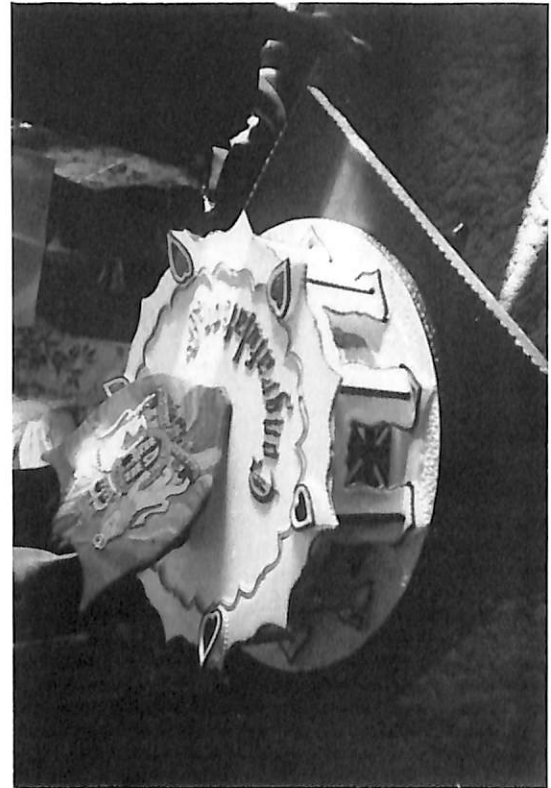
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The 100th birthday of General Sir Philip Christison

Regimental Headquarters

Regimental Notes

GENERAL SIR PHILIP CHRISTISON BT, GBE, CB, DSO, MC, DL

General Sir Philip Christison, who commanded the 2nd Battalion 1937-38 and was Colonel of the Regiment 1947-57, celebrated his 100th birthday on 17 November 1993. Although rather frail and a resident of St. John's Rest Home in Melrose, the General is still mentally very alert and was able to receive well over 100 visitors from many different organisations during an extensive programme arranged by his family and Headquarters Scotland in celebration.

The programme began at 0845 hrs when the pipes and drums of the Queen's Own Highlanders beat Long Reveille on the lawn outside the home. Later, visits from family, friends, senior officers, civic dignitaries and representative groups from regiments and civilian organisations were interspersed with short performances by bands, pipers, harp players, dancers and choirs. Helicopters from the Army Air Corps staged a fly past during the morning, the press and television companies were present and the scenes from the General's bedroom were relayed throughout the day to viewing areas on the ground floor and in a marquee for the benefit of other visitors.

The Corps of Drums of the 1st Battalion performed during the morning and the chefs of the 1st Battalion baked a very large birthday cake which was decorated by Private Hoppe with badges, colours, images of the 1st Duke and General Christison.

Brigadier Shuttleworth represented the Colonel of the Regiment and presented General Christison with a leather bound copy of the new Regimental History. Also present were Lieutenant Colonel Santa-Olalla and RSM R. Pierce of the 1st Battalion, Colonel Harms, Lieutenant Colonel Robins, Mr. Bill Norman and Squadron Leader Bill Oliver, late DWR. Colonel and Mrs. Peter Mitchell were present as members of the family. General Christison is the sole surviving senior commander from the Second World War.

Subsequent to the birthday celebrations the following letter was received by Lieutenant Colonel D. M. Santa-Olalla from General Christison's grandson, Brigadier Nicholas Ridley:

"Dear Colonel,

I cannot thank you enough for all you did to make my grandfather's birthday such a success. His affection for the Dukes is boundless and he was very touched that so many of you had come so far to be with him for his birthday.

You are also so kind to have brought your Corps of Drums up. They were magnificent - and looked particularly grand on the television that evening as well.

Then there was the cake. An absolute masterpiece. He is still talking about it, and the signed copy of your history was a wonderful present. He has asked me to say thank you to you all and tell you how very touched he was that you should have gone to such trouble on his behalf.

I am writing to you as CO of the 1st Battalion and I would be most grateful if you would please pass on my thanks to all the others who went to so much trouble on his and my behalf. From your Regimental

Secretary Walter Robins, to your Corps of Drums and your cooks and all the others I do not know about who helped.

It was a day that he and I suspect many others will not forget and thank you again for all that the Dukes did to make it so memorable."

THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY

Lieutenant Colonel Walter Robins, who has been the Regimental Secretary for the past nine years, is to retire at the end of February 1994. He joined the army in January 1947 aged 17½ and was posted to the 1st Battalion at Strensall in January the following year as a corporal. Apart from a spell at Sandhurst as a sergeant instructor from 1949 to 1951 and a year as RSM of The West Riding Battalion DWR TA in 1962, he spent most of the next 25 years with the 1st Battalion including two years as RSM and eight years as quartermaster. He later served on the staff of HQ 44 Para Brigade (TAVR), in York Garrison and in Northern Ireland before being appointed staff quartermaster at RMA Sandhurst. In 1978 he was promoted to lieutenant colonel. He retired from the army in 1984 after 37½ years' service and later the same year was appointed Regimental Secretary. Walter Robins was mentioned in despatches for service in Korea in 1953, awarded the MBE in 1971 and the OBE in 1984.

During his time as Regimental Secretary he has worked tirelessly for the good of the Regiment during a period of considerable change in the army. He is particularly pleased to have been involved with the production of the new regimental history and improvements in the regimental museum. On retirement he will have completed 47 years full time service with or in support of the Regiment.

Walter Robins is to be succeeded as Regimental Secretary in 1 March 1994 by Lieutenant Colonel T. J. Isles.



Lieutenant Colonel W. Robins OBE

THE ASSISTANT REGIMENTAL SECRETARY

Major David Miller is to retire on 15 April 1994 after over six years in the post of Assistant Regimental Secretary. His replacement has yet to be notified.

APPOINTMENTS

Major General M. J. D. Walker, CBE, (late R. Anglian) was appointed Honorary Colonel 3rd Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment (West Riding) (Yorkshire Volunteers) on 18 October 1993 in succession to Colonel J. H. Neil, CBE, KStJ, TD, JP.

Lieutenant Colonel T. C. S. Bonas (late Welsh Guards) has been selected to command the 3rd Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment (West Riding) (Yorkshire Volunteers) from 4 January 1994 in succession to Lieutenant Colonel J. Fox, TD.

C. P. B. Langlands-Pearse and G. A. M. Purcell were commissioned from the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst on 6 August 1993 and posted to 1 DWR.

T. E. Townhill was commissioned from the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst on 10 December 1993 and posted to 1 DWR.

RETIREMENTS

Colonel A. D. Roberts retired on 8 September 1993. Captain B. Hey retired on 1 October 1993.

Lieutenant Colonel T. J. Isles, Major M. J. B. Drake, Major S. J. N. Morgan and Major T. Butterworth retired on 1 November 1993.

THE REGIMENTAL MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES**MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES**

The trustees met at Bankfield Museum on 14 October 1993. Present were: Brigadier E. J. W. Walker, OBE, (chairman); Lieutenant Colonel W. Robins, OBE; Major K. M. McDonald, TD, JP, BA, and Major J. R. A. Ward. In attendance: Ms Rosie Crook, Assistant Director Museums and Arts, Calderdale Leisure Services Department; Reverend Pauline Millward and Mr. J. Spencer of Bankfield Museum and Major C. D. Miller.

The accounts

The audited accounts for the year ended 31 March 1993 were examined. It was noted that they showed an excess of expenditure over income, despite the receipt of a number of substantial grants and donations towards the costs of the improvements and the new brochure. After payment of the cost of the latter the cash balance will be reduced by almost £1,500. Because of this the regimental trustees had authorised a grant of £400 per annum towards the maintenance costs of the museum. Major McDonald reported that the trustees of Huddersfield Drill Hall had approved a grant of £100 per annum for the same purpose.

Improvements in the display: outstanding work

It was confirmed that the improvements to the World War I display are in hand and that it was hoped to complete the work by late November.

Further improvements

Among the ideas for future consideration were:

- (1). The repair of the slide film display "Visions of War" and the taped background music/sounds for the Victorian display and World War I. It was estimated these were likely to cost £1,600.
- (2). Information sheets to be provided giving additional information on the material in each display.
- (3). The display of some of the attractive items still in store (e.g. belt plates, helmet plates, badges and medals) by the use of vacant wall space.

Publicity

It was requested that the museum be given a higher profile in the tourist information sheets produced by Calderdale Leisure Services Department.

RECORD OF MEDALS HELD BY THE REGIMENT

The Regiment is indebted to Mr. Cyril Ford of Honley near Huddersfield for the considerable amount of work he has done in updating the record of medals held by the Regiment. The new record provides an alphabetical list of the recipients, details of the medals held and their location. There is also a summary of all orders, decorations and medals showing the numbers held, the recipient's name and the location of the medals. Copies of the record are to be provided for the Regimental Museum and for the Officers' Mess and Sergeants' Mess 1 DWR.

YORK CASTLE MUSEUM

A number of museum artifacts which have been on loan to the York Castle Museum since the early 1950s have recently been returned to the regimental collection at Bankfield. The military display in the Castle Museum was dismantled some time ago and there are no plans to renew it.

YORKSHIRE BRIGADE DEPOT MUSEUM

It has been necessary to dismantle the museum of the Yorkshire Regiments established at Strensall in the early 1960s when it was the Yorkshire Brigade Depot. The DWR items from this display have been returned to the Regiment and will be added to the collection at Bankfield.

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

Recent acquisitions for the museum or archives include:-

- From Captain E. Oliver, MC, photographs of the 2nd Battalion in the early 1930s.
- From Mr. G. K. Hookham, copies of the official report on the patrol action by 1/4 DWR in World War I and copies of the Corps Orders recording awards for bravery by members of 1/4 DWR including his father.
- From Mr. A. Vaughan, telegrams and letters relating to his father in World War I.
- From Mr. P. Anderton, photographs of his father and a group of machine gunners in World War I with 2/4 DWR.

- From Mr. C. W. Starkey, photographs and maps relating to 2 DWR during World War I.
- From Mr. W. H. Cook, notification of the death on 14 September 1916 of Drummer Cook whilst serving with 8 DWR.
- From Mr. G. Booth, the Queen's South Africa Medal with five clasps awarded to Sergeant B. Booth DWR.

- From Mr. George Green, a photograph of No. 1 Company 2 DWR c.1922.
- From Mrs. J. Baker, the Military Medal, World War II campaign medals and Special Constabulary Medal awarded to her husband the late (Lance Corporal) Jim Baker. The Military Medal was awarded for his work as a stretcher bearer during the Anzio operations with 1 DWR.

REGIMENTAL MUSEUM FUND

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March 1993

EXPENDITURE		INCOME			
-	Purchases	82.00	156	Interest on Investments (Gross)	155.94
70	Travel Expenses	67.32	35	Donations	55.00
16	Audit	17.00	96	C.D.F. Interest	218.93
126	Sundries	298.53	2,000	General Christian	-
-	R. H. Q. Fund	77.00	-	Donations - Major F. J. Reynolds	500.00
-	Insurance	34.00	-	Huddersfield Trustees	500.00
-	Museum Refurbishment	4,934.74	-	Friends of the Regiment	1,000.00
			-	Regimental Association	3,000.00
2,075	Excess of Income over Expenditure	-	-	Excess of Expenditure over Income	80.72
		<u>5,510.59</u>	<u>2,287</u>		<u>5,510.59</u>
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Balance Sheet as at 31st March 1993

LIABILITIES		ASSETS			
	Accumulated Fund	4,209.43	93	Cash at Bank	65.19
4,209	Less: Excess of Expenditure over Income ...	80.72	2,366	Current Account	2,390.52
	Creditor	77.00		Charities Deposit Account	2,455.71
			500	Investments	
			1,250	£556.97 5½% Treasury Stock 2008/2012	500.00
				£1,222.64 10¼% Exchequer Stock 1995	1,250.00
4,209		<u>4,205.71</u>	<u>4,209</u>		<u>4,205.71</u>

Financial Position at Beginning and End of Year

Accumulated Fund			
At Beginning of Year	4,209.43	At End of Year	4,128.71

Auditor's Report

We have audited the books, vouchers, accounts and balance sheet of the above and find them correct and in accordance with the information supplied to us. This ... 9th day of August 1993.

K. W. HOWARTH & Co., Chartered Accountants, 36 Clare Road, Halifax, HX1 2HX.

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1st Battalion

Commanding Officer's Introduction

On return from leave at the beginning of July we embarked upon a three phase training plan. Phase one including the balance of our annual training directive tests, a series of briefings from HQ UKLF and a trip to the Brigade and Battle Group Trainer (North). The latter was a two level CPX, using a Bosnia scenario and including interesting touches such as real journalists and Serb - Croat interpreters through which we had to conduct our negotiations. For phase two the battalion moved to Knook Camp on Salisbury Plain West, from where we conducted field firing to stage five, operations in built-up area training and other special to theatre activities. Throughout this phase we were very appreciative of the support given to us by 7th Gurkha Rifles who were our training support battalion. This phase ended with a two day FTX.

There was then a two week gap before starting phase three as we had to prepare ourselves to take on the Spearhead role for the period 15 August to 12 September. It was at this time that our preparations were given added impetus as our notice to move was reduced from 7 days to 72 hours. Having taken on the Spearhead commitment, we then turned our attention

to phase three of our training, which was primarily special to arm and additional driver/commander training. During this time we also put our new experiences to use as we provided the training support battalion for the Combat Service Support battalion preparing for "Operation Grapple" 3 deployment. Our training was completed on 12 September as we handed over the Spearhead mantle. Since that time we have remained at five days' notice to move but have picked up our pre-prepared programme of activities.

In addition to running the annual potential NCOs Cadre, we have also held a mortar and assault pioneer cadre. At the same time we have provided support to training on exercises Panther's Prowl, Red Shank, First Call and presently Somme Company are the CIVPOP for 2 PWRR at NITAT.

We continue to watch events in the former Yugoslav Republic with interest. However, if we are not deployed we will look ahead keenly to our overseas exercise in Kenya next January and February, followed by our final conventional exercise with 1 Mechanised Brigade prior to beginning our Northern Ireland training in May.

TRAINING IN PREPARATION FOR OPERATIONS IN THE FORMER REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA ("OPERATION GRAPPLE")

Last June, while the Battalion was deployed to Lydd and Hythe ranges on the Kent coast preparing to assume its Spearhead role, we were warned to become part of the augmentation force for operations in Bosnia. This piece of contingency planning at army level was designed to provide a back up force, based on 1 DWR and 1 Green Howards from the UK and the Light Dragoons from Germany, combined with elements from all supporting arms, in order to increase the government's deployment options above and beyond those units already earmarked for service in Bosnia.

As a result this unit had a busy period of preparation and training that lasted until September, when we moved on to a reduced notice to deploy and also had our fleet of vehicles repainted in the white UN colours.

The first portion of training lasted until the end of July and was split by summer leave. Run primarily at unit level, this phase included completion of all our obligatory annual tests, a great deal of Saxon driver and commander training, signals training including the use of satellite communications, and a detailed series of briefings for all commanders. The phase concluded with an excellent custom designed procedural exercise for the command element held at the Brigade and Battlegroup Trainer in Catterick.

The second phase of training saw the whole Battalion deploying to Knook Training Camp on Salisbury Plain, accompanied by elements from supporting arms, to cover a two week specialist training package co-ordinated by the Combined Arms Training Centre at Warminster. During this period

the Battalion was assisted by a training support group based on 7 GR which was responsible for conducting most of our training. This interesting and challenging training package included shooting to a high standard, chemical toxic hazard training, and a plethora of briefings, as well as instruction and testing in convoy escort and refugee assistance tasks. The package culminated in a two day FTX based around the Copehill Down FIBUA village on Salisbury Plain.

The Battalion then took a short respite from pre-Bosnia training to complete its preparation for Spearhead before completing a special to arms training phase from mid August to mid September. This phase included more Saxon vehicle training, live firing with all platoon weapons, mortar and Milan live firing as well as a considerable amount of company level dry continuation training. All ranks were also subjected to the effects of mortar fire, using the Bombard Operation facility on Salisbury Plain. During this period the Battalion also provided the training support group for other units undergoing pre-Bosnia training for two weeks.

Although the training has now been completed, the Battalion looks fit to remain part of the augmentation force for some time yet, albeit on a more relaxed level of standby. Even if we do not eventually deploy to Bosnia, the Battalion has seen a rare and challenging period of specialist training which brought all ranks on to a much higher level of preparedness, and fully tested the command element in all aspects of pre-operational planning. It remains to be seen if the "proof of the pudding is in the eating"!

M. Tinsley



“Operation Grapple” training
Corporal Hirst and Corporal England with one of the Battalion’s UN vehicles

ALMA COMPANY

OC - Major C. S. T. Lehmann
CSM - WO2 A. J. Sutcliffe
CQMS - Colour Sergeant S. J. Dean

1 Platoon

Lieutenant R. F. E. Hammond
Sergeant M. Ness

2 Platoon

Lieutenant B. H. Walsgrove
Sergeant E. Innes

3 Platoon

Sergeant G. N. Summersgill

Alma Company met the news of our potential deployment to Bosnia with the same enthusiasm as the rest of the battalion. We were near the end of our training package at Lydd and felt that we had reached a peak in our training and were ready for anything! The initial enthusiasm continued when we found out that most people were still going to be able to go on summer leave as planned.

We returned from leave well refreshed to face the heavy work programme which lay ahead. First came our own “Operation Grapple” training package run for us under the control of the Combined Arms Training Centre. Suddenly extra resources were available for our use and we became aware of the wonderful training opportunity presented to us. After a two day briefing, the battalion moved to Knook Camp near Warminster so that we could concentrate on the training and leave the administrative life of Bulford behind. It seemed as if the whole of Salisbury

Plain had been put at our disposal including ranges, training areas and the much sought after Copehill Down FIBUA village. The ranges were run for us by 6 Ghurka Rifles and with a considerable supply of ammunition we were soon able to progress from a 100% pass for the company on the annual personal weapons test to a short field firing package. This was followed by special training for Bosnia including mine awareness, vehicle recovery and convoy drills. The whole package was concluded with a short exercise designed to give us a flavour for operations in Bosnia. Our training has continued on a day to day basis ever since, keeping up to date with our convoy skills, first aid and so on to ensure that we remain ready to deploy.

“Operation Grapple” training gave the battalion a chance to avoid the normal round of external support tasks but when we had completed our main package we found the number of tasks had been increased!

Alma Company was tasked with supporting 4 General Support Regiment, Royal Logistic Corps, on a similar "Operation Grapple" package to our own. It soon became apparent that the company was not big enough to support the package alone and extra staff was drafted in from the battalion. The troops who we were tasked to train are now actually serving in the former Yugoslavia and will be supporting us should we deploy. The Dukes soon realised this and considerable effort was made to ensure that they received the best possible training. Many will remember the frustration of teaching marksmanship to soldiers who had little chance to shoot and the satisfaction of seeing them pass their weapons tests. The final exercise proved to be eventful with the five platoons doing their best to provide a realistic enemy. Lieutenants Douthwaite, Hammond and Walsgrove all turned into actors and directors as they produced the suitable events to test the troops. The arrival of the final "convoy of joy" in Copehill Down proved to be quite a challenge for the exercising troops as the "Bosnian Dukes" tried to loot their vehicles!

Our most recent activity has been to provide enemy for 19 Brigade on "Exercise Iron Panther". Alma had the task of building the defences of Copehill Down for the battalion to move into for the final attack by the Glosters and our old rivals the Green Howards. All went well and some devious defences were built to test the enemy. Typically the attack was covered by the first major autumn mist of the year which upset the OC as all the well placed surveillance devices failed to keep us informed. The Glosters launched their final attack as a battalion prior to amalgamation followed by a large number of press. Meanwhile 2 Platoon,

under the command of Lieutenant Walsgrove and the guidance of newly promoted Sergeant Innes, was holding off the main attack from the Green Howards. Sergeant Summersgill and 3 Platoon provided a last stand which tested all the exercising troops to the full. Battalion Headquarters also held its ground and provided the press with an excellent final attack for the local news.

We have continued with our own "Operation Grapple" training but life has started to return to normal. We have managed to inject some sport into the programme and to play several rounds of inter company rugby and soccer with varying success. However the competitions have allowed the battalion selectors to "talent spot" several unsuspecting soldiers who are now playing for battalion teams! In between spells of guards and duties there have been welcome long weekends which help to compensate for weekends spent training. A number of members of the company have been able to attend battalion cadres including assault pioneers, signals and mortars. Six members of the company have passed the Junior NCOs Cadre with Private Barker winning the prize for most improved student. Adventure training has been included in the programme with 1 Platoon making a trip to Scotland and Corporal Fisher trying parachuting at Netheravon.

More adventure training is planned for the end of October when the company goes to Leek for "Exercise Iron Duke". We will then return to a period of more conventional soldiering including a trip to use the training facilities at Sennybridge which should be a good preview for our proposed trip to Kenya in the new year.



"Operation Grapple" training
Two members of Alma Company take part in the training

ASSAULT PIONEER CADRE 1993

In August the 1st Battalion ran an assault pioneer cadre and six of us from Alma Company completed it. The cadre lasted six weeks and was split into seven categories of basic field engineering, field defences, mine warfare, demolitions, water supply, watermanship and final tests. Each category was in itself very demanding. A good example of this was 'water supply'. The water purification equipment needed to be set up in a very particular way for the system to work. The generator and purification equipment had to be checked several times before the contaminated water could pass through it, each valve had to be connected in a set sequence of operation. Eventually the cadre got the equipment working in good stead, after patient tuition and lots of hands on experience.

The other subjects were just as difficult. It took lots of hard team work to dig trenches at SPTA using the Cobra digging tools in the field engineering phase. Every individual on the cadre enjoyed the watermanship phase. Extreme care and a sense of responsibility was needed to manoeuvre the assault boats into position for the man overboard drills. Although the weather was not always in our favour, we proceeded to do our tests in the water. Frequent races with the A1 Avon Redcrest Recce Dinghies lifted the team spirit immensely.

Everybody learned a great deal and benefited from the cadre. The final tests were quite difficult but it was worth it in the end because everybody passed their B2 exam and received crossed axes, presented by the Commanding Officer.

Privates Atkinson and Wheeler

"EXERCISE FORCAN RIDGE" - 1 PLATOON ADVENTURE TRAINING

In the first week of October this year, eleven members of 1 Platoon, Alma Company departed on "Exercise Forcan Ridge" to Scotland. This was to be a three day adventure training exercise in the West Highlands, concentrating on the basic skills of mountaineering.

Under the guidance of Lieutenant Rob Hammond, and Sergeant Eric Innes, the intrepid walkers set off late on Sunday night. Travelling the 600 miles to the Kyle of Loch Alsh overnight, they arrived in time for sandwiches on Monday afternoon. Home for the week was to be Balmacara House, a former school now run by the navy for diving courses and adventure training. The accommodation was excellent, actually better than Kiwi Barracks complete with all soldier mod cons. These included a cheap bar, games room and two television rooms.

The second day saw the Dukes wake up to clear blue skies. This day was spent walking on a circular route up to the Falls of Glomach, the highest falls in Britain. On the second day we went to climb the Five Sisters, a sharp ridge running along the length of Glenn Sheil. For this walk the party split into two, each group

starting from a different end of the ridge. This proved to be more of a test, with cloud, mist and strong winds above 2500 feet. In places, the ridge narrowed to between six and ten feet, with 200ft cliffs on one side, a test of footwork on the wet rocks and grass.

Having returned safely, the next day was planned to be in the Torridan Forest area. However, the weather had worsened since the previous day, with galeforce gusts in the glens, making it too risky to go up onto exposed ridges. As this was the last day, it was decided that the party should make an attempt to sight the Loch Ness Monster. Having failed, we went on a day out to Inverness.

After an excellent night out with the navy divers in Kyle of Loch Alsh, which included a pub crawl using the ferry over to the Isle of Skye, Friday was spent handing over and returning to Bulford.

Although the travelling time restricted the amount of walking that we could do, it was a worthwhile exercise. The Western Highlands provide all that is needed for an adventure training exercise and all who went are looking forward to next time.

BASIC PARACHUTE COURSE

I arrived at airfield camp Netheravon on a bright blue Monday afternoon to be introduced to the course CSM, the British army style parachutist, a burly, imposing man in his mid thirties. He laid down the rules of the camp, then fell us out until the following morning. The first day's training took place during wet and windy conditions on land as did the next two days. Next came 'packing of a chute', (I'll never say making a bed block is hard again!). It took more than one attempt to pack the reams and reams of silk into the ever shrinking parachute bag. Then we learnt a number of poses for "exiting" an aircraft, steering the parachute and carrying out the dreaded malfunction drill. The landing was from crash mats to a 10ft high deathslide contraption. Much to my disappointment the clouds finally cleared and the first rays of sunlight spread across the airfield on the day of

my first jump. I collected my parachute from the store, dressed in my orange jumpsuit, tested my radio and strapped on my helmet. I then waited for the aircraft to arrive.

Hours seemed to pass before finally, this little old heap of a plane taxied up. The instructor ushered us inside, attaching each one of us to the static line as we entered. The little plane then rumbled up the runway and struggled into the vast open sky. At 3,000ft, the pilot throttled back, but the aircraft did not seem to stop vibrating. It was then that I realised that it was me and not the plane that was doing the shaking! One by one the novice sky divers leapt into the unknown until it was my turn. Moving to the open door, I was told to place half my body outside.

My head and eyes were looking firmly up. On the word GO!, I jumped and adopted the crucifix position

and waited for my chute to open. Much to my relief it did, and only seconds later the ground rushed up for a textbook landing.

After five more jumps, I was allowed to go free fall for three seconds. The rest of my team remained on static line and jumped first before I found myself in the now familiar door position, looking back at the instructor. He said GO, I said NO!, again he said GO! I looked down then looked back at him, I said NO! again, shaking my head trying to back up my rejection. He then screamed GO! helping me out of the plane like the kind, concerned gentleman he was. What was supposed to be three seconds turned into

six, as the classic crucifix position was lost and the less stylish dying fly took over, before my chute finally opened above me. I landed, collected my chute and stormed back to the packing store, threw my 'rig' onto the floor, and ran into the toilet and proceeded to yawn my dinner down the toilet.

I managed another eight jumps before the course dispersed but the fear did not go away for me. An excellent course, if not for the faint at heart. I fully advise any adventurous soldier to attend and make use of this facility on our doorstep at Bulford.

Corporal Fisher

BURMA COMPANY

OC - Major R. C. Barker
 CSM - WO2 S. Hunt
 CQMS - Colour Sergeant J. Barraclough

4 Platoon

Lieutenant N. R. E. Woolgar QRL
 Sergeant R. A. Mosley

5 Platoon

2 Lieutenant G. A. M. Purcell
 Sergeant K. Craddock

6 Platoon

Lieutenant W. T. Mundell
 Sergeant S. J. J. Lowther

The period since summer leave has been dominated by training for a possible deployment to the former Yugoslavia. Having completed our own training package, based at Knook Camp near Warminster, we became the instant experts responsible for providing a knowledgeable enemy and umpire support for the logistic elements undergoing a similar package.

Making the most of a fine August afternoon, the company held a very successful athletics meeting, culminating in a barbecue and barrel of beer. A number of potential battalion runners were identified, including Private Rowland who ran an impressive 17 minutes for 5000m, having minutes earlier won the 1500m in 4 minutes 45 seconds. Despite a very heavy workload, it has been possible to make a start to the inter-company rugby and soccer competitions and Burma has so far played two matches in each, with just one defeat at the hands of Corunna Company in the rugby.

Our next trip into the field was in support of "Exercise Iron Panther", a 19 Mechanised Brigade FTX. It was during the live firing package, for which Burma Company provided a number of range staff, that Corporal Neil Hughes was tragically killed, a great shock to all the soldiers and wives of the company. The company displayed a doughty resolve in its performance during the remaining stages of the

exercise, providing a wily and elusive enemy for the Gunners, Sappers and Household Cavalry Regiment deployed on Salisbury Plain. At the end of this busy two week package, three members of the company, the OC, Corporal Mark Lakey and Private 'Benny' Hill, travelled to London to take part in the 43rd annual London to Brighton road race. With both the OC and Corporal Lakey having had to retire through injury at 25 and 41 miles respectively, it was left to Private Hill to salvage the company's honour, which he did with a magnificent performance of 8 hours 45 minutes for the 55 miles.

Our final deployment onto Salisbury Plain was "Exercise Red Shank", where the company underwent a series of battles commanded both at company and platoon level by potential company commanders from the TA. The exercise was a great success. The company again showed tremendous spirit through some of the worst weather witnessed on the plain for many years, with trenches filled to overflowing. On completion of the exercise we returned to barracks where, on a battalion muster parade, presentations were made to Private Conley (top student on the potential NCOs cadre), Private Malone (runner up), Private Hill (top student on the standard II signals cadre) and Private Sykes (3rd on signals cadre).

CORUNNA COMPANY

OC - Major M. A. Lodge
 CSM - Warrant Officer 2 J. Frear
 CQMS - Colour Sergeant S. Grogan

7 Platoon

Lieutenant R. C. Breary
 Sergeant M. B. Kennedy

8 Platoon

Lieutenant J. N. Mitchell
 Sergeant A. Barratt

9 Platoon

2 Lieut C. P. B. Langlands-Pearce
 Sergeant S. Caine

Corunna Company has taken a leading part in the principle battalion commitments including "Operation Grapple" 3 training and preparation for Spearhead deployment throughout the months of August and September. There have also been a number of wholly company orientated tasks, principally training assistance to other units, which have filled in the gaps in an extremely busy training programme. One of these proved to be a highlight for the company officers and soldiers and was not only constructive training for our possible deployment to the former Yugoslavia, but also great fun. The exercise was "Iron Panther" in which Corunna Company provided 'enemy' for 1 Glosters battle group. The scenario was based around a forced evacuation of British nationals from a foreign country torn with internecine struggles between various religious groups and facing invasion from a neighbouring power.

On a bright September morning 7, 8 and 9 platoons deployed to separate training areas based around Aldershot. Each man had his particular role to play, either as a member of a British mining company or as an active terrorist in one of the Muslim militia groups, whose objective was to smash British influence in the area and bring about independence to the territory they occupied.

The scene was set for a most interesting three day exercise that not only tested 1 Glosters ability to react to unexpected and difficult terrorist incidents but served also to give the company a practical insight into how or how not to react to various situations which they might conceivably meet if deployed to the Balkans.

The 'Hankley Herald' headline on Thursday 23 September "Muslims in Bramley celebrate festival with violence" was the beginning of the attacks against the mining company and its British workers. Each man carried an ID card and, where appropriate, shoulder flashes to show their allegiances.

Names not usually associated with military exercises such as Mustaffa Watts (Corporal Watts) and Ishtac Smith (Lance Corporal Smith) were in evidence, as was some excellent role playing by members of the company. At first 1 Glosters' reaction was too friendly enabling Private Woolridge in one incident to run amuck inside their vehicles, however they soon became well accustomed to the threat and learnt to react accordingly.

The leader of the Bramley Muslim group known as 'Stan' (Corporal Stannard) was one of the perpetrators of the various incidents ranging from low key patrolling to shoots and IED (improvised explosive device) situations. These were rehearsed carefully and then carried out with Muslim precision. Luckily for 1 Glosters their intelligence gathering led them to the arrest of a key player, Dr. Lugar Bosworth (Lance Corporal Bosworth) whose capture thwarted a hostage situation and caused the successful evacuation of all the British nationals, thereby bringing the first phase of the exercise to a close.

Phase 2 involved a re-rolling back to a conventional establishment as the fictitious Cambrians and ultimately to DIBUA (defence in built up area) in Cope Hill Down village as part of a battalion organisation. It was again 1 Glosters who fought their way through Corunna Company's TAOR from room to room and from house to house through the darkness and mist, eventually taking the village despite the valiant counter attacks from 7, 8 and 9 platoon and Lance Corporal Parker the OC's radio operator.

In the space of one month the company has gone from practising terrorism as Muslim Militia, to DIBUA as Cambrian armed forces, to digging in defensive positions to stage II as a dismounted company on "Exercise Red Shank" for the TA company commanders' course. The latter was our next major task just one week after "Exercise Iron Panther" and gives some indication of the diversity and pace of life within the battalion this year.



"Exercise Iron Panther"

Private Cronk (Corunna Company) calls Privates Scorbie and Mellows to advance

SOMME (FIRE SUPPORT) COMPANY

OC - Major P. M. Lewis
 CSM - Warrant Officer 2 D. E. Dowdell

OC MORTARS - Warrant Officer 2 A. G. Pigg
 2IC - Sergeant D. Flynn

OC RECCE - Captain G. Knight
 2IC - Sergeant F. J. Devaney

OC MILAN - Captain J. H. Purcell
 2IC - Colour Sergeant R. W. Pedley

OC MMG/DRUMS - Sergeant H. V. Cole
 2IC - Corporal I. D. Johnson

Support Company is in very good shape. We have had three well run cadres for the Mortar, Milan and Recce platoons over the year and the platoons are well manned and prepared for operations as required. We have had a healthy injection of new faces into the company, from the rifle companies and we are grateful for the support they have given us. Cadres have been competitive and selective.

All four support platoons have worked extremely hard over the period. The Mortar Platoon has fired some 3000 mortar rounds this year, both on RAAT (regular army assistance training) tasks and during additional "Operation Grapple" training. The platoon trained hard for UKLF Mortar Concentration, but had to withdraw at the last minute because of Bosnia standby commitments. But they have more than made up for it and have enjoyed some excellent constructive dry training and live firing.

The Milan Platoon ran a particularly good selective cadre earlier this year. The platoon can fully man 15 Milan posts and has had one live firing opportunity already this year, with a second concentration planned for November 1993 in Otterburn. In addition to Milan training, the platoon has been involved more than any other support platoon in supporting the Battalion in conventional rifle platoon soldiering and was used on "Exercise Red Shank" to reinforce both Burma and Corunna companies.

The Recce Platoon handed over its Scimitars to 2 RGJ, after our return from Norway and collected Fox in return. This meant a requirement for a conversion cadre, which had to be run in conjunction with a selection cadre for new blood as part of training for the Brigade Patrol competition (in which they did very well, coming second overall). With the Bosnia standby commitment came an expanded platoon, renamed the General Service Platoon (which offended OC Recce, so we renamed it the Operations Platoon!). This incorporates the Recce and MMG platoons, with additional manpower assistance from Corunna Company NCOs. Fox is not deemed suitable for Bosnia for a number of very practical reasons, and therefore the Operations Platoon has inherited seven additional vehicles in the form of borrowed Saxons from the Tidworth based 1 RWF. On top of all this the platoon is currently training very hard for the annual Cambrian Patrol, in which it is expected to do well, and following that will be preparations for the 3 (UK) Division Light Fighter Competition.

The Drums Platoon's summer touring programme was torn up and thrown in the bin as soon as the Bosnia standby commitment emerged. Off came the drumming heads and on went the machine gun heads! The MMG Platoon joined the Recce Platoon as part of the Operations Platoon and conducted joint training and Saxon familiarisation. Should the battalion deploy to Bosnia, the MMG element of the



"Operation Grapple" training
 Private Bye of the Mortar Platoon prepares ammunition for live firing

Operations Platoon will have an essential role to play.

While each platoon has been occupied with its own busy programmes, the company has come together as a whole on a couple of occasions, most notably on "Exercise Iron Panther". This was a 19 Brigade FTX which consisted of two phases. Phase 1 took place in Devon, both on previously cleared private farm land and on Dartmoor. Somme Company had a thoroughly enjoyable three days providing The Green Howards with an opposition and a number of problems to solve. It is not often that we get the opportunity to play the enemy and it proved to be a refreshing change in a very pleasant part of the country. Next on the horizon is three weeks away as CIVPOP at Lydd and Hythe and STANTA for 2 PWRR, in their preparation for Northern Ireland.

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“Operation Grapple” training
The Machine Gun Platoon prepare for live firing

HOOK COMPANY

- OC - Captain M. Tinsley
- CSM - Warrant Officer 2 I. Abel
- CQMS - Colour Sergeant K. James

With a deployment to Bosnia lurking on the horizon, it was time for the chefs, clerks and yes, even the storemen to come out of hiding, dress up in combats and get their weapons dirty.

Packed up with combats, webbing, weapons plus golf clubs and balls, we were off on our way to Knook Camp (Warminster) for our Bosnia training.

It turned out to be not quite the holiday everyone in Hook Company was expecting, however, as it was “off to the gas chamber we would go”, to be trained and tested by the Ghurkas in a nuclear, biological and chemical environment. (Twice if you were caught playing golf.)

A fairly new concept to Hook Company’s training came when we actually had to fire our annual personal weapon test (APWT). This in itself turned out to be

quite an interesting event, because not many of the veterans lingering in Hook Company can see as far as 300 metres!

Despite this amount of background activity, Headquarter Company still managed to administrate, guard, feed and transport troops at any time during this very busy period of Battalion training.

Later in the period the Battalion had its Annual Battalion Golf Open. Over forty keen and budding Bernhard Langers turned out for this memorable occasion. A great day’s golf was had by all entrants, and an equally fine day was had by all who did not make it past the “nineteenth tee!”

Some high quality results were handed in with just four strokes dividing the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.

POTENTIAL NCOs CADRE

The potential NCOs cadre was held in Kiwi Barracks and the surrounding training areas from mid September to mid October.

Due to the Battalion’s present standby for “Operation Grapple” much of this year’s planning for the cadre was left to the last minute. Having recently completed our all arms tactics package at Warminster, much of the Battalion’s focus was in the direction of convoy drills and FIBUA.

Our first problem was to decide on a programme which would be challenging and demanding so that at the end of the cadre the students would be ready to assume the responsibilities of a lance corporal and to act as a section 2i/c in peace and in war.

With reference to the infantry training manual an even spread of subjects was chosen using the previous cadre programme as a template to work from. Subjects included drill, weapon training skills and

battle lessons in addition to all grade one infantry tests. A liberal sprinkling of field exercises was thrown in to assess the section 2i/c's ability and tactical awareness in the field which is the bread and butter of all section 2i/cs.

Colour Sergeant Cooper started the first day as all good cadres should by placing the complete cadre on staff parade that evening and for many of the cadre this was going to be the norm for the next five weeks. The first week concentrated on grade one testing and some basic introductions to drill on the Battalion parade square. Unfortunately for some they saw very little of the square and much more of the inside of the guard room. The first week ended with a navigation exercise on the Aldershot training area consisting of several stands testing the nominated commanders in command and control on basic command tasks. The area is very difficult to navigate with literally hundreds of tracks many of which are not even marked on the map. With the morning's events successfully completed and everyone returned to the admin. base, the night navigation phase started and as if by cue the weather changed from glorious sunshine to persistent rain. The course proved too difficult for many of the students with ridiculous scores of two and three being returned, probably due to the horrendous rain, but some encouraging results were seen with one score of seventeen. No exercise would be the same without a log race in Long Valley (up and down rather than along) the following morning, just to confirm whether or not the students had what it takes.

As the end of the first week drew near those students who had any doubt as to whether they wanted to continue were beginning to show signs of disillusionment and were considering withdrawing themselves from the cadre, either by fair or foul methods.

The beginning of week two saw one or two new replacements starting the cadre. The second week continued with the education of the students in the ways of a section commander and they began with the first of several lessons on orders using TAMs (tactical aid memoir). This was well received by the students who showed a high level of understanding of a subject which at times can be extremely difficult to

understand. During the week a short exercise on Salisbury Plain was conducted to revise the students in section attacks. It was during this period that the student instructors realised that a short exercise was required to confirm basic administration in the field.

"Exercise First Attempt" took place in the small wooded area at the back of camp which was a great disappointment to many of the students as rumour control had them under the impression that they were going to Brecon. A useful weekend was had by all and the tempo had been set for the final exercise and no one was under any illusion as to what was required on the final exercise.

Week three settled into a steady routine with the instructors taking their students through the basics in taking a lesson. At this stage one or two top spot candidates were beginning to emerge and the platoon commanders started to pay particular attention to those students who were doing well or seemed to be struggling. Week four merged into the third week with the students now concentrating on battle exercises and putting the skills they had learned during the third week into effect. Private Barker was even fortunate enough to conduct his lesson in front of two generals who were visiting the Battalion at the time. As the week drew to a close the cadre staff met and put their heads together and came up with a nominal role in order of priority and adjusted the command appointments for the final exercise accordingly.

"Exercise Stone Warrior" started on the Monday with the troops deploying on to Salisbury Plain and moving into a harbour area which they would be using as a base location for the next week whilst they completed recce and operation tasks. The harbour area was completed and the students settled into routine, shell scrapes were dug and sentries posted. No exercise can be called training if it isn't raining, and yet again the rain started to pour. This resulted in many of the shell scrapes filling with water, much to the discomfort of the students who spent some time in their sleeping bags. The week rounded off with a final day of section attacks. The cadre finished on a high note in the corporal's mess with the students performing one or two small skits to relate some of the funnier moments on the cadre.



Potential NCOs cadre: the log race

REGIMENTAL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE (RAO)

Up until 1 July 1993 unit administration was split into two categories, the Adjutant General's Corps, all ex Royal Army Pay Corps, and the other the real soldiers, all clerks from the 1st Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment who were infantry men in one form or another before they found it was easier to dig into the paperwork than into Salisbury Plain.

On 1 July 1993 all unit clerks were compulsory transferred into the Adjutant General's Corps, putting an end to the rivalry between the ex RAPC and the combat administrators of 1 DWR. After the initial shock of having to wear a red and blue stable belt and a green and yellow lanyard which was often referred to as the "bungie", the regimental clerks soon put their previous years behind them and started to look to the future.

Soon after the unit returned from summer block leave and was warned of the "Operation Grapple" commitment and its three days' notice to move, the

clerks first impression was that it would take at least seven days to clear their trays from block leave. A busy period followed with the Battalion deploying to Knook Camp to undertake training for Bosnia, it was then that the AGC was told it would provide the Camps Guard Force for two weeks, day on day off, slotting in training where possible. All the AGC soon realised what AGC stood for "All Guards Coming" our way.

During this period the AGC surprised the Battalion by moving from the camp area to the training area wearing both combats and webbing carrying helmets. The clerks adapted to the change like ducks to water and carried on doing what they did best, "bluffing" the instructors.

The RAO eventually returned to Kiwi Barracks and began to get on with normal life, if there ever is such a thing.

THE REGIMENTAL BAND

June saw the band and drums embarking on the usual tour of engagements in Yorkshire. These included a pass-off parade at the ITB Strensall, and our annual appearance at the Halifax Gala.

Unfortunately our summer programme was cut short at a reception for RHQ at Huddersfield drill hall with the news that the Battalion were now on standby for Bosnia. Medical training with 16 Field Ambulance proved both interesting and informative, at least until we had to draw blood from each other.

After this experience the band and drums once more united in its more familiar role of marching displays. This time at Southampton Docks to play off the *Pacific Princess* and the *Canberra*.

At present the band is out of station to provide musical support with the band of the Green Howards at Sandhurst. While the work load is demanding, the recreational facilities within the academy are superb and well worth taking advantage of.

3rd Battalion

Commanding Officer's Introduction

The last few months have been busy with varied and interesting training dominating our activities. In preparation for annual camp we carried out weekends devoted to defence at Catterick, field firing at various ranges, and patrolling at Otterburn. Each tactical weekend has been enlivened by a realistic and comprehensive "battle picture" produced by the Battalion's intelligence officer, Captain Jenny Ogden and her team, based on events current in the rest of the world. Additionally, in order to maintain the reality of soldiering in the late twentieth century, our soldiers and officers have been subjected to interviews, initially by the assistant adjutant, Lieutenant Beki Bulmer, and subsequently by a former news sleuth and friend of the Battalion, Ms Jane Buchanan. Those interviews were good practice for the real thing, when a reporter from BBC local radio visited us at Otterburn during our patrolling exercise and syndicated her report to a number of radio stations throughout the north east.

Annual camp took place at Thetford in Norfolk during the middle two weeks of September. We were relatively lucky being soaked on no more than a few occasions, which added to the realism of the training

that we were doing. The first week was spent on company training packages which combined much physical exertion with plenty of imagination. The use of pyrotechnics and plastic explosive added further realism and interest. Our specialist platoons benefited from four instructors from the 1st Battalion: Corporals Hughes, Williams, Stead and Smith, and the Mortar Platoon seized the opportunity to carry out some live firing with their colleagues from the 1st Battalion on Salisbury Plain. After a day's R & R we held a demanding inter-platoon competition which was won, against stiff competition indeed, by the Machine Gun Platoon led by Lieutenant Richard Wyithe.

The Battalion was by that stage fit for the three day exercise in which the brigade commander pitted us against 8th Battalion The Light Infantry, and some regular Fusiliers and Paras representing forces from various irregular factions. It was a fast moving, tiring, interesting, exciting and imaginative exercise involving a great deal of walking, a fair amount of digging, a little bit of helicopter work and culminating in a protracted battle for the village of Eastmere. The 3rd Battalion's soldiers rose to every challenge, and

received favourable comments from the many senior officers who visited us, and also from three members of the US National Guard who stayed with us on an exchange visit.

We are still in a time of change. Major General Michael Walker CBE, who is currently assistant chief of the general staff became the Battalion's honorary colonel on 17 October, succeeding Colonel Hugh Neill CBE, TD, to whom we are indebted for his support over the last five years. We have lost our training major, Vernon Meeson, who leaves the army on redundancy, and is replaced, for a short while at least, by Captain Jonathan Cumberlege, fresh back from duties with the United Nations in the south western Sahara. Captain Maurice Neville MBE, has retired as quartermaster, and is succeeded by Captain Les Jordan BEM, who comes to us from The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers. Colour Sergeant Grogan returns to the 1st Battalion, and his post as PSI A Company in Barnsley and Rotherham is taken by Colour Sergeant Mitchell. Two of our territorial officers have left us to continue soldiering elsewhere. Tony Royce is currently at Sandhurst, having been accepted for the regular army, whilst Bob Whittard has moved to Swindon to pursue his civilian career. Their places have been taken by George Triplow and

John Priestley, who have recently been commissioned into the Battalion.

Recruiting continues apace, with the Battalion currently being about 120% of its established strength. We have so many soldiers on our books that it is hard to find the money to pay for them all given the fixed annual budget within which we have to operate! As a consequence, and with some regret, we are not able to do as much training as we would like, so the standards and morale are unlikely to reach an otherwise achievable zenith.

There is plenty going on outside the confines of military training and the social life that is part of any Battalion. As indications of the quality of the membership of the 3rd Battalion, two of its soldiers, Private Mark Anderson and Lance Corporal Paul Cooke, returned to Mount Kenya and scaled the summits of Batian and Nelion on their own initiative, following a previous visit with the Battalion in 1990. In a separate adventure, four officers, two of them serving and two recently retired, are setting off on an eight day Arctic auto challenge in aid of charity. Their journey will take them through the former Soviet Union and Scandinavia and should improve their map reading and driving skills no end!

A TRIP TO THE COUSINS

We were on our way! My colleague Sergeant Peter Karkoszka and I were going to the USA on the TA/National Guard NCO exchange scheme. At Brize Norton we followed the RAF movement staff to our aircraft, a not so bright and shiny aircraft with two engines attached to each side of the tail. Some "Brain of Britain" had put the seats in the wrong way round, facing the tail, then much to our chagrin we found our seats were at the tail, approximately six feet from the two huge engines. Looking out of the window at the wing you could see a line of repaired bullet holes. Obviously that was an encounter with Baron Von Richtofen.

After 18 hours' travelling, thankfully only seven of them on Biggles' Sopwith, we finally arrived at Camp Guernsey, Wyoming. We were shown to our accommodation which was impressive. They look after their NCOs - carpets, proper beds, fridge and television. Early next morning I got up and went outside for a smoke and met a pleasant bloke who had beaten me to it. We chatted away socially while kick starting our lungs. It wasn't until later that day we were informed that we were actually being accommodated in the officers' digs. We were then introduced to the acting battalion commander. Doing a good colour impression of a beetroot I explained to him (my early morning smoking partner) that I don't normally make a habit of calling field grade officers "mate".

The main body of the 1st/133rd to which we were attached arrived that evening. Our two hosts, Sergeant Gary Miller and Staff Sergeant Tim Steggerda, introduced themselves and explained that only two companies of their battalion were on the camp and that their task was to run field firing ranges for other battalions in the brigade. Therefore the brigade training major had given us a vehicle and the four of us could do what we wanted. And we did! From picking the brains of a pilot who flies the F117A Stealth Night Fighter to changing the barrel in the

NCOs' club. (The barmaid said it was our own fault - we emptied it.)

The National Guard gets equipment that we in the TA rarely see, never mind play with. The troops on the ground were equipped with the M113 APC or an ITV (an M113 with a TOW on the top).

After being repeatedly asked what APCs we had, I eventually said "LPCs", and hoped that they didn't enquire too closely as to what they are. (LPCs - leather personnel carriers - boots.)

One piece of kit we were impressed with was the Humvee (high mobility multi purpose utility wheeled vehicle). Zooming around in one of those sure beats a 110 Rover.

The Americans were very keen to trade kit, one even had the audacity to offer \$25 for my tropical kit. I said I wouldn't accept anything less than a Humvee. He agreed so long as I threw in my beret as well. That was taking the proverbial so I politely declined, besides some eagle eyed RAF baggage handler might spot it.

While I was spending some time on the field firing range, Pete went on a recovery task with their equivalent of the REME. He told me of their method of recovery. It's nice to know that it's not just the REME that advocate the "if it doesn't work get a bigger hammer" method.

During our ten days in Wyoming we managed to see some of the sights, namely Mount Rushmore in the neighbouring state. Also we went to the oldest bar in Wyoming, the landlady of which came from Hull. She'd had the pub for over thirty years and still wouldn't have sounded out of place in 'Last of the Summer Wine'.

Finally our days in Wyoming had come to an end; thanks and cheerios were said all round as Tim and Gary took us to the airport, some two hours drive away, to catch our flight to Washington DC. We had two days there seeing the sights. We saw as much as we could, but had to miss most of it. We did get the chance to go to the Air and Space Museum. There we

saw Messrs O. & W. Wright's aeroplane of Kitty Hawk fame. Also we saw the Vietnam War Memorial, a wall listing the names of the 58,183 US servicemen who died in that war. We also went to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, mainly to watch the changing of the guard. The drill was exacting and in total unison, only the drill movements themselves let the soldiers down.

Finally it was time to go to the airport. As is SOP in all countries, in the airport you get rid of all your foreign money. Having bought things that I had little requirement for just to spend my remaining US currency, I went to the RAF check-in desk only to find an RAF flight lieutenant telling everyone that the flight was going to be delayed by 24 hours, due to the

compass not working correctly. With the thought of staying another 24 hours without so much as a cent between us, Pete had a brainstorm and suggested we follow another plane. They don't issue a sense of humour in the RAF do they?! Twenty four hours and one club sandwich later, we were told the aircraft was going to be delayed yet again, fortunately this time only for one hour, somebody had forgotten to put four star in the tanks.

Finally, finally, we boarded the aircraft, and yes you've guessed, six feet from the engine again. If you ever get the chance to participate in the exchange programme, grab it with both hands, you won't regret it. But try to cross the Atlantic in a boat.

Sergeant J. Ward

'D' (WELLESLEY) COMPANY DWR YORKSHIRE ACF

Annual camp this year was at Culybragen for the senior cadets in the company while the juniors enjoyed Drip Bridge camp at Stirling. The senior camp was for two weeks and consisted of cadres for two, three and four star with an adult ITC cadre for newly joined sergeant instructors. The junior camp was more of a fun camp consisting of mountain biking in Aberfoyle forest, abseiling from a disused viaduct, canoeing on the river at Drip and a hike over the hills to a camp site close to Culybragan main camp.

The company now has a new OC, Major P. R. Cole, who took over from Lieutenant Colonel D. L. Bennett who has moved up to County. Major Cole was

previously the company training officer and has considerable experience firstly as a cadet then adult instructor before being commissioned. He has commanded Mirfield, Heckmondwike and Huddersfield Detachments and takes a keen interest in shooting and all aspects of cadet training. He is succeeded by Captain P. Williams as training officer who comes into company headquarters from Allerton Cadet Detachment, RA which he has commanded for a number of years.

Exercise "Iron Duke" was held at Leek on 30/31 October. Alma Company 1 DWR hosted it this year and put on an exceptionally well run competition with



D (Wellesley) Company Yorkshire ACF dedication of the banner of the Skipton detachment.
From left to right: W/Corporal S. Kitson, Lieutenant Colonel D. Bennett, Mayor of Skipton, Councillor A. Thornton, W/Staff Sergeant Instructor M. Clegg, Reverend J. Peel, Major P. Cole, Cadet J. Van-Dyke, W/Cadet D. Boocock.

more emphasis on events out of camp which all agreed was more demanding yet not over taxing on the smaller cadet. All enjoyed an excellent weekend.

The winners were:-

1. Darfield Cadet Detachment DWR
2. Wombwell Cadet Detachment DWR
3. Odsal Cadet Detachment RA

ST. GEORGE'S DAY AND HILL 60

The celebration of St. George's Day (23 April) within the Regiment by the wearing of white roses is a familiar custom. However, nothing is recorded about the origin of this practice. In the Iron Duke (October 1963) a former member of the 2nd Battalion gave it as his opinion that white roses were first presented to all members of the Battalion on 23 April 1921 when it was temporarily in Liverpool, having been sent there from Ireland for possible duty in the event of a threatened strike. But an examination of the Digest of Service of the 2nd Battalion reveals that roses were first presented in 1920. In a subsequent issue of the Iron Duke (April 1964) the late Graham Tedd wrote: "I was told at one time that it (the wearing of white roses) was to commemorate a bloody day for the 2nd Battalion in the 1914-18 war - but which battle or what year was not apparent".

In the course of writing the history of the Regiment I had been struck by the 2nd Battalion's feats at the battle of Hill 60, three miles south-east of Ypres, during the first World War and the devastating casualties it had incurred there. Hill 60 could in no way be described as a hill in the real sense of the word. It was, in fact, more of a large mound, about fifty feet high, which had been created from the spoil extracted when a nearby railway cutting had been constructed. However, it was occupied by the Germans and was high enough to give them a commanding view over the low ground that surrounded it, including the British positions to the north and north-west. For that reason it was considered essential that it should be captured. The task was given to 13th Brigade of 5th Division, which consisted of the 2nd Battalion the Dukes, 2 King's Own Scottish Borderers, 1st Queen's Own Royal West Kents and 2nd King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.

The attack took place on the evening of 17 April 1915 and the Royal West Kents and KOSB quickly captured it. However during the night the Germans launched a counter attack in which both battalions suffered severe casualties during hand-to-hand fighting. The Germans were also able to recapture some of the trenches they had lost earlier that day. On the morning of 18 April the 2nd Battalion, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel P. A. Turner, was ordered to relieve the Royal West Kents and KOSB. This it did and was then involved in heavy fighting throughout the day as the Germans fought to regain the Hill. Late in the afternoon the Dukes were ordered to attack and dislodge the Germans from the trenches they had regained the previous night. Supported by 2nd KOYLI the battalion successfully achieved its task and by dusk had consolidated its positions. Meanwhile the Germans poured hundreds of shells on to the position, which was no more than 250 yards in length and 200 yards in depth, with the result that it was hardly possible to move without encountering

Leeds Grammar School took the CCF prize. If Giggleswick had entered the results may have been different. The prizes were presented by Lieutenant Colonel D. M. Santa-Olalla MC.

The dedication of the Skipton Cadet Detachment DWR banner took place on Sunday 3 October 1993 at the Skipton Parish Church.

dead bodies. But the Dukes held on until they were relieved at 5.00am on 19 April. The total casualties were 36 killed, plus another 43 posted as missing believed killed, and 342 wounded. Among the latter was the OC.

While out of the line the Battalion received nearly 500 reinforcements. On the night of 4 May it relieved the Devonshire Regiment on Hill 60. At 8.00am on the morning of 5 May the Germans, aided by a favourable wind, sent over chlorine gas with devastating effect. Gas had first been used at Ypres on 22 April and effective counter measures had yet to be developed. All that was available was a piece of gauze soaked in a preparation prepared by the medical authorities, which required renewing after a few minutes. All the men occupying the Dukes front line were overcome, the majority dying at their posts. By this means the Germans were able to capture some of the trenches. The Battalion, assisted by the Dorsets, counter-attacked with some success, but the crest of the hill still remained in enemy hands. On 6 May the Battalion was withdrawn. Once again it had incurred over 300 casualties. All that remained were six officers and 150 men.

The sequence of events at Hill 60 is recorded in some detail in 'The History of the 1st and 2nd Battalions The Duke of Wellington's Regiment 1881-1923'. The author (Brigadier C. D. Bruce) commented:

"There are certain incidents in war as opposed to actual battles which strike the imagination and seem to stand out in a sense peculiarly their own... there clings to such episodes as the taking of Hill 60 a special glamour, a glorious memory never likely to be obliterated."

An officer who was present concluded "*Hill 60 borne on the colours of the Regiment, cause 18 April and 5 May to be days never to be forgotten by The Duke of Wellington's Regiment*".

Given these sentiments it does not seem unreasonable to assume that the 2nd Battalion would seek to find some way to commemorate Hill 60. The Battalion, consisting of a cadre of five officers and sixty other ranks, returned from Germany in June 1919 and was sent to Pembroke Dock. Three months later it was moved to Sheffield where efforts were made to re-form as a regular battalion. It was there on 23 April 1920 that roses were first presented to all ranks by Lady Fitzwilliam. Bearing in mind the two dates of 18 April and 5 May 1915 it does not appear to be a wild assumption to come to the conclusion that 23 April, approximately mid way between the two, was selected as a suitable memorial date for the battle of Hill 60.

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THE UNITED NATIONS IN THE WESTERN SAHARA

by Captain J. C. K. Cumberlege

"Somewhere in the Sahara, the UK's forgotten patrol."

The Independent, 23 July 1993

From March until September this year I was part of a group of fifteen British officers attached to the United Nation's mission MINURSO in the Western Sahara. We were there as military observers with a multi-national force monitoring the ceasefire between the Moroccan army and the Polisario Front, and made up the fourth British contingent since the UN deployed in September 1991. Before leaving home we were given a preliminary briefing at Warminster and, because the vast majority of us knew very little about the Western Sahara, the first thing we were taught was its geography and the background to the conflict.

Western Sahara, previously known as Spanish Sahara, is situated on the coast of north-west Africa, bordered in the north by Morocco, in the south and east by Mauritania and in the north-east by Algeria. It consists of 250,000 square kilometres of dry rocky desert with minimal vegetation and natural resources, and inland the summer temperature hovers in the 50s. Until 1975 the country was a Spanish colony, but Spain was only interested in the rich fishing to be had off the coast and tended to have little to do with the indigenous people inland. After the death of General Franco, and due to domestic troubles, Spain decided to abandon its claim to the area and conceded the region to Morocco and Mauritania. The refusal to grant any sort of self determination to the local people led to a vacuum which allowed the conflict to begin.

The local guerilla army, known as the POLISARIO (Popular Front for the Liberation of Saguia-el-Hamra and Rio del Oro), believed the country was historically theirs and immediately began fighting both 'occupying' powers. With support from Algeria and Libya they were sufficiently strong to form a government-in-exile in Tindouf, Algeria, calling itself 'Republica Arabe Saharaii Democratica' (RASD). By 1979 the POLISARIO had all but destroyed the Mauritanian army but they continued to fight the Moroccans for the next twelve years until, eventually, both sides agreed to a ceasefire plan proposed by the UN Secretary General.

By this time the sides were separated by a huge 'berm' or sand wall which the Moroccans began building in the mid 80s to reduce the hit-and-run attacks by the POLISARIO. This incredible construction is over two thousand kilometres long, running north-east/south-west, heavily mined, and effectively splits the country in two.

The main thrust of the ceasefire plan was for the UN to organise a referendum for the 'Saharaii' people (in whom the POLISARIO has its roots) to decide whether they want to be part of an independent country (RASD) or part of Morocco. It was envisaged that this would be a 'model UN mission', and from the time the ceasefire came into play it would only be six months until the referendum happened . . . sadly this has not been the case. On 29 April 1991 the UN Security Council established the Mission International des Nations-Unies pour le Referendum au Sahara Occidental (MINURSO) and in September 1991 military observers began to deploy to Western Sahara.

MINURSO is made up of three elements; military, civilian and security (police), and so far only limited numbers from each element have deployed. At present there are about 350 military personnel living in the desert, mainly officers, coming from over thirty different countries. We lived in 16 to 25 man 'team sites' in the middle of the desert and spent most of our time monitoring all the units in our TAOR. In total there are ten such teamsites spread all over the desert, on both the Moroccan and POLISARIO sides of the berm, and in general the UNMOs (United Nations Military Observers) have a very good relationship with the local soldiers. Daily patrolling is carried out in pairs of Nissan patrol vehicles and also in MI-17 HIP helicopters, allowing complete coverage of the area every two weeks. A lot of time is also spent in teamsite administration and maintenance: sand tends to get everywhere, and on the whole the standard of living is extremely high . . . there *is* air conditioning!



The author with a Russian monitoring officer

The most fascinating and rewarding aspect of living in a teamsite was working with officers from all over the world, and where I lived we had twelve different nationalities out of a total of sixteen UNMOs. I had two bosses, firstly a Russian major, and for the last two months an Argentinian pilot, and amazingly enough everyone got on very well. Fortunately the official UN language is English (and French to a lesser extent) and two Americans and I spent a lot of our time giving lessons! Due to this multi-national structure, and thus mix of cultures and levels of training, the UN is innately inefficient. At our headquarters, where certain key positions had to be given to certain nationalities, it *did* cause problems - say no more.

The purpose of the civilian element of MINURSO is to organise and run the referendum but so far only an advance party has arrived. The reason why the main body has not deployed, and along with it the security force, is that neither side can agree who is eligible to vote. This is the fundamental problem for the whole UN mission and although it does not affect the military's job in any way, it is the reason why the UN has been there for two years. In 1974 the Spanish held a census in the Western Sahara and, although this was



*The UN in the Western Sahara
The team site 'Tifari'*

bound to be slightly inaccurate due to the nomadic lifestyle of the local tribes, the UN said this was a good base to build on. Both sides agreed to this but Morocco also wants a large number of people included in the vote who have moved to the area from Morocco since 1974. Some of these, it has to be said, *are* legitimate Saharais but the POLISARIO argue that these people have been forcibly moved in order to stack the vote, and are now made to live in refugee camps in the desert.

At present the problem is still not resolved and after the UN Secretary General's visit in July, MINURSO is hoping for a solution by early next year. Personally I feel that the UN should be slightly more heavy handed with both sides to force a solution to this problem, particularly with the Moroccans, who as the situation

stands at present are in a very satisfactory position. The fact that the UN has many more pressing issues to deal with, in Bosnia in particular, and is rapidly running out of money, is more reason to sort this out quickly. Due to the fact that a date for the referendum has not been set, the government has decided not to send a fifth British contingent, and although this is a great shame, I can understand its impatience.

Working in the desert, particularly with the United Nations, has been an incredible experience and although time has a tendency to drag occasionally, the seven days' leave a month in the Canaries more than makes up for it! I would strongly advise anyone who is fortunate enough to be offered a job with the UN, in particular as a military observer, to jump at the opportunity.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From: Lt Col (Ret'd) W. Robins OBE
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The Editor
The 'Iron Duke'

I would be grateful if you will allow me to use the Iron Duke to express the sincere thanks of Reta and myself for the wonderful gifts to mark my retirement as Regimental Secretary, which were presented to us by the Colonel during the Annual Reunion Dinner held at the Pennine Hilton Hotel on 9 October 1993. The canteen of cutlery, the letter tray and paper knife presented to me and the Crown Derby plate presented to Reta represent a level of generosity far in excess of any possible expectations and we are both deeply grateful to all who contributed in any way. These gifts

will truly be lasting mementos of the many happy years we have spent with the Regiment and in particular of the nine years I have spent as the Regimental Secretary.

I am also deeply grateful for the kind words spoken by the Colonel of the Regiment prior to the presentation and for the good wishes of many received during my last reunion as Regimental Secretary and since. My forty seven years as part of the regimental family have been at times challenging, arduous, uncomfortable and hard work, but they have also been happy, rewarding and satisfying. Life in the Dukes is always more than just an ordinary job. I consider it a privilege to have served with Yorkshire soldiers and I send thanks to my many friends of all ranks in the Regiment for their help, comradeship and support. I shall not lose touch during my retirement as I hope to be attending reunions for many years to come.

Thank you again for your kindness and generosity.

Walter Robins

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The Editor
 The 'Iron Duke'

LIBERATION OF THE NETHERLANDS

1. The Military History Section of the Royal Netherlands Army is presently becoming more and more involved in the activities to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the liberation of the Netherlands. As part of these activities, the Military History Section intends to publish a major work on the military operations on Dutch territory, i.e. from the start of operation "Market Garden" in September 1944 to the surrender of the German forces in May 1945.

2. Obviously, the forthcoming book will focus mainly on (the conduct of) military operations. We would however also like to deal with one aspect that has, until recently, received comparatively little attention in general books on this subject, i.e. the specific attitudes, feelings and recollections of allied soldiers towards the liberation of our country in general, and the experiences of fighting on Dutch soil in particular.

3. Three questions are of specific interest to our historic research:

(a) What knowledge did allied soldiers have of the Netherlands *before* they arrived there?

(Did they receive any prior information about the Netherlands *at all* - for instance about its political and social structure and history? How were they expected to behave towards the Dutch population? And: What was the reception by the Dutch like, especially when compared to the liberation of France and Belgium?)

(b) What was combat like in the Netherlands?
 (For instance: What recollections do veterans have regarding terrain, weather, etc.? Was fighting in the Netherlands different from combat in Italy, France, Belgium or Germany? Were any changes in tactics made in order to adapt to the specific circumstances in the Netherlands?)

(c) What impression did the German troops in the Netherlands make?

(For instance: How did they fight? Were they seasoned or inexperienced soldiers? What were their tactics like? And their moral?)

4. Possibly, veterans who fought on Dutch soil in 1944-45 would be willing to share their experiences. Also, we would be quite interested in any photographs or (copies of) documents related to the struggle for the liberation of the Netherlands. This material would surely be an important addition to the contents of this book. Veterans who would like to reply should write directly to the Military History Section RNLA, Oude Waalsdorperweg 25-35 (gebouw 240), PO Box 90701, 2509 LS The Hague (The Netherlands).

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From: Mr. S. McDonald
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The Editor
 The 'Iron Duke'

Sir,

Among my collection of medals I have the following awarded to former members of the Regiment and concerning whom I am seeking further information.

4341381 Private J. H. Keane. Served with 2 DWR on the NW Frontier in 1935. Believed to have been captured at Dunkirk. Can anyone confirm this?

4979963 Private J. H. Maltby, captured in North Africa and 146310042 Private F. A. C. Maltby, captured in Italy. It is believed they were brothers but I would like confirmation.

46114675 Private E. Bradley. GSM with bar Palestine 1945/48. In the history of the Regiment from 1919-1952 there is a Private Bradley mentioned as being a batman in Italy. Does anyone know if this is one and the same man?

Yours sincerely
 Steve McDonald

BOOK REVIEW

THE HISTORY OF THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S REGIMENT (WEST RIDING) 1702-1992. By J. M. Brereton and A. C. S. Savory. 468pp, 120 illustrations (22 in colour) and 39 maps. (£23 plus £4 p&p)

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The Regiment has received advance copies of the following book reviews.

(i). By Major General J. D. Lunt CBE, MA, FRGS, FRHistS. for publication in the Army Quarterly:-

This is an excellently produced and very well written history. It has been meticulously researched, beautifully illustrated and it provides a most

interesting commentary on both events and personalities. There is hardly a stone which has been left unturned and I was delighted to find a book of mine which has been included in the bibliography. Since I began my service in the Dukes, for whom my admiration and affection has remained undiminished over the years, it is comforting to be associated, however remotely, in what I believe to be one of the best regimental histories I have ever read. The authors are certainly to be congratulated. It is of course impossible to encapsulate in a short review of history extending nearly 300 years but I warmly recommend this book to the general reader who will learn from it not only a great deal of history, but far more importantly what is meant by "the regimental spirit".

The Dukes have it in abundance and in the uncertain times in which we live we should regard it as a pearl beyond price!

(ii). By Mr. David Chandler MA, DLitt, FRHistS, FRGS. Head of the Department of War Studies RMA Sandhurst, for publication in the Journal of the Society for Army Historical Research:-

The reviewer's credentials for undertaking are two-fold. First, he is a Yorkshireman born and bred (albeit an East Riding man). Secondly during his time on the Sandhurst academic faculty and also as a member of the council of the *Society for Army Historical Research* he has come across not a few Dukes, including Major Tony Savory, co-producer of this fine new history.

The 33rd came into existence in 1702 as part of the reaction to the swingeing cuts decreed by parliament in 1697 - no less than 75% of William III's army. Faced by a new major international crisis only five years later with the outbreak of the war of the Spanish Succession, the government had to re-expand the army in a rush, and so the Earl of Huntingdon's Regiment of Foot was born. The 76th (destined in 1881) to be amalgamated with the 33rd was raised in 1787 specifically for service in India where it particularly distinguished itself in the wars against the Mahrattas under General Lake. A study of the joint battle honours reveals that of the eighteen that belong to the period before 1914, six relate to engagements in that sub-continent, five to western Europe, three to eastern Europe, and four to Africa - a pretty fair summary of the major scenes of the British Army's involvement over the centuries if North America (where the 33rd fought in eleven battles during the war of American Independence) is added.

The 33rd won its first two Victoria Crosses in Abyssinia, where Drummer Magner and Private Bergin played a crucial role in the storming of the insane Emperor Theodore's fortress of Magdala on 13

April 1868. The Dukes have the distinction of having won ten VCs, two George Crosses and two Albert Medals, while further VCs were awarded to three officers who served in the Regiment subsequent to their deeds of valour. Appendix 4, which lists the VCs, makes for some stirring reading. So, at another level, does Appendix 8. Surely no other Regiment can have made its mark so comprehensively on army and international rugby.

Regimental historians need to be aware of three potential pitfalls. They have to avoid trying to mention every possible associated name and action - otherwise they stand accused of writing indigestible regimental hagiography. At the same time they need to be scrupulously accurate in describing their Regiment's evolution, for a British regiment is in one sense an ever growing living organism. And, thirdly, they have to be extremely careful to avoid offending regimental susceptibilities while at the same time capturing that unique but often elusive item, the characteristic special ethos or charisma that distinguishes their regiment from all others, and goes to form one vital ingredient of its distinctive *esprit de corps*. In this instance, the two authors emerge with undimmed reputations, and all students of military history in general, and all members of the Regiment past and present in particular, are greatly in their debt.

The virtues of the British regimental system have often been sung. The Duke of Wellington's Regiment (West Riding) - with its unique links with Arthur Wellesley during his formative years, its participation at Waterloo, in the Crimea, South Africa and India, and then in both World Wars, Korea and 'the retreat from Empire' in many parts of the world - can hold its head high among the surviving regiments. This book is beautifully produced, with good maps, many illustrations, and printed clearly upon fine durable paper. It is in every way worthy of its subject. *Virtutis Fortuna Comes*.

MORE TROOPSHIP MEMORIES

(1) A VOYAGE TO INDIA IN 1938

James Hayes' account in the spring 1993 issue of the Iron Duke of his journey by troopship to join the 1st Battalion in Korea in 1953, brought back memories of my own first voyage by troopship.

I had joined the 1st Battalion in Bordon early in 1938. However, it was not long before I was warned that I would be joining the 2nd Battalion in India later that year. It was the normal practice to send newly joined officers overseas so that they could get in their first overseas tour. The exception to this rule was if one happened to be an outstanding games player. The Regiment's more distinguished rugby players rarely served overseas. An overseas tour was for six years which was broken, half way through, by a period of six months' leave to which was added two months for travelling time. Trooping usually took place during the winter months and so it was that I embarked on HT Nevasa at Southampton on 3 November 1938.

The Nevasa was a small coal-fired ship, overdue for the scrap yard. She had been pressed into continued service on account of the strain on trooping capacity due to the troubles in Palestine. I was allocated to a cabin I shared with three other officers. It had a small

wash basin, but no other facilities. By today's standards the cabin would be considered just about large enough for a couple. The passengers consisted mostly of young soldiers being sent to join their respective overseas battalions for a tour which in practice would last nearer seven than six years due to the vagaries of the trooping programme. Many of the officers, like myself, were recently commissioned, and were either joining their overseas battalion or joining their Indian Army units. There were also a few young ladies on board on their way to join their relations or families stationed in India. Whatever the reason, they were collectively known as 'the fishing fleet', it being commonly believed, with some justification, that their real purpose was to acquire a husband from among the numerous bachelor officers serving in India.

I do not recollect many details of the voyage prior to Port Said where we arrived late at night and were allowed ashore. But we were not very venturesome on our first contact with the east and most of us headed for Simon Artz, an emporium of legendary reputation. It never seemed to close and sold everything from Sharp's toffees in sealed tins to

topees. A topee was an essential purchase for it marked our transition from west to east. Once we had cleared the Suez Canal and the temperatures started to rise a large canvas tank was erected on the fore deck as a swimming pool. It was there, also, that the boxing matches took place and I was interested to note from James Hayes' article that this custom was still going strong in 1953. The further we travelled down the Red Sea the higher became the temperature so that conditions in the troop decks became uncomfortable, to say the least. There was no air conditioning and the only way it was possible to get some cool air between decks was for the ship to turn round and sail back into the direction it had come and from which such winds as existed were blowing. This we did every night. Our next stop was Aden where we all disembarked so that the bunkers could be replenished with coal. From Aden we sailed for Karachi.

We arrived at Karachi on 26 November. I knew my destination was Multan but was far from clear how I was to get there. I need not have worried, for standing on the quay side was a very smart Indian wearing a white coat with red cummerbund and a pugri in which was affixed a shining badge of the 2nd Battalion. His name, I soon discovered, was Afsar Khan and he immediately took control of all arrangements. In no time at all I was established in a large compartment on the train bound for Multan and Lahore. As there were no corridors on the train the width of the compartment was the width of the carriage. The carriage was designed for four people but there were only two of us in it. Its sole item of furniture was a box containing large lumps of ice on which to cool our

drinks. When it was time for a meal we stopped at a station, got off the train and proceeded to the restaurant. After what the guard considered a decent interval he entered the restaurant to ask if we had finished our meal as he wished to start the train. At that one of the more senior officers would glance round the room and, having noted what he had seen, would inform the guard that we would require another ten minutes or so before we would be ready to board the train. The Indian railways were well accustomed to this routine and had made due allowances in their time tables. The practice continued during the war and periodically there was a plaintive Indian Army Order requesting officers to cease doing so as it was playing havoc with military time tables.

The following day I arrived at Multan after a 25 day journey. A Part I Order was duly published announcing the fact that I had arrived and that I had travelled on the Nevasa. I cut it out and pasted it into my photograph album. Six years later, having missed my eight month break on account of the war, I was under orders to return to the UK. Among other things, I was required to send my photograph albums to the military censor for examination. As a result he neatly cut out the reference to the Nevasa in the Part I Order. As the poor old tub had probably long ago been consigned to the scrap yard this seemed to me a somewhat over zealous act.

Many years later I sailed again to the East. This time the ship was the new, air conditioned, Nevasa. That, however, is another story.

A. C. S. Savory

(2) A VOYAGE TO SINGAPORE IN 1951

AND THE SINKING OF THE EMPIRE WINDRUSH IN 1954

In April 1951 I set sail from Southampton on the troopship Empire Trooper for the Far East. I was ship's adjutant. At that time there were, I think, some half dozen ships fully employed taking the members of all three services to and from the Middle and Far East. Several of them were former 'strength through joy' ships which had been built by Hitler before the war for workers' pleasure cruising. They were all similar and when we took them over were given a new name, prefixed by the word 'Empire'.

On board the Empire Trooper there were not only servicemen, but also many families. Cabin accommodation was limited. Wives were obliged to share two or four berth cabins while their husbands shared with other men. The other ranks slept in hammocks slung over the mess tables.

We stopped at Port Said the approach to which was most impressive. First one saw the De Lesseps statue (now demolished) and then a ship, some way down the canal, rising straight out of the sand. Truly a ship of the desert. While at Port Said we had time to go ashore for a meal, but the Egyptians were not at all friendly. Half way down the canal was a transit camp full of national servicemen waiting to go home. They lined the bank of the canal and shouted that we were going the wrong way. We did not stop at Aden. Our next port of call was Colombo. There the OC troops and I nearly missed the ship. We had gone ashore to have a drink and it was dark when we boarded a launch which was supposed to be going to the Trooper. Alas! entering the officers' lounge we did not recognise any

of the officers: we had boarded the Empire Fowey, the sister ship of the Empire Trooper, on her way from Malaya to the UK with the Coldstream Guards on board instead.

My voyage home three years later was on the Empire Windrush, another of the "strength through joy" ships, known by the services as Imperial Fart. Soon after sailing we heard that she was liable to break down. I was taken on a visit to the engine room and was appalled at its state. There was oil everywhere and the deck was so slippery I fell on my back. By the time we reached the Red Sea the ship was on one engine.

About twenty miles north of Algiers the main generator blew up, setting the engine room on fire and killing four crew. Orders were given to abandon ship and the life boats were lowered. Two fell into the sea, but all the families were safely taken off the ship. I was in charge of a troop deck and while we waited for a life boat I tried to go back to my cabin to collect my travellers cheques, but there was so much damage that I could not reach it.

Because two of the lifeboats had been broken by their fall we had to go over the side, sliding down ropes. Fortunately I remembered my Sandhurst rope training drill and went down hand over hand. Next day there were many with bandaged hands which had been burnt while they were sliding down the ropes. I swam to the nearest life boat and hung on to the side, as it was full, for about an hour before being picked up by a Dutch boat. While we were waiting to be picked up it was comforting to see the columns of smoke

rising from the funnels of the ships which were steaming towards us from all directions. I got very cold in the sea and it was most welcome to have a hot bath and a glass of schnapps on the Dutch ship as it headed towards Algiers. There we were given a meal and accommodation by the French army. It was very fortunate that the explosion occurred early in the morning so that there was plenty of daylight for the rescue operation.

In the evening I went to a night club but being without my travellers cheques my entertainment was restricted. One of the hostesses told me that earlier in the evening the captain of the Windrush had been

crying on her shoulder at the loss of his ship. It was later taken in tow but sank on its way into port. Next day the aircraft carrier Triumph arrived and took us to Gibraltar, where the Dukes were stationed. Looking down on the quay I was surprised to see an old girlfriend, who was staying with Tony and Alec Firth. Within a year she became my wife. All in all I did quite well out of the disaster. Many years earlier I had taken out an insurance policy the premiums for which had been paid by bankers order. As a result I was able to claim £300 for some very ropey kit.

P. B. Hall

THE IRON DUKE FUND

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March 1993

EXPENDITURE		INCOME			
5,690	Cost of Editions	5,969.00	3,565	Subscriptions	3,587.00
85	Audit	90.00	903	Advertising	1,238.65
50	Editor's Expenses	50.00	690	Income Tax Repayment	214.38
982	Postage	1,109.72	117	Donations (Reg. Assoc. £1,500)	1,609.50
300	Covers	244.00	295	C.D.F. Interest	106.02
-	Insurance	9.50	8	Postage	4.00
-	Excess of Income over Expenditure	875.93	10	Sundries	-
			1,519	General Fund - Reprint of Covers	1,588.60
				Excess of Expenditure over Income	-
<u>7,107</u>		<u>8,348.15</u>	<u>7,107</u>		<u>8,348.15</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 1993

LIABILITIES		ASSETS			
1,680	Accumulated Fund	1,680.47	299	Cash at Bank	78.81
	Less: Excess of Expenditure over Income ...	875.93	1,313	Current Account	1,584.74
		<u>1,395.85</u>	244	The Charities Deposit Fund	1,663.55
1,426	Subscriptions in Advance	1,395.85	1,250	Stock of Covers	1,588.60
				Sundry Debtors	700.10
<u>3,106</u>		<u>3,952.25</u>	<u>3,106</u>		<u>3,952.25</u>

Financial Position at Beginning and End of Year

At Beginning of Year		At End of Year	
	Accumulated Fund	1,680.47	2,556.40
	Subscriptions	1,425.50	1,395.85
		<u>3,105.97</u>	<u>3,952.25</u>

Auditor's Report

We have audited the books, vouchers, accounts and balance sheet of the above and find them correct and in accordance with the information supplied to us. This ... 9th day of August 1993

K. W. HOWARTH & Co., Chartered Accountants, 36 Clare Road, Haltham, HX1 2HN.

Regimental Association

Patron: Brigadier His Grace The Duke of Wellington, KG, LVO, OBE, MC, BA, DL
 President: Brigadier W. R. Mundell, OBE
 Vice-President: Brigadier D. W. Shuttleworth, OBE
 General Secretary: Major C. D. Miller, Wellesley Park, Halifax, HX2 0BA.

BRANCHES

Bradford: 8.30 p.m. first Thursday of each month at Slackside WMC, Beacon Road, Wibsey, Bradford.

Secretary: Mr. D. Woolley, Bute Terrace, 8 Smith House Lane, Brighouse, HD6 2JY.

Halifax: 8.30 p.m. third Thursday of each month at The Shay Hotel, Hunger Hill, Halifax.

Secretary: Mr. B. Searson, 205 Claremount Road, Halifax, HX3 6JL.

Huddersfield: 8.15 p.m. last Friday of each month at Turnbridge WMC, St. Andrew's Road, Aspley.

Secretary: Mr. P. Holt, 23 Celandine Drive, Salendine Nook, Huddersfield, HD3 3UT.

Keighley: 8.30 p.m. last Tuesday of each month at Sergeants' Mess, The Drill Hall, Lawkholme Lane, Keighley.

Secretary: Mr. C. W. Akrigg, 10 Eastfield Place, Sutton-in-Craven, Keighley.

London: 7.00 p.m. last Monday of each month at Strand House, 7 Holbein Place, Nr. Sloane Square.

Secretary: Mr. N. Butler, 15 Chumleigh Walk, Surbiton, Surrey.

Mossley: 8.30 p.m. first Wednesday of each month at Mossley Conservative Club, Mossley.

Secretary: Mr. C. J. H. Quest, 39 Kingfisher Avenue, Audenshaw, Manchester.

Sheffield: 8.00 p.m. second Tuesday of each month at Sergeants' Mess, 3 DWR, Endcliffe Hall, Sheffield.

Secretary: Mr. D. L. Keeton JP, 31 Burns Road, Dinnington, Sheffield, S31 7LN.

Skipton: 8.00 p.m. second Thursday of each month at The Royal British Legion Club, Newmarket Street, Skipton.

Secretary: Mrs. V. Spence, Hainsworth House Farmhouse, Hainsworth Road, Silsden, Keighley, BD20 0NB.

York: 8.00 p.m. first Monday of each month at the Post Office Social Club, Marygate, York.

Secretary: Mr. P. Jackson, 34 Lancar Close, Wiggington, York, YO3 3SU.

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5th Battalion. *Secretary (Temporary):* Mr. W. Oldroyd, 22b Coppin Hall Lane, Mirfield, West Yorks, WF14 0EJ.

6th Battalion. *Secretary:* Captain J. H. Turner, The Nook, Church Street, Gargrave, Skipton.

8th Battalion (145 Regiment) RAC. *Secretary:* Mr. A. T. E. Duncan, Millmore, Killan, Perthshire.

9th Battalion (146 Regiment) RAC. *Secretary:* Mr. T. Moore, 229 Rochester Road, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 4TW.

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TRUSTEES OF THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION FUNDS

The trustees met at Halifax on Friday 24 September 1993. Present were: Brigadier W. R. Mundell OBE; General Sir Charles Huxtable KCB, CBE; Major General D. E. Isles CB, OBE, DL; Brigadier D. W. Shuttleworth OBE; Colonel R. R. St. J. Barkshire CBE, TD, JP, DL; Lieutenant Colonel D. M. Santa-Olalla MC; Lieutenant Colonel W. Robins OBE; Major A. C. S. Savory MBE; Major F. B. Murgatroyd; Major K. M. McDonald TD, JP, BA, and Major C. D. Miller. In attendance were Lieutenant Colonel T. J. Isles (Regimental Secretary designate) and Mr. M. S. Flaving (accountant).

Accounts for the year ended 31st March 1993

The Regimental Secretary drew attention to the fact that the Regimental Association fund had an excess of income over expenditure of £14,950. The excess of expenditure over income of £3,187 in the Old Comrades fund was due to the policy of charging a greater level of expenditure to the fund. The loss of £894 in the War Memorial fund was due to expenditure on the new altar frontal in the Regimental Chapel at York Minster. The audited accounts were approved.

Investments

Colonel Barkshire informed the trustees that £40,000 from the surplus cash in the Regimental Association fund was put equally into Charishare and Charinco units, which are managed by Mercury Asset Management. Both Charishare/Charinco and Caginest units have shown percentage increases better than the market average over the period. A further £40,000 of Regimental Association funds were put into Charishare units in September 1993. The holdings of the McGuire Bate fund and the Mitchell Trust fund in Caginest growth units were also increased by £5,000 and £1,000 respectively.

Appeals

In response to appeals received, the trustees approved donations as shown:

Victory Services Club, £400 towards the cost of improvements.

Halifax Parish Church, £500 towards the cost of repairs to the roof over the Regimental Chapel.

British Military Cemetery, Barbados. £50 towards the upkeep of the cemetery, which contains the graves of three members of the Regiment.

St. Dunstons, £100. St. Dunstons have three ex-members of the Regiment in their care.

Annual donations and grants

a. The following were approved:

(1). <i>From the Regimental Association fund</i>	£
Army Benevolent fund	3000
Royal British Legion	250
Salvation Army, Huddersfield	50
Huddersfield Veterans Association	100
Assisted holidays scheme, up to	500
(2). <i>From the Mitchell Trust fund</i>	
Salvation Army, Halifax	50
BLESMA	100
Combat Stress	100
(3). <i>From the War Memorial fund</i>	
Regimental Chapel, Halifax	50
Regimental Chapel, York	50
RMA Sandhurst War Memorial Chapel	20
(4). <i>From the Old Comrades fund</i>	
Ex-servicemens Fellowship, up to	100

b. The following grants/estimates for purposes within the Regiment were approved:

(1). <i>From the Old Comrades fund</i>	
1 DWR - to make good personal grants approved by the Commanding Officer	450
(2). <i>From the Regimental Association fund</i>	
Branch Management fund	700
Subsidy towards 1992 reunion dinner	477
Estimated subsidy for 1993 dinner	700-800
Subsidy of 50% of the cost of a coach for the London branch dinner	370

c. **Honariums.**

The trustees approved the following honariums:

Miss K. Jackson for the 6 months to 31 March 1993	100
Mr. M. S. Flaving for the current year	200

The Iron Duke

(1). Major Miller (the Business Manager) presented the accounts for the year ended 31 March 1993. They showed an increase of income over expenditure of £875, after taking into account grants amounting to £3,088 from the Regimental Association.

(2). Major Miller also reviewed estimated income and expenditure for the year ending on 31 March 1994. He drew particular attention to the number of subscribers who had not yet increased their subscription from £3.50 per annum to £6.00. The trustees agreed that all those concerned should be informed that they will not receive the winter issue of the journal unless they have increased their subscription to the new rate, before the issue is published. The trustees also noted that the Iron Duke has been carrying the cost of the complimentary copies of the journal sent to mayors, ACF/CCF units, RMAS, libraries etc, etc. It was decided that in future the cost will be met from other regimental funds.

Regimental History

(1). Major General Isles presented a detailed breakdown of the costs of the production of the history (£45,047). Of this sum £11,097 (almost 25%) has been recovered in sales recorded up to 23 September.

(2). Major Savory advised that sales within the Regiment were in line with his original estimates. Sales to members of the public would not be significant until the anticipated reviews of the history had been published.

Regimental Museum

In the absence of Brigadier Walker (Chairman of the Museum Committee), the Regimental Secretary presented the audited museum account for the year ended 31 March 1993. He drew attention to the fact that the normal income now falls short of that required for routine expenditure. The trustees approved an annual grant of £400 for maintenance and minor purchases up to £100.

Proposal to merge the smaller Regimental charities with the Regimental Association.

Although the Charity Commission had agreed to the management of all five funds under one body of trustees with effect from 1 April 1987, which had resulted in greater flexibility in the use of the funds, the merging of all funds had not been agreed.

Under the Charities Act 1992 funds with an income of under £5,000 per annum may be merged with larger charities with similar objects. The Old Comrades (1st and 2nd DWR) fund, the Mitchell Trust fund, the McGuire Bate Trust fund and the War Memorial fund all have incomes of less than £5,000 per annum. It was resolved that the Regimental Secretary should apply to the Charity Commission for the four funds to be amalgamated with the Regimental Association fund.

Territorial Army

The trustees agreed that DWR members of the Territorial Army were eligible for membership of the association on payment of the life subscription of £10.00. TA soldiers who have not had full time service with the Regiment will not, normally, be eligible for assistance from the benevolent funds unless the circumstances causing need are attributable to TA service with the Regiment.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM of the Regimental Association was held at the Pennine Hilton Hotel, Ainley Top, Huddersfield on 9 October 1993. The Colonel of the Regiment presided.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting, held on 10 October 1992, were accepted as a true record and signed by the Colonel of the Regiment.

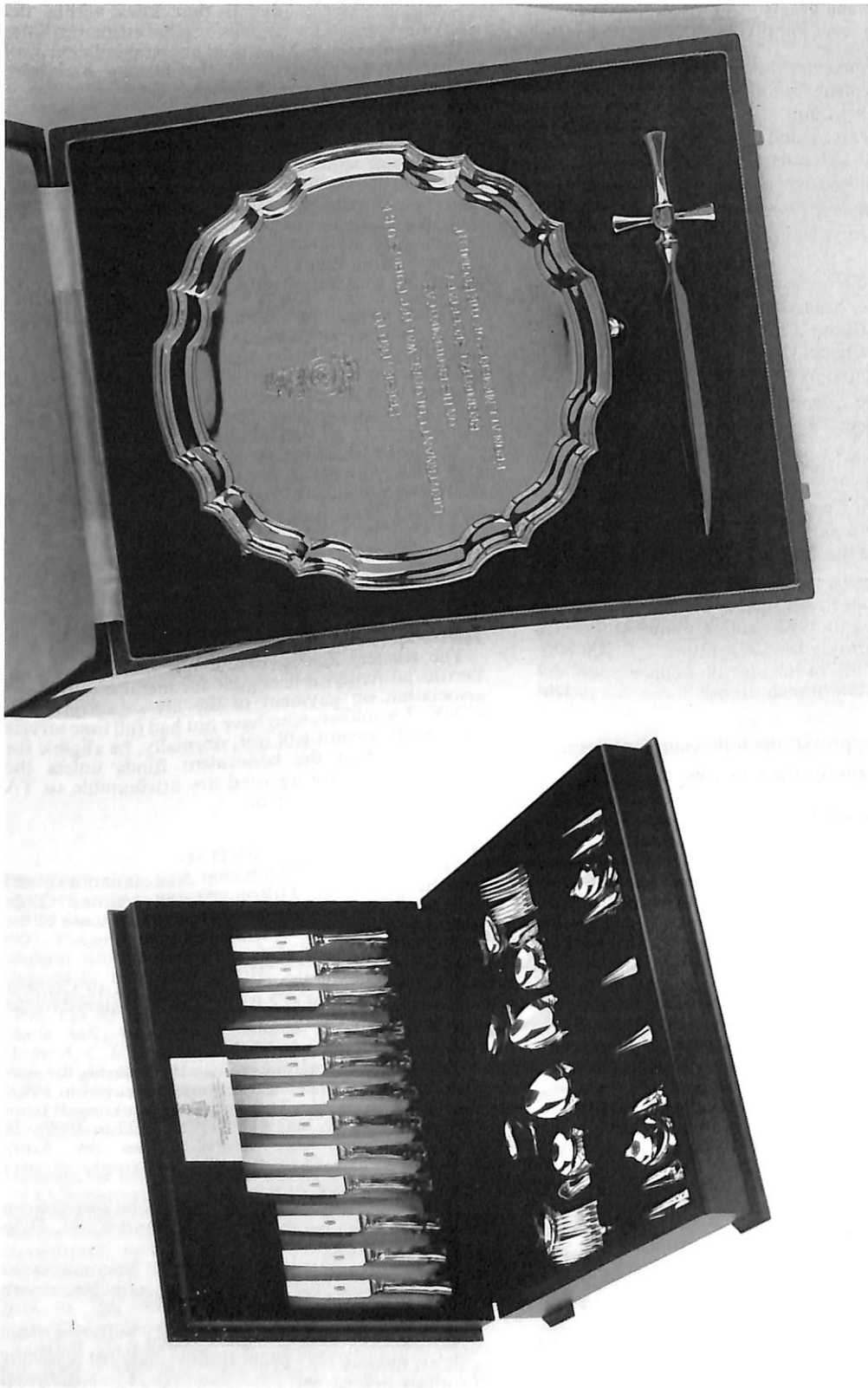
2. General Secretary's report

The General Secretary reported that during the year ended 31 March 1993 a total of 98 cases (84 in 1992) had been assisted. The total amount paid from Association funds was £13,303 (£11,037 in 1992). In addition £2,500 was received from the Army Benevolent fund. The following are examples of cases assisted during the year:-

1. Mrs. 'A'. The widow of a soldier who served from 1940-45. Living in sheltered accommodation. Help with TV licence.

2. Mr. 'B'. Served from 1962-68. Recommended holiday after triple heart bypass. Help given with costs.

3. Mr. 'C'. Served from 1975-1988. Suffering from cancer. Income DSS benefits only. Help for replacing furniture and carpet.



A 60 piece canteen of sterling silver cutlery salver with letter knife presented to Lieutenant Colonel Walter Robins OBE, as a retirement present, from all members of the Regiment.

3. Accounts

Copies of the audited accounts for the year ended 31 March 1993, duly approved by the finance committee and the trustees, were circulated for inspection.

4. Venue for future reunion dinners

The Colonel stated that last year it was decided that RHQ should investigate the possibility of meeting at an hotel which allowed the seating to be arranged in a less formal style. Major Miller reported on the facilities available at the Norfolk Gardens Hotel in Bradford and on the attractive financial package that had been offered. The meeting gave strong support for the change of venue and it was decided that the dinner next year would be held at the hotel, on a one year trial basis.

ANNUAL DINNER

The annual dinner followed the AGM. Just over 200 persons sat down for the meal, at the conclusion of which Lieutenant Colonel Walter Robins proposed the toast to the Regiment. In proposing toast he said:

"Although not a Yorkshireman, I joined the Regiment almost 47 years ago having heard many tales from my father of his time in the Dukes just after the First World War. The army I joined just after the Second World War was undergoing massive reductions and reorganisation. The whole country was in a period of austerity, accommodation was basic and the army food was poor. Pay was low and the equipment and weapons were still of the war period.

The following years saw many changes. Almost all the overseas stations disappeared as Britain withdrew from the Empire and the army underwent drastic reductions in size. On the other hand, there were considerable improvements in weapons, equipment, pay, conditions, food and accommodation. The one thing that has remained constant, however, is the quality of the Yorkshire soldier. A product of modern society, he is of the same stock that fought at Waterloo, on the Somme, or in the battles of the last world war. He is still the same tough, loyal, hard working, determined, cheerful and occasionally cheeky or roguish Yorkshire soldier whom we all know.

Arthur Wesley, later the 1st Duke of Wellington, after his first campaign in command of the 33rd or 1st Yorkshire West Riding Regiment said "The Generals were appalling, the soldiers were magnificent". On leaving the 33rd after nine years in command he said "I have always found them to be the quietest and best behaved body of men in the army". A brigadier in World War One said of the Dukes' battalions in his brigade "They are easy to lead but difficult to drive". The soldiers of today are their worthy successors.

While at Sandhurst during the final years of my army service a bishop speaking to the officer cadets about to be commissioned that day said "Excessive pride is a vanity, and vanity is a sin. If, however, you are today feeling proud to have completed the course at Sandhurst and proud to be commissioned into your respective regiments, I forgive you your sins". I believe we in the Dukes may also be forgiven for a feeling of pride in the Regiment."

The Colonel of the Regiment then gave his "state of the Regiment" address, concluding that generally all was well but that the recruiting of good quality young men for the Regiment is a 'must'. He then referred to the retirement of Walter Robins at the end of February 1994. He outlined Walter's 47 years of close

association with the Regiment, both as a serving soldier and as Regimental Secretary. He told those present that words were hardly adequate to express the immense good work that Walter had performed over the years for the Regiment. The Colonel then asked Walter to receive two farewell gifts from all members of the Regiment as a token of their esteem. The gifts were a canteen of sterling silver cutlery and a silver salver and letter knife. Finally the Colonel spoke of the support given to Walter by his wife, Reta, over the years and asked her to accept a Crown Derby plate and a bouquet of flowers from the Regiment.

After the speeches, the room was quickly prepared for dancing to the music of the Original Country Rock Band, who were as good as ever. During a break in the dancing the draw was made for the raffle, which this year had raised over £700.

For the third year running Jill Hart and Howard Buck ran the RHQ shop. They did even better than last year, selling over £300 worth of stock.

The next annual dinner and dance will be held on Saturday 8 October 1994, in the Bronte Suite of the Norfolk Gardens Hotel, Bradford, which offers much larger bar and dining areas.

ANNUAL REGIMENTAL SERVICE IN YORK MINSTER

The annual Regimental service was held in the Lady Chapel, York Minster on Saturday 6 November 1993. The event was once again very well supported with an attendance of about 270. The Dean of York, The Very Reverend John Southgate, took the service and he was assisted by Canon Roy Matthews who has now been involved with the Regimental service for over thirty years. The Reverend William Butt, the Padre of the 3rd Battalion, gave the Address, which was based on the lesson read by the Colonel of the Regiment.

Following the Address the Dean dedicated a silver chalice and paten, donated for use in the minster, by Mrs. Angela Redwood-Davies and family in memory of Colonel A. R. Redwood-Davies OBE who was tragically killed in a road traffic accident on 13 November 1992 shortly after leaving the army.



Silver chalice and paten presented to York Minster by Mrs. Angela Redwood-Davies and family in memory of Colonel A. R. Redwood-Davies MBE

The chalice and paten were made by Mr. Dennis Frisby, a silversmith in Sheffield, who served in the Regiment in 1950-52.

The colours of the 1st and 3rd Battalions were displayed either side of the altar of the Lady Chapel. The band of the Yorkshire Volunteers provided music of a very high quality before and during the service.

Following the service a large group from the Regimental Association had drinks and lunch in the Post Office Club, Marygate, York. This was hosted by the York branch of the Association, who meet in the club. About ninety officers and their guests had lunch in the Grimcrack Rooms at York Racecourse. The guests included, the Dean of York and Mrs. Southgate and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Whitley.

LONDON BRANCH DINNER 1994

The London branch dinner will be held at the Park Court Hotel, Lancaster Gate, on St. George's Day, Saturday 23 April 1994. The Regimental Association will again be sponsoring a coach from the West Riding to London. The cost will be £83 per person, which will include a year's membership and two nights accommodation at the Victory Services Club, the coach fare, the cost of the dinner and a visit to the Imperial War Museum at Duxford on Sunday 24 April. Application forms can be obtained from RHQ or branch secretaries and should be returned to the General Secretary as soon as possible and no later than 28 February 1994.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Bob Campbell-Lamerton writes:

"I enclose photographs of **Bill Pareti** and **Charlie Renilson** whom I met on a recent visit to Fiji and Australia. Together with their wives, Olivia and Robyn, they wish to be remembered to everyone, and are in tremendous form. It was such a thrill to share time and hospitality with them. Bill is currently with Logistics Branch, HQ Fiji Army as a technical staff officer. Charlie owns and runs an industrial cleaning business.

I first met Bill in 1961 when, together with **Sotia Ponjese**, **Tom Waqabaca** and several other 17 year olds from Fiji, he arrived at Strensall. He reminded me how I had straight away whisked them off to Headingly to watch an England trial and then to tea with the parents of **Chris Norris** - all in Leeds smog. I could not meet **Scotia** as he was away in the Lebanon with the UN forces. Nor was I able to contact **Tom Ratu Meli (Sam Basu)** who was in London at the time of my visit. However I stayed with several members of his family and met his mother.

After travelling the length and breadth of Australia, c/o YHA, I had a long weekend with the Renilsons in Sydney. Charlie has just been featured in a local newspaper which recalled his days at Jedburgh, Thrum Hall, and with the Dukes and his present role as a selector of Sydney Origin and NSW Rugby League. He will shortly have been involved with the game for forty years. He remains the enthusiast and motivator he ever was."



49th officers' reunion dinner 8th Battalion/145 Regiment RAC.
General Sir Charles Huxtable with members who attended the dinner.



Bill Pareti



Charlie Renilson and Bob Campbell-Lamerton

Proctor Naylor, who served in Cyprus in the late fifties as a national service officer, was awarded the OBE in the Birthday Honours list. For the past 21 years he has been Director of the East Anglia Tourist Board (Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex). His address is 17 Chapel Street, Bildeston, Suffolk, IP7 7EP.

Mr. (ex sergeant) L. A. Salt, who served with the 1st Battalion from 1946-48 would like to hear from anyone who remembers him from those days. His address is: 17 High Bank Avenue, Cheadle Hume, Cheadle, Cheshire, SK8 7LU.

In late August there was a small gathering at Llandeilo of some of those ex Dukes who live in the principality. Those present were **Jack Clough** (ex 6th), **Fred Huskisson** (ex 1st), **John Morgan** (ex 1st), **Cyril Moseley** (ex 5th) and **Gwyn Richards** (ex 9th).

This year, for the first time, an announcement of the date of the AGM, dinner and dance was printed in the "Legion", the journal of the Royal British Legion. The announcement brought enquiries from a number of ex-members of the Regiment who had not been in touch since their service days. Most of those who made contact are now subscribers to the Iron Duke and, hopefully, will attend Regimental occasions in the years to come.

In early October, a dozen Old Comrades of the 9th Service Battalion (146 Regiment RAC) met for an annual lunch reunion at the Golden Lion, Leeds under the chairmanship of **Captain Tom Moore**. The General Secretary attended. Among those he met were **Gary Hall** and **Arnold Armitage**. Gary Hall was a pre-war regular soldier who was posted to the 9th Battalion with the initial training cadre. After the war he was at one time the Mayor of Batley. He recently met up with **Pat Connolly** whom he had not seen since 1940. Arnold Armitage lives in Brighouse. His son, Martin, served with the 1st Battalion in Hong Kong as a regimental pioneer and is now chauffeur to the Duke of Norfolk.

The meeting for coffee before the minster service could almost have been a 2nd Battalion reunion. Gathered there in seniority (by age) were **George Machen**, **Joe Kendrew**, **Cyril Kenchington**, **Harry Haldenby**, **James Kelly** and **Boy Jock Norman**.

Tony Repetati recently contacted RHQ, having seen the Legion announcement of the reunion. He served with the 33rd Column of the 2nd Battalion in 1944. He lives in Kent and hopes to attend the London branch activities. Along with **Bernie Harrington**, he is the only ex-Chindit soldier known to RHQ. **Robert Gomersall** has been in touch. He left the 1st Battalion in 1973 and completed his service in another regiment. He now has his own business in Leeds.

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General Sir Charles Huxtable with members of his staff: June 1993.

Left to right: Major H. G. Borwell ADC 1985, Major D. I. Richardson ADC October 1980 - January 1982, Major S. C. Newton AMA October 1986 - August 1988, Captain R. J. M. Pugh ADC 1986, Captain C. A. Harvey ADC 1984, Captain S. R. Neath ADC August 1988 - October 1990.

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REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION ACCOUNTS

REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION FUND

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March 1993

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	Grants			7,414	Interest on Investments	4,963.73	
-	Calderdale MBC (Reg. Museum) ...	3,000.00		11,375	C.D.F. Interest	8,501.39	13,465.12
-	Iron Duke Fund	3,088.60					
9,137	Personal Grants	9,828.16		652	Covenanted Subscriptions		
2,950	A.B.F. (Personal Grants)	1,200.00		16,722	Officers (Net)	703.57	
3,500	A.B.F. Loans	-			Days Pay Scheme	18,391.71	19,095.28
616	Grant towards Reunion Dinner	477.13					
700	Branch Management Fund	700.00		278	Income Tax Recovered		
200	1 DWR Charity Fund	-		10,144	Officers	166.36	
764	Minster Service Subsidy	-			Days Pay Scheme	5,845.68	6,012.04
150	Band Coach for Minster Service	-					
90	Branch Management Fund - London				Grants & Donations		
18,107	Coach Subsidy	324.50	18,618.39		Branch Management Fund Refund	500.00	
				6,450	Army Benevolent Fund	1,200.00	
	Donations			150	Personal Grant Returned	100.00	
2,500	Army Benevolent Fund	2,500.00		360	Sundry Donations	372.00	
250	Royal British Legion	500.00		70	Subscriptions (Life Membership)	5.00	
50	Salvation Army (Huddersfield)	50.00		67	Subsidy Returned re: Reg. Dinner	-	
-	Victory Services	400.00		19	Branch Management Fund re: Audit	-	2,177.00
100	Hudds & Dist Army Veterans	100.00					
-	2,900	Sundry Donations	10.00	3,560.00			
					10	Profit on Sale of Stock (Loss)	(308.99)
	General						
-	A.B.F. Raffle Prizes	17.68			2,750	Profit on Sale of M & G Charifund	
168	Custodian Trustees Fee	104.00				Income Units	-
200	Admin Officer - Honorarium	300.00					
1,520	Gen Sec - Travel Expenses	1,294.42					
218	Finance & Trustees Meeting						
	Expenses	407.32					
122	Iron Duke Free List	252.00					
210	Audit	239.70					
300	Wreaths	314.25					
202	Printing, Postage & Stationery	236.68					
442	Sundries	74.14					
68	3,450	Insurance	71.16	3,311.35			
	32,004	Excess of Income over Expenditure	14,950.71				
	<u>£56,461</u>		<u>£40,440.45</u>			<u>£56,461</u>	<u>£40,440.45</u>

MITCHELL TRUST FUND

19	Audit	39.95		245	Interest on Investments	277.40	
1	Trustees Fees (U.S.T.)	-		269	C.D.F. Interest	273.94	
	Donations						
100	Blesma	100.00					
50	Salvation Army (Halifax)	50.00					
100	Combat Stress	100.00					
244	Excess of Income over Expenditure	261.39					
	<u>£514</u>		<u>£551.34</u>			<u>£514</u>	<u>£551.34</u>

McGUIRE BATE TRUST FUND

-	Postage	70.00		848	Interest on Investments	958.30	
-	Campion Trust R.M.A.S. Donation	100.00		939	C.D.F. Interest	827.72	
57	Audit	39.95					
17	Iron Duke Free List	42.00					
2	Trustees Fees (U.S.T.)	-					
1,374	Grants - Nursing Home	130.00					
49	Wreaths & Redwood-Davis funeral reception	257.40					
-	Sundry Expenses	9.99					
288	Excess of Income over Expenditure	1,136.68					
	<u>£1,787</u>		<u>£1,786.02</u>			<u>£1,787</u>	<u>£1,786.02</u>

OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION (1st & 2nd BATTALION DWR) FUND

50	Ex Services Fellowship	50.00		803	Interest on Investments	907.86	
76	Audit	39.95		573	C.D.F. Interest	463.67	
2	Trustees Fees (U.S.T.)	-		3,363	A.B.F. Grants	1,300.00	
-	1 DWR Grant for Welfare	275.00		-	Profit on Sale of Investments	506.75	
-	Crimea War Memorial	500.00		-	A.B.F. re: Nursing Home Fees	1,076.00	
1,246	Grants - Nursing Home Fees	1,406.00					
1,900	Personal Grants	3,575.00					
416	Special Allowances	1,196.00					
60	Christmas Gifts (6)	-					
3,363	A.B.F. Grants	1,300.00		2,374	Excess of Expenditure over Income	3,187.67	
-	Postage	100.00					
	<u>£7,113</u>		<u>£8,441.95</u>			<u>£7,113</u>	<u>£8,441.95</u>

WAR MEMORIAL FUND

19	Audit	39.95	223	Interest on Investments	252.18
1	Trustees Fees (U.S.T.)	-	269	C.D.F. Interest	169.22
-	York Minster Fund	1,155.88			
	Donations				
50	Halifax Parish Church	50.00			
50	York Minster	50.00			
20	R.M.A. Sandhurst Memorial Chapel	20.00			
352	Excess of Income over Expenditure	-	-	Excess of Expenditure over Income	894.43
	£492	£1,315.83	£492		£1,315.83

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 1993

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS				INVESTMENTS (at cost)			
					Market Value	Cost	
229,746	Regimental Association Fund	229,745.86		100,000	Regimental Association Fund	149,788.00	140,000.00
	Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure	14,950.71	244,696.57	5,500	Mitchell Trust Fund	6,899.00	5,500.00
				19,000	McGuire Bate Trust Fund	23,832.00	19,000.00
8,385	Mitchell Trust Fund	8,384.94		18,000	Old Comrades Association -		
	Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure	261.39	8,646.33		(1st & 2nd Battalion DWR)	11,262.00	8,978.75
				5,000	War Memorial Fund	6,272.00	5,000.00
27,990	McGuire Bate Trust Fund	27,990.19		147,500		198,053.00	178,478.75
	Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure	1,136.68	29,126.87				
20,538	Old Comrades Association			2,488	STOCK - Regimental Items		4,204.06
	(1st & 2nd Battalion DWR)	20,538.26					
	Less: Excess of Expenditure over Income	3,187.67	17,350.59	18,793	DEBTORS -		
					Rewrite of Regimental History		16,295.95
7,250	War Memorial Fund	7,250.00					
	Add: Excess of Expenditure over Income	894.43	6,355.57				
1,668	CREDITOR:				CASH AT BANK		
	Army Benevolent Fund Grants			108,465	Regimental Association Funds	84,196.56	
	(Old Comrades Fund)		680.00	2,885	Mitchell Trust Fund	3,146.33	
				8,990	McGuire Bate Trust Fund	10,126.87	
				4,206	Old Comrades Association		
					(1st & 2nd Battalion DWR)	9,051.84	
				2,250	War Memorial Fund	1,355.57	107,877.17
					SUMMARY OF BANK ACCOUNT		
					Current Account	810.78	
					Charities Deposit Fund	107,066.39	
						£107,877.17	
£295,577			£306,855.93	£295,577			£306,855.93

Auditor's Report

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

This . . . 1st day of July 1993.

K. W. HOWARTH & Co., Chartered Accountants, 36 Clare Road, Halifax, HX1 2HX.

Schedule of Investments (at cost)

	Cost	Market Value
Regimental Association Fund		
167028.56 CAF Invest Balanced Growth Fund Units	100,000.00	108,001
11223.35 Charishare Income Shares	20,000.00	21,347
11587.49 Charinco Income Shares	20,000.00	20,440
	<u>140,000.00</u>	<u>149,788</u>
Mitchell Trust Fund		
10669.25 CAF Invest Balanced Growth Fund Units	5,500.00	6,899
McGuire Bate Trust Fund		
36857.41 CAF Invest Balanced Growth Fund Units	19,000.00	23,832
Old Comrades Association		
17417.55 CAF Invest Balanced Growth Fund Units	8,978.75	11,262
War Memorial Fund		
9699.32 CAF Invest Balanced Growth Fund Units	5,000.00	6,272

BRANCH MANAGEMENT FUND

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March 1993

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
19	Audit	-	700
131	Branch Management Meeting Expenses etc.....	182.28	16
-	Regimental Assoc. Refund Grant.....	500.00	-
-	Subsidy to Regimental Service	485.79	-
25	Grant - York Br. Regtl. Ass. (Skipton).....	-	-
-	Sundry Expenses	13.50	-
541	Excess of Income over Expenditure	-	-
<u>£716</u>	<u>£1,181.57</u>	<u>£716</u>	<u>£1,181.57</u>
Regimental Association Dinner		Regimental Association Dinner	
-	Raffle Prize & Tickets	183.43	3,012
223	Band	339.27	226
3,443	Cost of Dinner	3,603.85	580
50	Extra Duty Pay	100.00	36
35	Printing, Advertising & Other Expenses	59.93	-
36	Ticket Refunds	12.00	-
67	Subsidy Returned to General Fund	-	-
<u>£3,854</u>	<u>£4,298.48</u>	<u>£3,854</u>	<u>£4,298.48</u>
Regimental Service		Regimental Service	
40	Flowers	59.42	450
53	Room Hire	52.87	764
247	Coffee	240.00	187
881	Lunch	731.50	-
180	Coach	-	-
<u>£1,401</u>	<u>£1,083.79</u>	<u>£1,401</u>	<u>£1,083.79</u>
London Dinner Weekend		London Dinner Weekend	
-	Museum Visit	100.80	2,360
600	Coach Hire	-	325
128	Ticket Refunds	-	-
1,941	Victory Services Club Membership & Accom.....	700.00	-
16	General Fund	-	-
-	Balance Carried Forward	1,543.80	-
<u>£2,685</u>	<u>£2,344.60</u>	<u>£2,685</u>	<u>£2,344.60</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 1993

General Fund	783.66	Cash at Bank	1,876.90
Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure ..	450.56		
Creditors	1,543.80		
	<u>£1,876.90</u>		<u>£1,876.90</u>

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

It is essential that subscribers, including serving members of the Regiment moving on individual postings, advise the Business Manager of their change of address without delay. Use the tear off slip printed below.

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Obituaries

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

Mr. N. Perrin

Neville (Joe) Perrin died at Retford on 12 October 1993, aged 67. Joe's military career started in 1939 when, at the outbreak of war, as a youngster, he joined the Local Defence Volunteers and Home Guard. In 1941 he enlisted as a boy soldier in the West Yorkshire Regiment. On reaching the age for man service he was posted to the 2nd Battalion, The East Yorkshire Regiment with whom he landed in France on D Day 1944. He left the army in 1947 but rejoined a year later at Strensall in the East Yorks. He transferred to the 'Dukes' in 1948 and remained with the Regiment until his service ended in 1970. During all this time he served with the 1st Battalion except for a two year period when he was a PSI with the TA.

After leaving the army he became a male nurse at Rampton Hospital. He served as an adult instructor with the Nottingham ACF and received the Lord Lieutenant's Certificate for meritorious service in 1982. In 1984 he was awarded the Army Cadet Force medal.

Joe's son is at present serving as a corporal with the 1st Battalion.

After a private family funeral service at Retford there was a cremation service at Doncaster at which the Regiment was represented by the Regimental Secretary. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. John Sargeant, Mr. Bill Norman and Mr. Bob Spring. A bugler from the Infantry Training Battalion, Strensall, sounded the Last Post.

Mr. R. A. Prince

Ralph Prince died in Halifax on 21 October 1993 at the age of 79.

Victor, as he was known in the Regiment, joined in 1931. After a short period with the 1st Battalion in Aldershot he was posted to the 2nd Battalion in India where, in 1935, he saw active service in the Looe Agra campaign.

He left the army in 1938 having completed seven years with the colours, but was recalled in 1939 and joined the 1st Battalion. He saw service in France in 1939-40 and remained with the 1st Battalion throughout the time the Battalion was in North Africa and Italy.

He left the army for a second time in 1946 and was employed at the Regimental Depot and, later, at RHQ for many years.

The funeral service took place at Park Wood Crematorium and Major Miller represented the Regiment.

Oliver John Buswell, Leeds Grammar School CCF

Oliver died on Saturday 17 July 1993 during the contingent's annual training camp at Folkestone, Kent, having suffered respiratory arrest due to an unsuspected tumour during the early hours of the previous evening. He was fifteen years old and a keen games player. Oliver represented the school at squash

and was a member of the team which reached the national finals at under fourteen level last year. Out of school his love of sport was also very much in evidence, but it was his pleasant agreeable nature and sheer willingness to get involved in any aspect of school life that have left a lasting memory.

Oliver was a popular and respected member of the school Combined Cadet Force (army section) and had just won his first promotion to Lance Corporal awarded to him on the evening of 15 July.

Mr. J. S. Coulter

Jack Coulter, who died recently aged 71, served with the 2nd Battalion in Burma during the Second World War and later with the Royal Navy. He was a well known figure in Halifax, who regularly wrote to the Halifax Evening Courier on topical issues and whose views were much respected.

Mr. F. Creighton

Frank Creighton died on 1 August 1993. He originally enlisted before the Second World War in the Royal Artillery but transferred to the Dukes in the early 1940s when he saw service with the 1st Battalion in North Africa where he was wounded. On discharge from hospital he was posted to a battalion of the Argylls with whom he remained for the rest of the war. He returned to the Dukes in 1946 and served with the 1st Battalion in Korea, Gibraltar and Cyprus before leaving the army in 1960 in the rank of sergeant.

Mr. L. Ellis

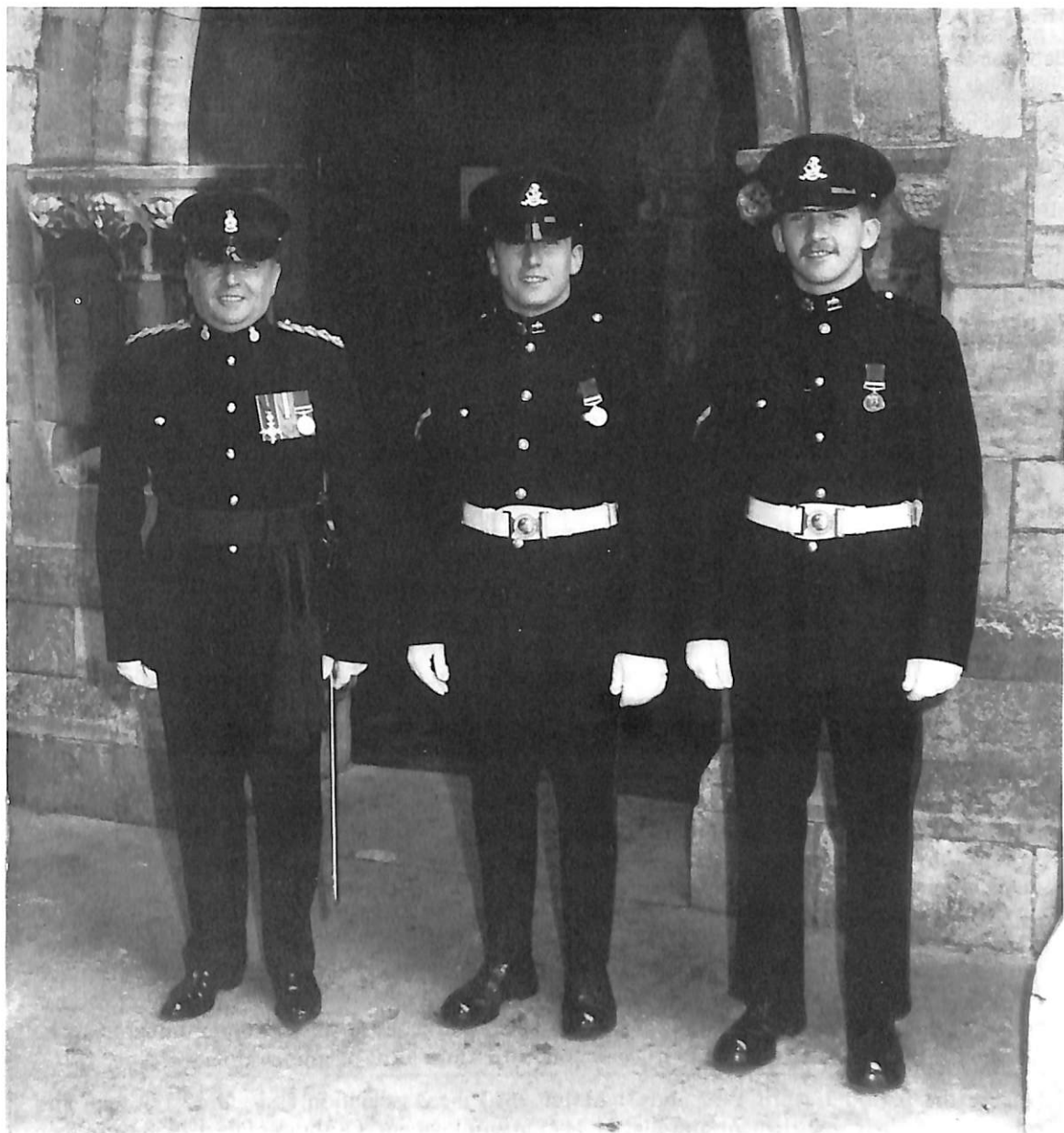
Lawrence Ellis died on 26 September 1993. Lawrence enlisted in the 7th Battalion at Slaithwaite in 1939, having been attested by the PSI there, the late Jackie Horne. He went to France with the 2/7th in 1940 where he was severely wounded and taken prisoner.

He was repatriated on medical grounds by the Red Cross from a POW camp in Germany in 1943 and left the army in 1944.

He was a member of the Huddersfield and District Army Veterans' Association, who formed a guard at his funeral at Fixby Crematorium. Major David Miller and Mr. Douglas Harpin represented the Regiment at the service.

Corporal N. R. Hughes: 1 DWR

On 21 September 1993, Corporal Neil Robert Hughes was tragically killed in a range accident while acting as a safety supervisor on a platoon live firing attack range near Warminster. Corporal Hughes was born on 14 September 1967 and enlisted at York as a junior leader in the regular army in May 1984. On passing out of the Infantry Junior Leaders' Battalion, Shorncliffe as a junior sergeant, he was posted to the 1st Battalion and during the next six years saw service in Belize, Bulford, Kenya, Northern Ireland, Canada,



Captain D. Hughes MBE, Corporal M. Hughes and the late Corporal N. Hughes (on right)

Ternhill, the Falkland Islands and Denmark. Following promotion, Corporal Hughes was posted as an instructor to the Junior Infantry Battalion at Ouston, from where he returned to Burma Company in June 1993.

Neil Hughes was the youngest son of a former RSM and quartermaster of the 1st Battalion, Captain David Hughes and his wife Ruth. His elder brother Mark is also serving in the 1st Battalion and is presently a corporal in the Mortar Platoon. This strong family link, coupled with Neil's popularity and the respect which he generated has resulted in heartfelt grief throughout the Regiment at his loss.

It was during the Battalion's two year tour in North Belfast that Neil met his wife Ellen and they were married on 2 December 1989. Neil and Ellen had one daughter Tammy, who is now aged four.

Corporal Neil Hughes will be remembered by those who served with him as a professional and conscientious non commissioned officer, respected, caring and above all devoted to his family to whom we extend our deepest sympathy. There are many within the Regiment who will echo the first line of his favourite song "Goodbye to you my trusted friend", which was played during his military funeral at Strensall on 16 November 1993.

Mr. C. L. J. Bailey

Bill Bailey, who died recently, served with the 1st Battalion in Kenya and British Honduras from 1960 until 1963, when he resigned his commission. He was captain of Blackheath RFC before Jack Dalrymple recruited into the Regiment to fill a yawning gap in the XV's second row. He and Mike Campbell-Lamerton then formed one of the best second rows in the country. It was in this position that he played in some great Army Cup games. Perhaps his finest was when he insisted on turning out in a 6th round game against the KRRC in 1962, despite having a very suspect knee. Bill did all that was expected of him, although in great pain, and the Battalion won by 22 points to nil. This was his last game of rugby for the Regiment. He didn't play much again because of arthritis brought about by his rugby. He was with us in British Honduras as OC 6 Platoon. He was a good friend, a great character and a big man. Those who were then in Burma Company will remember him with great affection.

WRM/DEI

Mr. S. Archer

Sidney Archer died in Bradford on 14 November 1993 at the age of 76.

He originally enlisted in the Royal Northumberland Fusiliers, being a Geordie by birth, but transferred to the Dukes in 1935 and joined the 1st Battalion in Malta. In 1937 he was posted to the 2nd Battalion in India and saw service in Burma in 1942. He returned to the UK in 1944 and transferred to the Grenadier Guards. He left the army in 1946 and spent the rest of his working life in the Shipley area.

He is survived by a daughter and two sons, one of whom, Peter, has recently completed 22 years' service with the Regiment.

The funeral took place at the Nab Wood Crematorium Bradford. Major David Miller and Mr. Ken Willoughby represented the Regiment at the service.

R. H. Burton VC

A memorial service for the life of Dick Burton was held at the headquarters of the British Legion, Melton Mowbray, on 12 October 1993. The address was given by Major General D. E. Isles CB, OBE, DL, President Royal British Legion Lincolnshire and Humberside, who also unveiled a plaque in memory of Dick Burton.

NOTICES**REGULAR FORCES EMPLOYMENT ASSOCIATION**

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

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

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

During the period 1 April 1992 and 31 March 1993 the Association assisted 12,179 men and women with their resettlement and placed 4495 in employment. Of those placed 2358 were men and women from the army and ten were from the Regiment.

1st BATTALION RUGBY TOUR: 1994

The rugby squad is in the process of raising funds for its tour in Spain/Portugal in April 1994. The squad is looking to raise £4,500.

Anyone willing to contribute should write to Major M. A. Lodge 1 DWR. Cheques should be made payable to Central Bank 1 DWR.