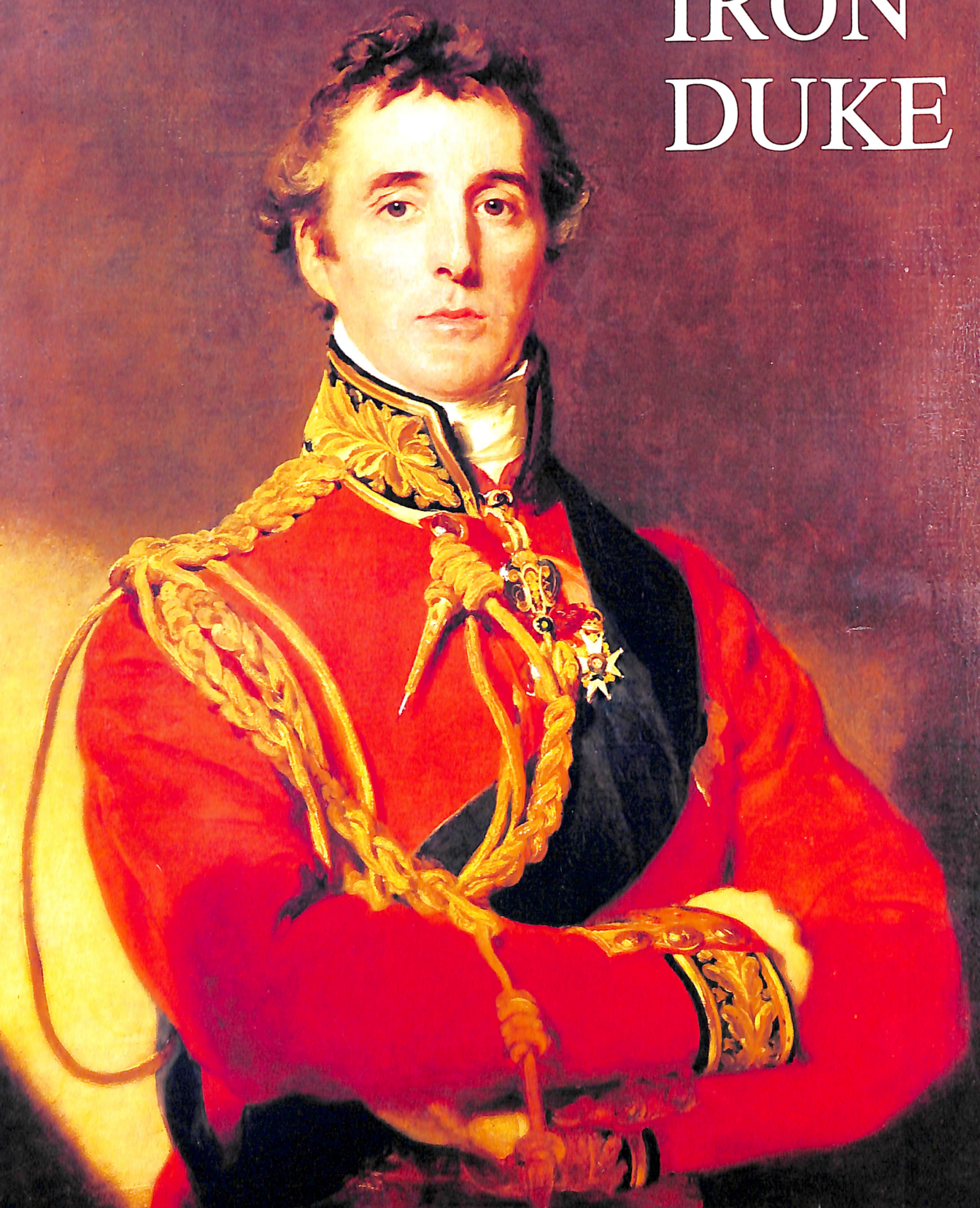


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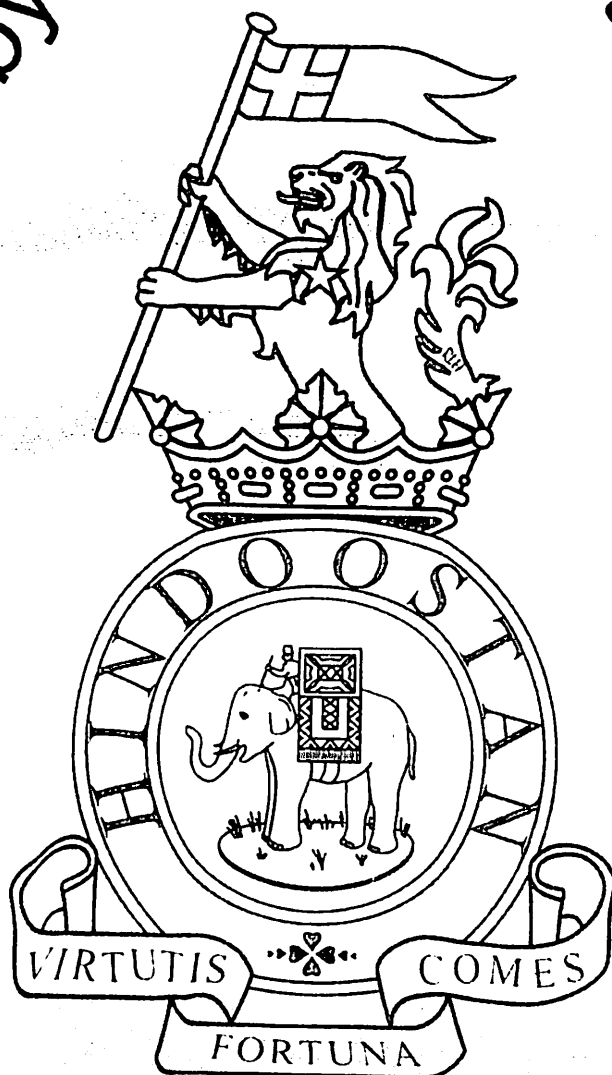
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Adjutant: Captain D. P. Monteith

Regimental Sergeant Major: WO1 M. Smith

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Adjutant: Captain J. H. Purcell

Regimental Sergeant Major: WO1 B. J. Thomas, BEM

ARMY CADET FORCE - DWR

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OC: Major P. Cole

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Huddersfield

Heckmondwike
Keighley

Mirfield
Skipton

Thongsbridge

Humber and South Yorkshire

C Company Detachments
OC: Major T. Scrivens

Barnsley
Darfield

Thurcroft
Wath on Dearne

Wombwell

D Company Detachments

OC: Major D. Galloway

Birdwell

Endcliffe

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CO: Lieutenant Colonel N. J. Mussett

Leeds Grammar School CCF

OC: Squadron Leader R. Hill

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Les Voltigeurs de Quebec

*Manège Militaire,
Grande-Allee,
Quebec, Canada.*

Honorary Colonels: Colonel Marcel Jobin CM, CQ

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Commanding Officer: Lieutenant Colonel L. L. Dionne CD

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*Malakand Fort,
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Commander S. M. Gillespie RN



The Freedom of Barnsley: 8 May 1995
The Colonel of the Regiment and the Mayor of Barnsley exchange gifts

Regimental Headquarters

Regimental Notes

HONOURS AND AWARDS

The following operational awards for service in Bosnia were announced on 9 May 1995.

DSO Lieutenant Colonel D. M. Santa Olalla MC

CGC Corporal W. K. Mills

Mention in Despatches (Gallantry): Major N. G. Borwell, Major D. S. Bruce, Sergeant S. Caine, Lance Corporal C. Chambers and Lance Corporal L. P. Seviour.

Queen's Commendation for Bravery: Captain J. N. Mitchell and Corporal M. D. Hughes.

Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service: Sergeant P. Brennan.

Joint Commanders Commendation: Lance Corporal J. C. Barday, Private J. T. Oldale and Colour Sergeant Summersgill.

The following awards were announced in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

KCB Lieutenant General M. J. D. Walker CBE

MBE Major S. C. Newton

The following awards to members of the Territorial Army have recently been announced.

TD Major B. Richardson

TEM WO2 I. Machin

CORPORAL W. K. MILLS CGC

Corporal Wayne Mills is the first member of the armed services to be awarded the Conspicuous Gallantry Cross, which was introduced in 1993, and is available to both officers and other ranks. Corporal Mills' section was attacked by Serbs while patrolling on foot outside Gorazde. To give his men sufficient time to get away he single handed held off the Serbs, killing two, as his patrol slipped away to re-form. By putting his own life at risk Corporal Mills saved fatalities within his patrol.

APSLEY HOUSE

On 15 June 1995 Apsley House, the London home of the 1st Duke of Wellington, was re-opened after extensive repairs and refurbishment. The reception, to mark the occasion, was co-hosted by the Army Benevolent Fund and the Victoria and Albert Museum. The Regiment was represented by 2nd Lieutenant J. Vitoria and by Privates Houghton and Walker.

REGIMENTAL MUSEUM

A meeting of the trustees of the Regimental Museum was held at Bankfield Museum on 13 April 1995. Present were Brigadier E. J. W. Walker OBE, Lieutenant Colonel T. J. Isles, Major K. M. McDonald TD, BA, JP, DL, Major P. R. S. Bailey (representing the 1st Battalion) and Captain M. Carter (representing the 3rd Battalion).

Progress report. Mr. J. Spencer reported:

1. That the audio visual equipment was now in place and working.



Corporal Wayne Mills, CGC

2. Work had continued on the development of a new Calderdale/DWR uniform store.

3. It was intended to feature the Regiment's service in Bosnia in a new gallery devoted to the display of a collection of costumes and textiles from that area.

4. A WW2 school project had proved popular. As that period now forms part of the national curriculum it is hoped the subject will stimulate even greater interest.

Forward plans. Ms. Crook reported that the Museum had once again been successful in obtaining a grant in aid. This would be put to use in (1) further improving the "modern soldier" showcase and (2) to properly catalogue and store the medal collection, buckles and badges held in store.

Accounts. The unaudited accounts for the year ended 31 March 1995 were examined. They showed an excess of income over expenditure of £484.00.

Charges for research. Lieutenant Colonel Isles informed the trustees that a charge was now being made for research carried out on behalf of individuals. It was agreed the charge should be £5.00 with discretion to vary it depending on the circumstances of each case.

THE COMMEMORATION OF THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF V.E. DAY

Planning for the events to be held in the Regimental area over the weekend 6-8 May 1995 started last year, when requests were received from Halifax and Skipton for a military presence to be added to their proposed commemorations of the 50th anniversary of VE Day. In the case of Barnsley, Monday 8 May was considered the most appropriate day for a formal transfer of the Freedom granted to the York and Lancaster Regiment to the Dukes.

The Regiment was represented by guards from the 1st and 3rd Battalions and two Colour parties consisting of the Regulation and Honorary Colours of the 1st Battalion and the two stands of Colours currently held by the 3rd Battalion, namely those of the 3rd and 4th Battalions of the Yorkshire Volunteers. The newly formed Waterloo Band, supported by the Corps of Drums of the 1st Battalion, was to lead the parades which, in all cases, were to be joined by veterans of all three services as well as detachments from the ACF and CCF. During the weekend before the events were to take place, rehearsals by the Band and the Dukes contingents were held at Weeton.

The first of the parades was at Skipton on the morning of 8 May. The streets were thronged by a crowd of many thousands, who lined the route and watched the salute, which was taken by the Mayor, Councillor John Binns and the Colonel of the Regiment. After the parade the guests moved to Christ Church where a tree was planted by Mrs. Mundell and a memorial stone, dedicated to all members of the Regiment from the Skipton area who had fallen in action, was unveiled. The ceremony was impressively arranged by the Skipton branch of the Regimental Association. The guests then moved to St. Andrews Hall where a magnificent lunch awaited them. Meanwhile the marching troops had moved to Prescott Street in Halifax in preparation for the afternoon parade.

In Halifax the crowds were even greater than in Skipton. The salute was taken by the Mayor, Councillor Stephen Pearson, the Colonel of the Regiment and the Deputy Lieutenant, Major Keith McDonald. After the parade the Band moved to the Piece Hall, where it added greatly to the carnival atmosphere, while the remainder of those on parade retired to Prescott Street for a well earned beer and a meal. There they were joined by many ex-Dukes as well as members from the various veteran organisations that had taken part in the parade. In the Town Hall the Mayor entertained his guests in a magnificent VE Day setting, which had been prepared by Mr. John Spencer, the Regiment's museum curator. On Sunday many Old Comrades attended a VE Day service in Halifax Parish Church.

On Monday a parade and ceremony took place at Barnsley to hand over the Freedom granted to the York and Lancaster Regiment to the Dukes. The ceremony was attended by the Lord Lieutenant of South Yorkshire, Colonel Hugh Neil, the Mayor of Barnsley, Councillor Judith Watts, and the Chief Executive, Mr. John Edwards, along with many guests from both the Borough Council and the Regiment. Among the latter were two previous Colonels of the Regiment (General Sir Charles Huxtable and Major General Isles) and the Honorary

Colonel of the 3rd Battalion, Lieutenant General Sir Mike Walker. After the observance of a two minute silence at 11am the transfer ceremony started when the Freedom Scroll was read out by Mr. John Edwards. An inspection followed after which the Regiment paraded through the streets of the town. The salute was taken by the Lord Lieutenant and the Colonel of the Regiment. At a buffet lunch at the Town Hall the Colonel of the Regiment was presented with a silver casket in which to keep the Freedom Scroll. In return the Colonel presented the Mayoress with a silver statuette of the Duke mounted on horseback.

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One of the veterans who was present at the parade in Halifax was 82 year old Mr. Douglas Rowlands, a member of the Halifax branch of the Regimental Association.

"On Saturday 6 May 1995 we, along with other branches, celebrated VE Day with a variety of events. We were blessed with a lovely summer's day. The programme started with a large contingent of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment forming up at the Drill Hall headed by the King's Division band and the Corps of Drums of the 1st Battalion. In between, I believe two companies, were the Colours protected by the Colour Parties. The Regiment was about to exercise its right to march through Halifax with Colours flying and bayonets fixed, which was conferred on it after the end of WW2. At 3pm the parade started its march, watched by many thousands of citizens. I was among the very many veterans, who were assembled at the top of Crossley Street at approximately 3.30pm.

We veterans first heard the band as it turned up Crossley Street, then we saw the parade, first the band and drums, headed by the Drum Major, then a company of the Dukes, then the Colour Party with the Colours waving in the slight breeze, then another contingent of Dukes. How smart they all were and I remarked to a friend "We hear of all the vandalism and hooliganism in this country of ours today, but thank God for such men as these." They marched along the main street of Halifax where, at the bottom of George Square on a dais, stood the Mayor of Calderdale, Councillor Pearson, to take the salute. There they stopped and were inspected by him. In the meantime we veterans waited patiently for the band and drums to come round again to where we were formed up. When they had passed us we were given the command "Quick march" and set off along Commercial Street. A moment or two before reaching the Mayor we were given the command "Eyes right". Then we marched to the end of the street, turned left and down Wards End, where we were called to a halt and dismissed.

The Drill Hall was "open house". The band and drums went to the Piece Hall to entertain the public. We veterans were invited to the Mayor's Parlour in the Town Hall. What a day and how proud I was to be part of it all. How proud I was and am to be ex-Duke number 4611525."



Halifax: 6 May 1995
The parade marching through Halifax



Halifax: 6 May 1995
The 1st Battalion static display at the Piece Hall



Halifax: 6 May 1995
The Colours and the escort parties

THE REGIMENTAL COUNCIL

The Regimental Council met at Apsley House on 2 June 1995. Present were the Colonel of the Regiment, General Sir Charles Huxtable KCB, CBE, DL; Major General D. E. Isles CB, OBE, DL; Brigadier J. B. K. Greenway CBE, JP; Brigadier E. J. W. Walker OBE; Colonel A. D. Roberts MBE; Lieutenant Colonel N. St. J. Hall BA; Lieutenant Colonel T. C. S. Bonas BA; Lieutenant Colonel T. J. Isles and Major K. M. McDonald TD, BA, JP, DL. Major A. C. S. Savory MBE, and Major R. Heron were in attendance.

The Colonel of the Regiment informed the members of the Council that he would complete his tenure as Colonel in October 1995. Having consulted with senior members of the Regiment it had been agreed that he would continue as Colonel for a further period of up to five years.

The Colonel of the Regiment also informed the Council:

1. The diminishing role of King's Division. The Officer Management Cell is to relocate in Glasgow, along with the Military Secretary. The remainder are to move to Warminster to form a King's Division Cell there. The SO2 Officer Recruiting (currently Lieutenant Colonel J. E. Pell OBE) would, however, remain in Yorkshire.

2. Staff College. As a result of the three services staff colleges combining to form a joint staff college, one complete course is to be cancelled in order to facilitate the change.

3. Officer recruiting. Four officer cadets were currently at the RMAS, with a further three expressing interest in the Regiment. The presence of Lieutenant Colonel Santa Olalla at the Staff College and Captain Norman at the RMAS was proving of great benefit.

Recruitment. Reports prepared by the officers commanding the 1st and 3rd Battalions on the subject of recruitment were considered and discussed. It was noted that many of the proposed plans to improve recruitment involved additional costs, some of which would have to be borne by the Regiment.

Rugby. The playing of rugby in the 1st Battalion had suffered as a result of recent operational tours. There is, at present, a lack of experience in the rugby squad. However there is plenty of promising and keen material. Plans had been made to raise playing standards and the fact that the Battalion will be at Weeton for some time offers an excellent opportunity for the Battalion to again become serious Cup contenders.

Regimental History. Sales to the public had been disappointing in view of the many excellent reviews the history had received. However, in the long term, it was not a matter of concern as it was always envisaged that the Regiment would maintain sufficient stock to last forty years.

The Iron Duke. Major Heron, the Business Manager, produced the accounts of the Iron Duke for the year ended 31 March 1995. These showed an excess of income over expenditure of £665.00. The Colonel of the Regiment asked the Regimental Secretary to examine with the printer ways and means of improving the reproduction of photographs, particularly where these had been taken from colour photographs.

Officers' dinner club. The next officers' dinner will be held in York on Friday 1 November 1996.

The Waterloo and Alma paintings. The painting of the battle of Waterloo had already been received and that of the battle of the Alma was expected to be received in the autumn. On receipt of the latter action would be taken to reproduce prints of both paintings.

Regimental Museum. Brigadier Walker reported that all audio visual equipment had now been received and was working. Future plans included improvements in the display of medals held in the collection.

1st Battalion

Commanding Officer's Introduction

We continue to be in good heart. Our role provides us with a challenging operational focus and a welcome training priority and, mercifully, escape from the dreaded Regular Army Assistance Table. Whilst the priority has been to establish ourselves in role, we have taken time to catch up on career courses, training post Bosnia and, importantly, to get down to some quality sport and adventurous training.

The Battalion is well manned and very much enjoying being in Weeton and close to the Regimental home. The VE weekend freedom parades were a great success and thoroughly boosted the tremendous news

of the Bosnia Operational Awards List. We had wanted to raise the Regimental profile on return to the north, in conjunction with the 3rd Battalion, and we could not have been more fortunate with the start. We will continue to support a wide range of events and activities throughout West and South Yorkshire, and are putting a major effort into enhancing our recruiting effort so that we continue to remain above establishment. For the future the outlook is good and there is every prospect that many members of the Battalion will undertake challenging and fun training abroad in the next two years.

WEETON CAMP

Having heard all the stories of how smart Weeton Barracks was we were really looking forward to finally arriving. As infantry camps go, this one was tailor made, although the large edifice of the gym looms a little too close for comfort. There is a place for everything and hopefully everything will find a place. There are excellent facilities which help compensate for the slightly isolated location of the camp itself (the nearest pubs are a mile each way!). There's a fair bit of work required on some of the quarters but Blackpool is only a pocket/wallet draining five miles away. The local Kirkham natives are very friendly, but unless you have a car it can get a bit footsore doing the shopping. Aside from the hustle and bustle it's actually quiet and peaceful round about, though the rural odours take a bit of getting used to.

Adventurous training facilities are excellent, although whether rides on the Big Dipper qualify as

confidence training remains to be seen and it's unlikely we'll get clearance to abseil off the Tower.

Meanwhile, the lads in camp were getting to know their new homes. The whole place is sparkling and 'custom built' for the job. Accommodation is a little cramped but provides everything a single soldier needs. Another attraction is the 'fishing pond' in the centre of camp which becomes a hive of activity each Wednesday afternoon (if fishing can be classed as active) with mountains of equipment sprouting from the bankside.

Weather aside and the threat of spending a month's wages in a week, Blackpool and Weeton is the place to be. Its proximity to Yorkshire, the local amenities and the potential for foreign travel promise to make Weeton a tour to remember.

THE ESKMEALS ADVENTUROUS TRAINING CENTRE

One of the great advantages of taking over the NI Province Reinforcement Battalion role was the inheritance of an adventurous training centre called Eskmeals in the south-western area of the Lake District. The centre, which comes completely equipped with sufficient stores for all the basic activities that are possible in the Lakes, including mountain biking, has accommodation and feeding facilities for thirty. The hut is basic but comfortable but of course its primary attraction is its location; just five minutes from the west coast and thirty minutes from such places as Scafell Pike and Wast Water.

Sadly, the MOD land within which Eskmeals resides is being sold later this year and the facility will be lost. It was therefore most important that we took full advantage of the centre while it was available. To that end, all companies, including Hook Company, booked into the centre for at least a week to carry out a programme of walking, climbing, abseiling, canoeing and mountain biking.

Those who thought that the Lakes in summer would not be challenging were soon persuaded otherwise as sodden soldiers pulled themselves from the deepest, coldest lake in England (Wast Water).

tentatively stepped backwards over a rock face into 500 feet of space or hurtled downhill on mountain bikes at speeds in excess of thirty miles per hour.

Adventurous training, when sufficiently challenging, provides fear relatively similar to that encountered in combat and helps to train soldiers to

overcome it. As such, it is a very useful vehicle for training infantry soldiers and although ATC Eskmeals will soon no longer be available, hopefully enough people now have a sufficiently strong taste to want to continue further afield.

ALMA COMPANY

OC - Major N. G. Borwell
 2IC - Captain B. H. Walsgrove
 CSM - WO2 S. Grogan
 CQMS - Colour Sergeant Flynn

1 Platoon

Lieutenant T. Golding
 Sergeant McCabe

2 Platoon

Captain J. Merritt
 Sergeant Lakey

3 Platoon

Lieutenant G. Purcell
 Sergeant Bottomley

After a year of "living dangerously", and having completed its Northern Ireland training, Alma Company was in a position in April to enjoy a week of adventure training. This was really a chance for the less experienced soldiers to try their hands at new activities, and for the older ones to show just how much they had forgotten! We headed north to Eskmeals in the Lake District, where the Battalion has accommodation and facilities for up to a platoon's strength at a time. Assisted by Lance Corporal Marsden, who recently returned from a tour with the Army Youth Team, we embarked on a couple of days of walking, abseiling, climbing and canoeing. A more recently developed diversion for those who wanted strenuous activity was mountain biking. The terrain certainly lived up to the "mountain" part of the equation and many miles were covered by panting soldiers during the course of their stay. This mad dash around the Lakes brought back memories of adventure training in Kenya, where, after a punishing battle run, the Company relaxed at Naivasha and some cycled out under a fierce sun to see a lake of a different sort.

Something over a year later we at last have had an opportunity, albeit brief, to get back to adventure training and whet a few appetites for more. It is a measure of the success of our brief stay in Eskmeals that the majority of Alma Company soldiers has applied for adventure training courses later on in the year and many are keen to gain qualifications.

Alma Company is now on the brink of its first deployment to South Armagh. We are ready, having had to wait for nearly three months to put into practice all those skills learnt in our training. We went to Swynnerton for three days' training in April, where the Company mixed Northern Ireland refresher training with more conventional work. The Field Ambulance in Preston provided a couple of instructors and made up some very realistic simulated casualties for treatment. The acting skills of these "victims" were only surpassed by their ability to emit blood-curdling screams on command! A punishing steeplechase-style run at team level ended with some rapid pistol shooting. The three day package had been designed as an interim top-up training period between NITAT and pre-deployment training. It was hard work and fun, and has achieved its aim.

With about three months sandwiched between NITAT training and deployment, the company had a

chance to get back to what the guards would call "proper soldiering". The freedom parades in Skipton, Halifax and Barnsley over the VE weekend required a 1st Battalion Guard to march with our comrades in the 3rd Battalion and Colour Parties. Alma Company had the honour to be selected for this task and accomplished it superbly. WO2 Grogan gripped the drill with characteristic enthusiasm and style, to the extent that the Company, which had not taken part in a formal parade of this nature since street lining in 1986, thoroughly enjoyed the experience. The hard work and effort displayed by the men was clearly worth it and the rapturous welcome extended by people in "our towns" was most satisfying. Those who were present for the historic granting of the Freedom of Barnsley were particularly grateful and touched by the warmth of the welcome on our first visit to the Town Hall.

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In May the Company enthusiastically went back to Northern Ireland training, revising its skills over a two week period. The first week was in Weeton where basic weapon handling and other skills were honed. The training was rounded off at Otterburn the week before our deployment and we were ably assisted by Hook and Corunna NCOs who released Alma commanders to concentrate on their training. Of particular value was the night navigation exercise set up by Sergeants Caple and Harley. This was a course comprising about ten checkpoints, and as many of these as possible had to be visited in two hours. The teams of four men incurred penalties if they took longer than two hours. The cunning simplicity of the course ensured that everyone had to run cross country for the whole time in the dark. The fact that we suffered no leg injuries was perhaps due to good luck, but everyone enjoyed it anyway. The Company conducted field firing up to team level. On the second day General Sir Roger Wheeler visited our pairs fire and manoeuvre range. In an effort to "show them how it should be done", Major Borwell and Sergeant Major Grogan went down the pairs range at the end of the day. Every time one of them took cover in the stream there was a cheer audible over the sound of small arms fire. The "Mexican Wave" by 3 Platoon as the rather damp pair returned was a heart-warming, if tongue-in-cheek, gesture! The team range was realistic and commanders had to get used once more to

thinking and acting under pressure. This pressure continued on the last day with a series of stands designed to test the level of knowledge of individuals

and the Company's ability to deploy. Happily we passed with flying colours.

BURMA COMPANY

OC - Major J. C. Bailey
 CSM - WO2 A. Stead
 CQMS - Colour Sergeant C. Hosty

4 Platoon

Lieutenant J. E. Townhill
 Sergeant G. Perrin

5 Platoon

2nd Lieutenant J. F. C. Vitoria
 Sergeant S. J. J. Lumber

6 Platoon

2nd Lieutenant J. M. Liddle
 Sergeant D. P. Cole

Northern Ireland Skill at Arms Meeting 1995

As Province Reinforcement Battalion we are eligible to take part in the Northern Ireland Skill at Arms Meeting (NISAAM). Burma Company was tasked with providing the 1st Battalion's shooting team made up of one officer, one SNCO, one JNCO, two LSW gunners and three riflemen. However, the rules for the competition only allowed the Battalion to nominate the officer and the SNCO; the rest of the team was chosen at random by HQ Northern Ireland from a pool of 72 names. Two weeks before the competition the Battalion team was selected and Sergeant Major Stead developed a plan to bring its members up to a high standard of shooting in the short time remaining. The team spent three days at Catterick and three days at Altcar undergoing

intensive training, and with the help of Sergeant Major Stead's vast experience and sharp tongue all team members improved dramatically. On arrival in Northern Ireland there was only one of the nine competition shoots that we had been unable to practise; by a stroke of luck we were nominated to shoot this match on the practice day before the NISAAM started on the Thursday. Nerves were evident on the morning of the competition and in the first shoot the team could certainly have done a little better; however once the initial nervousness had been overcome our scores began to improve. Of all the nine competition shoots the most prestigious was CLFs Battle Match. This consisted of a two mile run in full patrol order over sand dunes with an 800m stretcher race and the task of moving fifty jerrycans of water



Northern Ireland skill at arms meeting
 2nd Lieutenant Vitoria and the Burma Company team winners of the CLFs match

from the back of one Bedford onto the back of another parked 50m away. Once the run was completed the shoot consisted of 100m sprints down from the 500m point to the 100m point with a shooting practice after every sprint; finally all team members carried out tests on skills relating to Northern Ireland. As soon as we had finished we knew we had done well but we also knew that only half the competing teams had gone through the CLF match so far; the next 24 hours were spent in tense anticipation of the match results.

The shooting team produced some admirable individual results throughout the competition but it was as a team that we operated at our best. We had come fifth overall, losing only to the Royal Irish Battalions who spend more time than most on the ranges; with victory in the CLF Battle Match and fifth

place in the whole competition we had beaten all other regular infantry battalions including 1 Para, 2 Para, 1 Green Howards, 1 Kings, 1 PWRR, 1 RRW, 1 Highlanders, 1 Staffs, 1 Cheshire.

Team Members: NISAAM 1995

Team Captain	:	2nd Lieutenant Vitoria
Rifles	:	Sergeant Cole Corporal Mower Private Johnson Private Connell Private Grain
LSW	:	Private Seviour Private Highton
Reserves	:	Private Firth Private Tomes

CORUNNA COMPANY

OC	-	Major D. S. Bruce
2I/C	-	Captain N. M. B. Wood
CSM	-	WO2 Dean
CQMS	-	Colour Sergeant Chin Chan

7 Platoon

2nd Lieut J. W. Charlesworth
Sergeant Kennedy

8 Platoon

2nd Lieut J. R. Bryden
Sergeant A. Barratt

9 Platoon

2nd Lieut C. P. B. Langlands Pearse
Sergeant Scott

On 10 March 1995 Corunna Company became the first company from the Battalion to be operational in South Armagh as part of the current tour as Province Reinforcement Battalion (PRB). We were based in Bessbrook Mill in the town of Bessbrook, South Armagh. The building itself is impressive in size but not exactly appealing to the eye, and used to be an old textile mill (although it was still working partly when the Dukes were first there in the early 70s). The town was fairly pleasant and the locals had a comparatively friendly outlook on the Security Forces (SF), which was slightly unexpected as they had to put up with living next to what was, before the cease-fire, Europe's busiest heliport.

Well, we had arrived in a new era for Northern Ireland (NI). For the more experienced members of the Company with at least one tour under their belts already the new type of patrol presence and *modus operandi* for the SF in NI was very different from what they had been used to. For the first timers in the Company the role definitely presented its challenges and, to some, appeared a daunting task. The job we were to do was to provide a province wide Airborne Reaction Force (ARF), an Air Support Multiple (ASM) to support our host unit, the Armagh Roulement Battalion (ARB), and patrol support for the ARB. The key issues to concentrate on were that of Community Relations (CR), or minding your "Ps and Qs" on patrol. There was to be absolutely no contact between soldiers and civilians, that could be possibly avoided, without the RUC being present. Therefore every patrol should be accompanied by an RUC constable, and, where ever possible, the local populace should not even know of the army's presence on the ground. They should believe that the RUC is doing its rounds alone. This was a blanket safety rule applied so that the local population could have no

cause for complaint against the army and that as little opportunity as possible was offered to unscrupulous members of PIRA or Sinn Fein to set up a publicity trap designed to scupper the peace process and make it look like the army's fault.

On arrival in Bessbrook our hosts were 42 Commando Royal Marines, a battalion of men addicted to fitness and pushing weights, but who had done a very good job as ARB. We had three multiples of "Booties" attached to the Company which was a great help for getting the Company helicopter trained (the practice of throwing yourself out of a perfectly serviceable helicopter, with all your kit on, and sliding down a piece of string).

Our six week tour of Bessbrook was uneventful in respect of terrorist related incidents, however there was plenty going on on the patch and PIRA were far from inactive during our stay. We were able to take part in several operations, possibly the largest being during the changeover of ARBs from the "Booties" to the "Kingos", where we were able to get a first hand look at most of the jobs available within the ARB. Perhaps the most important was providing security, whilst the Royal Engineers removed the Permanent Vehicle Check Points (PVCs) around Bessbrook. This was a CR bonus point for the army and received much press coverage both on the mainland and in the Republic of Ireland as well as the Province itself. We carried out plenty of foot patrolling and the majority of the Company now has a feel for the terrain and layout of South Armagh.

Overall the tour was a great success and the Company has since been on a couple of weeks' leave prior to a short break from NI tactics and a spell of conventional warfare training culminating in a live firing package in Sennybridge in South Wales.

SOMME COMPANY

OC - Major C. S. T. Lehmann
 CSM - WO2 P. Mitchell
 CQMS - Colour Sergeant G. Cracknell

Mortar Platoon

Captain T. G. Vallings
 Sergeant P. A. Brewer

Milan Platoon

Lieutenant N. P. Rhodes
 Sergeant J. G. Ashworth

Drums Platoon

Sergeant J. S. Caple
 Sergeant H. Cole (Drum Major)

Somme Company has now fully adapted to its role as a rifle company and has adjusted its order of battle accordingly.

The move to Weeton has been met with considerable approval. We have a well appointed barracks, with comfortable accommodation for single and married soldiers. The close proximity to Blackpool encourages a lively social life but the most popular aspect of the posting is being based in a barracks which is probably the closest regular army base to our recruiting area. There is nobody commuting daily to Yorkshire but soldiers are able to go home during the week and the drive home can be achieved in a couple of hours.

Training has continued to be challenging and after a tour in Northern Ireland we know which aspects of our skills to concentrate on. There are also indications that we will be able to spend some time working with support weapons as well as having an opportunity, all too rare recently, to go adventure training.

The Drums Platoon has been an integral part of Somme Company but because it had a vital role to play in the VE Day celebrations it did not deploy to Northern Ireland. It had not been involved in any major ceremonial work for over a year and so preparation for VE Day became a major priority and the Drums embarked on a period of intense music and drill.

It has become evident that the Drums will have to fill some of the vacuum left by the loss of the Band. The drummers are working hard to improve their musical skills and efforts are being made to ensure that the strength of the Platoon remains high so that there is sufficient depth of skill to allow some drummers to concentrate on their military skills and courses. The Platoon is keen to raise its profile and to increase the number of its public performances, especially in Yorkshire.

Somme Company is traditionally an older soldiers company. The Company has been together for a long time and although people have left the army or departed on posting we have seen very little fresh blood.

POD Training

The aim of Pre Operational Deployment (POD) training is to ensure that the Company is completely prepared for its six week tour of duty in Northern Ireland. Range work and weapon handling tests are brought up to date and lessons are given to revise the rules of engagement, the Northern Ireland Emergency Provisions Act and First Aid. The many aspects of patrolling, both rural and urban as well as vehicle drills are also practised. Suspect recognition training is given a high priority.

Somme Company had only recently finished NITAT training and therefore this was very much refresher training for the troops. The Drums Platoon was remaining in Weeton for the 50th anniversary

parades of VE Day, so Burma Company furnished a multiple for the deployment, under the command of Sergeant Lumber.

The Company had been given three weeks in which to conduct its POD. The first week was allocated to in camp training, concentrating on classroom work and weapon skills as well as fitness. Because of the availability of Lynx helicopters from Northern Ireland, training for the new skill of fast roping also took place in this week. The second week was spent in Catterick leaving the final week for administration. In hindsight this was not ideal and the favoured sequence of events would be to go away in the first week. This would firstly enable married soldiers to spend two full weeks with their families before deployment. But more importantly, in the final week the advance parties are already deploying and therefore it would have been convenient to be in camp for the second week of training to allow the administration to flow more smoothly. However, because of the availability of training areas and ranges the Company travelled to Wathgill in the second week to conduct its tactical elements of POD.

The Company arrived at Catterick to find bright sunshine, which was to remain with it for the rest of the week. The multiples deployed straight out onto the ground in order to practise their patrolling skills. One multiple went to Whinney Hill FIBUA village to refresh themselves on their urban contact drills, with members of Company HQ providing the terrorists. Due to the normal upheavals within the Battalion this was the first time that most of the teams were in the ORBAT in which they were to deploy, and consequently there were the team SOPs to iron out. The multiples rotated through Whinney Hill over two days and also practised minor aggro drills within Wathgill camp, although this had nothing to do with the members of The Princes Trust sharing the NAAFI.

On the range the Northern Ireland annual personal weapon test was fired by all ranks on their individual weapon. The use of the new Automatic Marking System complete with television monitor on the firing point, was of considerable assistance in the zeroing process. The GPMGs were balanced and nominated gunners fired their relative shoots, while most of the company fired the pistol.

A night orienteering exercise was organised by OC Hook, to be run at team level. Lieutenant Rhodes' multiple was victorious even with the devious attempts of Captain "Muttley" Vallings to influence the final result. This led straight into a rotation through stands on the final day. The multiples moved from a rural contact stand to a rummage in a wood, searching for three hides containing 9mm pistols. A route search over one kilometre with vulnerable points and culverts to check, was followed by vehicle drills and the final stand involved a vehicle check point coupled with an ECM attack. The hot weather

added to the proceedings and a few soldiers actually got sunburnt including the 2IC on his ear. Private Lodge had received a nasty head wound on the previous weekend from going to the aid of a lad being attacked by a gang of four youths. He had dispatched the assailants with fists and feet but had been assaulted with a bottle for his efforts. Unfortunately the wound reopened during the course of the day and

he was whisked off to The Duchess of Kent Military Hospital.

That concluded POD training and on returning to Weeton before falling out for a long weekend there was a quick Company muster. Major Lehmann informed the Company that in his eyes they were more than ready for their deployment to Northern Ireland.

EX HIGHLAND HOOK

Between June 1-5 all RAO/BHQ AGC (SPS) personnel plus the Command Clerk, Private Sephton, and the post NCO, Lance Corporal Chapman, abandoned their posts and headed for the Lake District. Five days were spent walking, climbing, cycling, canoeing (swimming) and abseiling, a very welcome break from the office.

Staff Sergeant Harwood, the Regimental Accountant, had organised the exercise and arranged an excellent programme with enthusiastic and keen instructors from the gym and 124 AYT.

Day one was basic instruction in canoeing, climbing and abseiling with the remainder of the time working

on the SC skills. Then a two day expedition followed, spending the night under canvas and everybody was assessed on their improvements in map reading from day one to day two, canoeing and climbing/abseiling skills with a prize awarded to the most improved student.

The weather was not perfect and on the first day of our expedition the visibility was so poor, less than 100ft, that it was too dangerous to walk in the afternoon and it was decided time would be better spent on a climbing wall. Everybody tried their hardest on the various climbs, resulting in plenty of skinned knees and tender hands.



Members of HQ Hook Company prepare to mount their assault on Scafell Pike

OFFICERS' MESS

The officers' mess has enjoyed a new lease of life as a result of our move to Weeton. Mess life largely went into hibernation for 1994 as a result of Kenya, Bosnia, Northern Ireland training and our move north. Having settled at last and with the prospect of an extended stay in the north west, this opportunity to restore the traditional Dukes mess atmosphere is

being seized with gusto. The mess occupies a modern style "ski-lodge" building which is light, airy and has the definite advantage of well proportioned rooms and a sensible layout. Having filled the mess with all our pictures, silver, Colours and other property, it is an impressive yet homely place and one in which we all take great pride. The Waterloo painting, acquired late

last year, occupies a prominent position in the hall alongside the Colours and the Waterloo medals. It is hoped that we will have the picture of the Alma before the anniversary of that battle on 20 September and it too will be displayed alongside the Crimea medals. The Bosnia statuette has been designed, will be produced this year, and will be inscribed with the names of all officers who deployed to Bosnia.

In addition to new carpets and some older furniture for the entrance hall, we have acquired, through service sources, a very impressive dining room table: gradually the "G Plan" is being replaced with sturdier and more character-filled items. Funds are being made available within the mess to improve some of our furnishings including coffee tables, lamps and cushions and this is continuing apace.

We have entertained several senior visitors, including Major General Ian Freer, GOC 5th Division. All the Bosnia award winners were hosted in the mess for coffee as wave after wave of reporters homed in on Corporal Mills for interviews. So far we

have had one "locals' lunch" to which local business people, neighbours, head teachers and so on were invited.

The living-in officers threw a weekend party in April - so styled because it lasted all weekend! A rather less lavish but equally enjoyable Italian evening later in April was a great success. In spite of the fact that we never have the complete mess available to attend functions due to our operational role, it still manages to host a large number of well attended functions. The "Roaring Twenties" evening in May was such an example.

So far we have had one small regimental guest night which saw the début of the Normandy band. The atmosphere in the mess is friendly and lives up to its role as a home to the living-in officers and a club for those living out. That this is the case is very much due to the unstinting efforts of Colour Sergeant Coles and the mess staff which has developed over the past few months into a thoroughly efficient, cheerful and conscientious team.

RUGBY

We have again failed in the army cup. Dukes rugby is still strong, we have a keen committed squad and the desire to WIN the cup remains. The season started late with our return from Bosnia and it was not until November that we could start proper training. Our early cup games saw big victories but a cruel draw during our NITAT package saw us narrowly beaten by 1 WG despite scoring two tries to one. The rest of the season has been disrupted with Northern Ireland training and our first deployments.

The season has however finished with a flourish and much groundwork has been done to take advantage of four years stability in Weeton. An early liaison with

Fylde RFC is proving productive. The aim is to get as many of the squad as possible playing civilian rugby. We have been offered a block membership of Fylde, use of their grounds and most importantly their coaching staff. We had a family barbecue and match against a Fylde A XV which proved an enjoyable day with a great game of rugby, we lost 28-22.

Next seasons fixture list will be based on civilian clubs, giving us hard and demanding rugby. We have a number of new players coming through and some talented young soldiers. So with a mixture of a stable base, good civilian rugby and some emerging talent we are in with a shout over the next few years.

FOOTBALL

Prior to going on leave there was just enough time to have a quick shake out in training before our first league game which was against 3(UK) Div Sig

Regiment. The Dukes won 5-1 which was extremely pleasing, them being immediate neighbours and a very large unit to select from. After leave we quickly



The football team: winners of the Wales and West District major units cup

Back row (left to right) Major (QM) Sykes, RSM Smith, Corporal Wilden, Sergeant Cole, Sergeant Jones, Lieutenant Colonel Hall, Sergeant Barrett, Corporal Goodhall, Corporal Schofield, Corporal Wood.

Front row (left to right) Private Daniels, Lance Corporal Alexander, Lance Corporal Gill, CSM Stead, Private Hird, Corporal Mower, Private Riddle, Corporal Clark, Corporal Ruff.



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knocked off the cobwebs and took up where we had left off with a quick succession of good results in the league that saw us sitting on the top. Sadly we were unable to complete all our league matches with the Armsplot move taking us off to Weeton.

Our first game in the army cup was against 3 RHA who travelled down from Catterick, the Dukes put on great display and won convincingly. The next round took us to Cambridge to meet 1 Cheshire the infantry champions, this was a fiercely fought match with neither side giving anything away, in the end they took their chances and beat us 2-0.

Wins against 1 A&SH and 1WFR followed by a bye in the fourth round saw us safely through to the semi-final of the infantry cup. Once again we were drawn against 1 Cheshire and once again we were away from

home, only this time at Ballykinler. On this occasion they were the much stronger side. They won and for the second year running went on to win the cup.

In our new home at Weeton and after two wins in friendly matches we were drawn against 30 Sig Regiment in the semi-final of the Wales & West District Cup, the team were on top form and won 5-1. The final was played on a nice sunny day at Fulwood Barracks against 2RRF. A typically hard fought infantry match ended with the Dukes winning 3-1 and therefore collecting some well deserved silver.

Considering the turbulence over the season we can be more than happy with our performances, we have the makings of a good strong squad with a nice mixture of senior players and younger ones showing promise.

3rd Battalion

Commanding Officer's Introduction

The summer season, as expected, proved to be very busy. What has been particularly satisfying is the way in which the links with the 1st Battalion have grown. These links are numerous, take many forms and undoubtedly provide testimony for having a regular and TA Battalion in the same Regiment. The same can be said of the DWR affiliated Cadet Detachments.

Annual camp at Lydd and Hythe in June and the VE weekend the month before were two highlights in this period. The former saw a multi-faced programme, including firing on the advanced Lydd and Hythe ranges, company tactical training, adventurous training, sports, a recruits cadre and the annual inter-platoon competition. In addition all had a R&R



The Colonel in Chief with Lieutenant Colonel T. C. S. Bonas, Captain J. H. Purcell and RSM B. J. Thomas

period with trips to London, southern England and Paris as well as for some, a two day battlefield tour of Normandy where the 6th and 7th Dukes fought in 1944. We were really pleased to host visits from the Colonel in Chief, the Colonel of the Regiment, Colonel Kings Division, our Commander and Deputy Commander of 15 (North East) Brigade and the secretary of the Yorkshire and Humberside TAVRA. We also had visits from Soldier magazine and the Halifax Courier.

The Battalion continues to do its best in the many competitions that exist. The placing of our teams in Brigade competitions reflect great credit and commitment on our soldiers and our team for the Nijmegen Marches achieved a high placing in the army's selection weekend for that event.

With effect from 1 April this year the Battalion, in time of war, would be placed under the direct command of the Allied Command Europe Rapid Reaction Corp, the ARRC as it is known. This is excellent news not least because the ARRC Commander is Lieutenant General Sir Michael Walker KCB, CBE, who is also our Honorary Colonel.



The Freedom of Barnsley

The Mayor, accompanied by the Colonel of the Regiment and Lieutenant Colonel Bonas inspects the 3rd Battalion contingent

'A' COMPANY

OC - Major I. Marshall
 2IC - Captain P. A. Davies
 CSM - WO2 I. Machin
 CQMS - Colour Sergeant M. Smith

1 Platoon

Lieutenant M. K. Hunter
 Sergeant A. G. Goddard

2 Platoon

WO2 N. Hinchcliffe
 Sergeant R. S. Pilley

3 Platoon

Lieutenant T. Carsley
 Colour Sergeant L. Whyke

Range Package at Annual Camp 1995

Our fortnight's in-camp training for this year was based at Napier Barracks in Folkestone. The programme for 'A' Company included a Battalion sports day, two days' adventure training, four days' field training using SAWES, a 36-hour Battalion inter-platoon competition, and one day's R&R. In addition, the CO had planned for each rifle company to go through a two day range package on the Hythe ranges.

Day one was devoted to grouping, zeroing, and Annual Personal Weapon Test (APWT). It ended with all who could group to APWT standard on the day (almost all the Company) passing their APWT. Even most of the CQMS party managed to slip out of camp to pass APWT.

Day two saw the Company split into three groups to use three separate range complexes: the urban patrolling range, the urban OP range, and the coathanger range.

Considering that we did not have any work-up training at all before going in for the first time, the teams did well. We were in a completely new environment, without having had the time to develop drills and SOPs to be used for urban activities.

The urban OP range was challenging, requiring constant vigilance, the instant identification of neutral or foe, the maintenance of arcs of observation during incidents, reporting up and down the chain of command, and OP team organisation.

Training Weekend at Proteus 19-21 May 1995

The most enjoyable and challenging part of our training is training in the field.

We assembled at our two TA centres in Barnsley and Rotherham and concentrated at Barnsley. We then set off to our drop-off point on the Proteus training area where 1 and 2 Platoons tabbed to their mutually-supporting hide positions for the night.

Saturday morning started with a non-tactical concentration of the Company for the day's activities. The programme commenced with Company volleyball under the PTI, followed by instruction in the use of the PRC 351 radio, and the teaching/revising about platoon harbours.

The Company 2IC and PSI then set up a fire team patrol lane which the platoons went through, with Company HQ providing enemy. The final activity of the day was recce patrolling.

The patrol commanders' debriefs on their return provided enough information about "enemy" forces for battle procedure to start for a dawn attack without delay. H-hour was at first light in our coniferous woods: 0400hrs. The mission was to clear the woods of enemy within boundaries. 'A' Company's CQMS party and elements of 3 DWR MG Platoon acted as enemy.

'B' COMPANY

OC - Major P. Buczko
 2IC - Captain D. Bentley
 CSM - WO2 J. Diamond
 CQMS - Colour Sergeant G. R. Moore

4 Platoon

Lieutenant P. A. Sherris
 Sergeant P. S. Battye

5 Platoon

Lieutenant I. McDonald
 Sergeant S. R. Williams

6 Platoon

Lieutenant C. Baron
 Colour Sergeant G. J. Roberts

Battalion Skill at Arms Meeting

Our two teams started with the 9mm pistol shoot, firing from different positions at varying ranges. Most competitors scored fifteen or more, out of a highest possible score (HPS) of twenty. We then moved onto the Henry Whitbread Cup, and found shooting whilst wearing a respirator hard to come to grips with. Next came the sprint and assemble SA80 shoot when parts of the weapon were laid out at varying distances, competitors had to assemble the weapon and fire at the end (providing they had assembled quickly enough and had sufficient time left). On the Light Support Weapon shoot our gunners came into their own.

By now points were beginning to add up and rumour control (Stats) had it that 'A' and 'B'

Companies were on equal scores, but the night and chain of command shoots were still to come.

We were back on the range for 2000hrs. Targets were illuminated by a light under the parapet. Once the amount of light had been reduced by operating the dimmer switch, the shoot went reasonably well.

The following morning saw the successful conclusion of the chain of command shoot followed by prize giving. Prizes were presented by the commander of 2 Division, Major General P. A. J. Cordingley of Gulf War fame. Private Jickells won the best Light Support Weapon prize and the 'B' Company 'A' team were the overall rifle meeting winners. Each winning team competitor received a small plaque and Major Buczko, the officer commanding 'B' Company, received the cup on behalf of the Company.



The Battalion SAAM

Major General P. A. J. Cordingley DSO, presents the prize for best SA 80 shot to WO2 (CSM) Braisby

Exercise "Chicken Supreme"

During the weekend 19-21 May 1995 'B' Company took part in exercise "Chicken Supreme". This was a survival exercise assisted by 23 SAS, and took place in Holcombe Moor area.

During the two Tuesdays prior to the weekend, members of 23 SAS visited 'B' Company to give lessons on basic survival equipment and techniques that would be required during the exercise. Soldiers then began to put together a personal survival tin containing such items as candles, waterproof matches, razor blades, snare wire, flints, wire saws, etc. In addition to this, lessons were given on the priorities of survival - shelter, warmth, water, food - and how best to go about them.

By the time the weekend arrived, everyone had a survival tin packed with luminous sharp gadgets that also doubled up as water carriers or fire lighters, and a knife big enough to hunt buffalo with. Armed with these the Company set off to Holcombe Moor.

The plan was that everyone would spend the night with their kit at Holcombe, and the next day it would be back loaded so that the survival exercise could take place. However, it did not quite work this way. Upon arrival at the camp, all were told to stay on the vehicle while accommodation was sorted out. This had the effect of making everyone suspicious, especially when a bivvi sight had been previously mentioned, and there was a sudden flurry on the vehicle where everyone suddenly wanted their kit right in front of them. It became painfully apparent as we sailed off through a back gate of camp that the program was about as honest as a Frenchman is to his wife.

While driving along, someone noticed the Company Commander's bergan on the vehicle, loaded with a myriad of colourful comfort aids. He apparently was not intending to suffer the same fate as that now awaiting everyone else. The only decent thing to do was to remove his large bag of bite-sized chocolates, and share them out.

When the SAS ambush took place everyone was forced on the floor. Then soldiers were dragged off one at a time and taken to an area where searching took place. All kit, including anything in pockets was removed while the subject still faced the ground. By this time several had decided to hide a few essential items about their body. Sergeant Batty, who for some reason always seems to know the score, was found with photocopied maps for the area between Skipton and Halifax. This area just happened to be the area that we were secretly really using, and it upset the SAS to say the least.

Following the search everyone was loaded back onto the vehicle, face down, and driven for some time to another location. Once there it was off again and onto the ground. The SAS then proceeded to drag people off one at a time for 'interrogation'. The vast majority of junior soldiers was taken in by this friendly chit-chat, and instead of giving the 'big four', they gave their life stories. Several spelt the unusual Polish name of the Company Commander for them, and virtually all signed their names at some point.

Having dragged off the Platoon Commander, who was busy being nobody and answering nothing at this point, and had even removed his rank slides and beret, one SAS soldier became rather pleased with himself at spotting a regimental watch strap. They rambled about this for some time, not noticing the regimental flash staring him in the face that all Dukes now carry on the arms of their combat jackets!

Just as the cold was really beginning to set in, sand bags were put over everyone's heads, and groups of four were led away. After some distance, doubling back, wandering in no particular direction, we arrived at a place that can best be described as nowhere.

The scenario was now revealed; we had been captured and taken behind enemy lines, but had been rescued by partisans! The partisans came in the form of the Company Commander and the PSI. We were given a jet pack that contained a bayonet complete with scabbard, a map, map case, compass, torch and some green string. The PSI pointed to our location, just outside Skipton, and informed us of the first rendezvous that we should make, where an agent would be waiting. We were off....

At some point the next morning after around 15 miles, all groups arrived at the final rendezvous. It was here that they would build shelters, cook food etc, and receive survival lessons from the SAS.

These lessons included interrogation, shelter building, finding water, making fire, navigation, trapping, butchery and foraging. Time was allowed for groups to begin building shelters, preparing the fish and chickens that were provided, and start building a fire for cooking. At around midnight the groups set off again, continuing the scenario of trying to get back to friendly territory. The final RV was a reservoir on the edge of Halifax. Upon arrival it was clear that the exercise had by no means finished. Several barrels, a few planks and some lashings told an all too familiar story; we had to get across a part of the reservoir before reaching safety.

Having got across, we loaded up and once back at Halifax were each given a breakfast big enough to feed a platoon.

Exercise "Chicken Supreme" was informative, interesting and certainly improved our night navigation skills. Exercises of its kind test the mental robustness of all ranks, from officers and SNCOs to junior ranks, and definitely reveal the true characters of people like range work can never do.

The Inter Platoon Competition

This year's competition was again different and enjoyable. It was designed to test all from the platoon commander to the private soldier on their personal skills and command ability. The scenario was that of a composite company in Bosnia engaged in a United Nations peace keeping role. Each company formed a platoon to a laid down order of battle, the company headquarters being found from within the Battalion. Directing staff came from 1 DWR to run the six stands which took approximately six hours each to complete.

Deployment began with a set of orders being given covering what was expected to happen over the next few hours. The platoon was ordered to have compulsory rest. We were woken at 'daft' o'clock and told to muster on the Battalion parade ground where we were given a thorough kit check before boarding 4 tonners. We moved in convoy to our base of operations at which we arrived just as the sun came up.

Patrolling was our first task. We moved off on a short patrol carrying full equipment. The weather was hot and soon we were all sweating like the proverbial pig. Eventually we arrived and set up a patrol 'hide'. We set up two OPs. Not long afterwards one OP reported seeing a group of men carrying what looked like a rocket launcher which was moving towards a small village. A patrol was despatched to intercept

and prevent the weapon from being used against the local populace. With tactful and careful negotiation the task was achieved.

The quick reaction force task involved splitting the platoon into three groups: the first on immediate notice to move, the next on a slightly less state of readiness and the third resting. Before long the first group had to react to a reported explosion. The second group then moved to immediate notice. On arrival at the scene the first group saw many casualties and called for back up, and assessed a treatment and evacuation plan which was put into motion as soon as possible. During the evacuation to the regimental aid post we 'lost' one casualty through inexperience or carelessness.

Convoy and escort was a military skill we had not been taught and therefore it was one of the hardest stands. However, applying common sense we did have some success. We were escorting two UN Bedford on a narrow dirt road when we arrived at a road block. We closed the vehicles right up nose to tail and

dismounted. The irregulars manning the road block wanted food and cigarettes to allow us through. These were not forthcoming so there was an impasse. It was obvious that we were not going to get past so we decided to go around. As we were reversing the vehicles the last one in line was hit by what we thought to be a RPG 7 round. We pushed the damaged vehicle off the track, completed the manoeuvre and took an alternative route to base without further incident.

Base camp protection was one of the skills we had practised during our home defence role days many times. There were several incidents including a mortar attack and a sniper shoot, these were dealt with without too many problems.

The assault was the grand finale to the competition, enjoyed by all. We carried out all the traditional moves: debussing at a drop off point, moving to and lining up on a line of departure and moving over open ground under cover of smoke and high explosive mortar fire, taking our respective enemy objectives, clearing the enemy position and reorganising.

'C' COMPANY

OC - Major R. Bramham
 2IC - Captain A. J. Greenside
 CSM - WO2 S. A. Routh
 CQMS - Colour Sergeant L. L. F. Robinson

7 Platoon

2nd Lieutenant C. Cadogan
 Sergeant D. A. Bentley

8 Platoon

Lieutenant T. Johnston
 Sergeant C. R. Bamforth

9 Platoon

Colour Sergeant A. Kendall
 Colour Sergeant D. Squair

Patrols Exercise

The aim of the weekend was that 'C' Company patrols would deploy to an area where it was thought terrorist groups were active. Whilst waiting for intelligence, the patrols would carry out training for a general war scenario.

On Friday night 7, 8 and 9 platoons (9 platoon being recruit training platoon) established a patrol hide after a tab of about 3kms. Each patrol was approximately eight strong. In the early hours of Saturday morning, a BATCO message was broadcast advising where and when to report for further orders. This RV was approximately 2kms away.

After feeding, the patrols practised patrolling skills such as 'actions on', formations and anti ambush drills. This was followed by a skills circuit which included:-

AFV recognition (under tactical conditions)

Aircraft recognition (an introduction)

Bayonet practice

Battle handling exercise which included the use of the bayonet.

Late in the afternoon the OC gave orders for a reconce patrol to the section commanders.

Intelligence from local farmers seemed to suggest a terrorist cell was hiding in some remote and disused farm buildings some 3 or 4km to our west.

Whilst orders were being prepared, the soldiers took part in an orienteering exercise to refresh map reading skills and to include fitness in the weekend training.

After the evening meal the patrols established a different patrol hide from where orders were issued. Final checks and rehearsals preceded rest whilst we waited for nightfall. Two of the patrols returned after completing a successful mission. However, one patrol was able to sneak close enough to establish the enemy was much stronger than first thought.

Once all patrols were re-established in their hides, further orders were sent by BATCO: the patrols were to extract on foot to waiting transport 6kms south. Breakfast also awaited the blokes at this RV.

Annual Camp 1995 - Folkestone Platoon Field Training

During the first week of camp, the platoon was given free reign for four days to conduct training in the field. The location was Mereworth Woods, about an hour from Napier Barracks. The official aim of the exercise was to revise old skills and introduce one or two new ones.

After a simulated mortar attack, the day began with battle prep, and section attacks, continuing until midday when SAWES kit was introduced. This was used to good effect in the afternoon's battle handling exercise (BHE), where a 'fighting patrol' came under fire from the enemy causing several surprised faces when people started bleeping left, right and centre!

During the next 24 hours, there were more harbour drills, more orders, more reconce patrols and more ants which covered everything! We also managed to squeeze in a navigation exercise, testing both map reading and military skills, and some wood clearance culminating in a very enjoyable BHE.

The final 24 hours was the OC's exercise, based on the scenario already in use, of terrorists converging on the area to make a weapons drop. This consisted of *more* orders and recces, and a dawn attack using SAWES kit. This time casualties were kept low,

showing that lessons learnt had been remembered.

The final phase of the exercise involved an ambush, and a wood clearance investigating a possible arms cache, both of which went very well.



The Lord Lieutenant of West Yorkshire, Mr. John Lyles, CBE, JP, BSc, presented Lord Lieutenant Certificates at Huddersfield on 21 March 1995. Among the recipients was Corporal Glynn Taylor of 'C' Company 3 DWR.

HQ COMPANY

- OC - Major S. Boocock
- CSM - WO2 D. Braisby
- CQMS - Colour Sergeant M. A. Joel

Bn Sp Gp

- OC - Captain D. K. Rhodes
- 2IC - WO2 J. H. Stevenson

OC Recce Platoon

- Captain R. P. Wytthe

OC SF Platoon

- Captain D. Curran

OC Assault Pioneers

- WO2 A. A. Nanney

OC Sniper Platoon

- Captain P. Reaney

Battalion Shooting Team

At the beginning of February the Battalion shooting team started training in readiness for the DIVSAAM. In April we spent five days at Catterick, covering all aspects of the competition, LSW (Gun) Match, Para Cup, Whitehead, FIBUA, Association

Match, practices 3 and 4, Sniper Pairs and Falling Plates.

Teams comprise one officer, three 'A' soldiers, three 'B' soldiers and one young soldier. The LSW match is one 'A' and one 'B' class soldier with the sniper pair being two trained snipers.

After the Catterick week the team went down to Strensall and took part in the Whitehead demonstration for the GOC and Battalion. The demonstration went well.

On 12 May the team drove up to Whitburn training camp and the gallery ranges to spend seven days putting the final touches to the training.

The DIVSAAM was held at Strensall from 19-21 May 1995. The first match was the Henry Whitehead Trophy, which was won by Lance Corporal Hallas with a maximum score. At the end of the FIBUA we were lying 3rd overall, with three soldiers in the top thirty. However we had a poor LSW match, so at the end of the day we had dropped to 5th place.

On Sunday, our first match was the sniper pairs, introduced for the first time this year. We have built

up an exceptionally strong talented sniper section within the Battalion, and here was our chance to show our worth. We entered two pairs and took the sniper pairs competition!

The next match was the Para Cup, which last year all but one team had failed to complete. The run was over 1.6 of a mile in full kit carrying weapons, to be completed in fifteen minutes. One second late and you failed to shoot, what's more you finished with minus points. We came 6th in the Para Cup which held our overall place of 5th out of 32 major and minor units.

The final match was the falling plates. We had four good runs finally being knocked out by 7 LI the event winners.

Our position means that we should have qualified for Bisley (to be confirmed).

3 DWR Shooting Team

Para Cup, Whitehead, FIBUA		Falling Plate	Sniper Pairs	LSW Team
Capt Wyithe	Pte Mullens	Capt Wyithe	Cpl Wall	Capt Wyithe
Cpl Wall	Pte Taylor	Cpl Wall	Cpl Skibinski	Pte Miles
Cpl Skibinski	Pte Miles	Cpl Skibinski	Cpl Barnard	
LCpl Hallas	Pte Wilson	LCpl Hallas	Pte Taylor	

Reserve Forces Association (UK) Military Skills Competition

This year members of 3 DWR took part in the Reserve Forces Association (RFA) Military Skills Competition for the first time. The competition is an annual event open to members of the UK and overseas reserve forces.

The inclusion of teams from other selected nations makes this a truly international event, giving reservists from all over the world the opportunity to meet, compete and exchange ideas.

The team of four came from the Machine Gun Platoon and consisted of Sergeant Yates, Corporals Johnson and Hague, and Private White.

In all some 27 teams participated, the majority of which was from TA units such as ourselves, however representatives from as far afield as Belgium and Luxembourg also took part.

With sixteen stands in all (ranging from fitness, shooting, weapons handling, first aid and NBC to manoeuvring a fork lift truck!), the competition was anything but straightforward, and required teams to be able to use their initiative as well as their skills.

Nevertheless, and despite it being our first attempt, the team came home with an excellent third place result and a personal commendation from the chairman of the RFA committee.

BATTLEFIELD TOUR TO FONTENAY-LE-PESNEL

Almost 51 years to the day, twenty members of the 3rd Battalion of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment visited the battlefield at Fontenay-Le-Pesnel, where their predecessors of the 6th and 7th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment and the Hallamshire Battalion of the York and Lancaster Regiment had fought so gallantly, earning them a Battle Honour.

The tour began on 22 June when the party left Napier Barracks and travelled to Normandy via the Dover/Calais ferry. The journey became eventful towards the end of the day when the party stopped for supper in the small town of Beuzeville and it appeared that the town and the local band had turned out to greet us. After a marvellous meal and several bottles of good French claret, the journey began again. We finally arrived at our hotel in Bayeux at 1am.

By 8am we were ready to begin the tour. Mr. Don Scott (Curator of the York and Lancaster Museum) was our guide for the day.

The tour started poignantly at the Commonwealth War Cemetery at Bayeux. It was among the rows of granite head stones that it became apparent what a

hard fight the battle around Normandy must have been. From the cemetery we made our way to Arramanches to the sight of the British Mulberry Harbour. It was an eerie sight to still be able to see the huge concrete cassions far out to sea which had been made of rubble that had come from London during the Blitz.

From Arramaches we travelled to Ver Sur Mer, one of the Sword invasion beaches, where our predecessors had landed. We then followed the exact routes the Dukes and Hallamshires had taken 51 years ago. This took us to Rucqueville, a farm where the Hallamshires spent its first night in France, and then to Audrieu where the Hallamshires had its first baptism of fire. Here, time was spent comparing wartime photographs Don Scott had handed out, with the current village. From here we made our way on to Fontenay, passing the château where the bodies of fourteen Canadians of the Regina Rifles had been found by the Hallamshires after they had been executed by Russian soldiers serving in the German army.



Fontenay Le Pesnel: the members of the tour party

We finally found ourselves in the village of Fontenay. Here we abandoned our vehicles and made our way on foot in and around the village taking the route the Dukes and Hallamshires had taken during the battle. Amongst the quiet and serene streets of this small village, it was almost impossible to envisage that such a ferocious battle had taken place and so many men had lost their lives. Apart from one or two bullet holes pitted into the stone of the houses there were no obvious signs of the battle. As we passed through the centre of the village and climbed a slight hill towards the church, we saw the view of Fontenay that is painted on the mural in the ballroom at Endcliffe Hall. It was here that Don Scott explained that the crosses that surround the mural represent each life of the Hallamshires lost during the battle.

From the village we made our way out towards Tessel Wood where the Hallamshires finally came to a halt at the end of the battle, and where the Battalion spent three weeks dug in before moving on to its next objective, Vendes. Here too there was no obvious sign of a battle, just fields full of crops, but poignantly, a large amount of red poppies scattered throughout the fields. However, it was here that eagle eyed WO2 Machin spotted a live .303 rounded embedded in the embankment, on the base of the round the date 1943 was stamped.

After leaving Tessel Wood we boarded our vehicles and made our way to 49th Divisional Memorial and another Commonwealth war cemetery. In stark

contrast, there were also the graves of German soldiers in the cemetery. Unlike the Commonwealth headstones they were of different shape and had no inscriptions from family or regimental crests, merely a name, a date of birth and a date of death.

On leaving the cemetery we made our way to the farm of St. Nicholas where the 7th Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment gained a historic battle honour. It was hard to believe that such a fierce battle had raged around what is now such a peaceful spot.

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Shooting

We continue to do well in all shooting competitions. At the County SAAM in April the companies teams won the Service Rifle Team Championships, the Section Match, the Best Female Team Match, the Best Female Individual and the Senior Individual. The results of this last competition were Bombardier Bower of Allerton detachment who gained 1st place and also won the Championship shot, and Lance Corporal Hickman of Keighley who won 2nd place. In the Target Rifle Championships in May the company teams did well with Corporal Shaw of Halifax Detachment being the individual winner and Corporal Ayscough, also of Halifax, coming 2nd. Lieutenant John Johnson of Halifax detachment won the Officers and Adult Competition. Following our success in the County SAAM and Target Rifle meetings, Cadets represented the county in the 15 Brigade SAAM and Corporal Ayscough of Halifax detachment won the Individual Service Rifle Competition. Earlier in the year we entered a Fullbore team in the Earl Roberts Competition. This is a national competition which had 61 teams entering this year and our team of W/Cadet Sergeant Greenlee, Corporal Ayscough, Lance Corporal Hickman and Bombardier Bower won the trophy which is displayed at our county headquarters in Strensall. Lance Corporal Hickman of Keighley detachment went through to the 2nd round of the National Cadet 100 Competition and he is the first ever 'D' Company cadet to gain his Cadet 100 badge.

Athletics

At the County athletics meeting in early May, cadets represented the Company in all events and gained eight gold, seventeen silver and twenty four bronze medals. This resulted in ten cadets going forward to the 15 (NE) Brigade Championships at Middlesborough in June which saw us gaining four gold, seven silver and six bronze medals. L/Bombardier McLuckie of Odsal detachment came 1st in the long jump and W/Corporal Thewlis of Huddersfield detachment won the discus.

Presentation at St. James's Palace

Cadet CSM Johanna Lynch of Huddersfield detachment was invited to take part in a National Army Cadet Force Association presentation to HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, Ministry of Defence and Ministerial officers at St. James's Palace in London and her account of the events is given below.

"On 25 May 1995 a presentation took place at St. James's Palace, London. The host of this gathering was General Sir Peter de la Billière. Prestigious guests included, The Duke of Edinburgh, Princess Alexandra and General Michael Rose.

The reason I was able to take part in this impressive presentation was that the whole event was about the Army Cadet Force.

The purpose of the evening was to make people more aware of the Army Cadet Force and to show what the ACF can do for young people.



Lieutenant Colonel T. J. Isles, the Regimental Secretary, handing over The Duke of Wellington's prize to the first winners, Keighley 'A' team. The trophy is to be competed for annually by DWR badged cadets taking part in the National ACF Cadet Hundred Small Bore competition.

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Senior cadets were selected from counties all over the United Kingdom. There were cadets from Surrey, Lancashire, Yorkshire, Northern Ireland and many other counties. The entertainment for the evening was supplied by two pipers from Wick near John O'Groats in Scotland.

After the presentation by the ACFA, the guests were able to talk to all of us either at the various stands mounted around the palace giving information about adventurous training, and the many cadet detachments up and down the country, or people were able to talk to us more personally in the reception hall. A lot of people not only wanted to know about the skills I had acquired and my personal experiences through the ACF, but also qualities I felt I had gained because of my time as an army cadet. The evening was a great success."



Cadet CSM Johanna Lynch: Huddersfield Detachment

H.M.S. IRON DUKE

With three weeks of leave behind them HMS Iron Duke's ship's company returned to Devonport dockyard. The delights of oggies at stand easy, banter with Jan Dockey, Union Street and the Barbican all awaited the unsuspecting sailor. Although we were the 3rd Escort nominated for duty as the towed array pool ship (or TAPS), no one really thought we would ever be sailed! But on 1 May we were ordered to sea for operational tasking with no known return date. The ship's company to a man responded magnificently: stripped engines were reconstructed with most of the bits in place, scaffolding was removed, holes were welded, most of the tiles were replaced and even some food was embarked.

The next few weeks were a busy but professionally rewarding period in which everything that was asked of us was achieved to the best of our ability. A return date was eventually agreed though regrettably this was only to provide a short mid week weekend before departing once more for the sunnier climes of the Iberian sea areas and exercise "Linked Seas 95". "Linked Seas" was a major exercise designed to work up a NATO group of ships prior to a theoretical

planned deployment to an area of conflict. For most it was a first chance to work with the Spanish navy, and to re-establish the traditional links forged by our namesake Duke in the Peninsula Wars. For two weeks the ship honed slightly rusty skills in anti air warfare, anti submarine operations and the combating of other surface vessels. Opposition was provided by a host of allied nations and included a very impressive force of fast patrol craft from Germany. The period of "Linked Seas" also provided an opportunity for the ship to conduct class trials with a Sea King Helicopter of 810 Naval Air Squadron instead of our normal Lynx. This large and powerful aircraft worked well and offers great potential for future operations in these versatile ships.

Iron Duke returned to Devonport for a slightly longer break and further maintenance on 8 June. The future remains varied and interesting with visits to Northern Ireland and Hull planned over the next month as well as further operational periods of exercising at Portland and in escorting the Royal Yacht during Her Majesty's summer cruise of the Western Isles of Scotland.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

From: Mr. D. E. G. Emery, DCM, BEM
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The Editor
The 'Iron Duke'

I cannot express in words how pleased I am to receive the 'Iron Duke'. Not only does it keep one in touch with the Regiment, but it also gives news of people I served with in World War II.

I attended the London Branch dinner for the second year running and am getting to know some of the party from Yorkshire who most certainly keep the party going. I also saw Mr. Beckett, who was with me in that hell on earth, called Anzio. He was taken prisoner there so likes to know the 1st Battalion news what happened after he left. As a 76 year old with

arthritis in my leg I find that London is about my limit for travelling.

When I was with the 1st Battalion as a sergeant I made many friends. I must say the officers did a very good job. Some of the names I remember are Lieutenant Colonel Webb-Carter, Major Huskisson, Captains Oliver and Wimpenny, Lieutenants Hoyle and Sullivan and my company commander Captain Burns, with whom I keep in touch.

As a result of my photograph appearing in a recent issue of the "Iron Duke" I was contacted by Mrs. Burton, the widow of Dick Burton VC. She told me that Dick often talked about our time together and how, on one occasion, I saved his life. He was my platoon runner and like everyone else I was very proud of him when he was awarded the VC for his bravery at Mont Ceko.

Yours sincerely,
Douglas Emery

THE REGIMENTAL MEDAL COLLECTION

There are 1214 medals, including those in groups, in the Regimental medal collection. The great majority is held in the Regimental Museum at Bankfield, with others in the officers' and sergeants' messes of the 1st Battalion. The trustees of the Regimental Museum have given much thought to how best to display the medals in the museum. Ideally they should be displayed in a separate room, but there is insufficient space at Bankfield to permit this. For the moment they are kept in special cabinets in the storeroom. The Regiment has recently obtained a grant in aid from the Yorkshire and Humberside Museums and Arts Council to assist in improving their layout and at the same time make them more readily available for inspection by those who are interested.

The Regiment is indebted to Mr. Cyril Ford for a comprehensive catalogue of the medals. The record he prepared provides an alphabetical list of recipients, details of their medals and the location. A second list records all orders, decorations and medals held, with details of the recipients. The Regiment also possesses copies of the medal rolls relating to the 33rd for Waterloo, the Crimea war and the Abyssinia expedition and the rolls of the 76th for the 1st and 2nd Mahratta wars and the two campaigns it undertook in northern Spain in 1808-09 and 1813-14.

Campaign medals make up the greater proportion of the collection. However, there is also a large number of awards for gallantry, including the VCs of Private J. Bergin and Captain H. Kelly, five DSOs, thirteen DCMs, fifteen MCs, thirty one MMs and one Albert medal. Among other medals in the collection are sixty one LS&GC.

The first general issue campaign medal was issued for the Waterloo campaign.

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WATERLOO

Only ten days after the battle of Waterloo the Duke wrote to the Duke of York, the commander-in-chief: *"I would likewise beg leave to suggest to your Royal Highness the expediency of giving to the non-commissioned officers and soldiers, engaged in the battle of Waterloo, a medal. I am convinced it would have the best effect on the army; and if that battle should settle our concerns, they will well deserve it."*

On 23 April 1816 the issue of the medal was authorised. The medal was granted to all who had served in the theatre, even though they took no part in the battle. However, Lieutenant Colonel Keith Elphinstone, commanding the 33rd, applied his own rules. As a result no less than sixty eight medals were returned to the Mint. As far as he was concerned only those who had stood in the square at Quatre Bras and Waterloo were entitled to the medal. This is clear from the remarks given in the medal roll. Thus the names of twenty batmen were annotated "Batman - not in action".

The medal roll of the 33rd contains 581 names. The Regiment owns thirty seven medals. Included among them is a gold Waterloo medal of the Duke of Wellington, which was presented to the officers' mess by Maud, Duchess of Wellington in 1937.

PENINSULAR GOLD MEDAL 1808-1809

In 1810 a gold medal was authorised to commemorate the victories in the Peninsular during

the years 1808-1809. Later eligibility was widened to include subsequent battles. The medal was issued in two sizes, the larger for general officers and the smaller for commanding officers or those who succeeded to them during an engagement due to death or removal of the original commander. The gold medal of Major J. Covell, with the bar Corunna, is in the collection.

MILITARY GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL 1806-1814

A few years after the award of the Waterloo medal the Duke of Richmond asked that a medal might be awarded to those who fought in the Peninsular campaigns. This was strenuously opposed by the Duke of Wellington, of all people, when the matter was discussed in the House of Lords on 21 July 1845. In 1846 the Duke of Richmond went direct to the Queen and she authorised it by order dated 1 June 1847. Twenty eight bars were authorised including for Corunna, Nivelles and Nive at all of which the 76th had taken part.

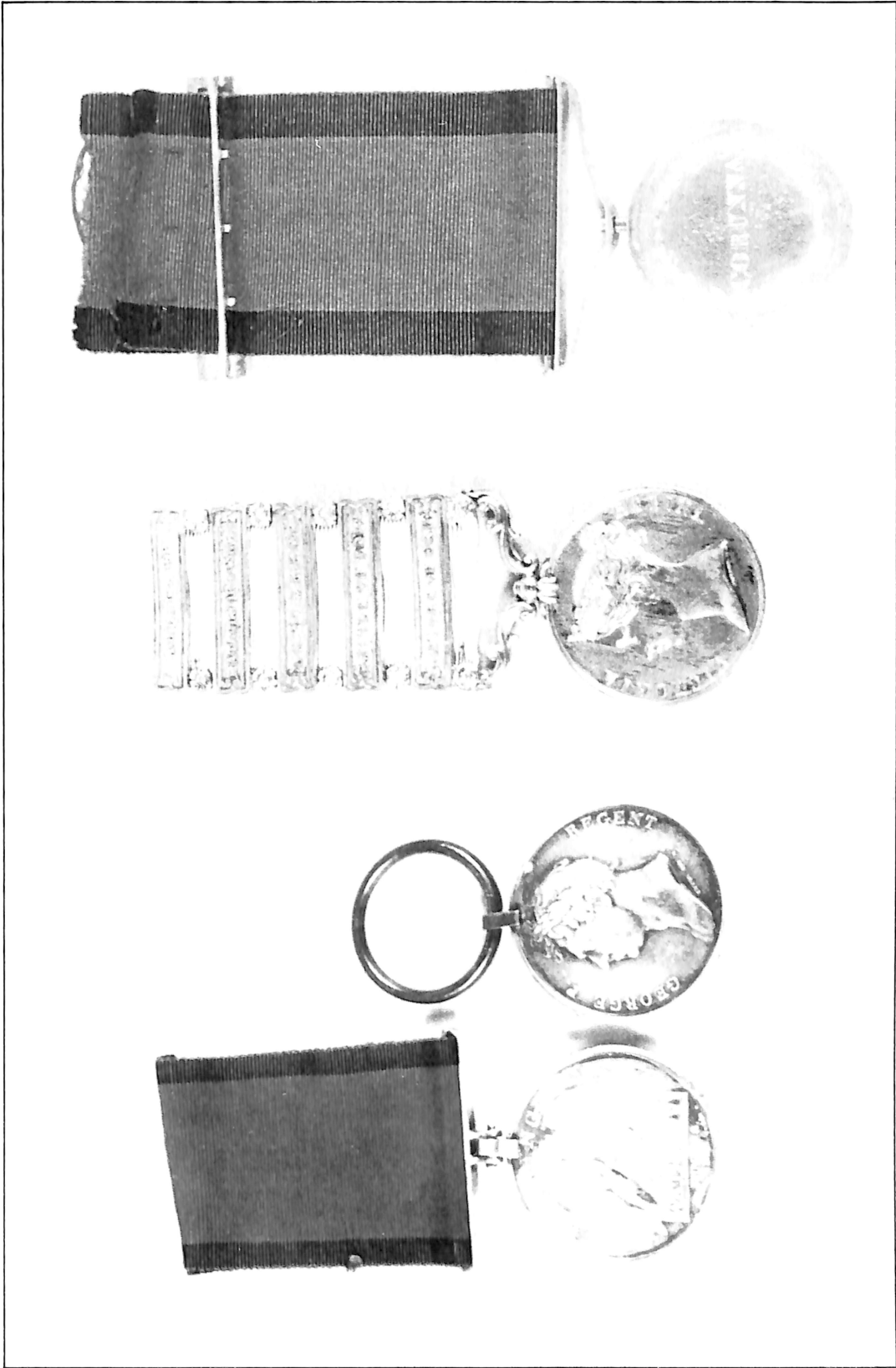
One hundred and sixty seven medals were awarded to the survivors of the 76th. Nineteen are owned by the Regiment of which five have all three bars.

EAST INDIA COMPANY'S GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL 1799-1826 (THE ARMY OF INDIA MEDAL)

In 1850, as a result of agitation, the bar "Egypt (1801)" was authorised for the Military General Service medal. This undoubtedly led to the demand for an Army of India medal. On 14 April 1851 the governor general of India announced that the Queen had been pleased to assent to the proposition of the Court of Directors of the East India Company, that a medal be issued to the troops that took part in the campaigns, battles and sieges in India between 1799 and 1826. Bars could be added to the medal for each of 21 battles/sieges. Members of the 76th were eligible for the medal if they had been present at Allighur, Delhi, Leswaree, the battle of Deig or the capture of Deig. In view of the time that had elapsed since those battles had been fought only thirty two survivors of the 76th claimed the medal. The maximum number of bars that could be claimed by members of the 76th was five. One of the four members of the Regiment eligible for five bars was Sergeant Sillman, whose medal is in the Regimental Museum. The Regiment also possesses three other Army of India medals, one with four bars and two with three bars.

CRIMEA

The order for the issue of a medal was made in December 1854. Only two bars were authorised, namely those for Alma and Inkerman. In February 1855 a bar for Balaclava was sanctioned and in October the same year one for Sebastopol, the latter to all those soldiers who had been present at the operations between 1 October 1854 and 9 September 1855. The medal roll of the 33rd Regiment shows that 1303 members of it were awarded the medal. Of these 62 are in possession of the Regiment. Seventeen members of the 33rd are recorded as entitled to the bar Balaclava and four of these are in the collection. However, the Regimental histories and other records contain no reference to any member of the Regiment being present at the battle. Perhaps they were among



The Waterloo Medal

The Army of India Medal
awarded to Sergeant Sillman 76th Regiment

The Peninsular Gold Medal
awarded to Major J. Covell 76th Regiment

those who, it is stated "*received bars for battles at which they were not present, owing to the lax way in which they were issued*".

Turkish medal for the Crimea

The Sultan of Turkey issued a medal to the British, French and Sardinian soldiers and sailors who took part in the war. Owing to the wreck of the ship conveying the majority of the British medals others were issued indiscriminately. As a consequence many received the French and Sardinian versions of the medal. The regimental medal collection contains thirty Turkish Crimea medals.

Sardinian medal for the Crimea

The King of Sardinia conferred a medal on 400 selected officers, NCOs and men of the British army. Seven members of the 33rd received the medal, but there are none in the Regimental collection.

French medal for valeur et discipline

Another medal was that given by the French Emperor to 500 NCOs and men for distinguished gallantry. Nine members of the 33rd were granted the medal. There are none in the collection.

INDIAN MUTINY

A medal for services during the Indian Mutiny (1857-8) was authorised on 18 August 1858. It was the last medal given by the Honourable East Company, which shortly afterwards ceased to exist. The 33rd was deployed in small detachments in western India. Because it had not taken part in the operations as a regiment its members were, much to their disgust, denied the medal. Three companies did, however, join the Central India Field Force, which accounts for the two Indian mutiny medals in the collection. Both have the bar "Central India January to June 1858".

ABYSSINIA

Eight hundred and sixty two members of the 33rd Regiment received the medal awarded to all troops engaged in the Abyssinia campaign between 4 October 1867 and 19 April 1868. There are sixty one Abyssinia medals in the Regimental collection.

MATABELELAND 1893 AND RHODESIA 1896

In 1896 permission was given to the Chartered Company of South Africa to issue a medal to the troops engaged in Matabeleland in 1893; and in 1897 to all those who took part in the operations in Rhodesia in 1896. It was the first issue of a medal by a private company since the days of the Honourable East India Company. The design of both medals was the same, with the exception of the name and date of the expedition on the reverse.

One company of the 2nd Battalion took part in the Matabeleland campaign. The medal roll lists fifty four names. Of these five are held in the collection.

In 1896 the equivalent of three companies took part in the expedition against the rebels in Rhodesia. Two hundred and sixty eight members of the Battalion were awarded the medal. There are forty one of them in the collection.

SOUTH AFRICA 1899-1902

Two medals were issued for the war known as the "Queen's" and "King's" South Africa medals respectively. The Queen's covered the period from 11 October 1899 and 31 May 1902. Twenty six bars were authorised with the medal. In October 1902 King

Edward VII approved a second medal being granted to all those serving in South Africa after 1 January 1902, provided they had completed eighteen months service on that date.

All Battalions of the Regiment were represented in the war. The 1st Battalion formed part of the Expeditionary Force, the 2nd Battalion, then stationed in Burma, sent a mounted infantry company, the 3rd (Militia) Battalion served in South Africa throughout the campaign and the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th Volunteer Battalions supplied three successive composite companies as reinforcements to the 1st Battalion.

The names on the Queen's medal rolls numbered 2,099 regulars, 730 militia and 289 volunteers. A total of 131 medals are held, many of them with four or five bars. The number awarded the King's medal were 871 regulars and 426 militia. Seventy of the King's medal are in the collection.

FIRST WORLD WAR

Four medals were conferred for service in the first world war. They were the 1914 Star, the 1914-15 Star, the British War medal and the Victory medal.

The 1914 Star (The Mons Star)

The star was awarded to all troops who served under Lord French in France or Belgium from the outbreak of war (4 August 1914) to midnight 22/23 November 1914. The 2nd Battalion was the only Battalion of the Regiment to serve in France during the qualifying period. There are eighteen Mons Stars in the collection.

The 1914-15 Star

It was awarded to those not entitled to the Mons Star and who served in any theatre of war between 5 August 1914 and 31 December 1915. There are sixty nine medals in the collection.

British War Medal

Authorised on 16 July 1919 "to all who either entered a theatre of war on duty, or, left their places of residence and rendered approved services overseas between 5 August 1914 and 11 November 1818". The Regiment has 126 medals in its collection.

Victory Medal

Awarded in recognition of the services rendered by His Majesty's forces in theatres of war since 5 August 1914. The medal is identical in design with those issued by the allies and associated powers for service in the war, and thus obviated the interchange of commemorative war medals between the allies. Under Army Order 3 of 1920, an oak leaf was authorised to be worn on the ribbon of the medal by all personnel of the expeditionary forces who had been mentioned one or more times in official despatches during the war. There are 119 medals in the collection.

INDIAN GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL 1908-1935

In 1919 the 1st Battalion, which had been stationed in India throughout the first world war, took part in the 3rd Afghan war. The members of the Battalion were awarded the medal with the bar "Afghanistan 1919". There are twenty two of these medals in the collection.

In 1935 the 2nd Battalion was stationed in the North West Frontier of India and took part in the Loe Agra and Mohmand campaigns. They were awarded the medal with the bar "NWF 1935 and ten of the medals are in the collection".

SECOND WORLD WAR

The vastness of the global war resulted in the issue of campaign stars and war medals on an unprecedented scale. The following are represented in the Regimental collection: the War Medal (33), the 1939-45 Star (22), the Africa Star (9), the Italy Star (9), the France and Germany Star (5), the Burma Star (2),

the Pacific Star (2), the Atlantic Star (1) and the Defence Medal (40). There is a number of interesting combinations in the collection, but none more so than that of Private W. H. Kennedy who included among his medals not only the Africa, Atlantic and Pacific Stars, but also the Mons Star (5 August - 22 November 1914).

THE SECOND LIEUTENANT COLONELS OF THE 33rd AND 76th REGIMENTS AND OF THE 1st AND 2nd BATTALIONS OF THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S (WEST RIDING REGIMENT)

It was not until the early years of the 20th century that formations, such as brigades and divisions, existed during peace time. Prior to that they were only formed in war time and then only after the regiments had arrived in the theatre of war. Because of this it was almost invariably necessary to take away a regiment's three senior officers (the colonel, the lieutenant colonel and the major) to fill senior command and staff appointments. A good example is the experience of the 76th in the third Mysore war. In the campaign of 1791 the colonel (Sir Thomas Musgrave) commanded the infantry, the lieutenant colonel (George Harris) was the military secretary to the commanding general, and the major (Alexander Ross) was on the staff of the Bengal army. As a result the Regiment was commanded by its senior captain (Robert Shaw). In order to overcome the problems thus created it was ordered, in 1793, that each regiment would have a second lieutenant colonel and a second major when on active service. The purpose of this article is to identify the second lieutenant colonels of the 33rd/1st Battalion and the 76th/2nd Battalion.

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THE 33rd REGIMENT

The Napolconic Wars

John Sherbrooke was appointed the second lieutenant colonel of the 33rd Regiment on 1 March 1793, six months before Arthur Wellesley assumed command. In 1794 the Regiment was sent to Holland and in the ensuing campaign Sherbrooke commanded the Regiment in the absence of Wellesley who was in command of a brigade. In 1799 the 33rd took part in the Fourth Mysore war in which both Wellesley and Sherbrooke commanded formations. Marquis Cornwallis, the colonel of the Regiment, wished to have Sherbrooke succeed Arthur Wellesley, but his ill health prevented him from doing so. In 1813 Sherbrooke succeeded Arthur Wellesley as Colonel of the 33rd Regiment.

Arthur Gore was appointed second lieutenant colonel on 29 October 1802 and almost immediately afterwards was given command. He commanded the 33rd for the next eleven years. He was promoted brigadier general in 1813 and was killed the same year leading a brigade in the attack on the fortress at Bergen-op-Zoom. There was then no second lieutenant colonel until 1806.

Walter Elliot was the next second lieutenant colonel, assuming the appointment on 20 February 1806. He remained in the appointment until 1807 when he assumed command of the 80th Foot.

James Campbell succeeded Walter Elliot as the second lieutenant colonel on 6 August 1807. He was held in high regard by Arthur Wellesley. In 1810 the two flank companies of the 33rd were part of a force sent to capture the island of Mauritius. Lieutenant Colonel Campbell, commanding the flank companies of the European regiments, was killed while leading the advanced guard in the successful attack on the fortress at Port Louis.

F. R. West succeeded Campbell on 3 December 1810. He had at one time been ADC to Arthur Wellesley when the latter was in command of Seringapatam following the defeat of Tipu, the Sultan of Mysore. West disapproved of Wellesley's attentions to a married lady and they thereafter ceased to speak to each other.

William Elphinstone was appointed second lieutenant colonel on 30 September 1813 and was almost immediately appointed to command in succession of Arthur Gore. Elphinstone commanded the 33rd at the attack on Bergen-op-Zoom, where he was wounded, and at Waterloo.

The Crimea war, the Indian Mutiny and the Abyssinia campaign

George Mundy was appointed second lieutenant of the 33rd Regiment on 19 September 1855. After the commanding officer, Lieutenant Colonel J. D. Johnstone, had been wounded he commanded the Regiment for the remainder of the war and brought it back to England in May 1856.

John Collings succeeded Mundy as second lieutenant colonel in November 1867 and remained in the appointment until appointed to command in January 1859.

Edward Donovan was the next second lieutenant colonel, assuming the appointment on 17 April 1860. In 1864 he exchanged to the 100th Royal Canadian Regiment with Lieutenant Colonel A. R. Dunn VC. Edward Donovan later became Colonel of the 15th Regiment (East Yorkshire).

Alexander Dunn won the VC with the Light Brigade at Balaclava while serving with the 11th Hussars. When the Abyssinia campaign was launched in October 1867 Lieutenant Colonel Collings was appointed to command a brigade. Dunn thereupon assumed command of the 33rd. He was killed while out shooting on 25 January 1868.

76th REGIMENT

Alexander Ross assumed the appointment of second lieutenant colonel on 1 September 1795. He

later became a general. He was first colonel of the 89th Regiment and then of the 59th Regiment.

The Hon William Monson succeeded Lieutenant Colonel Ross on 21 December 1797 and was almost immediately appointed to the command of the 76th. He died in 1807.

Edward Musgrave became the second lieutenant colonel in February 1800, but shortly after doing so he retired from the army. He was almost certainly the son of Sir Thomas Musgrave having, like him, served in the 40th Regiment prior to the raising of the 76th.

Michael Symes was the last of the second lieutenant colonels of the 76th Regiment, assuming the appointment on 15 February 1800. He succeeded William Monson in command of the Regiment and commanded it throughout the Corunna campaign. As a result of the vicissitudes of the withdrawal to Corunna he died on 22 January 1809.

THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S (WEST RIDING) REGIMENT

By the terms of General Order 41 of 1 May 1881 the infantry of the line was organised into territorial regiments of four battalions each, the 1st and 2nd of these being line battalions and the other two militia. In this manner the 33rd and 76th Regiments were amalgamated to form The Duke of Wellington's (West Riding) Regiment. To assuage any bitterness

such amalgamations might cause provision was made for each of the regular battalions to have two lieutenant colonels.

1st BATTALION

J. H. Campbell was appointed the second lieutenant colonel on 1 July 1881, which was the effective date of General Order 41 of 1 May.

W. Bally succeeded Campbell on 29 October 1881 and remained as the second lieutenant colonel until assuming command of the 1st Battalion in 1884.

E. G. Fenn was the second lieutenant colonel from 13 March 1884 until October 1886 when he was appointed to command the 2nd Battalion.

D. C. deWend was the last second lieutenant colonel of the 1st Battalion. He held the appointment from 6 October 1886 until assuming command of the 1st Battalion in November 1889.

2nd BATTALION

T. T. Hodges was appointed the second lieutenant colonel on 1 July 1881. In February 1885 he was appointed to command the 2nd Battalion.

F. J. Tidmarsh, who was the last second lieutenant colonel of the 2nd Battalion, succeeded Hodges on 25 February 1885. In October 1887 he became the commanding officer of the 1st Battalion.

RECOLLECTIONS OF AN OLD SOLDIER

PART V: SINGAPORE, 1925

Singapore compared to Egypt was a different world altogether. It was clean, and although it was near the equator, the heat was bearable, and we were allowed to wear sweat towels on our belts on church parades.

It was a hard life being a boy in the army in those days, and we got the impression that nobody loved us, and the sight of an unpaid lance corporal who made you stand to attention when he spoke to you, did not improve matters, and being so far away from home it made us do things which we would not have done at home. The Malays, and Chinese people treated us with respect, so different from our own people, planters etc, who hardly gave you a look unless they were in trouble with the natives.

Looking back after all these years it makes me feel ashamed that the ordinary British soldier serving abroad in what in those days was the greatest empire in the world, treated those people as if they were inferior beings. Which brings me back to an incident in which I was included although I did not approve of what was done.

To get to Singapore itself was about seven miles from Tanglin, down Orchard Road, and if you could not afford a rickshaw you had to walk and if none of our white friends gave you a lift, you had to walk, and in that heat you were not in the best of tempers when you arrived, and at the bottom of Orchard Road were quite a few shops owned by Muslims, and at the time of prayers they bowed with their heads to the ground. Most of the shops sold tobacco and cigarettes, and not having any money, although boys were not allowed to smoke, most of us did if we found a fag end so the temptation of seeing all those cigars etc was too much, and when the shopkeepers prayed, the first thing on

passing was to lift a few cigarettes, and hope they did not see you, and get away as fast as possible. As I said before it was against my principles to steal, but this did not stop me from sharing them.

Alas we had to walk back from town up Orchard Road again, and trying to look innocent, but as we passed one shop, a voice shouted "Marisini", if after all this time I have spelt it right, which means "come here", to run was indignified, so we walked up to the man who had shouted and asked what was wrong. He looked at us for a few moments, and to our shame gave us all a packet of cigarettes, and said in part Malay and part English, "we respect soldiers, and if you have no money, we will give them to you, and pay when you can. It is wrong to steal, but as you are boys we understand and forgive you". Can you imagine how we felt. It was a lesson for the rest of my service that I never forgot.

When it rained in Singapore it came down in sheets, and on each side of the road were ditches six feet deep to carry it away. My mate Jones and I were caught in the rain outside a chapel which we had never noticed before. It was called "Bethesda Chapel", and people were singing inside, and we ran into the porch to get out of the rain. A gentleman came up to us and invited us inside, and we sat at the back and joined the service. When the service ended the gentleman invited us into his house, I forget his name, but he and his wife were American missionaries, and ran the chapel. We became very good friends, and after we had a good chat, they asked if we would like to go to a garden party the next week, to be held in the chapel grounds. The following week they picked Jones and me up at the barracks in the car.

On arriving at the garden party we were amazed at the amount of people of all races assembled. We sat at a table where all the people were white, and were introduced to a gentleman from the American embassy who said it was a pleasure to have us at their table. We were delighted and seeing some bowls on the table full of what we thought was water, being thirsty I picked mine up and drank it. They all looked at one another, and picked up their bowls and drank also. I did not know at the time it was rose water to dip your fingers in when needed, but rather than show us up they were so polite that they drank theirs also.

We live and learn that there are still some wonderful people on this wicked old earth.

Just off the coast was an island named Blacka Mati, where some of the Royal Artillery were stationed in charge of the massive coastal guns. On our days off we went to the Jardine steps by what they called the "Go downs on the shore", where we could hire a sampan to take us there, the Artillery lads made us welcome, and we could buy pineapples and cream for a few pence.

We were allowed to swim, but only in certain places owing to the sharks that were all over the place. The swimming places were in spaces called Pagirs with iron bars all around to protect you. The Chinese who had the sampans knew we could not twist them out of their money. When you hired one they often said to us that it was "velly bad" to fall over the side "velly big shark bite off head". It proved that old proverb - you cannot win all the time. To some of us it fell on deaf ears with dire consequences in time. It seems some of us never learn, including me.

If I remember right we tried some jungle warfare around a place called Fort Dixon on the coast. It was not a great success, and when the second war started and we read how the Japanese soldiers live on the country and used bicycles for movement it makes you wonder how we lived in a country for hundreds of years and made such a mess of losing it, with all the sacrifices of the lads that died and were made prisoners. I thanked God we were not there when the Japanese took it over.

J. Kendrew

FRIENDS OF THE REGIMENT FUND

During the financial year ending 31 March 1995 the income of the fund was £4417 (£3418 in 1994). The only major expenditure during the year was £774 to the Iron Duke to defray the cost of complimentary copies of the journal. Investment income was £1716 (£1342 in 1994). The balance of income (£2701) came from subscriptions and donations. Expenditure during the current year is projected to be considerably higher than last year

The fund depends on support from ex-members and friends of the Regiment and is used to finance

Regimental activities that cannot be funded from benevolent or public funds. Donations and bequests are welcome, but support in the form of an annual donation by Deed of Covenant is the most effective, as income tax can be reclaimed.

Donations have been received in memory of Colonel J. Davidson and from D. Hall, A. Jacobsen, I. Busby, 6 DWR OCA in memory of Captain D. Horsfall, R. Leedham, F. Townend, V. Simpson, N. Simpson and J. Wilson.

ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 1994 - 31 MARCH 1995

Expenditure	£	Income	£
Y & H Cadet trust for DWR cadets	100.00	Donations	787.97
British Commonwealth ex services league for Naga tribesmen	50.00	Subscriptions	1527.50
Church Council Felton for DWR roll of honour book	50.00	Dividends	1296.72
Iron Duke	774.00	Tax refund	386.31
Auditors fee	38.26		
Travel expenses	85.00		
Insurance	4.00		
	Sub total		
	1101.26		
	Excess of income over expenditure		
	3316.56		
	TOTAL		
	4417.82	TOTAL	4417.82

BALANCE SHEET

Value of fund as at 1 April 1994	£	Value of fund as at 31 March 1995	£
Cash at bank or on deposit	7153.00	Cash at bank or on deposit	10470.00
Market value of investments	32555.00	Market value of investments	27785.00
	TOTAL		
	39708.00	TOTAL	38255.00

THE IRON DUKE FUND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 1995

(1994) EXPENDITURE	(1995)	(1994) INCOME	(1995)
52 Stationary.....	44.65	6338 Subscriptions.....	6911.00
5988 Cost of Editions.....	7061.10	1469 Advertising.....	1112.74
104 Audit.....	109.00	199 Income Tax Reclaimed.....	1026.00
50 Editor's Expenses.....	50.00	218 Donations.....	18.00
1158 Postage.....	1061.68	150 CDF & UST Interest.....	228.67
318 Covers.....	324.50	23 Postage.....	7.00
10 Insurance.....	11.05	- Sundries.....	24.00
717 Excess of Income over Expenditure	665.43		

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 1995

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
3274 Accumulated Fund	3273.58	Cash at Bank	
Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure.....	665.43	126 Current Account.....	604.43
960 Subscriptions in Advance - FY '95/96.....	514.30	2385 Charities Deposit Fund.....	2902.50
		1271 Stock of Covers.....	946.38
		452 Sundry Debtors.....	-
<u>£4234</u>	<u>£4453.31</u>	<u>£4234</u>	<u>£4453.31</u>

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
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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: 8.00 p.m. second Tuesday of each month at the WOs & Sgts Mess, The Drill Hall, Prescott Street, Halifax.

Secretary: Mr. P. R. Taylor, 3 Coley View, Northowram, Halifax, HX3 7EB.

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 Thursday of each month at Boothy's Public House, Low Mill Lane, Keighley.

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

London: Twice yearly. 1995 meetings on 29 January and 18 June at the Union Jack Club, near Waterloo Station, London, at 12.00 noon.

Secretary: Mr. N. Butler, 37 Addison Gardens, Surbiton, Surrey, KT5 8DJ.

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. M. Bell, 39 Western Road, Skipton, BD23 2RU.

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

Secretary: Mr. J. Hemming, 10 Lockey Croft, Wiggington, York, YO3 3FP.

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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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REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION: AGM, DINNER AND DANCE

The Regimental Association's Annual General Meeting, dinner and dance this year will be held at the Norfolk Gardens Hotel, Bradford on Saturday 7 October 1995. The AGM will start at 6.30pm in 'The Bishopgate Suite' on the 6th floor, followed by the dinner at 8pm.

Dinner tickets at £12, and raffle tickets at £1 (for five), can be obtained from branch secretaries or Regimental Headquarters. Cheques and postal orders should be made payable to 'Regimental Headquarters DWR'.

The price of dinner tickets has again been subsidised.

REGIMENTAL SERVICE: YORK MINSTER

The Annual Regimental Service will be held in the Lady Chapel, York Minster at 11.30am on Saturday 4 November 1995. The King's Division 'Waterloo Band' will again be providing the music for the service.

Prior to the service, St. William's College will be open at 10.30am for coffee and biscuits, and following the service lunch will be provided in the Post Office Social Club, Marygate, at a cost of £4 per head. Lunch tickets can be obtained through branch secretaries, or direct from Regimental Headquarters.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Regimental Christmas cards are available from Regimental Headquarters. An order form is printed in the notice section. Payment should include the appropriate amount in respect of postal charges. Cheques payable to 'Regimental Headquarters DWR'.

LONDON BRANCH DINNER: 1996

The London Branch dinner, in 1996, will be held at the Park Court Hotel, Lancaster Gate, on Saturday 20 April 1996. The Regimental Association will again be sponsoring a coach from West Yorkshire to London. Accommodation will be booked for the Friday and Saturday nights in the Victory Club and the coach will depart from London after lunch on the Sunday. All branch secretaries will be informed of the cost and confirmed details as soon as they are available.



Last year Mr. Kenny Steward and Mr. Teddy Stead visited Malta where they photographed this Regimental badge, which was carved during the 1st Battalion's brief stay in Malta at the time of the Suez crisis in 1956.



Mr. Neil Butler, Secretary of the London Branch, recently visited South Africa. He is here photographed with Major Jeff Reynolds, whose door is always open to any Duke who visits The Cape.

6 DWR ANNUAL DINNER

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the date for this year's 6 DWR Annual Dinner has had to be changed yet again. The new date is Saturday 14 October 1995 and will take place in the Devonshire Hotel, Skipton. The AGM, which will start at 6.30pm, will be followed by the dinner at 7.30pm.

OFFICERS' DINNER CLUB

The officers' annual dinner was held at the Army and Navy Club, on Friday 2 June 1995. Seventy two officers were present. The Colonel of the Regimental presided.

1st BATTALION 1943-1945 OVERSEAS DINNER CLUB

The 50th dinner of the club was held at Armoury House, the headquarters of the Honourable Artillery Company on 10 March 1995. Twenty seven members attended. Mr Fred Huskisson was in the chair.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS/*NEW SUBSCRIBERS

* Mr. F. Armitage, 48 The Green, Overdale Park, Skipton, BD23 XH.

* Mr. R. Barron, 143 Soothill Lane, Batley, WF17 6HW.

* Mr. J. Wylde, 37 Dalton Avenue, Seaham, Co. Durham, SR7 8LL.

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Mr. P. T. Hirst, 12 Wessex Close, The Retreat, Topsham, Exeter, EX3 0LU.

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Mr. S. Mullett, Fitzwilliam Hotel, Wakefield Road, Fitzwilliam, Pontefract, West Yorkshire, WF9 5AJ.

Mr. B. H. Walsgrove, 30 Priory Road, Marton Rutland, Leicester, LE15 8ST.

Obituaries

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

Lieutenant Colonel R. G. Collins MBE

Dick Collins died on 7 May 1995, aged 83, after a long illness.

He was commissioned into the Regiment in January 1932. He spent a brief period with the 1st Battalion before being posted to the 2nd Battalion in India, with whom he served until 1938. On his return to the UK he served briefly with the 6th and 10th Battalions before transferring to the Airborne Forces in 1941. He was wounded in Normandy in 1944 but continued his service until retirement in 1952. He then served as a retired officer in the War Office and Ministry of Defence until his final retirement in 1976.

Dick was a fine all round sportsman, who represented the Regiment at rugby, cricket, boxing and polo.

Mr. S. Turner

Stephen Turner died in June 1995, aged 50 years, after a long illness.

Steve joined the 1st Battalion in 1963 and served for nine years, mostly in Corunna Company. His funeral, which took place in Sheffield, was attended by Mr. S. Thompson and Mr. B. Hutchinson, former comrades in the 1st Battalion and of the Sheffield Branch.

Captain D. F. Horsfall MA, TD

Donald Horsfall died on 18 May, aged 79.

Donald was commissioned into the 6th Battalion in 1938 and served in the 1/6th Battalion in Iceland and North West Europe.

He was educated at Uppingham School and King's College, Cambridge where he obtained a degree in civil engineering. He then worked at English Electric (now GEC), but in 1938 decided to study law. He became an articled clerk in Wright and Wright in Keighley. After the war he completed his studies and became a partner in the firm. He remained with it until he retired in 1985.

He was very interested in education and served for a number of years on the Education Committee of Keighley Town Council. He was also a governor of Giggleswick School.

He was president of Skipton Branch of the Regimental Association and Vice President of 6 DWR Old Comrades Association.

He enjoyed sport and played cricket for Guisburn and the Hawks. He was also a keen bird watcher. His great love was shooting.

Mr. R. Wooley

Bert Wooley, who was the CO's bugler in the 6th Battalion during World War II, died on 28 March 1995, aged 75 years.

Bert was a member of the Keighley Branch of the Regimental Association and for a number of years he played the Last Post at Keighley's Remembrance Day service at the Cenotaph.

Members of the Keighley Branch represented the Regiment at the funeral.

Private J. Cost

On the evening of 25 May 1995 Private Jason Cost, of the MT Platoon of the 1st Battalion, lost his life in a shooting accident in Bessbrook Mill, South Armagh. Private Cost is survived by his wife Vicky, who is due to give birth to their first child later this year.

Private Cost joined the Battalion in Tern Hill in 1988, having attended the Infantry Junior Leaders Battalion, Ouston. He served for a time in Corunna Company before transferring into the MT Platoon, where he was able to indulge his considerable skill as a driver.

Private Cost was a popular man with a zest for life and will be greatly missed by his many friends in the Battalion.

Major J. W. Pyrah

John Pyrah died in April 1995, aged 77. He was one of the few remaining officers of the 1/7th Battalion, who were embodied in 1939 and who served in it until the end of the war.

H. S. Le M. writes:

"I first met John in 1940 in Iceland, where he was out MTO. He stayed in that appointment until 1945.

He could well have achieved high rank, but for his wish to remain with his drivers and vehicles. It is a measure of his expertise that the vehicles, despite standing outdoors in Iceland and later in Scotland, were, apart for those destroyed by enemy action, still running when we reached Wuppertal in Germany.

After the war he joined the family firm of Jarratt, Pyrah and Armitage (timber merchants) as a director. He was President of the Huddersfield and District Army Veterans Association, Vice President of the Royal British Legion and a member of the Huddersfield War Memorial Trust. He also served on the committees of a number of charities.

I last saw John, gravely ill, a few days before he died. He was immensely brave and cheerful, immaculately dressed and sporting the Regimental tie."

WO2 P. Cawthorne

Peter Cawthorne of Endcliffe Hall Detachment, 'D' Company Humberside and South Yorkshire ACF, died on 21 May 1995, age 53.

Prior to joining ACF, Peter served with the TA for over thirty four years. He enlisted with the Hallamshires in May 1960, and through numerous reorganisations and amalgamations served with five subsequent battalions; Hallamshires, 1 Yorks, 4 Yorks, 3/4 Yorks and 3 DWR without moving from Endcliffe Hall, Sheffield! He had many TA qualifications and held various appointments, finishing as MTWO on his retirement from the TA in September 1994. He was awarded the TA Efficiency Medal and three clasps.

His civilian employment was as a senior storeman with the MOD at Endcliffe Hall, a post which he held for eighteen years. Despite his TA/ACF commitments Peter also found time to be a St. John's Ambulance volunteer and an active member of his church.

NOTICES

REGULAR FORCES EMPLOYMENT ASSOCIATION

During the period 1 April 1994 - 31 March 1995 the Association assisted 12,241 men and women with their resettlement and placed 4,903 in employment. Of those placed 2,738 were men and women from the army.

The RFEA works together with the Tri-Service Resettlement Organisation, Services Employment Network, Officers' Association and the Department of Employment as part of the Forces Resettlement Service.

The Association's task is to assist all ex-regular servicemen and women who did not hold commissioned rank, who served with good character for a minimum of three years (or less if discharged on medical grounds), to find employment at the end of their engagements. RFEA takes a long term interest and can, as a registered charity, offer a free counselling service to them throughout their working lives.

RFEA employment officers maintain close contact with local employers and Jobcentres, also offering them a free service, from thirty nine branches spread throughout the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland. Their addresses and telephone numbers can be obtained from resettlement officers, corps and regimental associations, Jobcentres, Yellow Pages and local telephone directories.