"WHO GUARDS THE SHORE ?"

Barry Smith

To be published in the near future by The Friends of Dover Museum

Price approximately £3

Barry Smith, after years of painstaking research, has produced a most excellent work of reference for the local historians. His book lists those units which made up the Dover Garrison between 1685 and the present day. In most cases the dates or arrival, the places of origin and the dates of departure and destinations are also recorded.

Works of this type, provide a useful tool , enabling accurate dating of a range of source material.

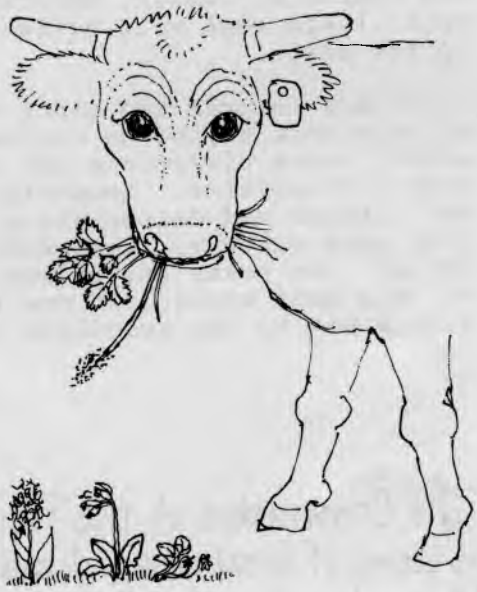
Barry's book, whilst leaving gaps where information is uncertain, forms a very comprehensive listing which maps not only Dover's history but also the ebb and flow of international events. The call-up of militia for garrison duty during the Napoleonic Wars can be clearly identified as can the stationing of reservists at Dover during the Great War.

The columns which deal with destinations form an interesting insight into Dover's role as a port of departure for units manning the outposts of the Empire.

"Who Guards the Shore" is not an easy book to read but rewards careful study and is one which I shall keep to hand for the information which it provides is of considerable value.

Jon Ivison

Editor's note: Barry Smith was the founder-secretary of the Dover Society.

Dexter Cattle

The Dexter Cattle have now taken up residence on the Western Heights. Unfortunately, unlike more common breeds, they are reluctant to act as artist's models and tend to move rapidly out of range as soon as the Editor appears, sketch-book in hand. See the article on page 39 for more details.