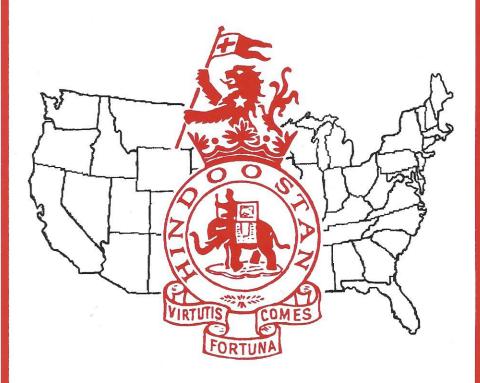
The Duke of Wellington's Regiment (West Riding)

RUGBY CLUB



U.S.A. TOUR

26 April - 10 May 1993

Message from the Colonel of the Regiment



The 1993 tour to the United States will be the first overseas tour by the Battalion's rugby team for many years. It is certainly one of the most ambitious and prestigious that has been undertaken.

The Dukes have been invited to represent the British Army in the US Armed Forces Rugby Tournament at Fort Benning, Georgia, an honour which is as much appreciated as it is deserved.

A Dukes' team has reached the final of our own coveted Army Cup Competition many times, but in recent years the prize has always evaded us. Still the fourteen wins is a record that is yet to be surpassed, and one that is proudly borne by all those soldiers, serving and retired, in the Regiment.

Despite a very busy military programme it is heartening to see the squad touring once more, to continue the fine traditions of Dukes and Army Rugby and will be a marvellous conclusion to this season.

I wish the team well in their endeavours across the 'pond'. VIRTUTIS FORTUNA COMES.

Introduction

The Duke of Wellington's Regiment R.F.C. would like to thank Columbus/Fort Benning R.F.C. for their kind invitation to take part in the annual U.S. Armed Forces National Club Championship Tournament at Fort Benning, Georgia, on 30th April to 2nd May 1993. It is an honour for us to be able to take part in a tournament of this magnitude.



Tour Programme

Monday 26th April : Travel to Atlanta

Wednesday 28th April : Match V Renegade (Atlanta)

Friday 30th April : U.S. International Armed Forces

- Sunday 2nd May (Fort Benning) Tournament

Thursday 6th May : Match V Atlanta Life College

(Atlanta)

Saturday 8th May : Match V Cruisematics

(Columbus)

Monday 10th May : Return to U.K.

History of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment





Today, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment exists as a single Battalion. It is coming to the end of its role as part of the AMF(L), which has included deployments to Denmark and Norway, with other NATO forces. However, the Regiment's history is a long and distinguished one. The 33rd Regiment of Foot was raised in 1702 and the 76th raised in 1787. They were amalgamated in 1881 and became the first and second Battalions of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment (West Riding). The naming of the Regiment occured on the 38th anniversary of the Duke of Wellington's greatest victory - the Battle of Waterloo. This was a most particular distinction for the Regiment as it is the only unit of the British Army to be named after a subject, and not a member of the Royal family.

The close links between the 33rd and the West Riding of Yorkshire were first formally recognised in 1782, when it was granted the additional title of 1st Yorkshire West Riding Regiment. These links with the West Riding are still as strong today as they were 200 years ago, with the majority of the Battalion's soldiers and officers being recruited from the same area.

Battalions of the "Dukes" have served with distinction in many countries and campaigns throughout the world from 1702. Battle honours have been won at Dettigen, Waterloo, Crimea, the Somme, the D Day Landings, Korea and the Gulf. In fact the Regiment is unique in that it has four Colours. The additional two Colours were awarded to the 76th by the Honourable East India Company, in recognition of their service in the Maharatta Wars in India.

The Regimental motto bears witness to the bravery of those who have fought for the Regiment: Virtutis Fortuna Comes, which when translated means Fortune Favours the Brave. Nine members of the Regiment have been awarded the Victoria Cross for acts of bravery.

The Dukes is an immensely proud Regiment, and its traditions and standards have been maintained throughout its history.



Major Mark Lodge



Captain Gary Knight



Lieut. Jonathan Mitchell



Lieut. Rob Hammond

Major Mark Lodge is currently Corunna Company Commander having just returned from the Royal Military Academy in Sandhurst where he was a Platoon instructor. He played for Lancaster University 1st XV, and 1 DWR 1st XV between 1984-89. He is keen to put his boots on again for the tour, in between furthering his interest in the American Civil and Revolutionary Wars. He is the Officer in Charge of Rugby within the Battalion.

Captain Bruce Faithfull, lock No. 8, is OC Mortar Platoon. As well as playing for the Battalion 1st XV, he has also played for the Letchworth Club and Newcastle University. Bruce is a bit of a fitness freak, but also lists his interests as impressionist and post impressionist art and his wife.

Captain Gary Knight, flanker, has just returned to the Battalion after having been attached to the Royal Marines for two years. He has played for the Army and the Combined Services, as well as England Colts. His interests are wide and varied, but include parachuting, bungee jumping, extreme ski-ing and surfing.

Captain James Purcell, prop/hooker, is OC Milan Platoon. James has represented Scottish Colleges and Scottish Students and has been a regular member of 1 DWR 1st XV for a number of seasons. He is very proud of his Scottish origins, although it is widely thought that he is actually from Sheffield. James lists his interests as drink, women and rugby, but not necessarily in that order.

Lieutenant Jonathan Mitchell, flanker, is a Platoon Commander. He has played for England Under 18's and Southern Universities. When not injured he has played for the Dukes' 1st XV this season. He toured the West Coast of the U.S.A. in 1987 with his school side. He enjoys most sports and is very knowledgeable about red wine.

Lieutenant Rob Douthwaite, lock, is currently a Platoon Commander, although is rarely seen in uniform. He started his rugby career in Richmond, North Yorkshire before defecting south, where his home base in now Essex. He has played for Hampshire Under 18's and Imperial College 1st XV. His interests include eating curries in Birmingham and hanging out with his Essex friends.

Lieutenant Rob Hammond, flank/centre, is a Platoon Commander. He went to University College Oxford, and played for the same side which U.S. President Bill Clinton played for some years earlier. Rob enjoys all sport, especially squash.



Captain Bruce Faithfull



Captain James Purcell



Lieut. Rob Douthwaite



Lieut. John Mayo



2 Lieut. Ben Walsgrove



Sergeant Stuart Davidson



Corporal Simon Thackray

Lieutenant John Mayo, scrum half, is 2 i/c C Company at the moment and has been heavily involved with organising just about everything for the 2nd XV this year. Known as 'The Boy' he is a keen skier as well as enjoying caving, climbing and road running.

Lieutenant Kirk Steel, scrum half/stand-off, is with the Royal Irish Regiment and has spent the last two years at the Depot, King's Division. He has played for Sussex Colts and his own Regiment. Kirk has represented the Army at cricket. His other interests include real ale and the theatre.

Second Lieutenant Ben Walsgrove, centre/wing, is Platoon Commander of Two Platoon. He played for Reading University 1st XV. Ben claims that his interests are fast cars and downhill ski-ing, although spends most of his time trying to find a lift up to London on a Friday evening.

Sergeant Phillip Barr plays stand-off/full back. His current job as Provost Sergeant has made him a popular man with the soldiers within the Battalion. Phillip first played for the Dukes in 1977, and has gained one U.K. winner's medal and three U.K. runners-up medals whilst playing in the Army Cup. His interests include football and showing people his false teeth.

Sergeant Stuart Davidson, prop, is one of the real stalwarts of the Dukes' team and has formed part of a very strong front row this season. He too has gained one U.K. winners medal and two U.K. runners-up medals in the Army Cup. Apart from rugby, Stuart also enjoys diving.

Corporal Philip Beetham, 2nd row/No. 8, has been a key member of the Dukes' 2nd team squad this season. He too has played rugby league but is making a good transition to the union code. Philip's other interests include all sports.

Corporal Simon Thackray, prop, is a member of the Milan Platoon, and like many other members of the Milan Platoon it is doubted that he donned a pair of skies during the recent two month deployment to Norway. He has played for both XV's this season. Simon is interested in all sports and also enjoys being Stu Davidson's right hand man!

Corporal Lee Blount, full back, is currently a section commander, but spent most of his time during the recent deployment to Norway as a military ski instructor. He has played for the Army Under 18's as well as the Dukes' 1st XV. Lee is keen on all sports.



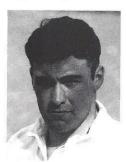
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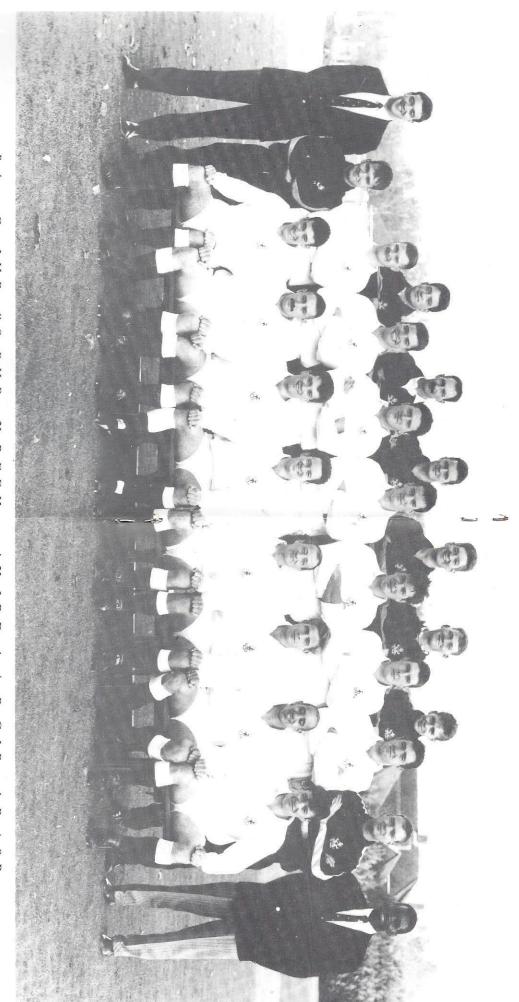
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1st BATTALION THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S REGIMENT

1st XV RUGBY SQUAD 1992/



Back row: Capt J. H. Purcell, Sgt P. H. Barr, 2Lt R. F. E. Hammond, 2Lt J. R. Douthwaite, Pte G. J. Peacock, Pte A. S. Bye.

Centre row: Major M. A. Lodge (OC Rugby), Pte P. F. Bulmer, Pte S. Haygarth, 2Lt R. C. Brearey, Capt B. J. T. Faithfull, Lt R. C. O'Connor, Lt S. Stewart, Cpl A. D. William 2Lt J. N. Mitchell, Cpl J. L. Jenkins, WO2 G. O. N. Williams (Coach)

Front row: LCpl L. Blount, Sgt S. A. Davidson, Capt D. P. Monteith, Capt S. C. Pinder, WO2 G. J. Walker (Captain), 2Lt T. E. G. Moon 15/19 H, Pte R. A. July, Pte D. A. Nettleton



Private Paul Bulmer



Private Stephen Haygarth, flanker, is in his first year with 1 DWR. He is a PTI, but was formerly with the Royal Armoured Corps. Stephen has been a regular member of the 1st XV this season. His interests include most sports and his family.



Private Stephen Haygarth



Private Mick Crawshaw



Jason Tozer

Private Paul Bulmer, hooker, has played a number of times for the 1st XV this season and

Private Gary Peacock, No. 8/Lock, is another member of the Milan Platoon. He has played most of his rugby this season with the 2nd XV, although some good performances have strengthened his claim for a first team place. Gary, being a fairly interesting guy, listed his only interest as drinking.

Private Mick Crawshaw, centre/wing, has been playing for the Dukes' 2nd XV this season. Mick has also played for Yorkshire and England Under 18's at rugby league. His other interests include swimming.

Mike Whitley, flanker, first started playing rugby at Rossall School and then played for Ilkley R.F.C. whilst studying Business and Finance at Bradford College. Mike has just left the Dukes, having joined the Army in 1987. His interests include water sports, ski-ing, travel and rugby.

Jason Tozer, stand-off, has represented Yorkshire Under 17's and is presently playing for Halifax R.F.C. Jason has represented Calderdale during the last twelve months. His interests include football and fishing.

Glen Morris, scrum half, is also a member of the Halifax Club.



Private David Nettleton



Private Gary Peacock



Mike Whitley

A History of Dukes' Rugby

While the Dukes exist as a single Battalion Regiment today, it was the rugby team of the 2nd Battalion of the Regiment, late 76th, who were supreme whilst stationed in South Africa in 1893, winning the two open challenge cups, the Murry and the York and Lancaster, three years in succession. The 2nd Battalion won the first Army Union Challenge Cup Competition in 1907 and again in 1914. However, in the meanwhile, the 1st Battalion under the captaincy of Captain E. M. Liddell began to establish its rugby prowess during its time in India winning all three of the presidencies open to rugby challenge cups. The photograph shows the continued success of the Dukes' rugby while posted to India.

1 DWR 1st XV 1937, after winning the Bethell Cup



back row: Batty (Ret), Crowther, Hobson, —, Greene, —, Robinson front row: Pratt, Collins, Skinner, R. Moran, Maclaren, P. Moran, Kennedy seated on ground: Smedley, Holmes

It took some years after the First World War for the Regiment to reestablish its strength in Army rugby, but in the 1930/31 season the 1st Battalion at last won the Army Cup with very talented rugby players.

The Second World War again disrupted the Dukes' rugby, although many games were played in different parts of the world. However, the amalgamation of the two Battalions in 1948/49 created a very strong and talented team. The strength of the side was reflected by the fact that in the 1951/52 season 2nd Lieutenants Hardy and Shuttleworth played for England in the Calcutta Cup match. This was an Army first, the half-backs in an international coming from the same Regiment.

During the late fifties the Dukes had a superb squad. Such was their strength that they beat Ulster at the end of a three year tour of the Province. Their dominance of Army rugby continued into the sixties, and between 1964 and 1968 the Dukes won the Army Cup for four successive years. Even when moving out to Hong Kong in 1969 the Battalion managed to maintain its high standards, and won the FARELF Cup twice, beating the New Zealand Battalion on both occasions, and got eight Regimental players into the Colony side for the Asian Cup Competition.

In all the Dukes have won the Army Cup a record fourteen times. The last victory came in 1981, but the Battalion has always managed to reach the later stages of the competition since then, with this year's team reaching the semi-finals.

Rugby Honours 1st Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment

	Internationals		
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W. C. Wilson	1907	England	2
C. K. T. Faithfull	1924-26	England	3
W. F. Brown	1925-28	Ireland	12
C. L. Troop	1933	England	2
C. F. Grieve	1935-36	Scotland	1
F. J. Reynolds	1937-38	England	3
E. M. P. Hardy	1951	England	3
D. W. Shuttleworth	1951-53	England	2
D. S. Gilbert-Smith	1952	Scotland	1
M. J. Campbell-Lamerton	1961	Scotland	23

British Lions				
		CAPS		
C. F. Grieve	1938	1		
F. J. Reynolds	1938	2		
M. J. Campbell-Lamerton	1961	6		
48 Dukes' players have been capped by the Army. The following have gained over ten caps.				
W. F. Brown	1924	16		
C. K. T. Faithfull	1924	10		
C. Townend	1928	10		
D. W. Shuttleworth	1949	22		
E. M. P. Hardy	1950	11		
D. S. Gilbert-Smith	1952	12		
M. J. Campbell-Lamerton	1960	13		
I. P. Reid	1962	10		

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