

LEEDS TANK MEN IN GERMANY



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Sitting on this Chieftain tank are a group of men from the Leeds area who are stationed in Germany. They are serving with the 4th/7th Royal Dragoon-Guards and have been in Germany for about six months.

Most of them will go to the regimental ski hut in Bavaria for two or three weeks in the winter. Some will come home to Leeds for Christmas.

Front row (left to right): Tpr. Alan Warren, Cross Street, Morley; Sgt. Michael Powell, Hardy View, Beeston, Leeds; Tpr. Paul Barran, The Oval, Seacroft, Leeds; Bdsm. Ian Spence, Lovell Park Towers, Leeds 7; Tpr. John Hirst, Mill Green Close, Swarcliffe, Leeds.

Centre Row: Tpr. Neville Hampson, Park Square West, Leeds; Tpr. Derick Fox, Royal Park Road, Hyde Park, Leeds; Tpr. Chris Bailey, Colmore Road, Lower Wortley, Leeds; Tpr. Terry Holiday, Colenso Terrace, Holbeck, Leeds; Tpr. Dennis Robinson, Tynwald Drive, Moortown, Leeds; Tpr. Geoff Field, Fifth Avenue, Rothwell.

Top Row: Tpr. Mike Silburn, Lea Farm Row, Hawksworth Estate, Leeds; L/Cpl. Paul Blower, Tarnside Drive, Seacroft, Leeds; Tpr. Ken Catmull, First Avenue, Hallfields, Wetherby.

Meltham Council for young hero of Aden

CIVIC recognition was given to Meltham's brave young hero, L.-Cpl. Leslie Wilson, of 19, Victoria Terrace, at a meeting of Meltham Council last night.

In May, while serving in Aden, nineteen-year-old L.-Cpl. Wilson, who was then Trooper Wilson, manned an armoured car single-handed and engaged the enemy while the rest of his crew were pinned down by intensive fire. Acting entirely on his own, he managed to halt the firing—a courageous act which won him the Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct.

The chairman, Cmr. Mrs. J. R. Kirby, said she wondered whether on that occasion L.-Cpl. Wilson, who is serving with the Dragoon Guards, felt frightened or if he felt like the hero in a Foreign Legion film.

"But whatever he felt he kept the job going and did the trick. It was an extremely able and wonderful thing," she said. "We now have a brave young hero in Meltham."

Cmr. H. B. Dearnley said that L.-Cpl. Wilson had brought honour and glory to the township of Meltham. They were very proud of him. Similar tributes were paid by Cmr. H. Bastow and R. C. Ashton.

L.-Cpl. Wilson said he was very grateful for his invitation to the Council meeting and the thanks which had been bestowed upon him.



L.-Cpl. Leslie Wilson

TPR. V. CASSON

Tpr. Victor Casson joined the Regiment at Münster from Catterick in 1962 and was posted to M.T. Troop, "H.Q." Squadron. He married in July 1965 and soon afterwards went with the Regiment to South Arabia. On the Regiment's return he joined "B" Squadron M.T. in Omagh. Tpr. Casson went with the Squadron to serve with the United Nations in Cyprus and whilst he was out there he was transferred to Second Troop as a scout car driver. He returned from Cyprus with "B" Squadron in June this year.

Whilst in B.A.O.R. Casson represented his squadron in the Novices Boxing Competition, in which he did well. In Cyprus he became interested in free-fall parachuting and on his return went on a free-fall course at Netheravon. It was whilst on this course that Casson suffered a fatal accident.

We offer our sincerest condolences to Mrs. Casson and to his parents and family.



Tpr. V. Casson

"All change" for the 4th/7th Royal Dragoons

AFTER three years of operating in armoured cars in the role of reconnaissance troops, for much of the time in Aden and lately in Cyprus and Northern Ireland, the 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards are in the process of changing back to tanks.

Next March the regiment move to Germany for what is expected to be a three-year tour of duty, but may well be longer. By then all squadrons will be equipped with Chieftain tanks, Stalwart amphibious load carriers, and 432 armoured personnel carriers.

At the moment there is no end of to-ing and fro-ing from their base at Omagh, Northern Ireland, as batches of men leave or return from courses to re-learn the techniques of tank warfare in preparation for the change over.

In addition, one squadron is due shortly to return from Cyprus, and they, too, will have to go into the training programme before the advance party leave for Germany in February.

The 4th/7th will take over

from the 17/21 Lancers at Senelager. It is only three years since they previously did a two-year tour at Munster, Germany.

Going and coming

ANOTHER 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards change is that Sgt. K. Zambelli is leaving Huddersfield after sixteen months here as the regiment's representative at the Army Information Office in Kirkgate. He moves to Catterick on

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Monday to take a tank commanders' course and will be back in Ireland on January 13.

His place in Huddersfield will be taken by Sgt. John White, who has recently been serving with the regiment in N. Ireland following a spell in Libya. He has been in the 4th/7th for eleven years and has twice previously served in Germany.



Sgt. K. Zambelli and Sgt. J. White.

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