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INTRODUCTION

I was in charge of the administration of the Assam Rifles for only about 5 months of the year having been on leave from the 17th February to the 27th September 1945 during which period Mr. H. G. Bartley, I.P., officiated as Inspector General.

With the cessation of hostilities during the year and the unconditional surrender of Germany and Japan, the various elements of the Assam Rifles who scattered on operations were returned gradually to their headquarters. The greater part of the administrative work of the 1st, 3rd and 4th Battalions, although these units were under the operational control of the Army, still continued to be performed by the Inspector General. The 2nd Battalion and the five active platoons of the 5th Battalion were already under the complete control of the Inspector General.

His Excellency the Governor of Assam visited the 4th Battalion in June and the 2nd Battalion in November 1945.

I inspected the 3rd and 4th Battalions in January and again in November. Mr. Bartley visited these two in April as well as the headquarters of the 2nd Battalion at Sadiya during his term of office.

I had the honour of unveiling in January the site of the Memorial to men of the 3rd Battalion who lost their lives in the defence of Kohima in April 1944 and other actions.

Brigadier H. R. Officer, Commander 256 Sub-area inspected the 3rd Battalion in November 1945.

2. The officers named below were released from the Assam Rifles during the year under report :—

1st Battalion—Major J. Hart, M.C., E.C.O., 9th Gurkha Rifles, on the 15th August 1945.

Lieutenant C. D. Bowring, E.C.O., 1/16 Punjab Regiment, on the 27th June 1945.

Lieutenant E. M. Clementson, E.C.O., 7th Rajput Regiment, on the 31st July 1945 P.M.

2nd Battalion—Lieutenant Colonel G. Byron, A.I.R.O., on the 29th November 1945.

Lieutenant J. A. Wright, E.C.O., 7th Rajput Regiment, on the 6th July 1945.

3rd Battalion—T./Major G. St. G.T. Allen, M.C., E.C.O., 7th Gurkha Rifles, on the 24th May 1945.

4th Battalion—Major W.E. Read, E.C.O., 7th Light Cavalry, on the 21st June 1945.

Captain J.C. MacTavish, B.S., 19th Hyderabad Regiment, on the 17th May 1945.

The following officers joined the Assam Rifles.

1st Battalion—Captain F.C. Goldsmith, E.C.O., 13th F.F.R., on the 16th March 1945.

Lieutenant C. D. Bowring, E.C.O., 1/16th Punjab Regiment, on the 16th March 1945.

Lieutenant E.M. Clementson, E.C.O., 7th Rajput Regiment, on the 16th March 1945.

2nd Battalion—Captain (now Major) V. G. Swales, 4th Bombay Grenadiers, on the 26th February 1945.

Lieutenant J. A. Wright, 7th Rajput Regiment, on the 26th February 1945.

Lieutenant (now Captain) R.W. Hender, 11th Sikh Regiment, on the 27th April 1945.

3rd Battalion—T/Major M. A. Grimpel, E.C.O., 8th Gurkha Rifles, on the 1st April 1945.

T/Captain F. H. Harris, E.C.O., 8th Gurkha Rifles, on the 1st April 1945.

Lieutenant J. E. De Curz, E.C.O., on the 25th August 1945.

4th Battalion—Captain J. R. Jones, E.C.O., 38th Gurkha Rifles, on the 22nd July 1945.

Lieutenant S. R. O'R. Shearburn, E.C.O., 9th Gurkha Rifles, on the 30th March 1945.

Lieutenant D. A. Wade, E.C.O., 2nd Gurkha Rifles, on the 30th March 1945.

Captain P. G. Bond, E.C.O., Assam Regiment, on the 10th April 1945. This officer rejoined after a short absence on the staff.

The following British Officer of the Assam Rifles passed a language examination in 1945 :—

Captain P. A. T. Smith, E.C.O., Assistant Commandant, 4th Battalion—Elementary Urdu.

3. *Efficiency and drill.*—Owing to several platoons of the Assam Rifles being scattered on active service all over the operational areas in Assam and Burma the annual programme of individual and collective training was necessarily greatly restricted. Whenever, however, the men returned to Headquarters their training was taken up intensively.

In the 1st Battalion the six platoons which had been with V Force were reorganised on return and progressive consecutive training commenced. Fighting platoons of trained soldiers were struck off all duties for a period of 7 weeks and underwent extensive training in rifle, L. M. G.s and Grenades. Other platoons were put through the usual courses.

In the 2nd Battalion despite all attempts to procure the requisite clothing from ordnance, sufficient was not available to improve turn out. Arrangements have, however, been made and it is hoped that with the decrease of Army demands, the men will be adequately clothed. Training in Field Craft and Battle Drill, etc., was carried out. With the return of all platoons to Headquarters more attention is being paid to normal training than has been possible for the past three years.

In the 3rd Battalion normal training continued with particular attention to Jungle Warfare. Individual training was carried out at Headquarters and musketry followed by a two weeks course of collective training in Camp. Field firing and schemes embodying advancing under fire and also Drill were carried out.

In the 4th Battalion training was handicapped owing to the small number of men present at Headquarters who also, on the other hand, had to be engaged on the move back into the old lines. Lectures, short cadres and daily Parades etc., were, however, carried out.

The 5th Battalion being a training Battalion completed the training of the recruits of the 1944-45 season and the following were sent to their respective Battalions:—

1st Battalion	...	...	...	...	...	69
2nd Battalion	...	...	...	...	...	27
3rd Battalion	...	...	...	...	...	29
4th Battalion	...	...	...	...	...	121
5th Battalion	...	...	...	...	...	20
						266

Prior to the arrival of recruits from other Battalions, the instructors underwent a cadre course under a British Officer. The trained men, with the exception of some who were employed in the construction of the range at Rupa, fired their annual rifle and L. M. G. courses. Training in throwing and firing of Live Grenades, in dummy grenades in bayonet and in rifle and jungle warfare was carried out. Ceremonial drill including saluting and handling of arms was also carried out.

Training at the various Army Schools of Instructions was imparted to selected Assam Rifles personnel but more vacancies for these courses are required.

Discipline.—The standard of discipline was well maintained even under abnormal circumstances. There was a slight increase in crime, however in the 1st and 3rd Battalions—but not of any serious proportions—amongst the men who returned to headquarters after the cessation of hostilities—*vide* paragraph 6.

Musketry.—The annual musketry courses were fired as far as practicable by the men available at headquarters and the results were satisfactory despite the lack of regular range practice during the War years.

Signalling.—The annual classification of signallers was carried out in all Battalions except the 5th Battalion where there were already one senior Instructor and 19 trained signallers at the end of the year.

Wireless.—All Battalions were in possession of wireless sets but those with the 1st Battalion were not of a type, or types, suitable for long range operation.

The 2nd and 5th Battalions had received, in 1944, American SCR 284 sets which have been entirely satisfactory but with the cessation of hostilities and the consequent closing down of the Lease-Land agreement these battalions have been faced with the position whereby, they can get neither spares nor substitutes.

The 3rd and 4th Battalions each possessed, in addition to one or two other sets a small number of F. S. 19 sets—a British Army issue and these were entirely satisfactory. Successful experiments were carried out between Shillong and Kohima and between both battalion headquarters and their outposts.

The object to be achieved is to have every Assam Rifles outpost connected by wireless with its own headquarters and every battalion headquarters connected with a control station at Shillong.

The 5th Battalion imparted preliminary wireless training to 18 Police Officers and men during the year.

4. *Enlistments.*—The number of men enlisted during the year was 375.

Race						Number enlisted
Gurkhas	...	...	...	...	...	340
Assamese	...	...	...	...	...	4
Lushais	...	...	...	...	...	2
Nagas	...	...	...	...	...	9
Kukis	...	...	...	...	...	15
Tangkhuls	...	...	...	...	...	5
						375
				Total	...	375

The general standard of Gurkha recruits in the 2nd Battalion was lower than expected, but they developed considerably with proper feeding and exercise.

The dearth of Assamese and other local recruits was obviously due to the demands and popularity of the Assam Regiment. Temporary employment at abnormally high rates in activities connected with the war also attracted a number of potential local recruits.

5. Casualties—

	1945
Retirements	104
Resignations	104
Discharges	29
Deaths	57
Dismissals	3
Desertions	10
Failure to rejoin on expiry of leave	131
Total	438

Under "Retirements" the greatest numbers were of those retired on compulsory pension, invalid pension or gratuity. The high figures under "Resignations" were due to the discharge of men at their own request on compassionate grounds. The large figures under "Deaths" occurred chiefly in the 1st, 3rd, and 4th Battalions. In the 3rd and 4th Battalions, 27 riflemen were missing and subsequently presumed to be dead while others were known to have been killed in action. The highest figures under "Failure to rejoin on expiry of leave" were also in the 1st, 3rd and 4th Battalions. These were mainly Gurkhas and their failure to rejoin was presumably due to the depletion of man power in Nepal and dissuasion from returning by their relatives. The figures under other heads do not call for any particular remarks except that the low figures under "Dismissals" and "Desertions" go to show that discipline was very well maintained in all battalions.

The number of "Man-days" lost owing to sickness and "attendance on the sick" is given below:—

	Man-days lost	
	Due to sickness	Due to attendance on the sick
	1945	1945
1st Battalion	10,332	98
2nd "	8,918	10
3rd "	4,530	15
4th "	4,210	16
5th "	2,923	..

There has been a great increase in the number of "Man-days" lost owing to sickness in the 1st and 2nd Battalions. This was due mainly to the strenuous time the men had had and most of this sickness occurred after their return from active service. The chief disease was malaria. There being no indoor accommodation at the Kohima Hospital, patients of this battalion were sent to an Army Hospital for treatment.

6. Rewards and punishments—

	No. of officers and men promoted	No. of men drawing Good Service pay			No. of men drawing proficiency pay		Percentage of departmental punishments	No. of men judicially punished	Court Martial	Remarks
		At Rs. 2	At Rs. 4	At Rs. 6	At Re.1	At Rs.3/8				
1st Battalion	46	4	12	63	3	822	12.18	..	..
2nd „	31	6	1	83	21	773	8.56	..	1	
3rd „	55	..	..	..	..	..	17.78	..	3	
4th „	37	18	51	18	..	(a)	10.16	..	5	(a) 744 at Rs.8-8-0.
5th „	25	6	22	10	(b)	363	8.91	..	..	(b) 1 at Rs. 2, 36 at Rs.3 and 358 at Rs.5.

Owing to the destruction of the records in the 3rd Battalion as a result of enemy action, as already stated in last years report, complete figures for that Battalion could not be furnished.

The increase in the number of summary departmental punishments is noticeable. The other figures do not call for any particular remarks.

7. *Frontier out-posts.*—In the 1st Battalion there was no change but six platoons were attached to V Force at Shillong for five months during the year under report.

In the 2nd Battalion the following outposts were established on the North East Frontier under the direction of the Government of India :—

Siang Valley

Karko

Riga

Pangin

Headquarters Pasighat

LOHIT VALLFY

Walong

CHANGWINTI

Hayulyang

Headquarters Denning

In addition to the above, detachments were detailed for duty in the Tirap Frontier Tract until relieved by the 4th Battalion in October. These were withdrawn to Margherita during the rains. There was difficulty about the porter situation particularly in the Siang Valley owing to the location of the outposts. Air dropping of rations on these outposts and others in the Lohit Valley was introduced in November with success. Supplies for six months were dropped and Captain Binnie, Assistant Commandant, 2nd Battalion, who acted as Liaison officer with the Royal Air Force for this operation rendered considerable assistance.

Nizamghat, Rotung, Yembung, North Tirap and South Tirap outposts were not garrisoned during the year.

In the 3rd Battalion the outposts at Mokokchung, Wakching and Kongnyu continued to be maintained at the temporary reduced strengths. A detachment was stationed temporarily at Gauhati. In addition, an escort for U.S. A.A.F. observer post at Ponyo (Pangsha) was detailed but this post was withdrawn at the end of the year.

In the 4th Battalion the two outposts at Ukhurul, Tamenlong were maintained throughout the year. The barracks at Ukhurul were demolished and new temporary "bashes" constructed.

In the 5th Battalion Rupa and Dirang Dzong outposts were maintained throughout the year. North Lakhimpur and Seijosa outposts were mounted for a part of the year only. The outposts at Doimukh, Bhairabkunda, Darranga and Dikalmukh were not garrisoned.

As in the case of the outposts of the 2nd Battalion, Rupa and Dirang Dzong were rationed for six months from the air in November in the course of the same operations.

8. *Military operations.*—With the end of the War coming in August military operations gradually ceased. Eight Platoons of the 1st Battalion operating with the Lushai Brigade were withdrawn from Burma with the Brigade early in the year. Five platoons of the 3rd Battalion which were attached to V Force in the forward areas also returned to headquarters early in the year under report. Four platoons of the 4th Battalion which had operated with V Force in Burma, were, however, still out at the end of the year. They were employed by IV Corps under three categories, *viz.*, intelligence, guerillas and fighting patrol. 43 men of the 4th Battalion were trained at Jessore as paratroops for the Burma operations and got their wings. 42 of them were actually dropped near the Sitang River Bend where they went into action.

The Assam Rifles may well look back with pride on the part they played during a war in which they never expected to be involved and for which they had not been specially trained. Very early on in the war against Japan on our borders a high ranking officer, who quickly recognised the potentialities of the corps with their special knowledge, remarked that he wished that we had 15 battalions instead of 5.

A list of awards, brought up to date as far as possible, will be found at paragraph 9 of this report.

9. *Miscellaneous.*—Escorts and other detachments were furnished as usual by the Assam Rifles.

Commendations

I have again to thank all Commandants and Assistant Commandants for their co-operation and help during the year. With the cessation of hostilities a period of return to normality and re-organisation has set in and many problems have arisen on which the advice of Commandants has been particularly valuable and acceptable.

Many of the British Officers left the Assam Rifles on demobilisation and their replacement, when the strength of the new establishment is worked down to by wastage, will be a distinct problem owing to the refusal of the Army to allow any more British Officers to be seconded to the Corps.

Commandants have brought to my notice the names of the following British and Indian Officers and other ranks for good service rendered during the year. These I fully endorse:—

			British Officers
3rd Battalion	...	...	T/Major M. K. Smith.
" "	" "	...	T/Major M. A. Grimpel.
" "	" "	...	T/Captain G. J. Hawkins.

Indian Officers and other ranks

1st Battalion—Subedar Nainsing Chettri.

Subedar Asurdhan Rai, M. C.

Jemadar Jai Gopal Sing Lama.

„ Ganeshbahadur Chettri.

Sub-clerk Ronald Roy Diengdoh.

2nd Battalion—Subedar Major Ratnabhadur Limbu, M.B.E.

Subedar Raghubir Thapa.

Head Clerk, Joy Chandra De Roy.

3rd Battalion—Sardar Bahadur Subedar Major Balbahadur Gurung, Bahadur, O.B.I.

Subedar Thepsing Limbu.

„ Uttamsing Chettri, M. C.

Jemadar Mandhoj Tamang.

Accountant (now Head Clerk), Satya Ranjan De.

Writer L/NK, Someswar Saikia.

4th Battalion—Subedar Nakulman Rai.

„ Jaharman Limbu.

Jemadar Tekbahadur Gurung.

Transport Jemadar, Dhanbahadur Limbu.

Head Clerk, Anil Chandra Datta.

5th Battalion—Subedar Major, Randhoj Gurung.

„ Paniram Mech.

Jemadar Karnasing Gurung.

Accountant, Robindra Kumar Purkayastha.

Assistant Accountant, Jogeswar Hazarika.

Sub-Clerk Prajabati Kumar Sarma Roy.

The Assam Rifles also received commendations from various high officials. An extract, however, is quoted below from letter No.3/AM, dated 9th November 1945 from Headquarters 1352 ND A.A.F. Base Unit Director of Intelligence (India-China Division, Air Transport Command) to the Commandant, 3rd Battalion, Assam Rifles.

“The splendid co-operation of your organisation is deeply appreciated by this Unit and other operating aircraft over the Naga Hills country. As the war is over and certain safety measures can now be abandoned, your work and ours pertaining to Rescue in this area can be stopped. The sincere thanks of United States Army Air Forces personnel of this Area is extended to you and your men”.

A list of awards was published in last year's report, this is now reproduced with certain additions in order to bring it up to date.

M. B. E. (Military.)

T/Lt.-Colonel G. A. E. Keene, I.A., Commandant, 3rd Battalion, Assam Rifles.

Subedar Ratna Bahadur Limbu, 2nd Battalion, Assam Rifles.

Sub-Major Singbahadur Rai, 2nd Battalion, Assam Rifles.

M. C.

Capt. G. St. G. T. Allen (E.C. 198) Assistant Commandant, 3rd Battalion,
Assam Rifles (for services in the Middle East).

Subedar Asurdhan Rai ...	...	1st	Battalion,	Assam	Rifles.
Subedar Uttam Singh Chhetri ...	...	3rd	"	"	"
Jemadar Kharka Bahadur Limbu...	...	3rd	"	"	"
Jemadar Deb Sing Chhetri ...	...	1st	"	"	"

O. B. I. (2nd Class with the title of Bahadur).

Subedar Major Sardar Bahadur Sukraj Limbu, 4th Battalion, Assam Rifles.

Subedar Major Sardar Bahadur Balbahadur Gurung, 3rd Battalion, Assam
Rifles.

Subedar Major Sardar Sahib Shamsheer Gurung, 1st Battalion, Assam Rifles.

Subedar Major Gauri Sing Cachari 5th " " "

I. O. M. (2nd class).

Subedar Bindraman Rai ... 3rd Battalion, Assam Rifles.

Military Medal

No. 25637/3	Hav. Chandra Bahadur Thapa	2nd	Battalion,	Assam	Rifles.
No. 3529	Naik Sibajit Rai	4th	"	"	"
No. 32120 L/NK.	Yangra Songba	3rd	"	"	"
No. 31168 L/NK.	Tilbahadur Gurung	3rd	"	"	"
No. 44419 L/NK.	Dhanbahadur Thapa	4th	"	"	"
No. 45219 L/NK.	Bombahadur Chhetri	4th	"	"	"
No. 32495 Rfn.	Kharkabahadur Chhetri	3rd	"	"	"
No. 44970 "	Pathar Sing Limbu	4th	"	"	"
No. 31333 "	Rupdhoz Limbu	3rd	"	"	"
No. 27222 "	Dhoj Bahadur Rai	2nd	"	"	"
No. 32265 "	Jankhothang Kuki	3rd	"	"	"
No. 43853 "	Balbahadur Newar	4th	"	"	"
No. 44801 "	Dakbahadur Limbu	4th	"	"	"

I. D. S. M.

Jemadar Indra Bahadur Pun	...	3rd	Battalion,	Assam	Rifles.
No. 43147 Hav. Manbahadur Chhetri	...	4th	"	"	"
No. 30172 Hav. Asbahadur Gurung	...	3rd	"	"	"
No. 13564 Hav. Aishore Rai	...	1st	"	"	"
No. 13755 Hav. Lal Sing Rana	...	1st	"	"	"
No. 44180 NK. Pahalsing Gurung	...	4th	"	"	"
No. 43732 NK. Singbir Lama	...	4th	"	"	"
No. 43843 NK. Dhanbahadur Ghale	...	4th	"	"	"
No. 43845 NK. Narbahadur Rai	...	4th	"	"	"

No. 44151 L/NK.	Monbahadur Gurung	4th Battalion, Assam Rifles.
No. 43077 L/NK.	Aituram Limbu ...	4th " " "
No. 44759 L/NK.	Dilaram Mall ...	4th " " "
No. 44358 Rfn.	Jainarain Limbu ...	4th " " "
No. 43790 "	Nguljalum Kuki ...	4th " " "
No. 32190 "	Gandharu Rajbangshi.	3rd " " "

Bar to I.D.S.M.

No. 43077 NK.	Aitu Ram Limbu ...	4th " " "
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B.E.M.

No. 24461 Hav.	Dharamasing Gurung	2nd " " "
No. 24996 "	Bombahadur Pun ...	2nd " " "
No. 25531 "	Imansing Gurung ...	2nd " " "
No. 25962 NK.	Gyanbahadur Rai ...	2nd " " "
No. 26848 L/NK.	Manichand Rai ...	2nd " " "
No. 26038 Compounder	Hav. Sonam Lama.	2nd " " "

B. E. M. (Civil Division).

Head Clerk Prasanna Hari Das Gupta ...	3rd Battalion, Assam Rifles.
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Certificate of gallantry

No. 32610 Rfn.	Amarbahadur Rai ...	3rd Battalion, Assam Rifles.
No. 44808 "	Sunkhugin Kuki ...	4th " " "
No. 44448 "	Deobahadur Gurung	4th " " "

Commendation Card

Lt. P.P.P. Hutchins,	... ..	2nd " " "
Assistant Commandant.		
Subedar Ratna Bahadur Limbu ...	2nd " " "	
No. 24461 Hav.	Dharamsing Gurung...	2nd " " "
No. 24996 "	Bombahadur Pun ...	2nd " " "
No. 25531 "	Imansingh Gurung ...	2nd " " "
No. 25962 NK.	Gyanbahadur Rai ...	2nd " " "
No. 43340 "	Dhanbahadur Chhetri.	4th " " "
No. 26848 L/NK.	Manichand Rai ...	2nd " " "
No. 26038 Compounder	Hav. Sonam Lama.	2nd " " "
No. 44759 Rfn.	Dilaram Mall ...	4th " " "

Name mentioned in despatches

T/Lt.-Colonel R. Booth, Comman lant ...	5th	Battalion,	Assam	Rifles.
Major H. N. Irwin, M.C., Commandant ...	2nd	"	"	"
T/Lt.-Colonel G. A. E. Kone, M.B.E., Commandant.	3rd	"	"	"
Major C. G. Cuerden, Commandant ...	1st	"	"	"
Lt. M. K. Smith, E.C.O., Assistant Com- mandant.	3rd	"	"	"
Subedar Eljapao Kuki	4th	"	"	"
Subedar Nakulman Rai	4th	"	"	"
Subedar Bahadur Chandra Uzir	2nd	"	"	"
Subedar Nainsing Chettri	1st	"	"	"
Jemadar Amarbahadur Gurung	2nd	"	"	"
Jemadar Bhimdai Chettri	4th	"	"	"
Jemadar Dhanbahadur Thapa	4th	"	"	"
Jemadar Kharkal adur Limbu	3rd	"	"	"
No. 25531 Hav. Imansing Gurung	2nd	"	"	"
No. 31179 " Dhansuba Gurung	3rd	"	"	"
No. 43210 " Dhanraj Gurung	4th	"	"	"
No. 3817 " Indrabahadur Gurung	3rd	"	"	"
No. 43147 " Manbahadur Chettri	4th	"	"	"
No. 25892 " Birbahadur Limbu	2nd	"	"	"
No. 13516 " Jaigopalsing Lama	1st	"	"	"
No. 13496 " Umansing Thapa	1st	"	"	"
No. 25594 " Ratiram Mech	2nd	"	"	"
No. 30887 " Bhowan Sing Gurung	3rd	"	"	"
No. 31334 " Dambarbahadur Rana	3rd	"	"	"
No. 31174 NK. (Actg. Hav.) Dhansuba (ur ing.	3rd	"	"	"
No. 13875 " Rambahadur Rai	1st	"	"	"
No. 31382 " Bhimbahadur Thapa	3rd	"	"	"
No. 31990 L/NK. Phulsing Thapa	3rd	"	"	"
No. 31652 " Deochand Thapa	3rd	"	"	"
No. 32257 " Hemkhorie Kuki	3rd	"	"	"
No. 31056 " Gumai Burra	3rd	"	"	"
No. 31241 " Tahalsing Rana	3rd	"	"	"
No. 43156 Rfn. Lalsing	4th	"	"	"
No. 27131 " Amos Ao	2nd	"	"	"
No. 26730 " Chatrabahadur Rai	2nd	"	"	"
No. 15038 " Liantluanga	1st	"	"	"
No. 32267 " Donpung Kuki	3rd	"	"	"
No. 44448 " Deobahadur Gurung	4th	"	"	"

Message from His Excellency the Governor of Assam

Officiating Head Clerk Jamini Mohan Pal	...	1st Battalion, Assam Rifles
Officiating Accountant Ronald Roy Diengdoh	...	1st " " "
Dr. Sudhindra Kumar Bhattacharjee ^c	...	1st " " "
Dr. Lukia	}	1st Assam Rifles Hospital.
Nurse Lalsiami		
Nurse Duhveli		
Havildar Manbahadur Ale (retired)	...	1st " " "
Accountant (now Head Clerk) Satya Ranjan De	...	3rd " " "
Sub-Clerk Chidananda Deka	...	3rd " " "
Sub-Clerk Hemendra Narayan Chaudhuri	...	3rd " " "
Sub-Clerk Sailendra Kumar Dhar	...	3rd " " "
Follower Cook Matilal Barua	...	3rd " " "
Subadar Bombahadur Gurung	...	4th " " "
Jamadar Dhanbahadur Limbu	...	4th " " "
Havildar Nandalal Newar	...	4th " " "
Havildar Yonbahadur Newar	...	4th " " "
Naik Kaluman Gurung	...	4th " " "
Naik Mangalbahadur Limbu	...	4th " " "
L/NK. Mansing Ale	...	4th " " "
L/NK. Langapao Kuki	...	4th " " "
Rifleman Khageswar Gogoi	...	4th " " "
Rifleman Kubir Kami	...	4th " " "

Education.—Enlisted recruit boys and other boys of the 2nd Battalion were instructed in different subjects during the year. There being no Battalion Girls' School in the 2nd Battalion, the girls attended the Mission School and the local Girls' School. The 3rd Battalion's Boys and Girls' School has not yet been established.

Educational training which has been interfered with in all Assam Rifles Battalions, but particularly in the 1st, 3rd and 4th Battalions owing to operational duties in the previous three years was put on a better basis with some success. Examinations in the Recruits Test and for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Class Certificates of education were held in the 1st, 2nd (except recruits test), 4th and 5th Battalions. The 3rd Battalion has only lately been re-equipped with the necessary Educational Training books and apparatus, and it is hoped, that satisfactory results will be shown in the report for 1946.

The work of the Motor Transport and Animal Transport establishments was excellent throughout the year under all weather conditions. The 1st Battalion animal transport was of very great assistance in clearing the big Military dump at Champhai. The three Dodge vehicles of the 1st Battalion having worn out four new Chevrolets were issued by the Army. The 3rd Battalion which lost, almost all its transport in 1944 as a result of enemy action was furnished with 44 animals from the Army Department and also 6 lorries, 2 Jeeps with Trailers and 1 Station Wagon in addition to the one lorry already on the strength. There are no special remarks to make on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Battalions transport which functioned satisfactorily during the year.

All Departmental and Public Works buildings were kept in a satisfactory state of repair in the 1st, 2nd and 5th Battalions. Repairs to the buildings of the 3rd and 4th Battalions which had been either damaged or destroyed as a result of enemy action were undertaken but progress was very slow.

Relations between the Assam Rifles and the Army and the Civil population continued to be excellent.

Finance

The figures below will show how expenditure has progressively increased during the last three years.

1943-44	1944-45	1945-46
Trs.	Trs.	Trs.
20,78	27,62	34,40

Out of the amount of Rs.34,40,275, the sum of Rs. 12,54,234 is debitabie to Central Civil estimates and Rs.22,16,041 is debitabie to Defence Services Estimates.

The figures for 1945-46 are preliminary and are therefore liable to variation.

The increase is due to the gradual adjustment of the cost of rations and other articles supplied by the Army.

The difficulty in allocating the cost of the Assam Rifles as between Central Civil and Defence Estimates can be imagined and the situation did not become any easier during the year.

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STATEMENT
Showing the strength and cost of the Assam Rifles in the year 1945

Battalion	District	Sanctioned strength of Assam Rifles Force							Cost of Assam Rifles			Vacancies on 31st December 1945		Remarks
		Number of Commandants	Number of Assistant Commandants	Number of Subedars and Jemadars	Number of Havildars and Naiks	Number of Sepoys (including buglers)	Total	Total number mounted (Columns 4 to 6)	Total pay of all ranks	All other expenditure	Total cost	Officers	Non-Commissioned Officers and men	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
1st (Lushai Hills) Battalion.	Lushai Hills	1	6	18*	92	850	967	..	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.			The strength excludes Non-Commissioned Officer, Compounders, supernumeraries and recruit boys. *Excludes two additional Jemadars sanctioned temporarily, vide Government of India's letter No. 28(b)-E/43, dated the 12th July 1943.
2nd (Lakhimpur) Battalion.	Sadiva Frontier Tract.	1	6	18	92	850	967	..						
3rd (Naga Hills) Battalion.	Naga Hills ..	1	6	18*	92	850	967	..	26,13,644	8,26,631	34,40,275			
4th Battalion ..	Manipur ..	1	6	18*	92	850	967	..						
5th Battalion ..	Balipara Frontier Tract.	1	3	10	48	422	484	..						
Total	5	27	82	416	3,822	4,352	..	26,13,644	8,26,631	34,40,275			

N. B.—The above is under the re-organisation scheme sanctioned with effect from the 1st June 1943.

