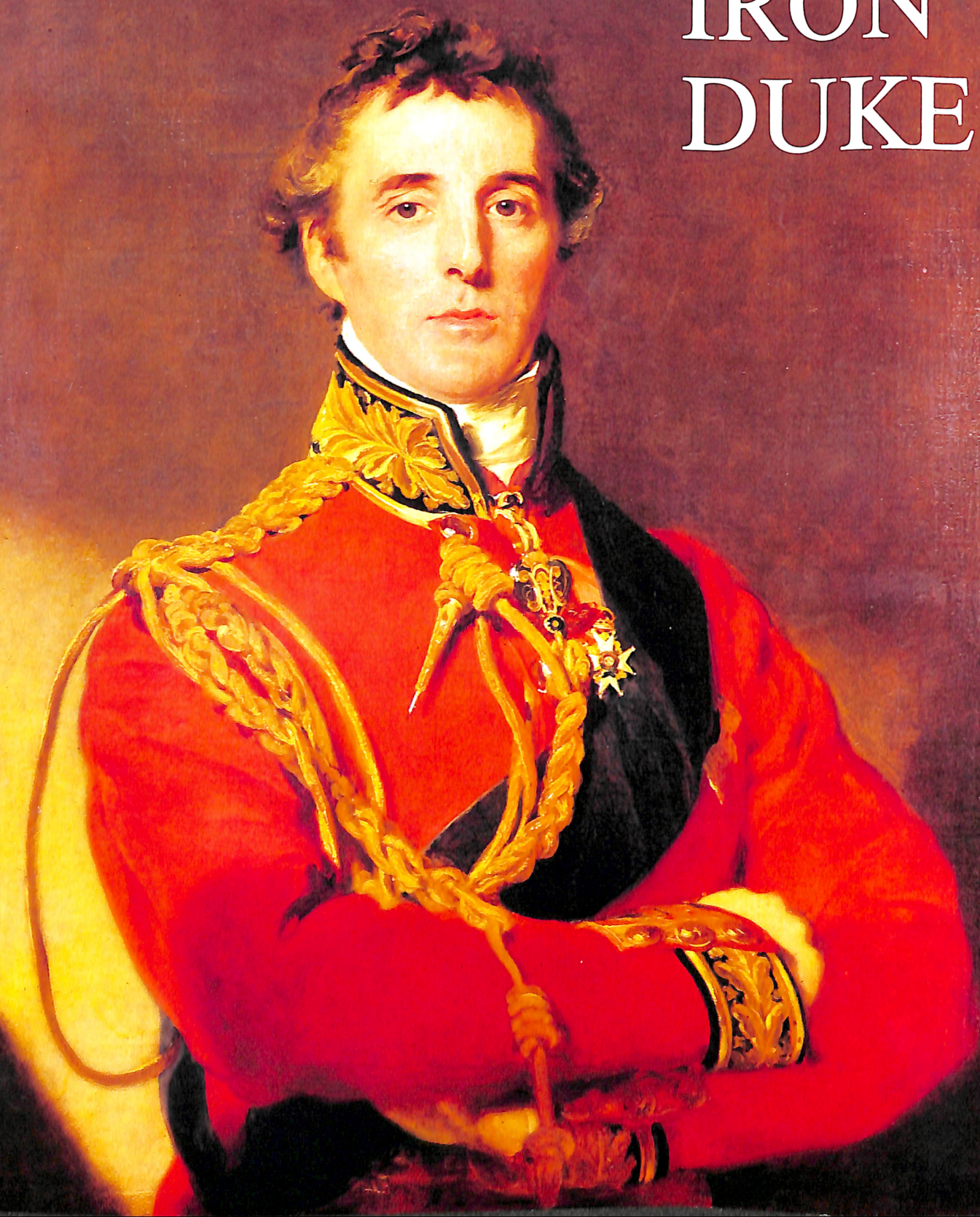


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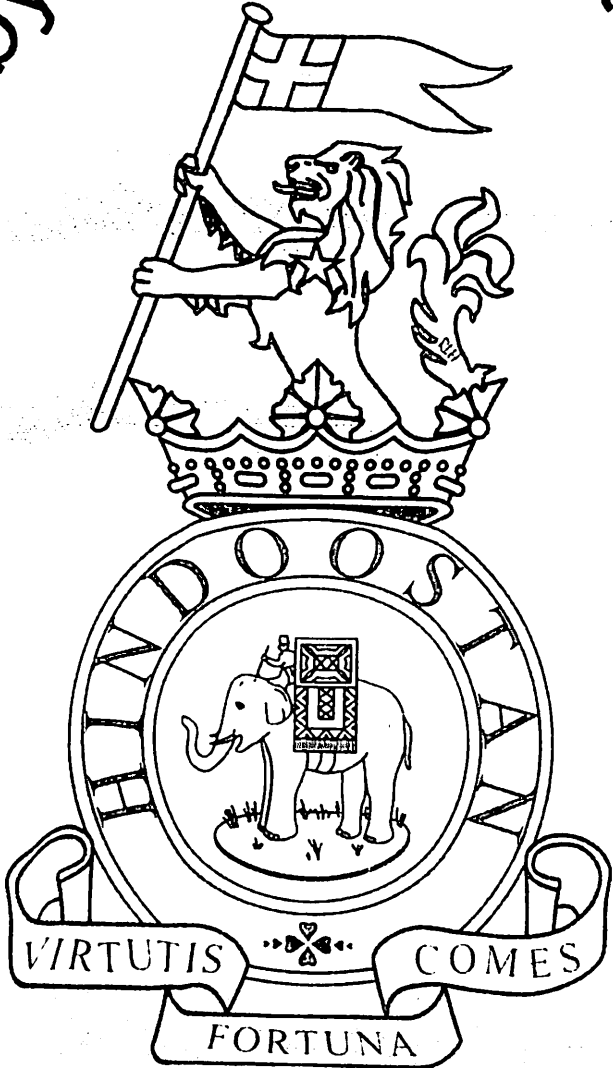
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The 33rd (or The Duke of Wellington's) Regiment storming the Great Redoubt at the Battle of the Alma
20 September 1854

MESSAGE FROM THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT

2002 AND THE REGIMENT

2002 will be an important and exciting year for all Dukes.

In 1702 the Earl of Huntingdon raised the 33rd of Foot, marking the origin of our Regiment. In 2002 I plan to make this, our Tercentenary, an occasion to remember; when we will celebrate our history and traditions and take pride in being a member of the Dukes' regimental family. As one of the few regiments that has not suffered amalgamation this century, it will be a very special occasion when we can acknowledge our unique association with Arthur Wellesley, the 1st Duke of Wellington, and our roots and place in the West Riding of Yorkshire. At this time both the 1st and 3rd Battalions will be laying up their present and receiving new Colours. I look forward to the celebrations.

The Tercentenary, whilst being a celebration of our past, is also an opportunity to look ahead, for we must continue to put in place plans that will ensure that the Regiment is passed on to our successors fit and able to meet whatever the future will bring. As long as there are infantry regiments in the army, I am sure that there will be three pillars against which regiments, including ours, are assessed: **the professionalism of its Regular and Territorial Battalions, the strength of those Battalions and the bond between the Regiment and its home county.** The future well-being of our Regiment rests upon our success in achieving these pillars and their related targets.

Professionalism

We have always had tough, quality soldiers, so achieving this responsibility rests in the hands of our serving officers and NCOs. Our reputation flows from their high standards. It is very high as I write.

Strength

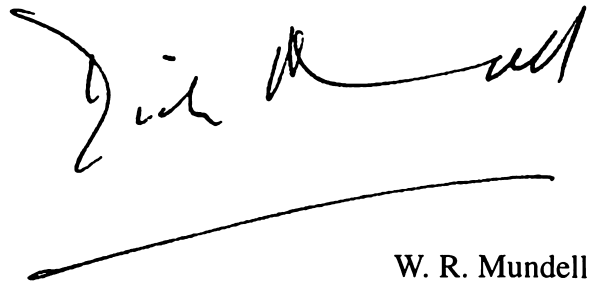
We are currently one of the best-recruited regiments in the army and we have a good flow of quality young officers. This is a result, not only of our professional reputation and our fertile recruiting area, but also the considerable resources and effort that we have given to this issue. It is absolutely fundamental both that our recruited strength is maintained and that quality officers and soldiers are retained in our Battalions.

Bond

We are a county regiment and the West Riding is the bedrock from which we draw our soldiers, our strength and our support. The link to our home community and its leaders through our presence and reputation are important, not only to help our recruiting efforts, but also to guard our interests on the national stage. It is crucial that we remain a valued part of the West Riding community, who can then take justifiable pride in and ownership of their Regiment.

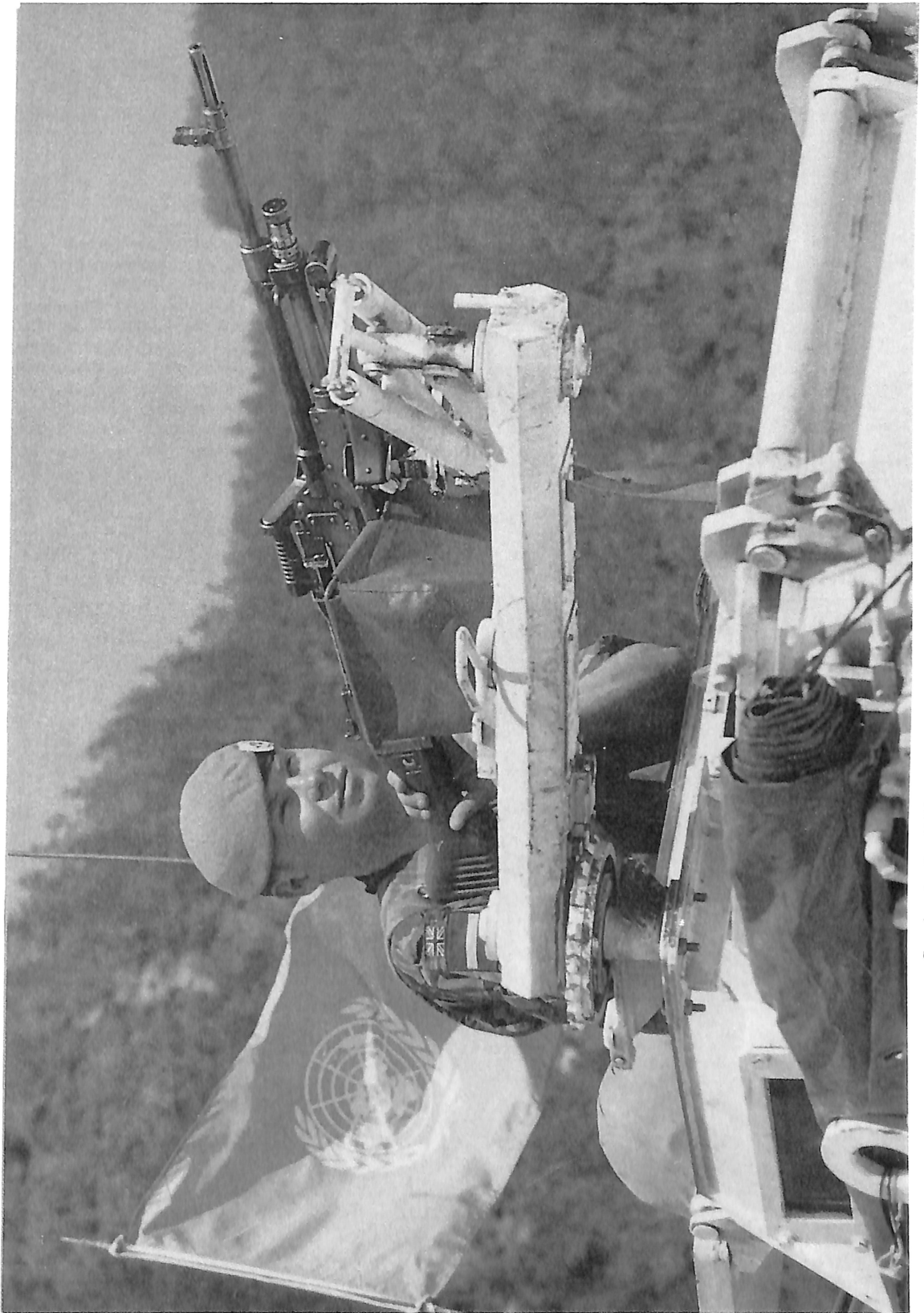
All of us in the Regiment, whether serving or not, have a role to play to ensure that these pillars are in place. I have in the past urged you all to look for and encourage potential soldiers and officers to join our Battalions; these personal approaches on the recruiting front must continue. Not only do Regimental Headquarters, the 3rd Battalion and our cadet detachments represent our 'foot on the ground' in our area, but a vibrant Association also provides a key element in building the network across the West Riding; we need to use the events as we work up to the Tercentenary to build more active support in the Association. Resources, including funds, are required to support all aspects of regimental life, from the recruiting efforts of both Battalions, to sport and adventure training and to maintaining the fabric of the Regiment, like the Honorary Colours and the Museum. The requirement for these resources is growing and, as public funds become more restricted, then there is a clear and specific need to build up our own regimental funds. Without sufficient supporting funds the other objectives may well fail.

I have set up two teams: one under Brigadier Johnny Walker to plan the Tercentenary and the second under Colonel John Barkshire to identify what money we need and to raise it! I shall be writing shortly to every member of the Regiment (and others) to ask for your support on the latter, whilst Regimental Headquarters will be alerting you to the programme of events that is being planned as part of the build up to our Tercentenary. With the support of all who care for and love our Regiment I am confident not only that we will have a memorable Tercentenary, but that we will establish the resources to meet the challenges of the next century.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. R. Mundell', written in a cursive style. Below the signature is a long, thin horizontal line.

W. R. Mundell

Colonel



Serving in the 1700s, the 1800s, the 1900s . . . and on into the next century

Regimental Headquarters

Regimental Notes

HONOURS AND AWARDS

We are pleased to record the following awards in the 1997 Queen's Birthday Honours:

OBE to Lieutenant Colonel N. J. Newell, who served with the Dukes between 1968 and 1979, before leaving us to join the Intelligence Corps; and:

MBE to Lieutenant Colonel D. I. Richardson, who has recently assumed command of 5/8 Battalion, The King's Regiment.

Warm congratulations to them both.

PROMOTIONS

We congratulate the following on their selection for promotion in 1998:

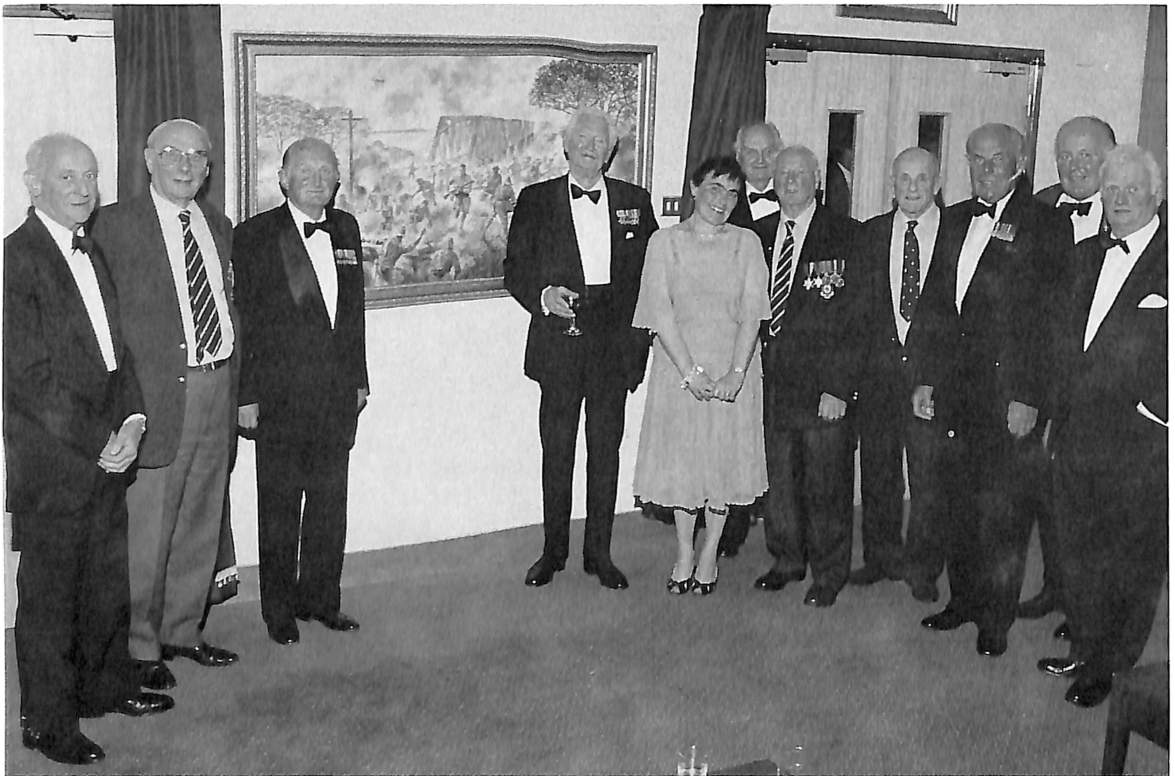
To Colonel: Lieutenant Colonel N. St. J. Hall, BA.

To Lieutenant Colonel: Major N. G. Borwell.

UNVEILING OF THE PAINTING OF THE BATTLE OF THE SITTANG BRIDGE

A painting of the Battle of the Sittang Bridge, jointly commissioned by the Regiment and 3rd Gurkha Rifles (3 GR) Officers' Association, was unveiled at a 1st Battalion Officers' Mess Dinner night on Friday 9 May

1997. The painting depicts the action fought on 23 February 1942 by C Company of the 2nd Battalion and men of 3 GR to clear the Japanese from the Bridgehead the day after the bridge had been blown, leaving a large part of the defending British Forces stranded on the far bank of the Sittang River. It was this action which allowed the bridge to be used subsequently by many to cross the river with ropes across the destroyed spans. The picture was unveiled by Mrs Janet Wilcock, daughter of Major Jack Robinson, C Company Commander, who was awarded the MC for his leadership and bravery during the battle. Sadly, Major Robinson was killed two weeks later, during the army's long retreat through Burma. Present at the unveiling were a number of survivors of the battle, including Brigadier Tony Firth, Major Derek Roberts, Bill Norman, Dennis Mitchell and Bill Townend, all of the 2nd Battalion. Major Bruce Kinloch MC and Major Vic Ashwell of 3 GR and Major Dickie Day of 4 GR, as well as the Colonel of the Regiment and Major George Borwell of 3 GR, who also represented Taylor Woodrow plc, who had made a generous donation towards the cost of the painting.



The unveiling of the Sittang Bridge painting.

Left to right: Major Vic Ashwell, Mr Bill Norman, Major Dickie Day, Major Bruce Kinloch, Mrs Janet Wilcock, Brigadier Tony Firth, Mr Bill Townend, Mr Dennis Mitchell, Major Derek Roberts, Colonel of the Regiment, Major George Borwell.

The painting was based on Dennis Mitchell's eye witness description of the battle given to the painter Mr David Rowlands. Dennis was a member of C Company in the battle and was the last man to cross the river by the destroyed bridge, an honour given to him by Jack Robinson because he was a strong swimmer.

Prints of the picture measuring 32cm by 58cm together with a short narrative on the battle, are available from RHQ.

BRADFORD FREEDOM PARADE

On Monday 12 May 1997 members of the 1st Battalion together with members of the 1st Battalion, The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire and 269 Battery RA (TA), exercised their rights to the Freedom of the City of Bradford. The Freedom Parade was to mark the centenary of Bradford's City status. At the reception in the Town Hall after the parade, the Colonel of the Regiment presented the Lord Mayor with a framed print of the 33rd at the Battle of the Alma signed by the Colonel in Chief.

REGIMENTAL AND 3 DWR RECEPTION

The Regimental and 3rd Battalion Reception and Beating of Retreat was held at Endcliffe Hall on Saturday 21 June. The ceremony was held in the main hall due to poor weather. The salute was taken by the Earl of Scarborough, Lord Lieutenant of South Yorkshire. The principal guests included the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of West Yorkshire, Major Keith McDonald, the High Sheriff of South Yorkshire, the MP for Calder Valley, Ms Christine McCafferty, the Lord Mayors of Bradford and Sheffield, the Mayors of Stocksbridge, Barnsley, Rotherham, Skipton and Calderdale, the Chairman of Craven District Council, and the Master Cutler of the Cutler's Society, Mr Richard Field.

1939-45 OVERSEAS OFFICERS' DINNER CLUB

The 1939-45 Overseas Officers' Dinner Club was held on Friday 14 March at Armoury House, The Honourable Artillery Company. Twenty officers, including the Colonel of the Regiment and the Regimental Secretary, attended. Major Fred Huskisson, MBE, MC, presided.

1914-18 WAR

Ex-WO2 Cyril Curling is now probably the Regimental expert on matters relating to the Regiment's involvement in the Great War. Any reader who requires assistance with research on this period is welcome to contact him at his home, or via RHQ. His home address is:

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CHANGE OF EDITOR

Readers will note with sadness the announcement in the obituaries section of the death of Major Tony Savory, who had edited the Iron Duke since 1982. Brigadier John Greenway, who was to have taken over in the Spring of 1998, becomes the Editor with immediate effect. His address is shown on the title page.

MATERIAL FOR THE IRON DUKE

Contributions for publication in the Regimental Journal (your journal) will always be welcomed by the Editor. These may take the form of letters, articles, diagrams, maps or photographs. If you are at all uneasy about writing anything for publication, but feel you have a tale to tell, by all means telephone the Editor, or Major Bob Heron, the Business Manager, or your Regimental Association Branch Secretary, and it should be possible to arrange a meeting at which you can tell the tale to someone who will write it up for you.

Leadership

An extract from the Address by General Sir Michael Rose at the Sovereign's Parade at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, on 11 April 1997, is reproduced below, by kind permission of General Rose, for reasons which will become clear to all who read it.

"Today you have all successfully passed a milestone in your life and I congratulate you on the resolve, courage and commitment that you have all been commissioned today have demonstrated; and on what you and your instructors have achieved during your time here at Sandhurst. There will, of course, be many more such milestones in your military careers, but none will ever be as important again as this day, because from this day on you have, for the first time, assumed the authority of command that comes with your commission, as well as the awesome responsibilities of leadership and it will not be long before your ability to command and lead soldiers will be severely tested, both in peace and in war.

In the future you must not expect your success in leadership and command to be matched by promotion in rank. But you will certainly always be marked by the quality of service that you give to your comrades, your regiment and to your nation. Most of all by the knowledge in yourselves that you have done your duty.

From this moment onwards your lives will necessarily be ones of sacrifice and service to your fellow man. Your own personal wishes and self-advancement will come second to the needs of your soldiers. Hardship and danger will become a way of life for all of you. Indeed, I suspect that you have already discovered that on joining the army you have forfeited many of the benefits and rights of civilian life; soldiers are not civilians and your rights and benefits are now properly subordinated to the common good, possibly to the extent of having to be prepared to sacrifice your lives for your cause. Nevertheless, and in return, I hope that you will also have started to discover that the rewards in life are not necessarily to be found in material benefits.

Indeed, the rewards that are derived from soldiering can be, in my opinion, beyond all possible wealth and are manifestly more enduring. Life as a soldier will never be easy or fair; war is a dangerous, lethal business and even in peace there will inevitably be moments of depression and despair. However, as soldiers you will also, I know, experience great moments of exhilaration and satisfaction. But, in the final analysis, it will be your abilities to respond to adversity and difficulty, to deal with the unexpected and to pick yourselves up and start again without complaint that will mark you out as someone who succeeds or fails in their military life. We live in fast-changing times and the rate of change is likely to become even faster. Technical advance, changes in the global environment and political structures around the world are something that all human beings on this planet have to cope with. However, as soldiers, we also have to understand how dramatically the nature of war is changing. This will surely create great personal challenge to you individually, in whatever path your military career now takes.

Of the forty major conflicts in existence in the world today, all forty are taking place in regions where nation states have broken down. Whole areas of the world have dissolved into chaos, confusion and brutality, with terrible consequences for the human condition. In Central Africa we are witnessing, and have done for some years, the genocide of over a million people and the largest mass movement of populations in the history of mankind. If we cannot learn how to deal with human disaster on this scale, then civilisation itself is surely threatened. Your courage, both moral and physical, will be greatly tested in these sorts of difficult humanitarian situations. In the future it will be the leadership at your level that will be the vital determining factor in the success or failure of humanitarian missions. How do you persuade people to continue to risk their lives in a peacekeeping operation when there is apparently no peace to keep, or when the peacekeepers themselves are being accused of being accomplices to genocide? It takes extraordinary leadership qualities to inspire and motivate people in such circumstances. What made a young lieutenant

during my time in Bosnia stand in front of a Serb tank throughout the whole of a bitter winter night of 1994, refusing to allow the Serbs to break into a weapons depot? Was it pride in his country or in his regiment, was it a commitment and a dedication to the mission that he knew after all was responsible for sustaining the humanitarian aid, the lives of some 2.7 million people and also by his efforts of keeping the hopes of peace alive? Or was it just sheer bloody mindedness? What made **Corporal Mills of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment** decide to counter attack the Serbs who were engaging his section from above with effective fire on the side of a snow covered mountain in Gorazde? Incidentally, quite against the strict interpretation of the UN peacekeeping mandate. His decision so to do, and the successes that followed, proved to be a significant turning point in advancing the cause of peace in the region.

In the final analysis we must all be guided by our own personal beliefs and by our personal professional judgement. We must read history and learn by other people's successes or failures. We must always base our actions on the enduring principles of humanity and justice and, where appropriate, the principles of war. If, in spite of this advice, you are still in doubt about what to do in war when all about you are losing their heads, then my advice to you is simply, like Corporal Mills, to attack the enemy. It rarely fails.

Finally, a word about your own personal standing. You must, as an officer, be above reproach, both in your personal as well as your professional life. If you cheat in one area then you are likely to cheat in another. Any behaviour which undermines the mutual trust and cohesion of a unit will ultimately put lives at risk when it comes to operations. Without good morality you simply cannot have good morale. Without tough training and sometimes harsh discipline the integrity of a fighting unit will never be achieved. Health and safety regulations have little place on the battlefield.

Good luck to you all and go forth from here and do your duty as a soldier."

General Sir Michael Rose, KCB,
CBE, DSO, QGM, ADCGen.

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1st Battalion

Commanding Officer's Introduction

It was a great honour to return to the 1st Battalion as its Commanding Officer in March this year. I have found the Battalion in excellent shape: well manned, with high morale and a very busy programme ahead of us, which will take our soldiers all over the world in the next few months.

The number and variety of commitments currently being placed on modern infantry battalions is immense and we are no exception. Having finished the Northern Ireland reinforcement role in February, we now have another year in Weeton as a "Light Role National Defence Battalion", before moving down to London in February 1998. As is reported in more detail elsewhere, this year is as busy as any: Alma had several weeks in Gibraltar in February/March; the Battalion did a two-week exercise in the Brecon Beacons in April; Burma and Corunna supported a major exercise on Salisbury Plain for six days in May. We have combined Alma, elements of Burma and Somme to form Waterloo Company for a four-month tour in the Falkland Islands July/November. A sixty-strong composite company goes to Canada for five weeks in July and Corunna is exercising in the Oman for six weeks in September/October. In addition, we are reinforcing 1 KOSB and 5 Regiment RA with a platoon each for

six-month tours in Northern Ireland and Cyprus respectively.

The high level of activity and consequent separation levels continue to place a significant strain on our families, which is of increasing concern. However I am hopeful that the London tour will give us a period of greater stability and we are grateful to our families for their long-suffering support.

The Battalion moves to Cavalry Barracks, Hounslow, in February 1998 and we begin public duties in late April. We expect to spend two years in London, during which approximately 50% of our time will be devoted to public duties - the remainder will be spent on normal military activities and training, which will include a battalion overseas exercise in Canada in 1999. We have found, as always, that much of the rumour surrounding London is unfounded - married quarters are closer and of a better quality than expected, and the barracks has had a significant amount of money spent on it recently. The QM is confident that he can get us all tailored into No.1 Dress in between our various tasks!

We look forward to another demanding and challenging period and I have no doubt that the 1st Battalion's soldiers will once again do an outstanding job, wherever they are.

VISIT OF MAJOR GENERAL SEARBY, GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING 5th DIVISION



Left to right: Sergeant Knight, Major General Searby, Lance Corporal Dhurmea, Corporal Clegg.

GOC 5th Division, Major General Searby, visited the 1st Battalion on 13 May 1997, at a time when most of the Battalion was in station. Following the Commanding

Officer's briefing, the General started his tour by visiting Somme Company soldiers undergoing training on their support weapons cadres. He spoke to new

members of the company on basic lessons, as well as the more long-standing personnel doing advanced training. Much to the amusement of the younger soldiers, Colour Sergeant Ellis, the Mortar Platoon Second in Command, was mistaken as a new recruit.

Before lunch in the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess, the GOC presented Long Service and Good Conduct medals to Colour Sergeant Taylor, Drum Major Johnson, Sergeant Brennan and Lance Corporal Stead in recognition of their loyal service. In addition, the following members of the Battalion received GOC Northern Ireland's Commendations for specific actions during the Battalion's role as Province Reserve Battalion: Sergeant Knight, Corporal Clegg and Lance Corporal Dhurmea. When Lance Corporal Dhurmea (then a private soldier) was a passenger in an armoured landrover patrol which was passing through the Drumbanger Forest in North Armagh, the vehicle went out of control, causing it to roll over and injure the four

occupants, one seriously. Lance Corporal Dhurmea was first to react and instantly took control of the situation, he organised the removal of the injured personnel and swiftly applied effective first aid, which undoubtedly prevented deterioration of their condition. Lance Corporal Dhurmea's swift action freed the Commander of the patrol to arrange for the speedy evacuation of the injured soldiers by air and to inform his company headquarters of the accident.

Following lunch, the GOC visited Alma Company on the BTC training area, who were covering topics ranging from IRIS Remote Ground Sensors to BV206 training, in preparation for the forthcoming formation of Waterloo Company and deployment to the Falkland Islands.

This was the first visit by General Searby and we believe that he left with a good feel for the state of the Battalion and confident in its ability to fulfil its role in 5th Division.

EXERCISE CALPE PATROL (GIBRALTAR) **22 February - 22 March 1997**

Alma Company deployed to Gibraltar on 22 February 1997 for a month with 120 soldiers on Exercise Calpe Patrol to take over the duties of G Company. The Gibraltar Regiment, in order to allow the Gibraltar Regiment to return to the UK to carry out their annual field training. In previous years the deployment has taken place during the month of September and this was to be the first spring deployment for an infantry company. After two years of flying in and out of the Province, and usually into the rain on the way in, it was a pleasure and delight to disembark from a plane into bright, warm sunshine!

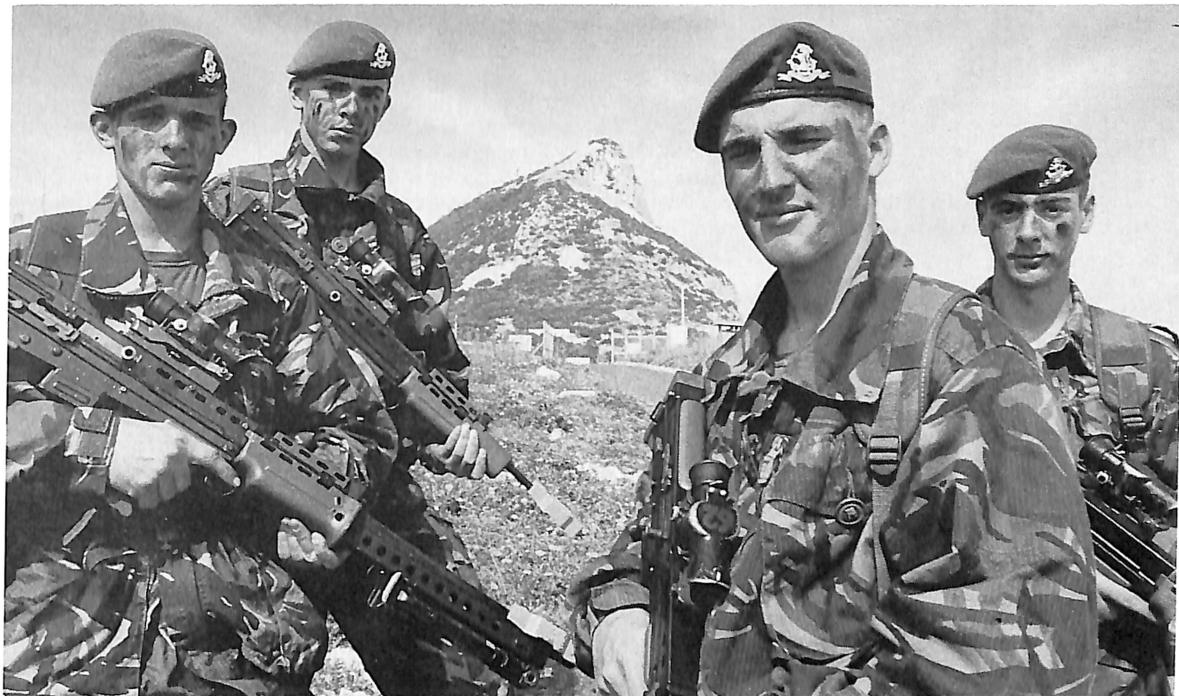
The Dukes are no strangers to the Rock and right from the outset we were made to feel very welcome. Word soon got around that we were back and many old regimental friends made themselves known to us. The Regiment is still held in high regard by many in Gibraltar and people were full of tales from the past. Throughout the month on the Rock each rifle platoon would partake in ceremonial duties, military training, adventurous training and R&R. Whilst there was a military role to perform, we were determined to enjoy our stay and take full advantage of the outstanding facilities.

Ceremonial duties were minimal, but they retain a high profile in Gibraltar. It was good to see a Duke on duty outside the Convent once again and it gave those soldiers involved a flavour of things to come in London. In general the soldiers enjoyed this duty and they performed the task superbly. Military training was confined to the top of the Rock and to the tunnels. Tunnel operations proved to be physically demanding, but also fun. Despite the decline in the MOD's presence on the surface of the Rock, much of the tunnel network still remains in MOD hands and we had full and free access. Perhaps the best thing about Gibraltar was the adventurous training opportunities. The watermanship centre has come on in leaps and bounds since we were there as a regiment in 1983-85. HQBF Gibraltar has invested wisely in the new centre at No.4 Dock and has

made it a commercially self-financing organisation. With a full-time staff, both military and civilian, they were able to offer watermanship facilities ranging from sailing to fishing. We were able to deploy with one or two instructors of our own, including Sergeant Innes who did a superb job as a sea canoe instructor - come-Jack-of-all-watermanship-trades, and this helped greatly. Surprisingly, fishing seemed to be the most popular pastime, but perhaps that was because it was the most leisurely of the activities! During the recce in October last year we were offered facilities to launch an expedition into Morocco from Gibraltar, known as Exercise Spring Run. This was eagerly snapped up and the task was taken on by Lieutenant Garner and nine other soldiers from the company. HQBF Gibraltar could not have been more helpful, providing two landcruisers free of charge and organisational support. This meant that those involved were able to mount an expedition into North Africa for seventeen days at virtually no cost to the individual. However, it was far from being a sightseeing tour and the boys were put to the test on high altitude treks in the mountains.

To have travelled to Gibraltar and not to have taken the opportunity to travel into Spain would have been a great shame. Whilst there are still border restrictions, travel into Spain from Gibraltar is very easy these days. The Spanish are still very sensitive about the Gibraltar question, but this did not stop us from allowing soldiers to take R&R across the border. Needless to say they enjoyed themselves and managed to find the most lively spots on the Costa Del Sol.

Two slightly unusual events which occurred during the tour are worthy of a mention. First, Alma Company are now the official Mediterranean Gladiator Champions, having beaten formidable opposition in the Gibraltar Gladiator Championships and, second, we were delighted to have all been involved in the wedding arrangements for Private Ogilvie and his new wife, Tracy. They were married at a lovely service in the King's Chapel, with the whole company present to see



Privates Canadine, Kitridge, Ward and Bolsover in Gibraltar



Alma Company, the Mediterranean Gladiator Champions 1997, with Rhino

them on their way. It will be a wedding they will never forget. Much of the credit for making the wedding work goes to WO2 (CSM) Cooper, who did a superb job as stand-in mother-in-law!

The deployment to Gibraltar was a great success. One month was just right and it was a pleasure to see so

many young soldiers with a smile on their face. Our reputation as a Regiment remains second to none in Gibraltar and we would be welcome back again in the future. Gibraltar remains one of the best kept secrets in the army.

BURMA COMPANY

OC - Major P. M. Lewis
 2i/c - Lieutenant J. F. C. Vitoria
 CSM - WO2 C. Hosty

4 Platoon

Lieutenant P. J. Wilson
 Sergeant N. S. Wilson

5 Platoon

2nd Lieutenant G. R. Triplow
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6 Platoon

2nd Lieutenant L. R. McCormick
 Sergeant D. Cole

The murder of Guardsman Stephen Restorick dominated the company's final tour as the South Armagh Operations Company. Guardsman Restorick was shot by a sniper whilst carrying out a routine vehicle check in the Bessbrook area and a local woman was also badly injured. The company played a full part in the follow up and understandably the remainder of the tour was a very busy period.

The role was handed over to the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders as planned and the company returned to Weeton for a short period of work followed by a much appreciated period of leave in April.

Following leave, we quickly set about refreshing our conventional warfare skills. The focus for this training was Exercise Rapid Reform on Sennybridge training area, which is described in the article which follows these notes.

On return to Weeton we continued to concentrate our efforts on developing our conventional warfare skills in preparation for Exercise Globetrot. This was a five day exercise on Salisbury Plain where we acted as friendly forces for the Company Commanders' Course.

In May the company said a fond farewell to WO2 Stead who moved to the training wing. Not wishing to break with tradition, we gave him a memorable leaving party.

The company has also recently had a change of OC. Major Goodwin has moved to the newly-formed Waterloo Company and he is now looking forward to taking his new company to the Falklands in July. He has been replaced, temporarily, by Major Lewis who could not go to the Falklands because he has an allergy to penguins.

A busy second half of the year is now in store for the company as it prepares to deploy to Canada for six weeks in July; some will also have a chance to go to the Falklands, the Oman and Northern Ireland.

Exercise Rapid Reform

Exercise Rapid Reform was the Battalion exercise in Sennybridge, which brought home to everyone the change of role from Province Reserve Battalion (PRB) to National Defence. The two weeks in Sennybridge

were meant very much to be a learning, rather than a test exercise, as many commanders from section to company level had not practised conventional war operations for a number of years. In addition, many of the command positions at company level were now held by individuals new to the job and they all needed to familiarise themselves with their new roles, to make mistakes and to learn from those mistakes.

The Battalion began to deploy to Sennybridge Camp on Friday 18 April. For the first week, companies were able to carry out their own training, and although the exact details of the programme differed between companies, the idea was to build up from fire team, through section, on to platoon live firing attacks. This was also the chance for platoon commanders, sergeants and section commanders to establish their own SOPs and to begin the process of moulding their troops into an effective unit prior to the field exercise in the second week. This was essential as, for many of the private soldiers, and even some lance corporals, this would be the first time since basic training that they would have carried out operations in a conventional war scenario. Although all were familiar with the principles of platoon attacks, ambushes and 'bunker busting', the skills were inevitably rusty after two years in Northern Ireland. As well as the more standard operations, the rifle companies were also handed over to a FIBUA team from Copehill Down for a two-day package which brought everyone up to date on the latest principles for fighting in built up areas. The team included two US Marines, both of whom appeared somewhat taken aback by the aggression, professionalism and humour of the Yorkshireman. They had been told that they would be training an 'ordinary' infantry battalion; how ill-informed they were.

During the course of the week there was also the chance for both Messes to let their hair down at dinner nights. Sergeant Majors Stead and Murton, guests in the Officers' Mess, joined in with notable gusto! The US Marine contingent, also guests in the Mess, was somewhat bemused by the antics and commented with awe that much of what they saw is now illegal in the US military.

After the week in camp the Battalion deployed by road onto the training area for a 72 hour exercise. This was the chance for companies to put into practice the lessons learnt from the week before and to go on learning from new situations and problems that arose. Burma Company started with a 36 hour defensive phase in pretty miserable conditions on what appeared to be a granite hillside. While the platoons dug in, company HQ were learning fast that it takes a great deal of practice to control the company net, respond to the battalion net, lay line, put up a tent, keep the temperamental equipment working and make a brew all at the same time. For some hours confusion reigned supreme. However, after the first 36 hour phase, the two exercising companies changed roles; Corunna moving into defence while Burma went into wood clearance and a company attack. The wooded terrain was extremely difficult for the platoons to move through and this rapidly became a demanding command and control exercise as well as a physically exhausting one.

The final phase of the exercise was a battalion dawn FIBUA attack. This involved a night move by foot across the training area, into a battalion concentration area. From there the normal battle procedure was carried out and the Battalion moved into an FUP before the lead assault company crossed the start line at dawn. The attack went on for some hours and, as well as being the culmination of an excellent couple of weeks' training, it was also enjoyed by all involved. Every individual on Rapid Reform had certainly benefited from the two weeks in Wales. Skills at company, platoon, section and individual level had improved hugely and, perhaps more importantly, areas where improvement was needed had been identified. The exercise provided a start point on which the companies could base their training in the future, it shook out the cobwebs of conventional tactics and it focused all minds on our new role.

Lieutenant J. F. C. Vitoria

CORUNNA COMPANY

OC - Major R. C. Holroyd

2i/c - Captain P. R. Fox

CSM - WO2 C. A. Murten

7 Platoon

Sergeant M. D. Stannard

8 Platoon

2nd Lieutenant T. E. J. Smart

Sergeant S. D. Moroney

9 Platoon

2nd Lieutenant R. A. Harford

Sergeant N. Brennan

Life has continued apace within the company since completing our last stint in Northern Ireland. Once back in Weeton we began to prepare for our next task, to act as "Civpop" for 22 Regiment RA's Northern Ireland Training. The company thoroughly enjoyed the change of scene and it was amusing to watch the soldiers playing the part of terrorists, Sein Fein Councillors and ordinary members of the public so soon after leaving the province. During the riot phase the company used its experiences at Drumcree in 1995 and 1996 to good effect, giving the Royal Artillery a very realistic riot. In between training packages, groups of soldiers were able to visit the delights of Boulounge and sample French hospitality. The OC introduced CSM Devaney to red wine and some interesting French cuisine on an evening he will never forget.

Leave at the end of March was particularly well deserved and for the first time in over eighteen months it was not preceded by gloomy warnings of future deployments. In April, the company started its re-role training. This began in earnest with Exercise Rapid Reform which has been described in a separate article. The two week package was a great success, as it started with the company feeling very inexperienced and finished, following some valuable basic training, field firing and some arduous physical challenges, feeling very professional.

In May we held our company social, which marked the departure of WO2 Devaney as CSM, who now moves onto Sennelager in Germany. He has been with the company for eight months, which he confesses were his most enjoyable since joining the Battalion. WO2 Murten assumes the position of CSM, and we all hope he has as successful a time as his predecessor.

At the end of May the company deployed to Salisbury Plain to take part in Exercise Globe Trot. This was to enable the Company Commanders' Course in Warminster to practise tactics using proper troops. This was a typical battalion exercise with prolonged periods of battle preparation, which meant a certain degree of inactivity at times. The exercise incorporated many battle group assets not normally seen on exercise such as: helicopters, tanks and APCs, which assisted in giving a very realistic edge to it all. The weather was without doubt on our side as we were drenched in sun throughout. Whilst this was great while the company rested, it did mean very sweaty and dusty periods of activity. It was a good training opportunity for all involved.

The company's next major engagement will be the deployment to the Oman on Exercise Rocky Lance which will last for six weeks and promises to be an excellent experience.

SOMME COMPANY

OC	-	Major J. C. Bailey
CSM	-	WO2 G. Cracknell
CQMS	-	Colour Sergeant N. McConnell

Mortar Platoon

Captain J. W. Charlesworth
Sergeant A. D. Williams

Milan Platoon

Captain A. J. M. Liddle
Sergeant R. Miller

Recce Platoon

Captain T. G. J. Golding
Sergeant M. P. J. Lumber

Drums/MMG Platoon

Drum Major I. D. Johnson
Corporal S. I. Prendergast

Mortar Platoon Retraining

At last it was time to hand in our body armour, visors, and baton guns and get back to what we like doing best: providing close indirect fire support for the Battalion. Two years on the Province Reserve Battalion role had taken its toll on our mortaring skills and although the platoon was still well-endowed with course-qualified NCOs, we were lacking in mortar-trained privates. So the call went out to the rifle companies for new blood and the planning began for a training cadre.

The newly-manned platoon returned from leave refreshed and ready to learn. The cadre started with a week of weapon handling in Weeton before we set off for Sennybridge for a spot of basic training in the hills. There we managed to cover most of the practical lessons and we began to get used to the effort involved in man-packing all the mortar equipment around the field. After a few eight kilometre marches we managed to remember the exact weights of all the kit ready for the progress test that followed!

After a week's break acting as enemy for the rifle companies, we returned to Weeton to continue the cadre and we began to speed up the drills somewhat as we became more familiar with the weapon system. The culmination of the cadre was a week's live firing at Otterburn. On 19 May we deployed to the exercise area looking forward, maybe a little apprehensively, to the prospect of firing live rounds for the first time. Nevertheless, we soon realised that the training had prepared us well for the event and, much to the satisfaction of the squad instructors, we performed all the drills quite well, if a little slowly.

Now we have the basics right, we can look forward to getting really slick on the deployment to the Falklands where we hope to live fire on several occasions.

Medium Machine Gun/Drums Platoon

With the Northern Ireland tour behind us, the time had come to get our machine gunning skills back up to a high standard, and so the platoon set about a concentrated six-week cadre. The culmination was Exercise Longshot - a five day tactical live firing exercise at Otterburn using General Purpose Machine Guns in the Sustained Fire role. Just to get us in the mood for some real hard work, we began with a fifteen kilometre insertion march to a harbour location, prior to orders to occupy a fire base to support a national company dawn attack. After six hours' solid marching in full kit on a hot day we knew we were in for a tough time, and the weather played its usual trick of changing to hail and rain almost as soon as we finished the march.

Once in the fire base and set up, we had a two hour wait in silence for the company attack to commence.

What a relief it was when the order came to operate the triggers and let loose with some concentrated fire. The attack over, we withdrew to the harbour to prepare for a re-occupation to support a night attack.

As darkness drew in, we were in our new position and waiting for the Mortar Platoon to illuminate the target area, and on the pre-arranged signal we raked the enemy position with fire. With the adrenalin running high we moved again to a harbour.

Next day, we got more involved with the intricacies of map-predicted fire and the use of OPs to correct fire. If we got this right we knew we had cracked the most difficult task. The exercise was rounded off with the night preparation of a dug-in position and, in the morning, live firing to practise altering fire from a displaced position. That complete, we ended the exercise thoroughly tired but confident in the knowledge that we had achieved a high standard of machine gunning over the course of the cadre. Some important training had been completed and we had laid the basis for making the platoon into the reliable battalion fire support asset that it should be.

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REGIMENTAL RECRUITING CELL

With the latest recruiting season well under way, it is time to report our Regimental recruiting efforts to date.

The 1st Battalion is currently manned with approximately forty soldiers above our establishment of 539 all ranks. We are forecast to be 89 over strength by September this year, in fact, currently the best-manned infantry regiment in the army. This is no fluke or accident, but sheer hard work put in by my predecessors in the Regimental Recruiting Cell, which is now bearing fruit, and also not least the efforts of our regimental recruiters (seven in total) sprinkled around the careers offices in South and West Yorkshire, the Army Youth Team in Huddersfield and the King's Division Recruiting Team working out of Strensall Camp.

The show season began with a recruiting stand at the Sheffield Wednesday v Leeds United premiership game in March and will continue, including sixteen major shows/galas, throughout the summer.

We are planning to conduct two KAPE tours (Keeping the Army in the Public Eye) this season. The first, concentrating on South Yorkshire in June, and then West Yorkshire in July.

The focus this year is on 'Corporate Image', with the 1st and 3rd Battalions side by side at every event. Both recruiting cells have identical caravans and marquees decked out in our scarlet and french grey livery.

We realise that we are not trying to recruit the same soldier; the fully-employed, students, or the uncommitted will turn to the TA and the unemployed are being targeted as potential regular soldiers. The recruiting cell was established two years ago with the mandate to keep the Battalion topped up with young blood and this is, and will remain, a top priority.

One of our most startling successes to date has been the one day 'Look at Life' course held in Weeton Barracks. Potential recruits are transported from Yorkshire, organised by the recruiting offices, to get a taste of army life and see a modern barracks. 1,228 youngsters between the ages of 15-18 years visited last year alone, and over 400 have so far visited this year. Many are now coming through the training establishments and joining the Battalion.

To all our recruiters out there I say, keep up the good work.

Lieutenant B. J. Thomas, BEM



Corporal S. D. Harris shows a spyglass to the Mayor and Mayoress of Bradford at the Centenary Parade 12 May 1997 with Lieutenant Colonel S. C. Newton in the background.

A SHORT SERVICE LIMITED COMMISSION

In July of last year thousands of school leavers like me anticipated the varied delights of university life that the coming autumn would bring. For me though the next year offered an even greater challenge as a young army officer on a short service limited commission with the Duke of Wellington's Regiment. This commission is designed as a gap year between school and university and young men and women join their units as Second Lieutenants after attending the short course at Sandhurst. I chose the Dukes because of the strong sense of identity and tradition and for my love of rugby football. It was a chance for me to fulfil a long-standing ambition and to sample the unique challenges and experiences that I believe only the army can offer.

After a fast and frantic course at Sandhurst I arrived in November only to be immediately whisked away on exercise to Sennybridge! This was a great opportunity to work in the field with Yorkshire soldiers and get a feel for infanteering; not to mention putting my new-found field skills to the test. Dining in back at Weeton was a memorable occasion. With the drums adding to the splendour of the evening, the warm welcome of the mess was carried off in typical Dukes style.

The cold wastes of Norway were my next destination as part of the cross country skiing squad with Second Lieutenant Triplov. This was my first time on snow and spectacular crashes at speed became my speciality in the first week, much to everyone's amusement. The scenery was almost as breathtaking as the physical demands of skiing uphill, often when realising how wrong your selection of ski wax could be. However the challenge was always met with determined effort and the team's good humour was infectious. After picking up the basics I was pleased to rejoin the squad after Christmas for the divisional championships at Serre Chavalier in the French Alps. Here I got the chance to sample downhill skiing in the mountains, a welcome

relief from the flats of the valley. It was good to compete against other regiments of the army and feel as though you were representing something important. Qualifying for the Army Championships in St Moritz gave me a chance to sample the 'apres ski' Alpine teams enjoy, as well as vastly improving my skiing skills. After the Easter break I was attached to Alma Company to go to Gibraltar. This was especially enjoyable, as I saw how a company operated at first hand and got a taste of command with Sergeant Bramwell and 3 Platoon. There was some great adventure training with fishing, canoeing and sailing offering a chance to get to know the men. I organised a leave weekend in Spain, a deserved reward for the soldiers' noted performance on ceremonial duties. The tunnels in the rock also offered enjoyable military training. Clearing through the disused power station made an exciting change from the confines of a FIBUA house and I enjoyed playing the enemy at one stage and being hunted down myself.

On my return to England the exercises in Sennybridge and on Salisbury Plain have given me valuable field experience and as 8 Platoon Commander I have enjoyed taking on the challenge of command and responsibility. As the height of summer draws closer I look forward to an attachment with Burma Company in Canada. As the end of my attachment approaches I feel I have learnt much during my time here. This year has offered not only travel and adventure, but the personal development that comes from working and learning with the soldiers of the 1st Battalion. This October I go to Durham University for three years reading for a degree in philosophy. It is my intention to rejoin afterwards and return to the Duke of Wellington's Regiment for a career. I look forward to this and to keeping up with the many friends I have made in this year.

Second Lieutenant T. E. J. Smart

OFFICERS' MESS

As with all aspects of the Battalion's life in Weeton, commitments govern everything. Life in the Mess over the last six months has reflected this, as when the officers are in camp the social life is frenetic and during periods of deployment, very quiet. For the last few months of the PRB tour, two or more of the companies were deployed and this constrained the Mess social life. The highlight, prior to Christmas, was a lecture by General Donald Isles on life as a platoon commander in the Italian Campaign in 1943/44. The officers were thoroughly enthralled by the General's account and genuinely interested to hear that our soldiers have changed little in the intervening fifty years. In December the Mess bade farewell to Major Brian Sykes who left the Battalion for the last time to take up his appointment as Quartermaster of the 3rd Battalion.

The traditional Christmas festivities were disrupted by the short notice deployment of Burma Company to Northern Ireland. The ladies' dinner night went ahead as planned but sadly the Rupert ceremony was postponed for the first time since 1981.

The end of the PRB tour saw a dramatic upturn in social life. We held the postponed Rupert ceremony in

March and the three month delay took nothing away from the event. The Sergeants' Mess produced a version of Crime Watch in which a number of officers featured, Captain Golding most significantly. We dined out Colonel Nigel and Jan at a ladies' dinner night that turned into a particularly good party.

In April, during Exercise Rapid Reform at Sennybridge, we found time for a very lively dinner night. It was the first occasion that all the 1st Battalion officers had gathered in one place for over two years. May proved to be as busy as the previous two months on the social calendar, the highlight of which was the unveiling of the painting of the Sittang Bridge. Mrs Janet Wilcock made a moving address before she unveiled the picture. The unveiling was followed by dinner, during which two pipers from the 1st Battalion The Royal Gurkha Rifles entertained the Mess.

We have just held the summer ball, which was another roaring success with 280 guests enjoying the hospitality of the Mess. The PMC is now looking forward to a quiet summer before the return to a hectic social life when the Battalion comes together in the autumn.

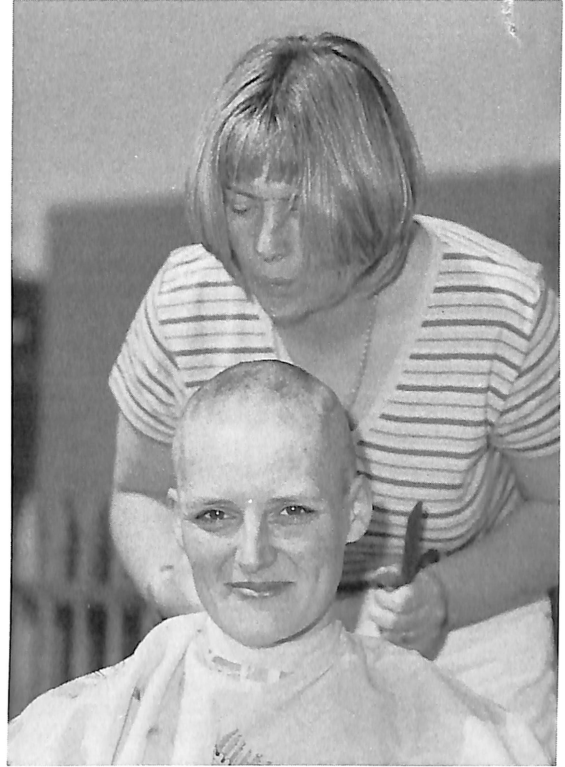
1st BATTALION FAMILIES' CHARITY EVENT

Families from the 1st Battalion raised over £600 for charity on 15 May. The fund-raising was coordinated by Cathy Bailey with all the money going to the Foundation for the Study of Infant Death during its annual fund raising week. More than half the money was donated by Julie Brennan who bravely offered to

have her locks shaved off for sponsorship at an event held at the Pennine Families' Club in Weeton Barracks. Many families also supported the other important events that day, which included a teddy bears' picnic, a raffle and a cake stall. The charity will use the money to finance research into the reasons for cot deaths.



Before ...



After ...



1st Battalion families at the charity event for the Cot Death Foundation.

'THE DUKES' IN CYPRUS WITH 5th REGIMENT ROYAL ARTILLERY

After spending fourteen months in Armagh City an advertisement appeared on the notice board, "Wanted - volunteers for six month disco and beer tour, no experience necessary". Little did I know then that I would be sweating like a suckling pig on a barbecue right now.

After being accepted and briefed who we were going to work for, we finally left Weeton Barracks after winding up the lads going to the Falklands with the usual pleasantries. After travelling for an hour we arrived in Marne Barracks where we were given a formal welcome and the training programme. "There's an awful lot of fitness", I said to myself and that's where the pain started. There was a big shock going from tabbing with bergans, to actually sprinting with them, but however, being fine upstanding Yorkshiremen we dug our heels in and cracked on.

A few weeks flew by and then another shock for us 'the dreaded CO's run'. Another 5 Regiment practical joke. But, alas, no. We soon flew around the course and headed home for a couple of weeks' leave.

But again time flies, leave was over far too fast and very soon the main body was assembled at the MCCP signing for Greek currency, suntan lotion and sunglasses. I thought to myself, "So it is a disco tour after all, the boss must have got the 5 Regiment's sense of humour". Nine hours, well seven really but two hours on for Cypriot time, we came down with a bump. Jaro Airways (Rumanian) must put some more air in their

tyres. After coming from a cool Yorkshire night and landing into a blast furnace, I was well shocked!! Finally we left the airport and very soon we arrived in Ledra Palace Hotel or, as Ortona Platoon soon found out, the local R&R centre.

We were soon greeted by our happy 'been up for 24 hours' Sergeant Walton, who basically said, "Don't expect much for the next few weeks in terms of comfort".

So, after travelling through Nicosia for about five minutes we entered the BZ Line and immediately found something from a war zone planted next to our accommodation. We handed in our trusty SA80s and were sent to bed.

It seems that Sergeant Walton had missed us for a week and got very parental towards us. Very soon I was woken with "Faz, you are taking over in the OPs Room by twelve, make sure your lads are on the ball". "Cheers", I said after prizing my eyelids open.

Four hours had flown. Anyway I had a quick scout around the accommodation and I've stayed in far worse, but there again it was on an exercise. After a few briefings, I took over the Ops Room and was shown the ropes. "Only another six months", I heard one of the lads saying. Anyway, very soon the painting started, like the saying goes, "Join the army and see the world, join the Dukes and paint it!!".

Lance Corporal Farrington 1 DWR



Rear left, Private Elliot; rear right, Private Statham; front left, Private Wheelicker; front right, Private Jarvis.

FOOTBALL

At present, the footballers lie in wait, eagerly awaiting the kick off to start the 1997-98 season.

During the 1996-97 season the squad maintained their run of success, having collected silverware each season during our time in Weeton.

Having finished runners up to ATR Lichfield for two consecutive years in the league, joy, achievement and particular satisfaction was felt most in beating Lichfield in the White Plate final by five goals to two.

The football squad has done well. Our runners up position guarantees promotion. We look forward to the challenge; Lichfield and all beware.

The squad also reached the Challenge Cup Final, losing to 1 Staffords by three goals to two and also reached the quarter final of the Army Cup for the second year running.

Having completed all fixtures for 1996-97, the traditional football social was planned, supported, well attended and enjoyed by all.

The following squad members received presentations for excellent efforts.

Admin Staff Award - Private Melbourne
Most Improved Player - Lance Corporal Alexander
Players' Player Award - Corporal Schofield

Player of the Year - Corporal Mower

Sadly the squad said farewell to Lance Corporal Daniel, who had served the team well for many years and had also represented the Infantry team, good luck to him on his departure to Civilian Street.

Also to Staff Sergeant Jim Lannie (REME) who has coached the team for the last two seasons and, through his football knowledge, dedication and enthusiasm, rightly takes most of the credit for the team's success, which has surpassed all achievements I can recall over the past twenty years. Good luck to Jim and Sue, who have recently moved to Northern Ireland to serve his last two years.

We also say farewell to Sergeant Dave Maskill, who leaves the army shortly. Sergeant Maskill has represented the Battalion in football more times during our tour in Weeton than in the remainder of his service, a true stalwart and good luck to Dave and his family in Civilian Street.

Finally, I would like to thank the backroom administrative team, Corporals Wood, Ruff, Clarke and Burns, for their continued effort in a thankless task, well done.

RUGBY

Dukes' rugby is going through a period of revitalisation. As the season drew to a close, upwards of fifty players were regularly attending training. We finally managed to play the inter-company sevens competition which was won by Alma Company. The 2nd XV managed three comfortable wins over local sides and a sterling performance against a strong side from Bay Horse in Lancaster. It has been refreshing to see an influx of new young talent keen to represent the Battalion. The veterans of the club, particularly Corporals Thackeray and Beetham, have taken the responsibility of ensuring that the youngsters understand the importance of enjoying their rugby both on and off the field.

The Battalion entered two teams in the 5 Division Sevens Tournament which this year was keenly contested by eighteen sides. Despite fierce competition from ATR Lichfield, Troops Hereford and ITC Wales, the first team won the competition comfortably. What the side lacked in pace it made up for in first-time tackling and ball handling. Regrettably our lack of pace showed only too clearly in the quarter finals to a well-drilled RRW side.

Rugby in the Battalion has turned the corner. Commitments, although very heavy, should still allow

us to dedicate the time needed to train and play. We have an influx of new talent, particularly in the forwards, and one or two promising three quarters yet to arrive from Sandhurst. Pre-season training starts shortly with a tournament in the Oman, during Exercise Rocky Lance, to aim at. Thereafter the emphasis will be on preparation for the Army Cup. The RRW has very kindly passed on the details of its very busy fixture list in London; so things are shaping up for Hounslow.

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3rd Battalion

Commanding Officer's Introduction

The past few months have been busy on the training front, with particular attention to preparation for this year's Annual Camp. This preparation has included two Field Firing Weekends, a FTX and a CPX. In addition, spring is the time for a variety of military competitions and whilst the Battalion gained creditable results in most, the highlights were second places in both the UK Reserve Forces Association Military Skills Competition and the Divisional Catering Competition, Exercise Grebe Grey.

Recruiting and retention of soldiers continues to be at the forefront of our efforts. Whilst our good level of recruitment has continued through the excellent work of the Battalion recruiting organisation, it is the area of retention which has been the focus of much more

attention. The average annual wastage in the TA as a whole is 30%, which is also the wastage in 3 DWR. It is now a clear aim within 3 DWR to lower this figure. Accountability and heightened awareness of the factors that retain soldiers is the essence of our efforts. Of course challenging, well organised and enjoyable training is a key element in the willingness of a soldier to continue with the TA "habit".

All ranks within the Battalion also enjoy the social side of military life and this also aids retention. The middle part of the year has seen many successful events held by the Officers', Sergeants' and Company Messes. In addition, a very successful and enjoyable Battalion barbecue was held at Warcop to celebrate Waterloo Day.

'A' COMPANY

OC - Major D. K. Rhodes
 2i/c - Captain D. R. Baird
 PSAO - Captain J. H. Harding
 CSM - WO2 I. Machin
 CQMS - Colour Sergeant A. G. Goddard

1 Platoon

Officer Cadet R. J. Huddart
 Sergeant S. A. Padley

2 Platoon

Colour Sergeant M. A. Smith
 Sergeant M. R. Machon

3 Platoon

Officer Cadet J. D. Hargreaves
 Sergeant D. P. Ingram

The second quarter of this year has been a busy time for 'A' Company. Initially much of our efforts went into training and sending a team to the Brigade's Martial Merlin competition, eventually narrowly missing out on a gold medal by just one place. The team did extremely well and earned a very creditable silver, but were still disappointed! The company volleyball team, captained by PTI Corporal Glynn Leaning, earned us the runner's up prize at the recent brigade sports day. The team is going from strength to strength at the moment and expectations are high.

Our aim for this quarter has been filling up our junior NCO gaps, so junior NCO training and cadres have been our priority. In this we have been generally successful, and expect to have all our junior NCO positions filled by the end of the summer. As ever, we are working hard at recruiting, with some forty odd vacancies still to fill in the company. Recruiting levels have dropped off significantly for us so far this year, and a recent 'spring offensive' did not bring in the numbers we would have liked. A new 'summer offensive' is planned for June and July.

Looking forward, our efforts are now switching to Annual Camp in August, and the Divisional exercise. With only fifty troops attending, boosted by a platoon from 'B' Company, everyone will have their work cutout, but I know we will rise to the occasion. Work-up

training will cover field firing, conventional operations and helicopter training, with two battalion FTXs to confirm we are up to scratch before camp. A hectic programme for any part-time soldier!

Overall, the company is in good heart, and morale is high, despite our current lack of new recruits. Both our new 2i/c, Captain David Baird, erstwhile Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders, and our new CQMS, Colour Sergeant Andy Goddard, are settling in to their respective jobs, and Colour Sergeant Martin Smith and Sergeant Mark Machon have taken up the reins at our Rotherham detachment. Once again, we have a few soldiers in Bosnia, and recent attachments to Gibraltar and the USA have boosted morale and given us some good local PR, and we have taken the opportunity lately to review and improve our associations with the local Cadet Force units.

All in all, a very busy, but enjoyable, period for most of us, which has I hope set us up well for camp this year.

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'B' COMPANY

- OC - Major A. J. Greenside
- 2i/c - Captain C. Baron
- PSAO - Captain M. Carter
- CSM - WO2 N. Hinchcliffe
- CQMS - Colour Sergeant R. K. Whiteley

4 Platoon

Officer Cadet I. R. Hetherington
Sergeant D. J. Lynch

5 Platoon

Officer Cadet J. M. Hunt
Sergeant N. B. Holmes

6 Platoon

Lieutenant M. K. Hunter
Sergeant P. S. Shaw

Already halfway through 1997 and it is quite unbelievable how quickly the first half of the year has passed. As usual, things have been very busy and hectic. The first three months of the year saw the company concentrating on getting everyone qualified for bounty, preparation for the Brigade Martial Merlin competition and the Battalion FIBUA FTX.

In January, one of the range weekends, which was specifically for everyone to fire their Annual Personal Weapon Test (APWT), turned out to be a complete wash out due to the adverse weather conditions. Those of you that are familiar with Catterick will know that once the fog and mist come down the chances of firing are nil. The loss of the range weekend left a number of personnel in the company still requiring their APWT to qualify for bounty. However the problem was eventually solved. By mid-April we had over seventy people qualified.

We did not do as well as we had expected to in the Martial Merlin competition which was held in Catterick in March. All members of the team worked extremely hard on what is a very demanding and challenging exercise.

Preparations for this year's Annual Camp, Exercise Eastern Harrier are now well under way. As part of those preparations, 'B' Company was given the task of organising the Battalion Field Firing weekend which was held at Warcop on 18-20 April. After numerous recces by the OC and Colour Sergeant Ward it was decided that during Saturday and Sunday the CQBR, IBSR and MMTT ranges would be used. On the Saturday evening a section in defence night shoot was conducted. In addition, a 51mm Mortar Cadre was run throughout the weekend by the Training Colour Sergeant. The weekend concluded with a live fire power demonstration by the SF Platoon and the 51mm Mortar

Cadre, firing high explosive. Because of the good weather and well-organised ranges two excellent days of firing were carried out. All those that attended found the weekend both enjoyable and worthwhile.

On the evening of Saturday 26 April the company had its first social event of the year, the Bounty Ball. The event, which included a live band and disco and a scrumptious cold buffet, produced by Corporal Brunton, was organised by 6 Platoon and held in the Drill Hall at Keighley.

The company has said farewell to WO2 Diamond who has moved on to the Brigade Assault Pioneer Training Team. He is replaced by WO2 Neil Hinchcliffe who joins us from Barnsley. Also joining us from Barnsley is Lieutenant Mark Hunter who has taken over command of 6 Platoon. Colour Sergeant Roberts, the former acting 6 Platoon Commander, is now with Company HQ assisting with training and the RRTT.

The RRTT cell continues to keep the high standards of training for those recruits who are going through their modules. A number of our recruits who have attended their Phase 2 Combat Infantry Course (CIC) in Catterick have produced some very good results. Privates Jowett and Smith have proved to be excellent shots and after only five months with the company were selected to train with the Battalion Shooting Team. They finally represented the Battalion at the Divisional Shooting Competition in May. Private Greenwood was awarded the Best Endeavour prize on his CIC for being the most improved recruit.



**Private Greenwood 'B' Company 3 DWR
awarded the Best Endeavour Prize on his CIC.**



Private Jones, 'B' Company, receiving his T-shirt prize from Brigadier Walker for his March and Shoot on Beckingham ranges during the Battalion weekend on 9 March.

'C' COMPANY

OC - Major P. A. Davies
 2i/c - Captain T. B. Johnston
 PSAO - Captain P. B. Melia
 CSM - WO2 S. A. Routh
 CQMS - Colour Sergeant J. K. P. Ward

7 Platoon

2nd Lieutenant P. J. Stephenson
 Sergeant D. A. Bentley

8 Platoon

2nd Lieutenant R. T. L. Brearley
 Sergeant C. R. Bamforth

9 Platoon

Sergeant V. J. Kirkley

As a TA soldier, there are plenty of opportunities for overseas travel in addition to the occasional Annual Camp and 'C' Company has taken advantage of some of the recent chances to get away. Corporal Greaves and Private Hardcastle will shortly be flying to the Falkland Islands with Waterloo Company from the 1st Battalion to carry out the task of guarding the islands. No doubt they will be making the acquaintance of the Falklanders and their many sheep. I bet they go off roast lamb! Corporal Greaves has been on the move a great deal. Last year, he was part of a small group led by Captain Sherris of HQ Company to the Ascension Islands along with several other members of 'C' Company.

At present, Privates Brown and Murtagh are also with the 1st Battalion, but serving in Northern Ireland. Private Brown likes the army life so much he will shortly be joining the 1st Battalion on a permanent basis. Corporal Cooper meanwhile, has rejoined the regulars. He has previously seen active service in the Gulf War with the Coldstream Guards.

Private Little and Lance Corporal Wilkinson spent six months in Bosnia last year, each earning the IFOR medal. Finally, the author has been asked to lead a small team in a military skills competition in northern France this autumn.

Many people think that joining the TA means a lot of camping out in fields situated around the locality of Catterick. This is far from the case, as a TA soldier you can camp out in fields all over the world. On a more serious note, the experience of travelling far from home, into unfamiliar environments and meeting people from different cultures, and at the same time practising and refining military skills, makes for a well-rounded and accomplished soldier, as was demonstrated by two senior NCOs from 'C' Company in April.

On the weekend of 19 April, 'C' Company took part in the Battalion field firing at Warcop. The CSM and Sergeant Bentley were travelling up with the Company Commander and Battalion 2i/c in the company minibus. As they approached a bend in the road, on the opposite

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side of the road a police van was just pulling over towards a man. As the van slowed to a stop the individual turned and bolted in the opposite direction at speed. The CSM had seen what was happening and accelerated past the fleeing villain. Once they were about 100 metres in front of him, the CSM blocked both lanes of the road with the minibus. Sergeant Bentley then leapt out of the vehicle and ran at the fugitive, closing his only other route of escape. The man ran at

Sergeant Bentley, who then gave him the ultimatum that if he did not stop he might well be visiting the local hospital. He decided to stop. By this time the CSM had arrived and told the cornered suspect to stay where he was, at which point a very out-of-breath policeman appeared on the scene. He thanked the two senior NCOs for their prompt action and took charge of the man, arresting him and escorting him into the van that had just pulled up.

HQ COMPANY

OC - Major I. Marshall
 2i/c - Captain R. Wyithe
 PSAO - Captain H. Baxendale
 CSM - WO2 D. Braisby
 CQMS - Colour Sergeant A. Kendal

Sniper Platoon

Captain P. Reaney
 Colour Sergeant D. I. Wright

Recce Platoon

Captain P. A. Sherris
 Sergeant R. J. Yates

SF Platoon

Lieutenant D. P. Curran
 WO2 J. H. Stevenson

MT Platoon

Lieutenant G. Metcalf
 Colour Sergeant M. Heathcote

Assault Pioneers

WO2 A. A. Nanney
 Sergeant T. Heron

RRTT

Captain S. M. Garnham
 WO2 J. Hinchliffe

Signals Platoon

Captain D. J. Ogden
 WO2 D. J. Brown

Training has been mixed since the previous issue of The Iron Duke. HQ Company by its very nature lends itself to individual platoon/department training. The Reconnaissance Platoon has a strong, young nucleus. As well as conducting role training and thereby preparing for Exercise Cambrian Patrol later this year, members have also staged a sponsored walk in the Peak District to raise money for charity and took part, alongside our Machine Gun Platoon, on the Reserve Forces Association competition. This competition is reported separately in the article which follows.

The Battalion shooting team is drawn mostly from HQ Company. We came 5th overall at the Divisional Skill at Arms meeting.

HQ Company is different from both Hook and Somme Companies of the 1st Battalion (being a hybrid, merged edition) - we are certainly different from a 3 DWR rifle company! This has sides both good and bad. Now that a new company 2i/c has been appointed, this should free the OC to be able to fight our corner more effectively by releasing him from the conduct of a good part of the seemingly ever-growing paperwork battle.

One highlight of this latest period was the visit of Sheffield's Lord Mayor on 22 April. He was certainly kept busy. He visited Sergeant Marrison of our Recruit Reception and Training Team, and WO2 Brown of the Signals Platoon, who had set up a demonstration command post. Corporal Johnson and Lance Corporal White of the Machine Gun Platoon and Lance Corporals Richardson and Cameron of the Reconnaissance Platoon demonstrated the support weaponry and night vision aids available to us. The final activity in the TA Centre was the visit to our Assault Pioneer Section. Lance Corporal Roe demonstrated the contribution to "sustaining the force" given by the use of water purification.

Finally, in the Sergeants' Mess, the Lord Mayor presented Colour Sergeant Wright and Corporals Skibinski and Wasden with their Territorial Army Efficiency Medal (TEM), and Corporal Holland with his TEM Bar. Well done to all of them.

OFFICERS' MESS

The Officers' Mess held a regimental dinner night in March at Endcliffe Hall, Sheffield. Music was provided by the band of the Yorkshire Volunteers, who played an excellent selection of regimental marches and provided the accompaniment to the traditional hearty singing of

"Ilkley Moor". The occasion was also an opportunity to dine out two members of the mess, Lieutenant Becky Bulmer, who has moved to Cheshire, and James Purcell, the Adjutant, who tells us that he is looking forward to his Falklands posting.

RESERVE FORCES ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL MILITARY SKILLS COMPETITION 1997

On Friday 4 May four members of HQ Company set off to compete in this year's Reserve Forces Association (RFA) competition held at Altcar camp. The competition is an international military skills event with teams from as far away as Belgium, Germany and Italy. In all 34 teams competed. The team consisted of Private Steel, Lance Corporal Wilson, Lance Corporal White and myself, Sergeant Yates.

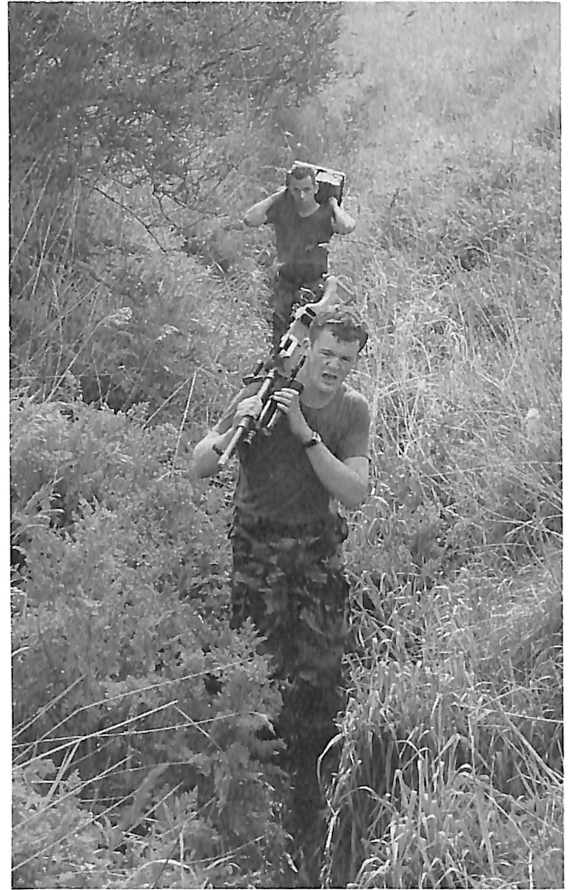
This year's event consisted of sixteen stands. We started on Saturday morning at 8.00am, with a two mile speed run followed by the assault course. These were completed in 12 minutes 25 seconds and four minutes respectively. Having run faster, jumped further and climbed higher than in previous competitions, we were pleased with the result.

Next came the load carry stand, each team had to carry a GPMG in the SF role over a 1 kilometre course, mainly through mud-filled ditches, picking up ammunition on route and firing at selected targets. Having three members of the SF Platoon enabled us to gain a very good score.

NBC casualty evacuation was the next stand. Here we had to carry Private Steel in a NBC casualty bag over a course laid out by mine tape. This proved to be much more difficult than expected, with the three remaining members of the team sucking air from Outer Mongolia to get us through in a good time. We had been lucky to get the more physical events done early, as the temperature was now rising. It would be a long hot day. We moved on to five stands that had to be completed in under one hour, involving the following: pushing a trailer over a laid out course using a three-quarter ton Land Rover; simple knots and lashings; a trailer race to push a trailer over a course after first unloading it, changing both wheels and reloading in the correct order again; the assembling of a 9mm pistol, MP5, AK47, SA80 and GPMG; and a grenade stalk, involving attacking a small hill after first issuing QBOs. We achieved good results in all five events, but could have scored higher on the weapon stand, except the MP5 had been stripped down further than we had predicted. There was time now to eat a quick snack and look at our notes in preparation for the next phase that would be more mental than physical.

Prisoner of war handling was a stand that included UN observer, casualties and enemy. Every member of the team had to think things through before acting. This they did, which enabled us to complete the task efficiently and gain top marks. Not every team did this, and the UN observer had been stripped, hooded and even shot by an un-named team that morning (must have been the Germans).

AFV and aircraft recognition followed with Lance Corporal White and Private Steel gaining top marks on the aircraft stand. Lance Corporal Wilson and I were not so lucky at AFV, with the models just a blur through the binos. Having been advised to get my eyes checked, we moved on to the small arms trainer. All the team shot well except for myself. I will book the eye test first thing on Monday.



Private Steel leads Lance Corporal White down a water filled ditch during the RFA competition.

A First Aid BE followed with each member of the team treating female casualties. Lance Corporal Wilson enjoyed this, as all were of a big build; above average marks were gained. The first command task proved to be our worst event. Oil drums and planks were needed to span a mine field. Various methods were tried, but to no avail, time ran out as we were half way across. Below-average marks were a big blow and we were not happy with the result. Yet again we split into two groups for the next stand. Lance Corporal White and Private Steel on water purification, Lance Corporal Wilson and myself on mine recognition. Maximum points were gained at both events, but a good deal of luck was needed on some of the Yugoslavian mines.

Moving oil drums with a Hidrema fork lift truck proved to be a more fun event. The JCB painted green seemed far larger when we sat in the cab. Lance Corporal White did well on this event. Using his nose, he was able to steady the drums on each pallet, which stopped them from falling off. Command task two was the final event with all team members out to right the mess of command task one. We successfully completed the task in record time and top marks were given.



Sergeant Yates leads Private Steel out of a tunnel on an endurance stand during the RFA competition.

The competition was now over and it was time to hit the showers and get a good meal. Saturday night was spent relaxing and recalling the day's events. On Sunday morning there was a parade at which the Chairman of the RFA, WO2 Bell, read out the results.

We had been awarded second place with the RAF Regiment first. We were well pleased with our placing, with only one day's pre-training we had beaten teams who had trained solidly for three months. Next year we hope to return and go one place better.



Left to right: Lance Corporal White, Private Steel, Sergeant Yates and Lance Corporal Wilson.

DEAD-EYED DUKES

In the 2nd Division Skill at Arms Meeting held at Strensall on 17 May a four man squad from 3 DWR competed against twenty-two regular and territorial teams in the falling plate competition. Corporals Marsh, Wall, Skibinski and Lance Corporal Mullins did not have the smoothest of starts. Due to the range organisation, they were still competing in another event at the other end of the range complex when they were called to fire in the first round of the falling plate. The result was that, on completing the shoot at one end of the ranges, the team had to race to the other end of the complex, straight onto the firing point, where they had to undertake three rounds on the bounce. The opponents

in these rounds were quickly despatched and then the team were allowed a break. The next victims were 4/5 Green Howards in the quarter-finals. A Dukes' fusillade dropped the eight plates in seconds, with six targets still remaining on their northern brothers' lane. In the semi-finals a Royal Anglian TA Battalion was overcome, to make way for the 1st Battalion The Royal Anglians. This was the same unit that our 1st Battalion had defeated in the final of the Army Boxing Championships last year. Second time around the 3rd Battalion repeated the performance to take the cup, proving that the gap between the regulars and the territorials is forever closing.



3 DWR Falling Plate Team

RSM Pigg	Lieutenant Colonel Drake	Captain Reaney
Corporal Marsh	Lance Corporal Mullins	Corporal Wall
		Corporal Skibinski

EXERCISE "ARTHUR'S BOOT"

Exercise Arthur's Boot was a Command Post Exercise (CPX) that took place over a weekend in April at Strensall training area, near York. Arthur's Boot is one of a series of CPXs to allow the Battalion to practise its battle procedures, command, control and communications, in preparation for the Battalion's participation in Exercise Eastern Harrier, a two-week divisional-run exercise being held in August.

As the exercise writer hails from Sheffield and is a Sheffield Wednesday supporter the CPX scenario was based around the Battalion supporting "Owler", an independent democratic state (the good guys) against "Blado", an unstable autocratic country (the bad guys). The football theme being continued with the

involvement of the Italian Army and the appearance during the exercise of two "Italian" liaison officers, named Majors Ravannelli and Carbonne.

The exercise involved a number of tasks to carry out and incidents to respond to that were designed to test commanders and command posts, at platoon, company and battalion, with the pressure and intensity increasing as the exercise developed. Even the regimental journal was alluded to during the exercise, with an inquiry to the adjutant expressing concern that even though the Battalion was on "operations", the required contributions to The Iron Duke should not be late! (Quite right. Admirable! Ed.)

THE PRINCE'S TRUST VOLUNTEERS

"Doesn't Phil Collins do charity concerts for them?"

That was my initial reaction on being introduced to the Sheffield Project Manager for the Prince's Trust Volunteers (PTV). Admittedly this conversation was taking place in a pub, as I had been out for a drink with friends when I had bumped into some former colleagues from the University Schools' Liaison Office. One of their crowd was the above-mentioned PTV Project Manager. He was mildly interested in my work for the university, but considerably more interested in the fact that I was a TA soldier; so much so that he took my phone number and gave me his business card with a promise to call me.

0830 hrs the next morning was rather earlier than I had expected. 0930 hrs found me sat in the Sheffield Prince's Trust Office while he explained more.

The Prince's Trust is Britain's largest private charity and was started by prince Charles with his severance pay on leaving the Royal Navy. Charity concerts followed, including one recently by the Spice Girls. The PTV is one branch of the Prince's Trust. Its aim is to help 16-25 year-olds by providing them with twelve-week personal development programmes in teams of about a dozen. The programme involves outdoor pursuit activities, various teamwork exercises and voluntary charity work in the community - which is where the 'V' in PTV comes from.

This was where I fitted in. Each team of volunteers needed a team leader and as a TA soldier I was a likely candidate for this position, particularly as 15 (North East) Brigade would pay my wages, effectively seconding me to work for PTV. Interviews with the Adjutant and the Commanding Officer followed, as did a selection of forms to be filled in from the Chief Clerk. Fairly rapidly approval from Brigade arrived and January found me, with the Battalion's blessing, at Reading University on PTV Team Leader training. This comprised a full explanation of the twelve-week programme, coupled with group and individual exercises, on how best to deliver the programme to the team of volunteers.

It was at this point that I started to realise what a wide range of people PTV was likely to encompass. The course members ranged from a former aromatherapist, a policeman, a secondment from the Force's Firearm Squad, to an unemployed bouncer (female), and this was just the team leaders.

Successful completion of the course brought me back to Sheffield and my first problem as a team leader, recruitment! Each team leader is responsible for recruiting their own team, with the backing of the PTV. But this meant phone calls and visits to a huge range of places including job clubs, Restart, voluntary groups, community organisations, careers departments at the University of Sheffield, the probation service, drugs rehabilitation projects and social workers. Not really the sort of people I had been used to dealing with as a TA soldier.

The start of March found me, after much hard work and endless phone calls, with a team of a dozen young and youngish people. They varied from recent

university graduates who wanted to fill their time usefully before starting work, through the long-term unemployed (four years plus) who saw it as an opportunity to get something on their CV, to a seventeen-year-old who had recently moved to Sheffield and wanted to meet people.

This and my first week involved getting to know everyone by means of a selection of physical and mental challenges and problems, getting the whole team over a notional electrified fence, route planning for a sponsored walk etc. These were designed to promote teamwork, team spirit and a problem-solving attitude. The week ended with a presentation by the team of what they had achieved and, more importantly, what they hoped to achieve.

The second week was based in the Lake District involving outdoor pursuits, including rock climbing, abseiling, canoeing and raft building. Once again, all these activities were structured to promote team building, and problem solving, particularly the raft building. During the course of the week in the Lake District the team catered both for themselves and the outdoor pursuit instructors, who were delivering the course. Some of the food on offer did result in the staff (myself included) having to make 'essential admin runs' to the pub and chippy. The food did improve however, culminating in a roast dinner and birthday party for one of the team on the last night.

The return to Sheffield and weeks three to six of the programme was the first 'voluntary' part. The team had been given the task of cleaning and refurbishing an old industrial unit for use as a cycle workshop by a local charity called 'Byclone'. The unit was filthy and required completely repainting, the paint was donated by a local firm - though some of the colours were pretty interesting, an awful lot of pink, purple, deep brown and lime green. It was also at this point that I discovered that one of the team was deeply colour blind, I caught him seconds away from finishing the rest of the candyfloss pink wall in battleship grey.

In weeks seven to nine the team members went on individual placements throughout Sheffield with, as ever, a wide range of organisations such as South Yorkshire Police, a charitable boxing gym and rights and advice centres to name a few. Those placements gave the volunteers the chance to individually put some of their new skills and confidence into action and, particularly important for those who had been unemployed, an opportunity to spend some time 'working'.

Weeks ten and eleven involved the final team challenge. The team had decided that they wanted to do something very different to their previous painting project. They had elected to follow the educational route by working in a local school, providing a geological week for one of the classes, including a field trip at no cost to the school. All of it had to be funded by the team. To raise the money they organised sponsored car washes, raffles, balloon races and pub crawls (including getting local businesses to donate prizes).

The final week of each programme is presentation week. Each team member who completes the course is entitled to a City and Guilds certificate, the paperwork for which is tied up in this week. There is also the final presentation, the team plan and present this to an audience. They invite family and friends and people who have donated materials or equipment to their projects and people from their placements. The team leader also gets to invite people and in my case it was Lieutenant Colonel Drake who was good enough to attend and also to present the team members with their certificate, much to their surprise.

Being a PTV team leader is undoubtedly challenging. The programme is designed to be fast-paced and challenging for the volunteers, so it can be doubly so for the team leader (no change there I hear section commanders upwards mutter). I did find that the organisational skills the army promotes were particularly useful as a team leader. My leadership style though had to change significantly; attempting to instil

a sense of urgency, or merely punctuality, in someone who hasn't made it out of bed before the start of Neighbours in three years, can be very much a one day at a time process. This is complicated by the fact that you have very few sanctions against volunteers who are late or lazy. You have to rely very much on force of personality, peer pressure from other team members (particularly unreliable in the early weeks) and your attempts to make the programme as fun and interesting as possible.

In retrospect, being a team leader is not for everyone, for starters you need to be able to devote five months of your life to it, but it can be very rewarding. Volunteers will admit that being on the programme has changed their lives, and you are part of that. It has been a very enjoyable, if occasionally infuriating, time and if the opportunity arose again, I would certainly consider leading another team.

Lance Corporal Richardson
Reece Platoon 3 DWR

9 CADET TRAINING TEAM

After one year and many uninformed comments, it's now time to put things into perspective and dispel all the rumours that Cadet Training Teams (CTT) don't put enough work in! 9 Cadet Training Team is one of thirty-one CTTs that cover the United Kingdom and support the two organisations of the Army Cadet Force (ACF) and the Combined Cadet Force (CCF). The team's area of responsibility is the whole of Yorkshire including the old county of Humberside; within this area the team is responsible for seven schools with CCF contingents and 99 ACF detachments. Not bad for an eight man team.

A quick word about the Cadet organisation and its role. It is a voluntary youth movement which is sponsored by the army. It takes part in both military and civilian activities and membership implies no obligation to join the services. Its purpose is to develop in its members the qualities of good citizenship and the "spirit of service to Queen and Country".

The team is multi-arm and consists of an OC (Infantry), TSM (Infantry), six sergeants of whom one is RMP, three are Infantry, one is RA and one RAC. All work out of, and live near, Queen Elizabeth Barracks at Strensall near York. On a broad annual basis, the team organises and conducts a CCF central camp, normally in North Yorkshire, for 1,000 cadets over a three week period. It also gives assistance to various ACF camps, organises and runs brigade cadet competitions for both SAA and military skills. On a weekly and monthly basis, tasks for the team include running initial training

courses for both ACF and CCF adult instructors, leadership and methods of instruction cadres for senior cadets, conducting range authorisation courses, routine day visits to CCF contingents and night visits to ACF detachments. The team also advises and assists with weekend training for both military and adventurous activities. I mustn't forget the odd guard commander duty.

Most members of the team are capable and qualified in both adventurous and military training and gather equal experience in both. It's not all shorts and flip-flops! During a normal week it is sometimes possible to get away and gather more experience in either kayaking or climbing to keep the log books up to date. One week in February is normally reserved for an arduous team training expedition to Scotland, which involves climbing and skiing in the Glencoe region. This year the team is also visiting the Loire Valley in France for seven days to improve climbing skills.

Although many think of a CTT as a recruiting organisation, the team doesn't actively recruit. However, due to our great charm and professionalism many ex-cadets sign up. As of October 1996, 25% of soldiers, 30% of officers entering Sandhurst and 16% of serving WO1s were all ex-cadets. In 9 CTT area of responsibility there are one CCF and seven ACF detachments in the Yorkshire (N&W) plus seven detachments in the Humberside & South Yorkshire area, all badged DWR.

Sergeant G. Perrin

HECKMONDWIKE (SPEN VALLEY) DETACHMENT ACF

One morning in April 1996, Captain Barry Hey, received a phone call from a local building contractor who wanted access to the detachment, so he could prepare a quotation for the demolition and clearance of the site. The land was leased from Heckmondwike Grammar School who now wanted to build a new sports

hall. This was the first we knew of such a proposal. The detachment's past poor performance and low numbers had led TAVRA to the decision that the most viable solution was to close the detachment and redistribute the cadets. In truth the detachment numbers had increased to twenty-eight cadets over the previous

twelve to eighteen months and the closure would have meant losing most of the cadets, as a move to other detachments would have been impractical in most cases. Because of the hard work that had been put into building the detachment up, and the cadets' disappointment, we felt we could not let the unit go down without a fight.

The detachment's closure seemed imminent, so we contacted the Yorkshire Post and the Heckmondwike Herald, with a view to making an appeal for temporary accommodation to keep the cadets together until a more permanent solution could be found; we also contacted Brigadier W. R. Mundell OBE, Colonel of the Regiment.

The interest generated by the newspaper articles and the enquiries by Brigadier Mundell made people realise that the perceptions they had of Heckmondwike Detachment were wrong and that, being so wrong, the detachment was after all worth saving.

We were then informed of TAVRA's intention to try and relocate the unit and allow us to carry on training the cadets. After numerous proposals, it was then decided to co-locate the unit with the local Air Training Corps (ATC) in Liversedge, which was our preferred option in the first place. A separate Portakabin type building was placed on the site, next to the ATC building, which accommodates the ACF detachment stores and office. The ATC building is now a shared facility into which we moved on 22 February 1997, almost twelve months after the closure threat began. The new location of our detachment is in a much more prominent position, which can only be an additional advantage and an aid to recruiting even more cadets into our unit, which is still continuing to flourish. Due to its new location, keeping the name of Heckmondwike Detachment was not practical so a new name was needed. After much thought it was decided to rename the detachment: Spen Valley Army Cadet Force Detachment DWR.

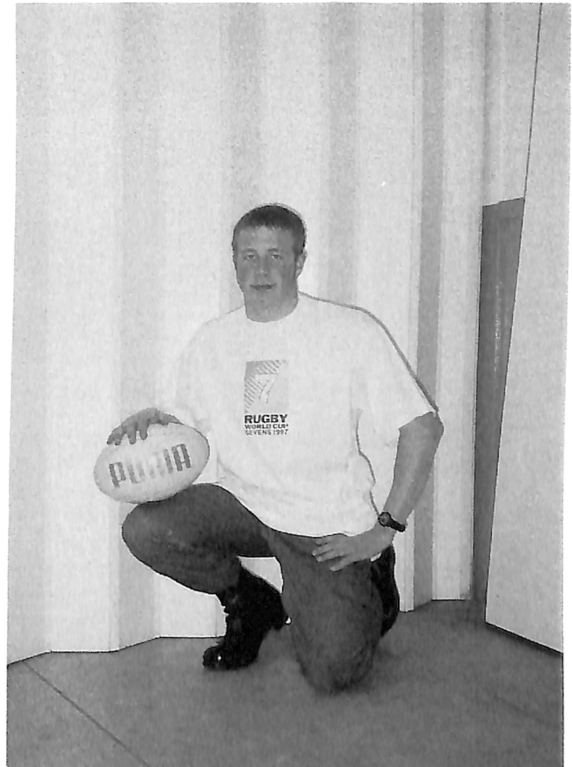
ARMY CADET MAKES HISTORY

Cadet Lance Corporal James Gareth Moriarty, who has been in Thongsbridge Cadet Detachment, Duke of Wellington's Regiment, for over two years, made his place in the history books by scoring the last international rugby try at Cardiff Arms Park just before it was demolished to make way for a brand new multi-million pound international sports stadium.

James, aged 17, lives at Meltham, Huddersfield, and started playing rugby for his school, Colne Valley High. When the selection process began to find players for 'D' Company Yorkshire (North & West) Army Cadet Force team, his name went forward.

He represented 'D' Company in the County Championships against teams from the other four companies in Yorkshire (N&W) Army Cadet Force. 'D' Company won this championship and, as a result, James was selected to represent Yorkshire (N&W) ACF in the regional championships which were held at Middlesbrough. This county team came second overall and James put up such a good showing that he was then selected to play for the North East England team in the Cadet Force National finals held at Aldershot. During this game, he was spotted and asked to play for the England Army Cadet Force team in the four nations international at Cardiff Arms Park between teams from England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, each team playing two matches. This involved him going down to Aldershot and then to Cardiff Arms Park for two days' intensive coaching. James scored the final try in the game against Wales which gave England a 37-7 win.

After the game he was informed that he would now go down in history as having scored the last international try at Cardiff Arms Park.



The History Maker

**Cadet Lance Corporal James Gareth Moriarty
Thongsbridge Cadet Detachment DWR.**

H.M.S. IRON DUKE - SUMMER EUROPEAN TOUR



Privates Ian Walters (on left) and Craig Charlesworth aboard H.M.S. Iron Duke.

Since our arrival back in Portsmouth in late April the ship has entered the busiest period of the year. Within three weeks of our arrival back in the UK, we were on our way for a six-week deployment to the Baltic States and northern Russia, but not before some much earned leave and some ship maintenance. This tour started with a three-day informal visit to Bergen, Norway, where the ship was the platform for a defence industry day. Over twenty companies exhibited their wares on the flight deck and a large number of the Norwegian Military attended. It was then on to the next port of call and the highlight of this period. As the first Royal Navy frigate to visit since the Second World War, the arrival in the closed Russian city of Severomorsk was very special. This visit proved to be a great success, not only for the ship but also for east-west relations as a whole, as Severomorsk is home to the great Russian Northern Fleet, where a large amount of the nuclear submarine flotilla and other vessels are based.

There was a ceremonial greeting for the Commanding Officer, who followed the tradition of eating bread dipped in salt as soon as he stepped on to

Russian soil and the specially baked loaf was then given to the Ship's Company. While there was much interest in the ship, with ship tours organised at all levels, life became very busy. The Sunday of our visit coincided with Northern Fleet Day (similar to UK Navy Days) so we were visited by several admirals and their respective staffs during the morning and then opened for visitors in the afternoon, when over 1,000 locals came to see us. Although Severomorsk is a closed town and people need a pass to travel outside its border, we were warmly greeted by the local people who invited several members of the Ship's Company back to their houses for hospitality. Organised tours were made out of the town to the city of Murmansk and gave us the chance to see some of the local countryside on the way. After an interesting, high-profile visit we embarked Admiral Yerofeev, who is the Commander Northern Fleet, for a day at sea where we conducted manoeuvres with our host ship the Krivak R S Zadorny before flying him back to the base in our own Lynx helicopter.

Throughout the six-week trip we have had Private Ian Walters and Private Craig Charlesworth from the 1st

Battalion with us and they have become a fundamental part of the team. Initially joining for ceremonial duties, they have taken a full and active part in ship life and Ian Walters won the Captain's prize this term for putting out a small fire within his first few days onboard. They both looked very smart in their bright red tunics and have been very striking standing on the bridge roof playing military tunes as we enter port. They have also provided an important ceremonial service playing the Last Post at the more sombre wreath-laying ceremonies in Severomorsk, and again at the British War Graves in the other ports of call. It was not all hard work for them, as they were introduced to traditional naval sports such as flight deck hockey in which they played an integral part in their mess team.

From Russia it was a short six-day passage to the Baltic Sea where the ship participated in this year's BALTOPS exercise and a period of operational work with our NATO and non-NATO allies. This was not only a period of enhanced exercises, but was also a chance to build friendships and exchange ideas. To this end there were many social and sporting events organised when in port, in which Iron Duke gave a good, positive and not unsuccessful showing. With visits to Gdynia, Kiel and Arhus also during this period, it was back to Portsmouth in early July for Staff College Sea Day and our own day at sea for our families. An assisted maintenance period followed in order to prepare the ship for the autumn deployment to the Caribbean.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

Dukes' Prowess

What a success was your single-page focus on the 1930-31 1st Battalion Rugby XV (Spring, P.28). It amazes most of us that one such team contained what would become two brigadiers, two COs of DWR, an RSM and a drum major, appointments/awards of CBE: OBE: MBE: MC - and that over half the team was capped for the army (gathering 33 caps), while three achieved international caps (gathering five caps) or trials (two trials); while other sports distinctions were also achieved.

When twenty years on (after the war), I joined 1 DWR from Sandhurst and courses, it was at Minden preparing for Korea. I came down to breakfast on my first day to confront a pair of Scottish and a pair of English internationals. My company commander was Charlie Grieve (senior), who had also been a British Lion to South Africa. David Gilbert-Smith was a fellow new-boy. Ahead were the Sandhurst/DWR/Army/England halves, Denis Shuttleworth and the late Michael Hardy. More were to come.

One such future page might cover the regimental record in shooting. Sam Robertson and Bill Norman, our two most consistently fine shots, could concisely compose a wide and long litany of fact, which many of us might like to slip into our copies of Brereton and Savory as an added appendix behind that on rugby. Our shooting record is not so very much less than that of rugby.

Yours faithfully

John Stacpoole (Fr Alberic)

(I hope that our marksmen, clean, bright and lightly-oiled, are even now preparing to take up your challenge. Editor.)

Regimental Contractors

Mr Bill Norman has also contributed to the correspondence on Regimental Contractors. In responding to Dr James Hayes' letter on page 110 of Winter issue No. 232, he wrote:

"I have just read your letter reference Ahmed Din in the latest Iron Duke and being an old 2nd Battalion wallah thought I had better tell you what I know about our past Regimental Contractor. I cannot think of anyone else that would perhaps know him as well as myself, born in the 2nd Battalion and starting school in Cairo in 1925 where I think that Ahmed Din was our tailor. I very well remember at Singapore about 1927 when the contract was taken over by NAAFI and much publicity was given to this. I do not know who the contractor was prior to NAAFI.

When we went to Ahmednager in February 1926 we had Ahmed Din take over contractor and, for all that is said to the contrary, he did us very well. There was a dry goods canteen, wet canteen, and you could buy a supper in the evenings. I think he also ran the Moochi (cobbler), the Nappi (barber, who would shave you in bed before reveille). He certainly was the Darzi (tailor); apart from the main tailor's shop there was one squatted on every company verandah, who not only tailored, but pressed uniforms as well; very useful when you were due for guard mounting and the only iron was a charcoal one. You could hire a bicycle for one rupee a week, and you certainly needed to should you be on jankers (defaulters). I dare say I have missed out on something somewhere, but the first prize must surely go to the char wallah, with his highly polished tea urn. The tea was kept warm by charcoal in the lower part of it. Somehow it never stewed?? He also had a brass box full of wads (cakes and buns). Assisted by a chico (boy) there would be tea at reveille, mid-day break and again in the evening when he would make banjos (hot tea cake sandwiches, egg, liver, steak and what else was going). We would pull his leg by asking for a bacon banjo "You not make it joke like that sahib" he would scream at us for our Yacoub Mohamid Khan was a very devout Muslim, as they all were. They accompanied us everywhere and on the march they would either travel in a piggy (native) bus, or even on a bicycle, and carry the char can and box. When we saw them all set up in the distance we knew we were due for a halt. Mostly we had it all on the kitabh (book) and pay up at weekends. If you did not pay you got the wrath of the rest of the company, for our charwallah was our friend who saw us

through thick and thin. At quite low interest some money-lending would go on. If he got too much in debt with the boss he would be banished to the government grass farm until he worked his debt off, a disgrace to the company among the tommies. Wonderful men, many joined us when we arrived in India and left when we went off to Burma. They wept and we all felt that we were losing a good friend. Oh yes, there was also a fruit wallah and he had a large round basket on his head full of fruit of which some had to be washed in pot permag before he sold it to us. Bombay oysters were a speciality. This was a raw egg in salt, vinegar and pepper. It was reputed to build you up and all the muscle men and those of a sporting nature would spend one anna per day to keep up their fitness. They were also believed to be good for sex life and anyone who

was not a keep fit man had to have them in secret or he would get a bad reputation. Championships were held and I think a man in 'B' Company was the Battalion Bombay Oyster Champion with twenty-six.

When we went to Multan, Ahmed Din's contract was not renewed and the new contractor was Hari Chand Kapoor and that was the end of Ahmed Din as far as I can recall. All went on the same and all the char wallahs stayed with us.

When we were in Cyprus in 1956/57, Major John Davis asked me if I had heard of one HCK who had come to see him about getting a contract, he said that this fellow claimed to have worked for us in India. I told him that he had indeed and on that he was again taken on, never up to the old standard though, but still a good asset."

BOOK REVIEW

BLOOD IN ZION. How the Jewish guerrillas drove the British out of Palestine. By Saul Zadka (Brassey's) 227pp £19.95.

On the first day of February, 1944, most certainly unbeknown to the 1st Battalion, then heavily engaged at Anzio, an organisation of Palestine Jews issued a proclamation to the Jewish nation. It called for the immediate transfer of power in the land of Israel to a provisional Jewish government. The Irgun Zvai Leumi (National Military Organisation or IZL) then launched an intensive guerrilla campaign against the British on a scale never before conducted by a Jewish organisation in modern times. Led by Menachem Begin, a future prime minister of Israel, the Irgun blew up buildings, sabotaged roads and bridges, killed and maimed soldiers, raided military bases, robbed banks and attacked strategic targets, both at home and abroad.

On 22 February, 1945, a year after the IZL's proclamation, the 1st Battalion landed at Haifa, having sailed from Taranto, still as part of the 1st British Infantry Division, which took over the operational role in Palestine from the 5th Division destined for France. From this date to December 1946, apart from three months in Egypt, the Battalion was engaged in internal security duties in Palestine in aid of the civil power.

This book is the thesis which earned Zadka his PhD at King's College, London, and seeks to answer the question whether the Jewish campaign was a factor in the ending of the British mandate in Palestine. His final paragraph gives his conclusion: "When....., the British finally made the decision to quit, the press, the public and Parliament greeted it with overwhelming approval and a general sense of relief. In the psychological struggle to drive British public opinion into despair and helplessness, the IZL certainly won the day."

The book chronicles all the acts of terrorism in meticulous detail, reminders which still have the ability to shock: the blowing up of the King David Hotel in Jerusalem; the hanging of the two Intelligence Corps sergeants; the flogging of British officers and the kidnappings - all of which are described alongside the subsequent reactions of the British authorities and the army high command. The inter-relationships between the notorious Stern Gang, the Haganah and the IZL are well documented. The book answers many questions for those of us who were there. Above all, it was the lack of hard intelligence for the army which enabled the Jews always to be one step ahead. Major operations against the Jewish terrorist leaders usually found warm beds, but the quarry had flown. The declaration of martial law proved to be no answer and the Jews were always winning the propaganda war in the foreign, notably American, press. The main issue was illegal immigration against the quota of immigrants set by the British in order to carry out the terms of the mandate in fairness to the Arabs, who also had a claim on Palestine. But Jews, escaping from the Holocaust in Europe in unseaworthy ships, prevented from landing by Royal Naval blockade, being either turned back to sea, or else interned in Cyprus or in Palestine, were a powerful propaganda tool and turned international opinion against the British. I believe it to be true that we in the Battalion, along with the rest of the army, knew that we were always on to a loser. However, even so, we carried out our duties and morale was always high. Yet, as this book shows, we did not know the half of it and, with hindsight, that is what makes it so very valuable.

D.E.I.

GAME SHOOTING IN THE REGIMENT 1906-1963

I am not quite sure why, but an article on shooting by Max Hastings in the January issue of *The Field* - 'Last Post for the Old Soldier' - prompted me, nostalgically but somewhat incongruously, to retrieve from RHQ the regimental game books of our 1st and 2nd Battalions. I

knew of the 1st Battalion book as, when I was serving, we always kept it up-to-date in the Mess but, never having soldiered in the 2nd Battalion, I had not seen its game book. Covered in dust it was taken from the RHQ archives, not without some difficulty, as it weighs

exactly twenty-one pounds (one and a half stones!) and measures some 20 x 15 x 3.5 inches. Leather bound and gold-tooled, it was presented to the officers in 1922 by Major N. G. Burnand DSO, who later commanded the 1st Battalion in 1924. Sadly, only seven pages are completed, covering the eighteen years of shooting up to 1940. After that date the Battalion was engaged in the pursuit of much more dangerous and important game in the Burma campaign, notably as 33rd and 76th Chindit Columns under Orde Wingate, and then, after the war, it was amalgamated with the 1st Battalion.

On the other hand, the game book of the 1st Battalion covers a wealth of shooting from 1907 to 1963. The first entry in the book, written at Tappa Khajuria, India, brings forward the total of game shot in 1906/07 as 472 and, apart from conventional game, includes twenty-one black buck, four nilgai (antelope), five mugga (I confess not to know whether these are fur or feather) and under 'various' is one wolf! Most of the shooting recorded is in India, but from 1915, throughout the war, there are no entries until 1921 when the Battalion was in Palestine, where a total of 331 quail (and nothing else) were shot over five days by four to five guns. Devonport in 1928 produced but nineteen pigeons, whereas in Kenya in 1961 and 1962 Tony Firth and others saw a mixture of quail, guinea fowl, frankolin and Thompson's gazelle, as well as catching brown and rainbow trout. In 1962, guns from Burma Company, shooting over rice fields in Boom, British Honduras, found duck in abundance, even including one Muscovy (as large as a goose and flying like a war-time Dornier!).

Although only seven pages are completed in the 2nd Battalion book, the shooting is much more varied and exotic and covers stations in India, Singapore and Egypt. Black and red bear, ibex and marmot, panther, boar, tiger and bison together with many ducks of all varieties (but, of interest, no pheasant) all fell to regimental guns. Quite clearly, there was much game about, as even with the usually small number of guns in

the line, the bags average between sixty to one hundred plus; a typical example being fifty ducks and twelve snipe to four guns on 9 January 1938 in India.

Looking at the names of guns from 1906 to 1962 it is at first sad and salutary to see how many fell in the two world wars and then secondly, interesting to recall the others' careers since those carefree and happy days in the field. The great Peake Pasha did much shooting from 1907 until 1913, when he left the 1st Battalion to join his beloved Arabs and to fight alongside T. E. Lawrence in the desert. In 1914 Tony Savory's uncle, General Savory, did his year's attachment to the British Army with the 1st Battalion in India before joining the Sikhs and shot many times. He went on to command 23rd Indian Division in Burma and then completed his service as Adjutant General. Sir Philip Christison, Sir Robert Bray, Charles Pickering, Kenneth Exham, each to become our Colonel, also figure prominently, as do Brigadier-General Watson, Commander Rawalpindi Brigade in 1915 and the much loved General Willy Ozanne. Well-known regimental names such as: Kavanagh, Wellesley, Tidmarsh, Cumberlege, Dalrymple, Sugden and Moran occur, as do many others, too numerous to mention here, who did well and became, in their turn, commanding officers, and sometimes brigade commanders and generals in peace and war.

The game books are now back in the archives at RHQ. Not many of us shoot regularly in a syndicate these days; indeed, if hunting should be abolished, one has to wonder for how long shooting itself will continue. Yet, Catterick with its grouse, Stanford, Warminster and many other stations with their pheasant and partridge still run shoots where membership could produce more pages in the game book, so that future nostalgic old gentlemen would be able to read about the 'good old days...'

D.E.I.

WRITERS WANTED!

£1,000 REWARD

The Ex-Services Mental Welfare Society in conjunction with the Royal Armouries, Leeds, are sponsoring a £1,000 Short Story Competition for 1997. The prize will be awarded for the best entry, fiction or non-fiction, on one of the following three themes: either 'Military Life', 'Wartime', or 'Peace'.

Entry is open to **all ranks, serving or retired, their relatives or friends** and must be no more than 1,000 words in length.

A panel of distinguished judges will invite the winner and their family to a prize giving at the Royal Armouries on 29 December. The winning entry will be advertised in the *Daily Telegraph* on Christmas Eve, 24 December.

Each entry should be accompanied by £5 (which includes a £4 donation to the charity and £1 for administration). The deadline for entries is 30 September and should be sent to:

**Competition Secretary, Ex-Services Mental Welfare Society,
Broadway House, The Broadway,
Wimbledon, London SW19 1RL.
Telephone: 0113 243 3300**

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

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BRADFORD BRANCH

Due to lack of support at recent Bradford Branch meetings, the branch in the immediate future will combine its monthly meetings with the Halifax Branch, at 8.00pm on the second Tuesday of each month, in the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess, TA Centre, Prescott Street, Halifax. The Chairman/Secretary will continue to be Mr D. Woolley (contact as shown above).

LONDON BRANCH

The London Branch held its annual Dinner and Dance at the Park Court Hotel, Bayswater, on Saturday 18 April 1997. The guest of honour was the Colonel of the Regiment, who was accompanied by his wife. Fifty-seven persons sat down to dinner, including over thirty from the Yorkshire branches, whose presence is always welcome and enjoyed. It was also very pleasing that Colonel Andrew Meek was able to attend.

The toast to the Regiment was given by Mr Douglas Emery DCM, BEM, who served with the 1st Battalion at Anzio and Monte Ceco and who was both a personal friend and platoon sergeant of Private Richard Burton

VC. After the raffle, the Colonel conducted a rousing rendition of "The Dukes are Coming up the Hill".

YORK BRANCH

The York Branch held a highly successful river cruise on the river Ouse from the centre of York downstream to the Ship Inn at Acaster Malbis. Most of the members and their wives made it for the downstream part of the trip, with several other prominent members of the association missing the boat in York, travelling by taxi, and consequently arriving at the Ship Inn before the boat did! Following a fine meal and liquid refreshment, we returned to York with a full crew.

The York Branch will be organising several outings later this year which may possibly include a trip to Beamish, and also to Wellbeck College. Dates and timings will be available from John Hemmings and Leo Taylor.

The York Branch annual Christmas dinner will again be held at the Beechwood Close Hotel in York on Wednesday 17 December. Members who wish to attend this dinner are requested to contact the Secretary as soon as possible, as places are limited.



The Dukes are Coming up the Hill.

Left to right: The Colonel; Tony Bower; Major Dick Ince; Colonel Andrew Meek; Captain Robert Wilson; Mick Ainley; Harry Haldenby; Ted Schofield; Paul Taylor; Peter Harley. Front: Gordon Bell, the Editor.

REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION AGM AND DINNER

The AGM, followed by the Reunion Dinner and Dance, will again be held at the Stakis Hotel, Bradford, on Saturday 4 October 1997. The AGM will start at 6.30pm and will be followed by dinner at 8.00pm.

Dinner tickets at £12 and raffle tickets at £1 (for five) can be obtained from Branch Secretaries or Regimental Headquarters. Please be aware that this year's raffle will be drawn prior to the dinner and raffle tickets will not therefore be on sale on the night.

REGIMENTAL SERVICE: HALIFAX PARISH CHURCH

The Annual Regimental Service will be held at 11.30am on Saturday 1 November 1997. The service will be held in Halifax Parish Church.

Prior to the service, the Parish Hall will be open at 10.30am for coffee. Lunch will be provided, on pre-payment, in Halifax Town Hall. The Halifax TA Centre will also be open after the service for drinks only.

Anyone who has not already received a letter giving details of the Regimental Service, but would like to attend, should contact RHQ as soon as possible.

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REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION ACCOUNTS

Accounts for the period 1 April 1996 - 31 March 1997

FRIENDS OF THE REGIMENT FUND

Expenditure	£	Income	£
Recruiting/Retention	3452.25	Subscriptions	1444.35
Freedom Parades	1417.28	Donations	2463.51
Audit/Legal/Insurance	96.86	Legacies	500.00
Purchase Waterloo/Alma prints	2969.20	Investment Dividends	1386.63
Sports/Adventure Training grants	1150.00	Charity Deposit Interest	419.08
Iron Duke Journal	510.00	Income tax reclaimed	554.25
Liaison visit Austrian Army	211.80	Waterloo/Alma print sales	2061.00
Purchase Spode Plate	70.00		
Sundry expenses	51.63	Sub Total	8828.82
		<i>Excess of expenditure over income</i>	1100.20
TOTAL	9929.02	TOTAL	9929.02

Balance Sheet

Value of fund as at 1 April	1997	1996
Cash at bank	8801.00	9901.00
Market value of investments	38175.00	34259.00
Total worth of fund	£46976.00	£44160.00

A total of £4408 was received into the fund during the financial year from very generous subscriptions and donations. A bequest was received from the estate of the late Colonel Pat Cousens. Donations came from Mr D. Hall, Major F. N. Potts and Major J. A. Bearder. Donations were also received in memory of Mrs Viviane Moran, John Barker, Ken Summersgill, Major Jeff Reynolds, James Anderson Feather, Major John Streatfeild and George Coster.

THE IRON DUKE FUND

Expenditure	£	Income	£
Production Costs	7566.68	Subscriptions	6496.00
Postage	937.00	Advertising	914.84
Auditor	141.00	Bank Interest	176.39
Editor's expenses	50.00	Income tax reclaimed	924.00
Insurance	18.12	Postage	16.00
Covers (written off)	519.00		
		Sub Total	8527.23
		<i>Excess of expenditure over income</i>	704.57
TOTAL	9231.80	TOTAL	9231.80

Balance Sheet

Value of fund as at 1 April	1997	1996
Cash at bank	4151.00	4338.00
Less 1997 subs paid in advance	(368.00)	(369.00)
Total worth of fund	£3783.00	£3969.00

Obituaries

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

Major Tony Savory, MBE

Tony Savory died in Lymington on 6 July 1997, aged 79, after a short illness.

Many of us in the Regiment have memories of Tony, because, for many years, he was at the centre of regimental life and he exerted an important influence on a wide range of regimental matters. For over 25 years he was a member of both the Council and the Trustees. In addition, for some fifteen years he was Editor of *The Iron Duke* and a Trustee of the Museum. In all of these appointments he provided wise advice and he always made himself available to the Colonel when matters of protocol, tradition, finance, or history demanded attention.

On leaving Sandhurst in 1938, Tony joined the 2nd Battalion in India and it was at this time that he forged so many life-long friendships. Many will have happy memories of the fun of a young man's life in our 2nd Battalion, before and during the war, in India and Burma, which were the theatres in which Tony served, notably with 23rd Indian Division, commanded by his distinguished uncle, Sir Reginald Savory, on the Assam/Burma border. There was much ferocious fighting against the Japanese and this was where Tony was first Mentioned in Despatches.

In 1946 Tony was on the Staff of HQ Palestine in Jerusalem. On 22 July the King David Hotel, which housed the Government Secretariat as well as Army HQ, was blown up by Jewish terrorists, causing great damage and loss of life. Tragically, Rosemary's father, who was an important member of the Government, was killed and Rosemary herself was lucky to escape with her life. She, covered in dust and in a state of shock, found Tony looking for her at the top of the still-standing army staircase. This was to be the dramatic start of their life together, because, later that year, they were married in London.

Tony had been plagued from an early age with a hearing defect, which ultimately caused his early retirement from the army. This may be apocryphal, but regimental folklore has it that the detonation of some 1,000 lbs of high explosive was unheard by Tony, who went on working away at his desk. Paradoxically perhaps, Tony's deafness was successfully treated after he left the army, so that, while his military contemporaries became progressively more deaf, Tony's hearing became more acute! Tony's service in Palestine in those troubled times led to his second Mention in Despatches, while his subsequent service in Singapore, just before he retired from the army in 1959, earned him the award of the MBE.

Tony had a clear and incisive mind and an eye for detail, which made him an outstanding staff officer. This skill contributed too to Tony's other achievements. There can be no doubt that Tony was a great scholar, particularly of regimental history. We have only to recall the many learned articles which he wrote for *The Iron Duke* and, of course, his master-minding and co-

authorship of our definitive Regimental History, which has been received with so much acclaim. Tony himself said that it was his time at our depot in Halifax, first as Adjutant and then as the Officer Commanding in the 1950s, which generated his great interest in the historical side of the Regiment and which led directly to his becoming a member of the Council of the Society for Army Historical Research, a prestigious appointment of which he was justly proud.

After leaving the army, Tony applied the same diligence and enthusiasm to industry as he had done in his military career. First, he joined the Rootes Group as Assistant Company Secretary at its Acton plant and later he held positions at Coventry, Linwood and in London, before becoming Personnel Services Director when Chrysler took over the group. Finally, in 1969, he became Chief Personnel Director of Unigate, a main board appointment, which he held until his retirement in 1979.

Last year, 1996, saw Tony and Rosemary celebrate their Golden Wedding. So it is abundantly clear that all that Tony achieved was very much a team effort. Rosemary followed the drum wherever Tony went: some thirteen years of army life at home and abroad; and then all of twenty years in industry, with many, many changes of home. Their two daughters, Rozanne and Loraine, were also part of the team which provided Tony with a great love and inspiration.

In some ways Tony was a hard man. He held strong views on many topics and followed principles from which he was not easily shaken. He was always prepared to speak out if a proposal or course of action was not, in his view, absolutely right and correct by his standards. Had this not been so, he would not have achieved so much in so many different fields during his life. But, in truth, Tony was a very gentle and kind person, a true gentleman and a great Duke. He will be missed by us all in many different ways.

A family funeral service took place on 11 July and a Service of Thanksgiving for Tony's life was held on 21 July. The latter was attended by the Colonel of the Regiment and his two predecessors as Colonel, as well as by a number of other Dukes and the wives of several. The Address, from which this text has been drawn, was given by Major General D. E. Isles, CB, OBE, DL. A number of other Dukes and organisations with which Tony was involved have asked to be associated with the sentiments it contains. The family is being informed of all of them.

We are glad to publish the following message:

"21 July 1997. Rosemary, Rozanne and Loraine would like to express their sincere and heartfelt thanks for all the lovely letters and the support they have received since Tony died. We have appreciated it more than we can say."

Lieutenant Colonel Colin Barnes

Colin Barnes, who was the last Commanding Officer of the West Riding Battalion DWR, died on Saturday 2 August 1997. A full obituary will be published in our next edition.

In-Pensioner R. A. Alton

Reginald Albert (Reg) Alton died in the Royal Hospital, Chelsea on 26 May 1997, aged 86 years.

Reg joined the Regiment as a boy, aged 14, in March 1925. He served with the Regiment for a total of twenty-six years, finally discharged in August 1955. During this time he served throughout world war two in Africa and Italy, followed by Palestine and Korea.

Reg, who was admitted to the Royal Hospital as an In-Pensioner in October 1986, had been ill for some time. The Regiment was represented at his funeral on 26 May 1997 by Brigadier John Greenway and Keith Jagger, Chairman and Secretary respectively of the London Branch of the Regimental Association, and by In-Pensioner Ellis, Reg's close friend, who had visited him daily during his long illness.

Mr B. Cronin

Bertram (Bert) Cronin died in York on Saturday 28 June 1997. He was aged 71 years.

Bert joined the Regiment in 1948 and served for a total of twenty years, before applying for redundancy in 1968. During this time he served in Malaya 1949-51, attached to the Green Howards, and in the Middle East, Germany, Kenya and British Honduras. He left the 1st Battalion from Osnabruck in January 1968.

Bert's funeral took place on Thursday 3 July 1997. Members of the York Branch of the Regimental Association attended.

Sergeant Jack Dodds

Jack (Pop) Dodds died on 24 April 1997 at Brightlingsea, Essex. He was aged 85 years.

Pop enlisted into the Dukes at the age of nineteen in February 1931 and served for an initial period of seven years, during which he served with the 1st Battalion at Aldershot, Malta and Bordon, before being transferred to the reserve in 1938.

Along with other reservists, Pop was recalled at the outbreak of war. He rejoined the 1st Battalion and served with it in France and Belgium, returning to England via the never-to-be-forgotten route of the Dyle-Dunkirk. By 1943, Pop was a sergeant in North Africa and he soldiered on with the 1st Battalion until 1945, through Pantellaria, Italy, Palestine, Egypt, Syria and Lebanon. He was released from the army in 1946 with the rank of Acting Company Sergeant Major.

After four years as a civilian he re-enlisted into the Regiment in 1950. He was promoted to Pioneer Corporal in May 1951 and Pioneer Sergeant in September 1957. It was about this time that he first exercised his right to grow a beard. This period of service took him to Germany, Korea, Gibraltar, Malta, Cyprus, Ireland and twice to Kenya. Perhaps his

greatest service to the Battalion was in Korea when, as Pioneer Corporal, he was responsible for the preparation for burial of the bodies of our fallen. He discharged this responsibility in a most exemplary manner, which earned him the gratitude of all ranks.

Pop was finally discharged in 1962 at the age of 51 and after twenty-six years service with the Regiment.

In the mid 1970s, Pop resided for a short period as an In-Patient in the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, but, true to form, he discharged himself and settled down in Brightlingsea, with friends Les and Barbara Kennedy. Barbara was the daughter of ex WO2 Bert Fitter DWR. He lived with them for the remainder of his life.

The funeral service took place at Weeley, near Clacton, on 30 April 1997. In addition to Les and Barbara Kennedy, other Dukes who attended included Brigadier Tony Firth, Major Charles Bunbury, John Sargeant, Bill Norman and Jim Baines.

Mr N. Wilson

Norman (Tug) Wilson, ex sergeant of the 1st Battalion died on 18 May 1997. He was aged 77 years.

Tug was enlisted into the Dukes in July 1938. He was with the 1st Battalion at Dunkirk and was wounded in North Africa in 1943 where he lost his right eye. After recovering from his wounds he was posted as a trainer to ITC Brancepeth, Co Durham. The tale is that Tug would take out his false eye and place it on the barrack room steps, "to keep an eye on the recruits". Tug will also be remembered as a fine soccer player and sportsman.

The funeral took place in Durham, his home town.

Mr A. Stapleton

Arthur Stapleton died in New Zealand in April 1997. He was aged 83 years.

Arthur joined the Regiment as a boy, aged 16, in 1930 and was posted to the 2nd Battalion. It is believed that he continued to serve with that Battalion up to and possibly including World War 2. At some stage he is thought to have transferred to RAMC.

Lieutenant-Colonel William Mackay, DSO, MC, RA

Many who served in the 1st Battalion in Korea will have been saddened to read William Mackay's obituary in the papers recently. Born in 1916 and educated at Melville College, Edinburgh and the RMC Sandhurst, Bill was commissioned into the Indian Army and gazetted into the 5th Mahratta Light Infantry. He won his first MC in Burma in 1943 as second-in-command of his battalion, when in blazing sun, short of water, he encouraged his men to hold off strong Japanese attacks for eight days. Later, as CO, he managed to extricate his battalion from an untenable position despite being wounded. For this he was awarded the DSO.

In 1947 he transferred from the Indian Army to the Royal Artillery and became commander of 45 Battery in 20 Field Regiment. In 1952 the regiment was posted to Korea and Bill and 45 Battery came in support of

the Dukes. There were many occasions when Bill's experience both as an infantryman and gunner was greatly valued by Ramsay Bunbury, the CO. This was particularly true during the eighteen difficult days leading up to the Battle of the Hook on 28 May 1953, during which time the Chinese artillery sought to soften up the battalion position. The CO and Bill reviewed and revised the many DF and DF(SOS) tasks backed by the Divisional Artillery and those of the US Marine and Turkish field regiments, not to mention a battery of US eight-inch 'persuaders'.

The battalion command post was occupied by the CO and staff and some of the supporting arms. During the many alarms and excursions during that time it was a great comfort to know that if Bill got there first he could

handle any problem. For his leadership and handling of the artillery Bill was awarded a bar to his MC. He contributed hugely to the success of the operation. Some will also remember his presentation to the battalion of a shell case, suitably inscribed, ejected from one of his 25-pounders. He was a brave man and a good friend of the Regiment.

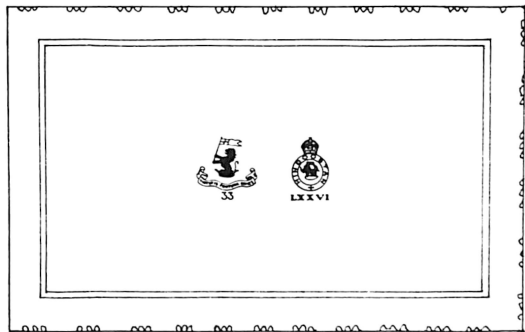
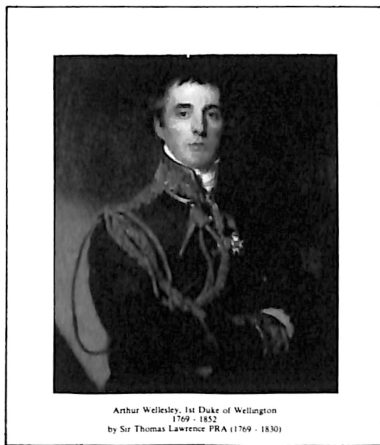
Lieutenant-General Thomas Henderson-Brooks

Lieutenant-General Thomas Henderson-Brooks, who has died in Australia aged 87, was commissioned from Sandhurst in 1929 and served for a year in India with our 2nd Battalion. In 1931 he joined the Mahratta Light Infantry and his subsequent distinguished service was entirely with the Indian Army.

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