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EDITORIAL

The untimely death, on 14th February, of General Sir Richard Craddock, our first and much-loved Colonel, overshadows all else in the period reviewed by this Journal. A letter from Lady Craddock, a number of personal tributes to General "Dick" and a list of those who attended a memorable Thanksgiving Service at Bulford, appear elsewhere in this issue.

Whilst the 1st Bn "soldiers on" in BAOR, the 2nd has covered a lot of territory—Belize, Bulford and Belfast to name but three—and in August) the battalion is off again, this time to Gibraltar for a two-year accompanied tour.

The 3rd, in Belize until August, will return to Catterick for a brief stay before moving south, to Dover, in January next year.

We do not yet know which "Infantry Battalion" will be stationed in Howe Barracks when works services are completed (hopefully in 1979) but, since both our 1st and 2nd Bns are due home in that year, is it too much to hope that one of them, and not some "foreigner", will be chosen by the Arms plotters as the new occupant?

Between now and the end of the year our County Offices are to close and an enlarged RHQ staff at Canterbury will administer Regimental affairs in their broadest sense.

A new RO is to head the Secretariat and those of us already at RHQ will be joined by the existing ROs from the Surrey, Kent (less Col Raymond Grace who retires on 3 Aug) and Middlesex Offices when they close.

As Lt Col Gerry Hollist (Sussex Office) retires at the end of the year, Benevolent case-work for Royal Sussex Old Comrades (and possibly certain other R Sussex commitments) are to be managed by Maj Edward McCarthy at the centralized RHQ.

On 31st December, Maj Gen Fergus Ling plans to hand over the Colonelcy of the Regiment to Maj Gen Rowley Mans. At the same time, all the County-orientated Deputy Colonels' appointments will lapse, except that Brig Roy Coleman is to remain as the Colonel's sole Deputy. As forecast by General Ling's Christmas Message in the last issue, the interests of our former Regiments' Associations will be represented in the Regimental Committee by their Presidents or Chairmen.

On 16th July, the last (but one) of our former Regiments' Colours are to be ceremoniously laid up in Canterbury Cathedral under arrangements being made by the Kent Office. The 2nd Bn, and 5th and 6/7th TAVR Bns and a detachment of Kent ACF Cadets will be participating.

In 1981, when it is hoped that the 6th/7th (V) Bn receives its own new Colours, the last Colours of the 4th/5th Bn The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment (which that battalion now carries) will probably be laid up. As this is exactly 100 years after the Cardwell Reforms, it is, perhaps, a fitting date to mark the end of an era.

Mainly About People

It is with the deepest regret that we record the death of **Lt.-Gen. Sir Richard Craddock, KBE, CB, DSO** on 14th February.

New Years Honours, Jan. 1977

We congratulate the following on their awards: **MBE**
WO1 Bandmaster E. F. T. Clark. BEM
WO2 G. Robinson, 2nd En.
WO2 J. T. Doran, 3rd Bn.
Sgt. B. W. Breach, 3rd Bn.

Brig. G. B. Curtis, QBE, MC retired on 31 Mar. '77.
Lt. J. R. Barrell, formerly RSM of 5 QUEENS,
was granted a SSC and posted to 3 QUEENS on 24 Jan.

'77.

Capt. J. R. C. Palmer was posted to an AAC Det. in Belize, Feb. '77.

Majs. P. Hiscock, T. L. Trotman and J. J. White were promoted to Lt.-Col. 31 Dec. '76 with seniority 30 June '76.

Maj. N. S. Hunter successfully completed Div. 1 of No. 10 Army Staff Course at the RMCS (8 Jan. to 19 Dec. '75) and at the Staff College Carnberley (29 Jan. to 28 Oct. '76).

Maj. M. B. Montgomery successfully completed Div. 3 of No. 10 Staff Course at the RMCS (6 Oct. to 19 Dec. '75) and at the Staff College Camberley (29 Jan. to 28 Oct. '76).

Maj. P. A. Gray has qualified for entry to the Grade 1 Staff Pool.

Cpts. N. F. Russell and J. A. B. Salmon successfully completed No. 29 Junior Command and Staff Course (13 Jun. to 13 Aug. '76).

Maj. G. Bulloch, MBE is to be GSO (Int.), HQ AMFL in Aug. '77.

Brig. G. H. W. Hewlett, QBE, MC, (late Para., formerly RWK), was appointed Director of Army Recruiting on 18 Feb. '77.

Lt.-Col. J. M. Hewson, MC was appointed Defence Adviser (GSO1) Ghana in May '77.

WO2 C. P. Bowes-Crick (RRF) was presented with the Most Blessed Order of Setia Negara Brunei, 4th Class (FSB) by H. H. The Sultan, on 10 Feb. '77. (He was Chief Clerk, 1 QUEENS from '71 to '75).

The following officers passed the Dec. '76 exam at staff level: **Cpts. M. C. Willis, A. H. Charter, P. R. P. Howe, J. A. B. Salmon, R. A. M. Christmas, D. C. F. Gouda and R. M. McGhie.**

Col. J. B. Ogilvie, QBE, TD has been appointed Hon. Colonel 3rd Cadet Bn, The Queen's Regiment (Kent ACF)—vice Lt.-Col. Tom Coath as TAVR Colonel SE Dist. He is to be Parade Commander when HM The Queen reviews the Reserve Forces at Wembley on 30 Jun.

Maj. P. de S. Barrow (2IC 2 QUEENS) is to attend the 7th Course at NDC Latimer starting (provisionally) in Sep. '77.

Lt.-Col. J. S. B. Pollard, MBE assumed the appointment of AAG, HQ Queen's Div. on 4 Mar. '77.

Lt.-Col. J. W. Francis was appointed AMS MSI/2, MOD on 28 Mar. '77.

Capt. P. F. Harrison of the Royal New South Wales Regt. has come to London to study for two years and has been attached to the 6/7th (V) Bn.

Cpl. A. C. Gregory of the 6/7th (V) Bn. was recommended for a commission at the trial board held by RCB Westbury for TAVR candidates in March.

Some of the advertising copy used in the national press in the recent TAVR recruiting campaign was written by **Maj. R. E. Lowans** and included a picture of L/Cpl. P. J. Lyons, both of B Coy. 6/7th (V) Bn.

N. Ireland Awards (from 1 Aug. to 31 Oct. '76)

We congratulate Pte. P. A. de Lara (1st Bn.) on his award of the Queens Gallantry Medal; and Maj. R. H. Graham (RCO) and Capt. C. G. F. Charter (3rd Bn.) on their awards of a Mention in Despatches.

VISITORS TO RHQ

Among those whom we were pleased to welcome at RHQ during the period under review were (in order of signing the book):

Maj. Douglas McCully, Maj. Rod Arnold, Maj. Frank Waldron, Maj. John Reed, Col. Raymond Grace, Maj. George Faulkner, Lt.-Col. Gerry Hollist, Lt.-Col. John Francis, Lt.-Col. Nigel Knocker, Maj.-Gen. Rowley Mans, Brig. David Carter, Capt. David Carter (on joining), Maj. and Mrs. Peter Hill, Capt. Richard Jackson, 2/Lt. John Noble, 2/Lt. Michael Cooper, Maj. Michael Jarratt, Brig. Mike Reynolds, Capt. Michael Jelf, Maj. John Holman, Lt.-Col. 'Pip' Newton, Lt. John Barrell.

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CORRECTION

Sincere apologies to **Lt.-Col. J. D. (Jerry) Gunnell, TD** for omitting his name from the list of TAVR Commanding Officers on page 88 of the last issue (those who held key appointments during the past ten years).

Col. Gunnell was, of course, CO of the old 10th (**Territorial**) Bn. The Queen's Regiment (Middlesex) from 1 Apr. 1968 until the battalion was reduced to Cadre status in Apr. '69.



1. The Commanding Officer "at War" on the CPX
2. Members of the A/Tk Pl. (l to r): Pre. De Lara, QGM, Cpl. Anglian, Pres. Fisher and Coleman
3. Cpt. "Legs" Colley receiving the "best boxer" award from the Commanding Officer
4. The Battalion Langhauf team at 4 Div. Ski meeting.
5. "Q" blokes" – (l to r): Maj. R. H. B. Morris, Capt. L. Wilson, WO2 B. J. Upson and WO2 C.T. Bromfield
6. The C-in-C talks to Pte. A. Lawson of the Int. Section

The 1st Battalion

THE Battalion returned from N. Ireland in November last and, on return from leave, there were a lot of new, keen faces in HQ: Maj. David Dickins had taken over as 2IC from Maj. Peter Clarke (to the German Staff College); Capt. Amedee Mieville moved from IO to Adjutant, and Capt. Martin Allington took over as IO.

January was a time for Cadres, preparation for the ARU in March and for relearning how to soldier BAOR style.

Maj. Steve Dowse rejoined (ex. MOD) in February as the Ops/Trg king, managing to delay his arrival until after the CPX! On this, apart from overliberal interpretation of the "pink" by OC 'X', the IO's "discussion" with the GOC on how to pronounce HOXTER, and the C/Sgts. habit of leaving half the breakfast in Echelon, all went reasonably well!

March then exploded on us: the Adjutant and Chief Clerk tried to produce figures as fast as Maj. Buster Carlston (now DAA and QMG 4 Div.) asked for them (some hope!); Companies were convincing everyone that the ARU **would** be an enjoyable day, and the Int. Section tested the resupply system to the limit for glue and pens to mark maps for the FTX. Finally, the C-in-C visited us three days before the ARU just to see that we were not slacking!

The FTX is best described as "interesting"! Cancelled due to a variety of reasons a week before Easter (ah!), the Battalion then proved it can at least move **West** at speed!

After Easter, A Coy prepared for Canada, That they eventually arrived is no fault of ours, having unsuccessfully hidden their SOPs and not being able to produce the maps!

Maj. Ron Morris has left us after 11 years as QM following service with the East Surreys (via 1 MX. and 4 QUEENS) dating back to 1944! To Ron and Betty go our very best wishes and much gratitude.

Also taking the opportunity to escape our grasp is our "very own" Paymaster, Capt. Alan Martin (the fact that he now wears a RAPC badge is purely incidental!) Alan joined 1 Buffs in 1948 (then in Hong Kong), then 1 QUEENS in '59. Having transferred to the RAPC, he "rejoined" the Regiment in '69.

To Allen and Dawn, the Battalion's thanks and best wishes. (We only hope the next Paymaster will allow Capt. Wilson to sleep without being reminded how much money the Cornmerzbank have!)

HQ COY

CSM Roberts has finally departed for civvy street where he is well settled in at Maidstone (with £140 per week and a new Continental car!) C/Sgt. Stewart has left for the peace and quiet of Farnham TAVR Centre. C/Sgt. Stewart (Mk. II) is still here but has one foot in Canada prior to his departure from the Service. To all these and others too numerous to mention we wish all the best of good luck in the future. EX TQMS (a new rank) Hill is now well settled in, his arrival still being felt in some quarters. C/Sgt. Maye completes the "chiefs" and has the

G1098 well under control; there was, however, a ruffle over 100 chairs during the recent Board of Officers!

MT

Suddenly a 3-letter world: In January, the HGV and PFA; February—CPX and STC, and in March we had ARU and FTX.

In January the Platoon united in its dislike for PFA and then provided instructors for the various Cadres; these produced drivers for everyone except the MT, naturally. Capt. Bill Guscott, PPCLI handed over MTO and moved to B Coy. as 2IC.

In February the Cadres continued. The MTO and his plucky driver went off on the CPX leaving the rest of us (upset) behind. The STC bit was cancelled; they wanted to float the Stalwarts but either the lake or the Stalwarts were frozen.

ARU frenzy struck in March when staff from Div. HQ snooped around contradicting each other ("Stack those jerricans higher" said Ord; "rubbish" said the Fire Officer!); the General, thank goodness, made someone else do the PFA.

Then the highlight of the training year—the FTX—when we went off in Echelons, through storm and blizzard and spent a week under a tree, counting jerricans. Having rocked the "Reds" with this display of martial ardour we came home to prepare for the PRE!

Signal PL

It is with great sorrow and sympathy for Cpl. Keith Pile, that we have to record the death, before Easter, of his wife June in a motorway accident.

Lt. McDermott has taken over from Capt. Hodgetts as our new RSO whilst WOII Jones has taken over from WOII Budgen as Assistant RSO and C/Sgt. Stent is our new Stores Colour Sgt. We also welcome some new members—Ptes. Broadbent, Slade, Yard, Szklaruk and Hellmuth.

Two budding "Standard Ones", Ptes. Hutson and Nicol, are now at Warminster and we hope the latter recovers quickly from his "minor accident".

Following a spate of exercises since our return from N. Ireland, we now look forward to the Jubilee Parade at Sennelager and our trip to Canada in the autumn.

A COY

"Monty's Marauders" are at it again. We finished the Ireland tour with a bit of a bang, grenades being thrown at Fort Tangier and an almost "contact" with L/Cpl. MacPherson, 'Bluey' Webb, 'Masher' Powel! and Archy Dwyer firing 60 rounds at a shadow.

At the Company party, Sgt. Delaney was presented with a clock for many years service with No. 1 Platoon; he was also given a suitably inscribed child's hurley stick which hangs in the front living room—much to Sue Delaney's annoyance!

Returning refreshed from leave, thoughts of Canada were uppermost and the year began with the usual round of cadres. Congratulations to L/Cpls. Toddy, Ray Blackman, Pat Urling and "Untidy" Tidey on their promotions.

In preparation for Canada, the Company was reformed into four Platoons all of the correct size, bolstered by members of the RAMC, RAOC and (dare we say it?) Gunners, until our strength numbered 167.

Before the CPX, Monty decided to have his Monkey Gland removed and although improvement was noted immediately, he has since suffered relapses and the "monks" have returned.

At Haltern we practiced all our skills and managed to reach a fairly high standard. Sgt. Mick Broad did great work assisted by S/Sgt. Low and his crew of the LAD to keep the vehicles on the road.

We then had a week to prepare for the ARU and the Bde. FTX. The former went off with hardly a hitch and ended up with the all singing all dancing jamboree; what we lost in the final placing, we made up with effort.

The FTX was used as a dress rehearsal for Canada. At times we had so many tanks with us that our Platoons were of greater strength than the other Companies and the "Ruperts" began to have delusions of grandeur.

After the FTX, we had a last minute addition to the Company—Capt. "Kiwi" Crater (we mean Carter). This caused some confusion to Dell and L/Cpl. Batten who couldn't understand why New Zealanders didn't drink tea upside down!

As we write, Lt. David Ellis is trying to get order out of chaos. Movement orders and baggage, details are appearing everywhere and Capt. Carter is proving that Kiwis can fly.

B COY

Since our last notes Maj. Dickins has become 2IC, and Lt. Ayling, MTO. WOII Bromfield is now sifting tons of paper as TQMS; C/Sgt. Bream is a CQMS with 5 QUEENS and Sgt. Greengrass, who has been our Company Medic for years and will be sorely missed, has also left.

We welcome Maj. Broadbent our new OC; Capt. Guscott, our new 2IC, will be leaving us in the "fall", WOII Ebbens is our new CSM (no stranger to Holland Coy.) and C/Sgt. Tickner our new CQMS—also no stranger.

5 and 6 Pis. have been posted to Tangier Coy. for Ex. "Medicine Man", a Battle Group concentration in Canada during May. We are left with the Drums and the HQ element; the former will be showing their musical ability when they go to UK on a KAPE Tour in June.

In early March, Coy. HQ took part on Ex. "Chain Male"—a few kilometres "hike" over a 36-hour period—to test map reading ability and physical fitness. Coy. HQ was under command of WOII Ebbens, with an assortment of storermen, drivers and clerks who had done no physical exercise for many a day. Dmr. Anderson had been sent on ahead to collect his side drum and so we were drummed into Camp. We feel we did well; certainly this exercise was enjoyed by all.

After this, we were quickly involved in preparations for the ARU. The FTX followed, with our small Company training with the tanks and then the Easter break.

Congratulations to L/Cpls. Hopkins (our new Medic) and Ballard, our arms storeman, on their promotions.

Drums PI.

On return from Derry, we had the farewell party for "Superloony" (Lt. Barrett), our Platoon Commander for the previous 20 months. There was also the Company party and then 5 weeks well-earned leave.

On return, we were involved in the various cadres—Jack

Goodwin and "Bambie" Phillips on the Potential NCOs cadre and "Dimps" Wilmot on the Section Commanders one. Other cadres included Ph.1 Watson and John Saunders (APC), young Chalkie (Landrover), Baron Hoffman playing with radios, and most surprising) "Silly Sammy" Trent taking and passing his HGV 3.

By mid February we were more or less together again although Sammy Trent went on "Snow Queen" where he broke a leg.

It was then that Lt. "Feathers" introduced himself and this brought moans and groans from some who thought "Oh no, not another Rupert". Little do we know! Our first exercise under him was Ex. "Chain Male" when we tabbed it for 2 days. Before this, "Barnbi" and Jack were promoted and were considered by the rest of the troops to be "one of the Mongs". A good celebration round the camp fire followed that night and we returned the next afternoon.

Another farewell party was held for the old veteran Barry Bristow, who has left us for the Depot. Everyone enjoyed the change at Haltern with "Feathers" jacking us up on tactics and AFV recognition, plus beer swigging and Chico Jansco cracking us all up with his foreign games! We welcome Cpl. "Smudge" Smith returning after two years at the Depot.

After Easter we said farewell to "Hippie" Gil (Gilbey).

5 PI.

We are now in the envious position of being a full-strength Platoon of 37 heavily engaged in mechanised training and about to fly off to Canada with Tangier Coy. for a month on the plains of Alberta.

"Harry and Bleep" are now temporary staff in Canada and we envy them. One Lance Bombadier and five gunners (including a male model!) from 50 Missile Regt. RA will become infanteers during our stay *in* Canada. Having overcome the mysteries of living under a poncho and the section battle drills, we are now proving ourselves to be first class footsloggers. Rumours that Fisher and Freeman (or any of our more intellectual members) are going to operate 50 Missile's computers on return are unfounded.

We've done more mechanised training with tanks than ever before and we look forward to our stay in Canada; we are also desperately trying to invent ways of avoiding Sgt. Pyper's "East of Suez" curries!!

C COY

In the middle of November, we ended our successful period in N. Ireland with the capture of one of our most wanted men—a most suitable conclusion to a very hard-working tour by the Company.

The return to BAOR and the start of a fairly intensive individual training programme has not been without some more relaxed moments and many have aspired to the slopes of Bavaria for a couple of weeks skiing.

In January we said goodbye to Maj. Buster Carlston who had completed his second period as OC. C Coy. and all wish him and Mrs. Carlson every success in their new posting; in his place we welcome Maj. Neville Hunter.

CSM Jones has gone to the Signal PI. whilst Lts. Riley, Ray and McDermott, C/Sgt. Stent, Sgt. Beedles, Cpls. Stokes and Hail, L/Cpl. Callender and Wilmot and a large number of

others have been posted or changed Battalion jobs. Cpl. Cooper, L/Cpl. Shipman and three old C Company hands—Ptes. Field, Maund and Newport—have left.

Into the Company are welcomed CSM Budgen, three new "Ruperts"—2/Lts. Eagan, Mans and Noble, Sgt. Isaacs—L/Cpl. Easton and a large number of recruits.

In March we rediscovered the joys of APCs and mechanised training during a 'shake out' exercise at Haltern where much was learned and revised.

The middle of the month involved preparations for the ARU (another way of saying FFR it seems!). On the days we were invited to perform physical fitness tests, fortunately with success, the Company were delighted/horrified to see Major Carlston on the inspection team!

On March 22, we sent a team led by C/Sgt. Ryan to participate in a 441 Jaeger Bn. March and Shoot competition. The team came 4th of 19 (first of the 1 QUEENS teams entered), a very creditable effort.

Exercise "Spring Rites" at the end of March was our introduction to working with tanks and despite early curtailment of the exercise we all learnt something about all-arms co-operation.

The summer lies ahead and includes weapon classification, field firing, adventure training, the Jubilee and the climax of all arms training at Soltau followed by Canada.

It was great to see Pte. Dave Scarff back with us in February, fit and fully recovered from his Londonderry wound. We wish L/Cpl. Geordie Britten every success in his continuing recovery.

Congratulations (on their promotion) to L/Cpls. Clarke, Dawson, Gallacher, Guilfoyle, Parsons, Scully and Stott. And, following a feast of post-Ulster marriages, to Ptes. Batt, Bullard, Burtenshaw, Dean (52) and L/Cpl. Guilfoyle;—we also welcome their wives. Finally, congratulations to Pte. and Mrs. Dave Perry on the birth of Michelle in January (will there be a population explosion in August/September?!)

QUEBEC COY

HQ

WO2 Dickens has now left the company for pastures anew. WO2 Kevin Brown has taken over after leaving the safe sanctuary of Training Wing and is testing his powers of sovereignty to the full. CQMS Lea is once again competing for the record for attempts on EPC(A). Will he pass or will he have his name entered in the Guinness Book of Records? Smiling Mick has returned to the fold as 2IC; life will never be the same in Sleepy Hollow or in Kirkes Paradise. Smith (83) has got himself married; we are all waiting for the change. L/Cpl. Small spent 6 weeks in the sun and came back looking very tanned (white!)

In the ARU competition, Recce PL were second and the company, overall winners.

Ex. "Spring Rites" turned out to be the coldest ever.

Have Tube-Will Travel or

The Tale of the Travelling Mortars

"Mick", said the Sahib, stirring his gin with a little finger, "Where are the Mortar Platoon Notes for the wretched journal?"

"Look Roddy, I never see them around these days at all; when I do, I'll get Hitchcock to put something on paper" replied the Scourge of the Sports Store .



(Top): Capt. A. H. Carter obeys the Adjutant's order – "No trousers are to be worn during an NBC attack on the CPX"!

(Lower): Proof that "Ruperts" *do* wash and shave on exercises

It was only yesterday (or was it the days before) that the Tubes PI. (The Amateur Dropshorts) came back from the rigours of the VCPs in Deny. All the people that had been propping up the rest of the Battalion had been reclaimed and we settled down for some realistic preparation for forthcoming encounters with "Red" or "Blue"-land. Then it started: "Can we have Farquarson to dazzle the natives with his skiing prowess?". "We really must have Scott (96) to prop up the Boxing Team (after all we want to win the 4 Div. Novices)"; "Colonel, Rocky's a good chap, he would be delighted to run the Section Commanders Cadre, I know", etc. etc. etc. With all the outside commitments as well as teaching new members to drive the Mechanical Mules (some with considerable difficulty), it was not until the second week in February that the platoon actually assembled into anything resembling its true form.

In an effort to engender platoon spirit, we took up running in the early morning. (This is the OC's explanation; the truth is that both he and his 2IC were overweight Sub—Ed). Such mass hysteria was followed by playing football by night during the live-firing period at Munsterlager.

There are a few advantages in being away from camp 50 often; we were the first to organise a RMP convoy and to load vehicles onto flats; having done that were amused to watch the rest of the battalion running around like headless hannchen the following morning practising Ex. "Active Edge".

After Munsterlager, we were just in time to help the remainder of Support Coy. win the Gainsford Trophy on the ARU. The following Monday, sections were despatched in all directions to support the companies during Ex. "Spring Rites". The premature end of the exercise allowed us to return to camp and sort out all the problems of the vehicles before going back to sandy wastes of Munsterlager for the Divisional Mortar concentration.

By the time that you read this, Callsign 51 will have been to Canada adding tone to the professional Dropshorts and, by weight of fire (if nothing else) kept the tactical genius of Monty Ward and his brigands of Kirkes Coy. in check; Callsign 52 will have delighted the little girls of Hamm School by an exhibition; Sgt. Kears, rescued from the depths of obscurity in the Int. Section and made a proper soldier again, will be a Colour Sgt.; C/Sgt. Brown will be dreaming of faraway places and a slow boat to China; A. Barratt, Esq., BSc will be commanding the Platoon; Mortimer might have had his first shave; (promises, promises!); Scott and West will be nearly married (poor girls!); Brown may have refused a second helping of food; Bowen might have offered to buy a drink (some hope); "Masher" Powell may have found a new face and "Biafra" Rye a new chest. Finally, your scribe will have left.

Anti-Tank PI.

The year opened with the platoon (or at least some of them) braving the slopes of Obejock and Bolsterlang on Ex. "Snow Queen". Pte. Norris managed to come back with no broken bones, and Smith (21) managed, somehow, to get down twice.

A cadre took place between February and March and finished with an enjoyable weeks firing at Bergen Ranges. The platoon was tested by 4 RTR who looked after us extremely well.

Our newly-joined DC—Cpl. "Henry" Higgins— took some excellent photographs of the weeks firing.

We are gradually working up towards the Divisional and Corps Anti-Tank concentrations in June and July; combined with this, two sections will be going to BATUS in Canada with their respective companies.

In January we said goodbye to Ptes. Skinner and Kent and welcomed L/Cpl. Furnass, Ptes. Bootle, Chevins, Graham, Sparks, Coleman, Braham, Storer and Smith (21). Sgt. Paterson still plods on and a new "Sunray", Lt. Anthony Russell, has taken over the Platoon.

Our congratulations to Cpl. and Mrs. Greenwood on the birth of their first child; to Cpl. Coley for some brilliant boxing in the Bns. Novices team; and to Cpl. Anglin for an excellent "B" grading on his Netheravon course.

Recce PI.

On return from Northern Ireland, we were represented in the Battalion Novices Competition by our trained "killers"— L/Cpls. Hurman, Armstrong and Hobbs. Unfortunately all were eventually honourably defeated. After Christmas a number of old hands left the platoon, Sgt. Clay to the Ops and Training Wing, L/Cpl. Armstrong to the APRE at Aldershot, Hobbs (promoted) to become the CO's driver, and Ptes. Stewart and Phillips on discharge. Several new arrivals included Cpl. "Gnome" Hail. Worrell represented the platoon in the Battalion Team and won all his bouts.

During January most of us were involved in courses. Whilst Lt. Carter was absent on holiday as a Skiing Instructor (for two months), C/Sgt. Lawrance ran a Recce PI. Cadre. In the CPX and FTXs, Sgt. Leach re-established his "waffler" reputation on the Battalion net.

In March, as part of the ARU, Cpl. Johnston led a section who were runners-up in the Battalion Inter-Section Competition. We also came a creditable third in the March and Shoot Competition against 441 Jaeger Bn. who were most lavish hosts after the event.

We congratulate Cpl. and Mrs. Dale and Pte. and Mrs. Harvey on their respective sons and bid a sad farewell to C/Sgt. Lawrance (of "zips" and "wing-nut" fame) who has left on promotion.

BOXING

The Battalion, true to form and with the ever-suffering wives in mind, delayed the Novices Boxing until 25 November! (Well, how long does it take?!)

Considering the numerous weight problems (post Op. "Banner") it was highly commendable that over 60 boxers (?) entered, and this with one Company absent,

The competition will be long remembered for the Adjutant's rash promise to box "if the Subby; did". Five of them took up the challenge and when joined by our MO, Capt. Freeland, Capt. McGhie took up "midnight training" with "Muscles Greef"

With so many boxers, each with his own story we congratulate all on a very enjoyable time and some very good bouts.

The Boxing Officer Capt. (QM) Les Wilson lost not time in convincing all "notables" that the **only** way to glory was to box for the Battalion.

The team then went into 4 Div. Boxing Competition with a vengeance, beating 39 Med. Reg RA and 28 Engr. Regt. to be very narrowly beaten in the finals by 2 LI,

To single out boxers by name is always difficult from such a dedicated squad, but no boxing notes. Would be

without mentioning Cpl. "legs" Coley (who was voted boxer of the year) and Cpl. Barrel (fast becoming a "legend").

To all the team, congratulations on some first class performances; and to 2 LI—"watch this space next year"!

Finally a vote of appreciation from a non-boxing scribe to Capt. Wilson, Sgt. "Muscles" Greef and Sgt. Brazier for all their hard work and enthusiasm.

THE QUADRANT SKI MEETING

In January the Battalion sent a team to the 4 Div. Ski Meeting, held in Ischgl, a popular resort in Austria. Because of our Op. "Banner" tour and Christmas leave, we were unable to do any training before the event and so, having little hope of doing well, our aim was to gain experience in competition skiing, judge the opposition and establish a nucleus of skiers with racing skills within the Battalion. The team consisted of the CO, Capt. Mieville, Lt. Carter, C/Sgt. Ryan, L/Cpls. Smith and Hurman and Ptes. Farquharson and Harris. Most competed in both downhill and langlauf events and all took part in a 15 Km. langlauf race in order to qualify for Army Sponsorship.

It soon became apparent that we were very much the amateurs compared with those who had spent several months training and who were extremely well equipped.

Our first event was a 4x10 Km. relay race. The CO, Lt. Carter, C/Sgt. Ryan and Pte. Farquharson all took roughly the same time to complete the course, but came 21st (out of 24). This was to be our relative position in almost every other langlauf event despite a great deal of effort and energy expended by all members of the team.

Our first downhill event, the Individual Giant Slalom, did not go very well either, with L/Cpl. Smith and Pte. Harris being disqualified after falls, but the CO came **57th** out of 90 (much to his chagrin!) and Pte. Farquharson and Capt. Mieville followed closely behind. The team did slightly better on the Slalom and downhill events and did manage to beat the 2 RRF team!

The final event of the competition was the Patrol Race, which is a military langlauf 20 Km. team race with a stipulated rank structure and strict dress regulations. Although again placed near the end, the **shooting** results were among the best. We did not leave the Meeting empty handed; the CO won a prize for the fastest Commanding Officer in the 15Km. race and Mrs. Davidson won the ladies langlauf race.

Although hard work, it was all very enjoyable and often very amusing. Highlights were L/Cpl. Smith knocking himself out on the downhill event; Capt. Mieville finishing the 15 Km. race; C/Sgt. Ryan's blisters; Lt. Carter "heaping" on the Patrol Race and causing chaos amongst two "professional" teams; and the CO's efforts to avoid coming 57th twice! Skiing conditions were excellent and the weather reasonably kind.

At the end of the ten days, all members felt that, with the experience they had gained, they would be very much better prepared for next year's event.

A COY. ON THEIR CPX



(Top): Humour at 4 a.m.!
(Lower): "Mother" Henshaw caught awake!

OFFICERS LOCATION LIST

(as at 1 May 1977)

BRIGADIERS

M. F. Reynolds RCDS
COLONELS

D. R. Bishop MBE	Col. GS (D12) MOD (A)	N. B. Knocker OBE	Depot (HS) (DA Muscat in Dec.)
D. E. Blum OBE	AAG PS4 MOD (A)	B. H. Marciandi OBE	IMS HQ, NATO
J. Buckeridge	Col GS Sy HQ BAOR	H. C. Millman OBE	DAP (A) MOD (16 May)
K. J. Carter	BDLS Canberra	H. J. A. Moore OBE	Depot (HS)
K. Dodson OBE M. J. Doyle MBE	C of S HQ SAP	B. A. M. Pielow	Col GS (Co-ord) HQ Berlin
M. V. Hayward OBE	HQ AFCENT	J. W. Sewell	AAG MOD M3 (A)
	Comdt. Sp. Wpns. Wing,	G. G. Strong	DD Sy (A) 2/3 MOD
	School of Inf.		
A. G. Jones	Col AQ, HQ SW Dist.		

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S. T. W. Anderson MC	CO 3 QUEENS	K. Osborne	Admin. Comdt. NDC
C. G. Champion	CO 2 QUEENS	(Local Lt.-Col.) M. R. M. Newall	GSO1 DNBC School
R. H. Chappell OBE	GSO1 (Ind Trg 1) HQ UKLF		GSO2 (Co-ord) Junior Div. SC
D. P. Cronin	HQ Aldershot Grn.	A. D. Peckham MBE	AAG HQ Queen's Div.
P. H. Courtenay	CO 5 QUEENS	J. S. B. Pollard MBE	Depot (HS) (att. MOD)
J. G. W. Davidson	CO 1 QUEENS	M. E. C. Rixon	CO Desert Regt, SAP
M. P. St. F. Dracopoli OBE	GSO1 DI (AG)2, DIS MOD	J. N. Shephard	Depot (HS)
R. D. Fisher MBE	GSO1 (Int) HQ AMF (L)	B. D. O. Smith	GSO1 (Ex. Plans) UKCICC
J. W. Francis	AMS 1/2, MOD	J R Stephenson OBE	GSO1 (Ops/Plans) HQ UKLF
M. C. D. L. Gilham	Depot (HS) (att. Sch of Inf.)	C. L. Tarver MBE	GSO1 HQ SE Dist.
J. M. Hewson MC	DA Ghana (31 May)		GSO1 (W) HQ N Ireland
P. Hiscock	CO Frontier Force Regt., SAP	T. L. Trotman	AAG IMRO (North)
J. A. W. Hyde	GSO1 (Int/Sy) HQ UKLF	M. W. Ward	Depot (HS) (GSO1, I of E (A) in July)
P. D. Johnson	DS RCDS (AAG, M3(A) MOD in Dec.)	C. T. F. West	GSO1 (Int. Div.) HQ AFCENT
		J. J. White	
R. Lea MBE	GSO1 (Int.) HQ SAP	D. H. Woolstencroft	
H. M. du V. Lohan	CO Div. Depot		
R. R. McNish	Depot (HS)		

MAJORS

V. C. Abplanalp	10 (Interp) HQ BAOR	W. G. A. Crumley	Trg. Maj. 6/7 QUEENS
R. W. Acworth	2 QUEENS (in June)	A. C. Dawson	3 QUEENS
R. M. Arnold	3 QUEENS	J. T. Day	Depot (HS) (Retires 25 June)
G. Baillie	GSO2 (Int/Sy) HQ 1 Div.	D. J. C. Dickins	1 QUEENS
P. de S. Barrow	2IC 2 QUEENS (NDC in Sep.)	M. T- Drummond-Brady	GSO2 (Co-ord) DAT RGB
		S. B. Ellwood	GSO2 (W) RARDE
R. A. Bartlett	OC 8 CTT	A. B. S. Faris	GSO2 (ERS) HQ Northag
G. B. Bateman	RMC Duntroon	B. K. Finch	4 Commns Unit PPCM HQ UKLF
P. G. V. Bellers	DAQMG (Wks/Accn) HQ SW Dist.	H. R. Gatehouse MBE	Depot (PS) (ERSP until end June)
		J. A. George	GSO2 (Int. 3) HQ BAOR
D. A. Beveridge	SC Ottawa	M. E. Girling	DAAAG (A) MOD, (AG MOD)
P. Bishop	3 QUEENS		RCO (3 QUEENS in Aug.)
S. M. Boucher	NDC	F. K. Gladden	GSO2 DVT & C MOD (A) 1CTT (26 May)
G. C. Brown	GSO2 (Ops) HQ 2 Div.	B. Goring MBE	2 QUEENS
G. Bulloch MBE	NDC (GSO1 (Int.) HQ AMF (L) in Aug.)		2 QUEENS (HQ Queens Div. in July)
		R. H. Graham	GSO2 (Plans) JSS Malta
C. D. B. Butler	DAMS HQ UKLF	P. A. Gray	Sch. of Inf. (12 May)
B. A. Carlston	DAA & QMG HQ 4 Div,	C. 1, Griffin	RMAS (CO 2 QUEENS in Aug.)
P. V. Cheesman	Int. Div., HQ SHAPE	C. M. M. Grove	
L. Christian	GSO2, HQ SE Dist.	P. A. Gwilliam	
P. D. J. Clarke	HE Centre BAOR (German SC in Sep.)	P. J. Gybbon-Monypenny	
		C. M. Hamilton	
P. J. Collman MBE	HQ NORTHAG (SP) BAE	J. C. Holman	
M. R. L Constantine	DAMS (2) MS (SB) MOD		
P. C. Cook	Adj. 2 QUEENS	P. J. Hubert MBE	
B. Cowing	2IC 3 QUEENS		
P. P. Critchley	2 QUEENS		

N. S. Hunter 1 QUEENS
T. Jackson 16 Fit. AAC
M. J. Jarratt Depot (PS)
J. M. H. Johnson MBE SO2 (Int.) JIO Canberra
J. D. Jonklass 2 QUEENS
J. Langhorne 1 QUEENS
C. L. Lawrence MC Depot (HS)
M. D. Legg JLAT Iran
A. F. S. Ling GSO2 (Ops/SD/Trg.) HQ 1 Div.

I. M. E. Lloyd Trg. Maj. 5 QUEENS
R. M. Low 1JLB (Canadian SC in July)
P. Mallalieu 1JLB
G Mason MBE GSO2 (Cdts.) HQ E Dist.
R. T. W. Mellotte 1 QUEENS (RCO in Aug.)
M. B. Montgomery GSO2 ASD MOD (A)
R. E. B. Morris 1 QUEENS (SCQ HQ Berlin Inf. Bde. in June)

R. P. Murphy DAQMG (Qtg.) HQ 6 Armd. Bde.

N. J. D. McCully DAAG MI (A) 1 MOD DM (A)

A. E. McManus GSO2 (W) AMA (Tech.), Warsaw

R. W. Neve MC GSO2 (D12a) MOD
P. F. Packham MBE 2 QUEENS
R. J. Palmer 5 QUEENS

P. V. Panton GSO2 (Ops/SD/Int/Sy) HQ SE Dist. (1 QUEENS in Sep.)
J. D. W. Reid GSO2 (Ex Branch) HQ BALTAP
C. H. St. John Perry GSO2 A Team MOD (A)
D. H. A. Shephard Brunei Malay Regt.
H. N. Tarver GSO2 (W) MICV DGFVE MOD (PE)

M. R. Tarver HQ Queen's Div. (RMAS in July)

E. A. Taylor GSO2 Ops. BRIXMIS
H. C. L. Tennent GSO2 (NUC) HQ AFCENT
S. C. Thorpe Depot (HS) (2 QUEENS 23 May)

R. Waite 3 QUEENS
A. C. Ward 1 QUEENS (Sen. of Inf. in Nov.)

M. J. Williams GSO2 (W) ADP US Army
R. T. P. Williams A Man SG (WS)
P. A. S. Wollocombe GSO2 HQ Allied Staff, Berlin (HQ 1(BR) Corps, July)

W. N. Wren MBE GSO2 (Inf.) HQ UKLF
D. J. Wright GSO2 (MA) to DCOS (Log) HQ AFNORTH

S. J. Yates Depot (HS) (Depot RAPC end May)

CAPTAINS

J. C. Acworth Sch. of Inf.
M. W. Allington 1 QUEENS
A. N. Armitage-Smith 3 QUEENS
M. J. Ball GSO2 (Ops/SD) HQ 5 Airportable Bde.

J. R. Bass 5 QUEENS (Conrate 18 May)
K. E. Beale YLO Div. Depot
A. A. A. Beattie 1 QUEENS
R. I. Benson 3 RRF
S. W. Billett 3 UDR
G. H. Brown MBE BEM 1/2 GR
N. C. G. Cann SAF
A. H. Carter 1 QUEENS
D. S. Carter 1 QUEENS
C. G. F. Charter 3 QUEENS
A. A. M. Christmas SC (A) HQ 1 (Br) Corps
S. M. Dowse 1 QUEENS
B. W. Edey 2 QUEENS
J. E. Ewart Depot (HS) (3 QUEENS in June)

D. M. Falcke 3 QUEENS
R. G. Ford 1 CTT (Retires in May)
R. Gancz GSO3 (W) MVEE
D. C. F. Gouda GSO3 (Ops/Air) HQ 8 Inf. Bde.

P. M. Gwilliam NITAT (HQ 19 Airptble. Bde. in July)

I. M. Harcus 3 QUEENS
N. P. Harris Adj. 3 QUEENS
P. R. Hitchcock 1 QUEENS
J. A. Hodges GS03 (SD2) HQ 1 (Br) Corps

D. P. L. Hodgetts HQ 6 Armd. Bde.
P. R. P. Howe 3 QUEENS (HQ 3 Armd. Div. in July)

J. F. Huskisson 2 QUEENS
R. M. Jackson Adj. 5 QUEENS
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R. A. Jennings 3 QUEENS
C. M. Joint SC Quetta
I. R. Jones 3 QUEENS

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M. P. Lawson 1 QUEENS
A. C. Mieville 1 QUEENS
B. M. Morris 2 QUEENS
J. N. C. Myles 2 QUEENS
T. G. MacWilliam 2 QUEENS
R. M. McGhie US Army Inf. Sch., Fort Benning

P. M. H. McGill 45 Commando
P. D. McLelland 2 QUEENS
P. A. Newman 3 QUEENS
A. P. O'Gorman 1 QUEENS
J.R. C. Palmer AAC Det. Belize
M. H. G. Pannett Depot (HS) (RAPC Trg. Centre 28 May)

T. R. Partridge 2 QUEENS
E. S. Parker 1 QUEENS
M. F. Pearson 1 QUEENS
D. R. Pollard HQ 8 Inf. Bde. (31 May)
D. E. Pryce A(Mus) TCL RE Band, Aldershot
W. J. Rippon 3 QUEENS
J. C. Rogerson Depot (PS)
N. F. Russell 3 QUEENS
J. A. B. Salmon 3 QUEENS
G. A. Simmons RIT
D. W. Simpson 1JLB (to retire 23 May)
.I. B. Stirling 2 QUEENS
P. R. P. Swanson 1 QUEENS
P. A. Tawell GSO3 (Ops/Int) HQ SAF
B. D. Thompson 2 Para TACP
P. G. Truman Depot (PS)

(Actg. Maj.) SC (A) HQ 12 Mech. Bde.
G. W. White 2 QUEENS
m. C. Willis GSO2 (SD) HQ 4 Div. (1 QUEENS in July)
T. C. Wilson 1 QUEENS

L. M. WHson 2 QUEENS
K. Yonwin SC (A) HQ 8 Field Force
H. A. P. Yorke

LIEUTENANTS

M. J. Ayling	1 QUEENS	C. E. McEwen	41 AYT (2 QUEENS in Sep.)
A. W. Barratt	3 QUEENS	S. J. Parker	Oxford Univ.
J R Barrell	Depot (PS)	N. M. Peckham	Cardiff Unit (1 QUEENS in Aug.)
J. A. Bullock	1 QUEENS	J. N. Pratten	2 QUEENS
N. H. Carter	2 QUEENS (11JLB 16 May)	M. S. Quinn	3 QUEENS
J. C. Dawson	1 QUEENS	A. D. J. Ray	Depot (PS) (1JLB in Aug.)
L. R. Edwards	3 QUEENS	J. P. Riley	Lon. Univ. (1 QUEENS in Aug.)
P. A. W. Edwards	1 QUEENS	A. J. Roberts	2 QUEENS
D. R. ElHs	2 QUEENS	C. W. Robinson	2 QUEENS
M. J. Flynn	Depot (PS)	J. D. K. Russell	3 QUEENS (1JLB in Aug.)
N. J. Grant	2 QUEENS (Para, in June) 2	A. W. Russell	1 QUEENS
K. J. Haley	QUEENS	D. J. Wake	2 QUEENS Depot (PS)
R. W. de L. Harper	2 QUEENS	G. A. Waller	Depot (PS)
L. H. Hart	3 QUEENS	P. F. Whithouse	Lon. Univ. (3 QUEENS in July)
J. J. B. Hiscock	B'ham Univ. (3 QUEENS in June)	R. W. Wilby	RAPC Trg. Centre
R. J. Knight	2 QUEENS	G. K. Yonwin	
W. Knight-Hughes	1 QUEENS		
A. C. N. Marston	3 QUEENS		
J. P. S. Mills	1 QUEENS		
T. N. McDermott			

SECOND LEIUTENANTS

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J. Barr	3 QUEENS	G. G. Lambert	2 QUEENS
H. Beeston	1 QUEENS	L. S. P. Mans	3 QUEENS
J. P. Castle	3 QUEENS	W. R. Morris	1 QUEENS
A. J. Cooper	2 QUEENS	P. J. Newman	2 QUEENS
M. J. Cooper	3 QUEENS	J. C. Noble	1 QUEENS
M. F. G. Drummond-Brady	3 QUEENS	M. R. Rayner	3 QUEENS
M. J. S. Dunham	3 QUEENS	D. V. Watson	3 QUEENS
H. W. R. Egan	1 QUEENS	R. W. Wilkinson	3 QUEENS
M. J. Featherstone	1 QUEENS	N. A. M. Wright	2 QUEENS
A. M. Goulden	1 QUEENS		
R. M. Hook	3 QUEENS		