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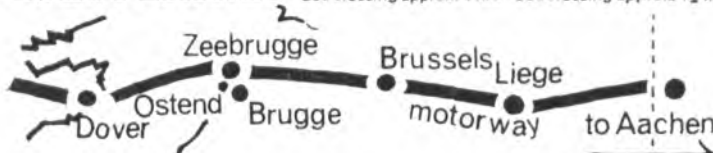
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This is Jim Knall. Aged 41. Married, with six children aged between 5 and 20. He lives at Abbey Hulton in Staffordshire.

He was 23 years in the army. When he left he was a Staff Sergeant with the Parachute Regiment at Aldershot.

One of his main reasons for joining up was to move about - and this he did. He saw service in Hong Kong, Korea, Japan, Borneo, Malaya, Jordan, Egypt, Cyprus, Bahrain, Greece, Europe.

One of his main reasons for leaving was that recently he had been 'staying put' more than he cared for. He felt he might as well settle down in civvy street rather than stay in one place with the army.

There were problems. He'd be leaving a £1,500 p.a. army salary for what sort of money? He was used to controlling men. Could he get a comparably responsible job outside the army? And what kind of security did a civvy street future hold for him?

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SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY

by the Colonel of the Regiment
Lt.-Gen. Sir Richard Goodwin, KCB, CBE, DSO

Almost two years ago, on the 1st April, 1967, I had the duty to send to Her Majesty The Queen a message of loyalty on the formation of the 5th (Volunteer) Battalion of The Regiment and the reorganisation of the former Territorial Army Battalions.

It is now, on the 31st March, 1969, my sad duty to say farewell to those Territorial Regiments, who are the natural successors to our Territorial Army Battalions, and who have served Queen and Country for so long. They have been the cornerstone of our military presence in the counties from which we, The Royal Anglian Regiment, are so proud to recruit.

This has been a long and depressing two years for you all. It has been a remarkable reflection upon your loyalty that your spirit has never flagged and that you have cushioned one blow after another, one temporary expedient after another, until the Government at last

reached the final conclusions which we all secretly hoped might be avoided, but which we feared to be inevitable.

I had hoped, too, that there was to be time for each of you to disband with all the pomp and ceremony deserving of a fine military unit.

Whatever the future may hold, you may rest assured that your County and your Regular Army partners in arms, both those who like you have suffered disbandment or amalgamation and those who remain in The Royal Anglian Regiment, are proud to have served alongside you.

In your Cadres you will retain your names and traditions. I hope very much that many of your members may join our 5th (Volunteer) Battalion. The Royal Anglian Regiment will always cherish and preserve those traditions which you have built, both in peace and in war.

Good luck to you all.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'R. E. Goodwin'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'R.' and last name 'Goodwin' clearly distinguishable.

(R. E. GOODWIN)

Lt.-Gen.

Colonel of the Regiment.

Pte. Angle

On nothing in particular

STOP THE WORLD! I WANT TO GET OFF!! Who said that?

Have you ever stopped to think . . . recently I mean? Try it sometime. There's a fair chance you won't find time.

There's also a fair chance that if you don't find time you will make the wrong decision. But I suppose that's better than making no decision.

Talking of NO DECISION . . . Do you know the latest cliché from the Ministry? 'No decision in isolation' That's a rum 'un! It's so lonely up there—so *terribly* lonely.

On Volunteers and Territorials

The Volunteers have gone from strength to strength and are now over-strength. The Cadres of the Territorial Regiments have formed and are allowed an establishment of three officers and five.

You will be wondering what has become of The Colours of the disbanded Territorial Regiments. The Honorary Colonels of those Regiments (who incidentally are continuing in office to the great relief of everyone) have been given the option of laying them up or handing them over to The Cadre for safe-keeping. The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment decided to lay theirs up whilst all the others are leaving them with their Cadres. The same applies to silver and property — chattels to those who know about these things.

On us Regulars

For Heaven's sake—I'd quite forgotten about us regulars! THE DEPOT—The Queen's Division Depot—looks like materialising but will require a decision in isolation. There's no good my mentioning the name of the place. It could be changed! The 2nd Battalion are due back from Gibraltar (those of them who went!) in September. The 3rd Battalion goes to CYPRUS

to serve with the UN Security Forces in October. The 4th Battalion goes to Bahrein in August for nine months unaccompanied tour. After returning in May 1970 the 4th Battalion commence disbanding under the recently announced cuts in mid September. The Battalion is to be out of the Order of Battle by 31st March, 1971.

On dress

On 1st June we all wear Royal Anglian collar badges, exactly the same as the cap badge. Sometime later this year we shall all wear the 'Tiger' Button. If you want to know why *please* don't write to me!

On this magazine

Call it what you like 'Journal', 'Magazine', or just 'Castle'. The Editor's biggest headache is to keep it going against ever increasing costs. Other than increasing the price, when a lot of chaps would probably fall out altogether, why not increase the sales? PLEASE renew your order. You must admit that these pages give a very good idea of what the young soldier of today is doing. We depend very much on the subscriptions of retired officers and soldiers—always have done, but just because you don't find *your* name or those of *your* old buddies in it this is not a very good reason for not supporting *me*. If you fall out you are caning me for the antics of my masters. We supported the former Regiments' Associations to the extent of £1,950 last year. call that nothing?

On our Association

I am slipping in a short report from the Secretary which will show you how we spend our money. IF you are a member that is If you are not, take heed of what The Secretary of The Northamptonshire Branch says on Page 37. The same applies to any and all of our former Regiments' Associations. But you must introduce yourself.

Old Comrades at the Regimental Re-union July 12th.

As before we will welcome you to the Beating of Retreat and to any other function over the Re-union Weekend. A Comrades' Tent will be open during the afternoon for Tea (on production of your seat ticket). There will be a display of modern fighting equipment you can look at before tea. After the Beating of Retreat the WO's and Sergeants Mess will be operating a cash bar in your Tent. Do come and meet some of your old friends.

If in doubt write to The Regimental Secretary at Blenheim Camp or to your own Association Headquarters.

THE ROYAL ANGLIAN REGIMENT REGIMENTAL RE-UNION 1969

The Regimental Re-union this year will be on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 11, 12 and 13 July, 1969.

Programme

FRIDAY, 11th JULY, 1969

- (a) **Golf Meeting 9.00 a.m.** (Open to all ranks) The Regimental Golf Meeting will take place at the Flemspton Golf Club. Details of the meeting and Entry Forms are available from Major T. E. Robinson, HQ, The Queen's Division, 4 Napier Road, Colchester, Essex. Closing date for applications is 1st July, 1969. Lunch and tea will be provided at the Club House.
- (b) **Cricket versus Gentlemen of Suffolk C.C. XI 11.30 a.m.-6.00 p.m.** This match will be played on the Victory Ground, Bury St. Edmunds.

SATURDAY 12th JULY, 1969

- (a) **Regimental Golf Match versus The Flemspton Golf Club.** On 11th July, the team will be selected from those who volunteer. Long handicap players should not be discouraged as handicaps are taken into account. The teams will meet at Flemspton at 9.45 a.m. and play will start at about 10.00 a.m. Lunch will be served in the Club House, as guests of the Club.
- (b) **Beating of Retreat and Cocktail Party**
The Ceremony of Beating of Retreat will be performed at Blenheim Camp at 6 p.m. Spectators are asked to be seated by not later than 5.50 p.m.
It is regretted that children under 10 years of age cannot be admitted.

The Beating of Retreat will be followed by the Regimental Cocktail Party at 6.40 p.m. Officers may invite two guests (in addition to their wives).

SUNDAY, 13th JULY, 1969

A Cricket Match will take place against Mr. M. J. T. Martineau's XI at Ashill, Watton, Norfolk, commencing at 11.30 a.m. Spectators are very welcome.

On the Sergeants' Dinner Club

Did you know that the original Sergeants' Dinner Club, formed by the SUFFOLK Regiment in 1904, extended to 1st Battalion 1st East Anglian Regiment has been reconstituted and now permits Royal Anglian Sergeants to become members?

No? Well if you are not a member, or former member, of the Sergeants' Mess there is no reason why you should. But if you are—you have had your head in the sand!

Paid up membership of the Royal Anglian Sergeants' Dinner Club for 1968 was exactly one hundred and twenty SERVING Members—my last Seniority Roll listed three hundred and forty members—a lot of displaced sand!

Serving members should pester their mess treasurer to take their 5/- annual subscription, so he can let the Depot Regimental Sergeant Major have a large cheque. Unless of course you no longer enjoy the Gyro facilities of a Battalion mess? In this case why not write direct? You could then state your up-to-date location! Then again, . . . perhaps you have still got your head in the sand?

On the Officers' Dinner Club

My officer friends tell me that next year, 1970, the Officers' Dinner Club Members will dine as one instead of four clubs. Potentially there are 300 odd officers (no offence!). The consensus of opinion is in favour of a London Club and not in favour of a Luncheon Party. Tentative arrangements have been made with the United Service Club. The secretary will be writing to all members soon.

On blazer badges

Now available at 10/- on application to the Regimental Secretary.

On your money!

Are you a member of the Regimental Association? Do you give a day's pay annually to the Benevolent Fund? There isn't really any reason why you should any more than giving to any other charity. I met a chap the other day, not from our lot but from another infantry regiment, who told me that he retired after fifteen years and all went swimmingly until one day his legs started getting weak and he had to stop work—earning £25 a week too, and four kids. This was a year ago. Now he is completely chair-ridden and gets a full disability pension from the State. His biggest worry was to keep a reasonable standard of living during the critical six months on unemployment benefit and before he was granted a pension. There was the H.P. firm to satisfy, the landlord, the essential services. Besides, he lived at that time in a small two bedroomed house, paying a ridiculously high rent. He was saving up to buy something bigger and better for his growing family. All his hopes and plans seemed dashed to pieces until someone said, "Have you tried asking your Regimental Association if they could help you?" He hadn't, he didn't see how they could help, he needed £600 down payment on his promised mortgage. He had only needed £100 when his earnings were good security. To cut a long story short he received a £500 cheque almost by return. It came £100 from his Regimental Association and £400 from the Army Benevolent Fund.

Is this the right way to spend *Your* money? Many of us disagree with the whole concept of a Benevolent Fund. After all why shouldn't The Welfare State carry the burden? An intelligent man would have insured and should be able to get a loan. At 8% maybe and for an annual premium of say £40 for a £1,000 endowment policy. And of course the £500 loan would completely wreck the life cover!

So I wondered whether our Association would have been so generous. I find that thanks to 80% of officers and 73% of other ranks who voluntarily give a day's pay a year to the Benevolent Fund we are capable of such a grant and our policy is to help deserving cases whenever they arise. Being a young Association the demands on us are not great as yet, but I am told we are building up our capital against the 'rainy day'. Thirteen cases of hardship have been assisted over the past year at an

average grant of £22 and one major rehabilitation grant of £100 of which £50 was a special grant from the Army Benevolent Fund. The majority of the minor cases dealt with debts incurred due to sickness, unemployment or sheer bad luck. State Departments will rarely pay off debts incurred during the lean times and so enable a family to start again free of an accumulated burden.

In addition to these grants we have given grants to the Associations of our former regiments amounting to £1,950 over the past year. £1,600 has been loaned to long service soldiers to assist house purchase or furnishing where there is a case of redundancy and hardship, potential or actual. This sticks in some people's gullets so I understand. But these loans are in most cases short term, and guaranteed repayment from terminal grants. I would question, however, whether these loans should be available to those who do not support the Benevolent Fund. I do believe your money is being well spent.

THE BUDGET AND SCHEME INVESTMENT

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

INCOME			EXPENDITURE		
	£.	s. d.		£.	s. d.
Association Fees	470	0 0	Administration Charges	91	18 3
Unit Subscriptions	100	0 0	Case Grants (Individuals)	499	14 11
Donations	3	10 2	Case Grants (Regt. Outstations)	1950	0 0
Day's Pay Scheme			Regt. Week-end (Old Comrades)	75	0 0
Officers	1444	8 6	Accident Insurance Premiums	198	6 0
Other Ranks	3401	15 9	Wreath (Armistice Day)	2	16 0
Interest on Investments	568	14 3	Grant to Castle Magazine	64	16 0
			TOTAL	£2882	11 2
			Excess of Income Over Expenditure	3105	17 6
TOTAL	£5988	8 8		£5988	8 8
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STOP PRESS

General Sir
Reginald
Denning

Is now recuperating at home after a very nasty car accident some weeks ago. We understand his progress is good and all readers will wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

Association
AGM

1600 hrs. 12th July Blenheim Camp.

Army Golf
Sandwich

General Sir Ian Freeland was Runner-up in the Generals' Cup. Lt. Ian Pearce was Runner-up in the Army Individual Championship with scores of 76 and 73. 1st Bn. Team was beaten in the first round by the winners—The Green-

Soccer

jackets. 2nd Bn. Team was beaten by the Runners-up in the second round.

2 Coy. 5th R. Anglian were runners-up East Midland District T. & A.V.R. Championships. 2nd Battalion retained Felix Trophy.

Hockey

4th Battalion defeated in SEMI-FINAL ARMY CUP by MOD 2 goals to 1.

Ski-ing

Cpl. Hardy 1st Bn. placed 7th in ASA Meeting in Scotland.

Rugby

1st Battalion beaten in Semi-Final Northern Command Challenge Trophy.

Judo

Pte. Studd, 1st Bn., reached Final Northern Command Championships.

THE ARMY BENEVOLENT FUND



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THE CATTERICK SCENE

After the colourful and successful visit of our Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, Her Royal Highness, The Princess Margaret, on Minden Day, the majority of the Battalion dispersed for about three weeks block leave during August. We reassembled to prepare for the annual Training Period in BAOR. In previous years, while stationed in Germany, the Battalion had not had to contend with the machinery of mobilisation but, eventually, after journeys by sea, air and road, 6 Infantry Brigade gathered at Sennelager where three weeks were spent revising basic infantry skills and classifying on the ranges. During our training we were visited by the Corps Commander, Lt.-Gen. Sir Mervyn Butler, and Mr. J. Morris, MP, Minister of Defence (Equipment). Before leaving Sennelager 6 Infantry Brigade were hosts at a Cocktail Party held in the picturesque setting of the Schloss Wewelsburg near Paderborn.

Three more weeks were spent at Soltau where, in spite of incessant rain, the Battalion was able to practise all aspects of Battle Group Training. It was during this period that we renewed our tactical and social acquaintance with the Queen's Dragoon Guards, 'N' Battery (Eagle Troop) 2 Field Regiment RA, and 7 Field Squadron RE. One consolation for the weather was the proximity of Celle, where the Battalion still has many friends and, of course, Hamburg... Some of our training was watched by the Director of Infantry, Maj.-Gen. Michael Forrester.

After Soltau the Battalion moved south to the picturesque, wooded hills in the area of Iserlohn for the first phase of the ten day climax of our training, Exercise 'Keystone'. The weather had improved and everyone now enjoyed the bright, autumnal sunshine.

Exercise 'Keystone' began with the Combat Teams working independently to locate and contain enemy infiltration through the thickly wooded country. As the enemy increased its incursions, opposition escalated to full Battle Group operations, finally culminating in the entire Brigade crossing the River Weser to effect a major re-deployment.

It was now time to anticipate Christmas and a series of Administrative Inspections did not detract from our enjoyment of the traditional

festivities—a Children's Party, a Carol Service, the officers and sergeants serving lunch in the Junior Ranks Mess, the Sergeants' Mess Christmas Draw, a Ladies' Guest Night in the Officers' Mess and home for Christmas...

In January we were visited by the CGS, Gen. Sir Geoffrey Baker, who like the Minister of Defence chatted with a selection of officers, NCOs and soldiers.

On 4th February, 1969, vehicles and soldiers filed past the Brigade Commander on the annual 'Fitness For Role' Inspection and after a hectic day under the scrutiny of the Brigade Staff we heard the verdict: we were still, 'One of the finest mechanised Battalions in the British Army'.

The Catterick scene has been very active and, on occasion, bleak; twice in the last two months we have been up to our knees in snow and, although the thaw has set in, a feeling pervades that 'Spring might be a little late this year'.



On 25th November, after our return to Catterick, the Minister of Defence, The Rt. Hon. D. W. Healey, MBE, MP, visited the Battalion in Somme Lines. He spent the afternoon chatting with a selection of officers, NCOs and soldiers.



L/Cpl. Sedgewick directs
Pte. Brown on the route.

'A' Company Commander's view of Exercise 'Keystone'

We gathered for the Exercise just South of Iserlohn. The trains unloaded at Unna, on the edge of the Ruhr, the passengers at about 2030 hours and the APCs at about 0300 hours. What a long wait that was to be, with a chilly fog settling in all the valleys. The road run was about thirty-eight miles. With the fog and the usual rash of breakdowns among the stockpile vehicles, the last vehicle did not complete the journey until 0730 hours. We had found a very pleasant stretch of wood as our harbour area for the next few days and while we trained on our feet the trees resounded to the sounds of the fitters working on our malingering 'tracks'. By the time we were ready for them the last nut and bolt went into place and the LAD had done it for us again. Sad to relate they were not free just yet; they had many more hours of overtime to put in before we had finished.

There were three parts to the main Exercise 'Keystone' which we were about to start. The first was in very open country and the Company, commanded by Captain Reeve, advanced against 'C' Company to seize dominating ground beyond an obstacle. It all went very well. A long and well executed night infiltration march put the bulk of the Company on its objective by first light with the APCs moving up. The wet and slippery ground made their movement difficult at times but they made it, much to the credit of their drivers. The next stage was to form a surveillance screen behind an obstacle and observe the enemy's attempts to cross it. Unfortunately, time was against us and deployment was not complete in every case before the enemy arrived. Pte. Ebbs of 1 Platoon,

in an attempt to get away, ran up the enemy yellow flag and drove with them, but his call sign plates eventually gave him away! The main tragedy of this phase was that 1A, the command vehicle, broke down in an almost inaccessible spot. It was repaired and back with us before too long, once we had found it in the thick, steep wooded hills.

We now moved North-East to the more open areas South of Soest for Part II of Exercise 'Keystone'. Here 'A' Company began with a mere three reserved demolitions in a day coupled with a night in defence. So quiet were both we and the enemy that our patrols passed each other without contact several times! Just before dawn we started a long withdrawal, and though we withdrew along the wrong route we were deployed in the right place by the time the enemy came upon us again.

Now began the long awaited Part III of the Exercise after a very welcome two-day pause in a glorious beech wood. The weather, though cold, had improved considerably and we enjoyed the pause in such enchanting surroundings. Once the Exercise restarted, 'A' Company's task was to prevent the enemy from using a road which would allow them to outflank the Battalion. Sgt. Kett (1 Pl.) and Lt. George Streatfeild formed the leading Combat Team and had a great battle. Lt. Richard Haes and 2 Pl. had a road block position below them and a reserved demolition. He also had a busy time. Cpl. Goldsmith and his section held to



Ptes. McKenna and Mee.

ransom for several dark and cold hours some odd characters in a Land-Rover who couldn't account for themselves. It transpired that he had been the only one to capture one of the dreaded SAS patrols sent on the Exercise to sort out our rear areas. We lost our tanks the next day on re-grouping and had to rely on Cpl. Powell's Wombats. He served us very well. Once, when the tank threat increased, we were sent a troop of German Leopard tanks working with the Queen's Dragoon Guards but they didn't stay for long. After thirty-six hours at this job the picture changed and the whole Brigade had to perform a major re-deployment to avoid being outflanked. This was to be, we hoped, the night crossing of the River Weser near Höxter; it was, but not by swimming. The Sappers had built two enormous bridges and in the dark hours we crossed and drove on to Neuhaus and prepared for the new threat. The wood we had occupied was waterlogged and Cpl. Spaul's APC bogged down in the dark, cutting the Company in half. We sat tight for the few hours left of the night. Fortunately the Exercise ended just as we had sorted ourselves out and so we searched for a new wood, moved and spent the next few hours checking kit and preparing for the move home. For forty of us this meant an early start the next day in RCT trucks for Hanover Airport and so home. For us the move was quick and efficient. It was raining hard at Tees-side when we arrived but few of us noticed. . . .

J.P.M.



Pte. Giblett—left handed?



'Prepare for action'—L. Cpl. Tarrant.

Lieutenant Heal Reflects on

ONE YEAR IN THE NORTH EAST

The announcement that we were returning to England to become part of 6 Infantry Brigade stationed in Catterick met with mixed feelings. Few, if any, of us had ever been north of the Wash. We had very little information about the North East! Moreover, more informed persons' reactions to the news was very confusing; some of them shivered, turned a whiter shade of pale, croaked and passed out; whilst others—the bluff, hearty, hunting, shooting, fishing type—getting the bit between their teeth, and a fanatical look in their eye, extolled the virtues and beauty of the area.

On arrival in Catterick we were met by arctic weather conditions with temperatures plunging well below freezing and a blanket of snow covering everything and everyone. We were also met by a friendly Customs Official

who was only too pleased to charge us on our dutiable items. The area around Catterick looked so bleak and forbidding, that the powers that be immediately sent us off for three weeks leave to recover. We also discovered that we were at least four to eight hours from the civilised parts of England depending on one's mode of transport, and about the same distance from Norfolk and Suffolk. However, the natives appeared quite friendly, and could be wooed with promises of coffee and beads. Initially the language barrier seemed to be a problem which was eventually overcome by a mixture of signs and talking loudly and slowly in pidgin Maltese!

One of the first things which strikes one about Catterick is that it has its own peculiar brand of weather which bears no resemblance to any other in Britain, least of all to the weather forecast! Although the figures for Catterick disprove it, I am convinced that the area has more rain, frost, snow and fog than any other place in England, and it compares very favourably with the Siberian climate. However, the area is supposed to have an average of only five days dense fog and fifty-six days of slight fog a year.

The land around Catterick is very bleak and barren, consisting mainly of moor and bog. The inhabitants of this area are very scruffy in appearance with long, unwashed hair and moronic expressions on their faces. Moreover, they are timid by nature, and keep creating a nuisance by escaping onto main roads and taking up residence in convenient resting places. They are kept in order by well trained but equally scruffy dogs. The land does have some use for it produces game and even a few pheasants. However, the grouse go absent in mid-August until early December, whilst the pheasants go on leave from October to February.

Let us look at the brighter side of life! The North East is renowned for its social life and the centre of this area is Newcastle, 'The Hamburg of the North'. The clubs of the North East are famous for the variety of entertainment they provide. Apart from such entertaining dollies as the 'Fiesta Fawns'—the North East's answer to 'Playmates of the Month'—they also provide top-class entertainers of the calibre of Freddie Trueman, appearing for one week only at the 'La Fiesta' Stockton. They also organise some very fast moving and swinging competitions such as 'Beat the Clock', as seen on television, with some really excellent prizes. Ladies beware, once a week at these go-ahead places they have a stag night with such entertainment as strip tease, Par Excellence,

straight from the *Folies Bergère*, boat races, and drinking 'yards of ale' competitions.

For confirmed alcoholics, the North East has a wealth of pubs and some excellent beer. The centre of the beer drinking cult is Newcastle, with its breweries which produce such famous beers as 'Newcastle Brown', 'Newcastle Amber' and 'Newcastle Exhibition'. The pubs of the North East come in all shapes and sizes and many never close. A list, accompanied by a map, is at this moment being produced which shows the places to go to in the area, but it is likely to have a very high security classification and its circulation will be small. However, let me recommend a document which has fallen into my hands entitled 'Historic and New Inns in the North Riding of Yorkshire'; it is on sale at three shillings and sixpence from all reputable book stalls; however, its list is by no means complete. A similar booklet is being prepared for Northumberland and Durham.

The North East suffers from an acute shortage of birds, and not only of the feathered variety. Most gay young things are carefully protected by a doting mother and proud father until they are ready to leave the nest, whereupon they are spirited away to areas of civilisation such as London, which is already grossly over-populated. Unfortunately, the majority are too wily to be caught by well tried methods and one has to resort to some low cunning to snare them. The odd person has been successful.

I offer a solution to all our problems, a two-year posting at the expense of Her Majesty's Government, to an agreeable climate with cheap booze and a ratio of women to men of not less than two-to-one—possible?



Rheinsehlen Camp APC Park L/Cpl. Tyers and Pte. Cockin.



Floatation Training BAOR.



Church Army cuppa for Pte. Ebbs and L/Cpl. Tyers.



Careful! They're primed . . . Sgt. Bowman to Pte. Durrant.

Ten Little Soldier Boys

Ten little soldier boys
Fighting in the line,
One forgot to count his rounds.
And then there were nine.

Nine little soldier boys.
In a war of hate,
Respirator didn't fit.
Alive but breathless, eight.

Eight little soldier boys,
At war and not Rheinschlen.
Driving badly—threw a track,
Then there were seven.

Seven little soldier boys,
Alone and in a fix,
Fiddled with a trip flare,
And then there were six.

Six little soldier boys,
Hoping to survive,
A forgotten password on patrol.
And then there were five.

Five little soldier boys,
The light was getting poor,
A match struck to light a fag,
Crack! There were four.

Four little soldier boys,
Shooting SMC,
Fingers in the working parts,
So easy: that made three.

Three little soldier boys,
Swimming 432s,
Hull plugs had not been checked,
Then there were two.

Two little soldier boys,
Prone behind their gun,
One couldn't clear a jam,
And then there was one.

One little soldier boy,
Left on his tod,
He fell asleep on guard,
Silly little fellow.

BRECON—BREAK 'EM

To the sound of crashing rifles and the hammering of machine guns the tired, weary figures of the Brecon students come staggering over the hill. Mud covered and rain soaked, they go into the assault with a final strangled cry. In all round defence they drop to the ground gasping while the instructors jump around shouting 'Come on, come on'. A quick drag, then once more into the attack to perfect the details.

This is typical of a day's training at the Brecon School of Infantry where senior NCOs and corporals go to re-learn their basic tactics and weapon training in great detail. The element of personal precedent is strong and during the course of the training each NCO will play every part from Rifleman to Platoon Commander.

Brecon must have every stream in Wales running through it because every time we went out it was onto a different area and through a different stream and, of course, I must not forget the rain which never failed to keep us company.

As Platoon Commander on a river crossing the humour of my platoon was severely tested when they found that they were expected to wade an innocent looking river which proved to be eight feet deep! We had made up flotation packs and I had sent the first party across when from the middle of the river came a despairing cry; somebody, it seems, had realised that he could not swim! But in the end he got there safely. In fact we had little to worry about. The instructors were keeping an eye on us from a bridge with the usual cry of 'Come on, come on'.

The other half of the Brecon course was class work; writing orders, giving orders at all levels, running exercises and discussing tactics on sand models. Then once again into the field to put it all into practice in the minutest detail to the cry of 'Come on, come on'.

The night training involves spending at least two nights a week covering all phases of warfare including patrols, tank hunting and the night attack. These manoeuvres are first practised during the day, often with our constant companion, the rain.

On the final day we all thought 'Thank God it's over'. It's a hard eight weeks but well worth it.

Cpl. Hempstead, 'C' Coy.

'SNOWSHOE'

Operation Report by

Cpl. D. Wright, 'A' Coy.

The Operation got off to the usual good start first thing in the morning of 29th December. Nearly all were on the point of collapse due to Christmasitis and two were non-runners. All ski-kit was loaded onto the Battalion bus, along with rations, soldiers, etc., and we were off, more or less on time. 'Speedy' Robinson, foot hard down, eyes fixed to the road and a look of grim determination on his face, shows us how to drive. All the time big ZZZs are coming from the passengers—difficult to tell whether the noise is sleeping soldiers or the hum of their socks. For anyone who wants to know, the distance between Catterick and Aviemore is approximately three hundred and eight miles (ten and a half hours in a bus). Quite a mammoth task for any driver, so Sgt. 'Kip' Coe acted as second pilot for half the journey.

On arrival, there stands Pte. Charles Redmile and his green three-quarter-ton 'juggernaut' ready to ferry us the last two miles up the track to our home for the next six days, the Rothiemurchus Ski Hut. Soon with everything stored away in lockers, the meal cooked, everyone moves in the direction of their bunks and more big ZZZs are heard until morning.

The morning was as hectic as Saturday in 'Woolworths' but, at last our skis, boots, and sticks were fitted up and we split into two parties, the 'experts' and the Battalion Ski Team! The former went in search of a nice gentle slope. Using a new method, a slope was soon discovered; send a man forward who has never been on skis before and when he shouts 'Over heeccccer...!'—you have then found a nice gentle place on which to fall.

Pte. 'Ducky' Beach started off with a demonstration of the inverted reverse snow plough which was more 'demon' than 'stration'. Followed by Pte. Thomas Whitby with a flying nose dive which was found to be impractical. At that time the snow was rather thin on that particular area, combined with the fact that the heather was rather high. Even Robbie Burns would have blushed with the graphic terms

applied to that beautiful purple heather. After a very exciting day, most of which was spent in the prone position, we retired to the lodge for a delicious meal cooked by Cpl. Smith, plus semolina-pom-potatoes 'cooked' by Cpl. Wright. The next day we improved the ski-ing but not the snow which was beginning to become very thin in places.

During the night rain fell and washed all the snow away, and some of our high spirits also. Two of the local inhabitants called Horace and Hector, red deer stags, laid out the contents of the dustbins for inspection by the OC Party, Maj. J. P. Macdonald. They were regular visitors and performed this trick every night. The only thing to be done about ski-ing was to go higher on the slopes of the Glen More Ski Slopes, to the 'White Lady' and chance our luck. The extent of the ski-ing that day was head down, lean forward, see you at the bottom, I hope! The next day, New Year's Day, being a National Holiday, was spent in rest and regurgitation.

Amazingly enough, the next time we touched our skis on 2nd January, everyone had improved considerably. So, to stop Hari-Kari being committed wholesale, the class was shown stem turns and how to halt, woops! The next two days we had to go higher still as ski shortening rocks were appearing lower down. The art of ski-ing caught on and there were not many in the squad who couldn't stand up for quite a distance. At this point Jack Crofton showed us how to get on and off a tee-bar ski-tow *eight times* in the space of twenty yards! Sgt. Coe excelled in unloading unknown and unwanted ladies from the other half of his tow. The result of this lesson was half the class at the top of the tow with the instructor, and the others at the bottom. At dinner time we rejoined the lower half by traversing down from side to side. The slopes being rather crowded, it turned out more like ten-pin bowling with Pte. Smith 18 emerging the winner.

To break the monotony, a day was taken off for a trek up the almost snowless Lairig Gru Pass. The scenery was absolutely breathtaking, but not quite as much as the route we used getting up there. During all this time the evenings were free for entertainment and members of the party found out where the 'birds' migrate to for the winter. The bus was very useful—saved us a seven-mile walk. Our final day, 6th January, was used for langlauf, ski-ing over light snow which had fallen during the night. This really taught us all that a predetermined route is a must for beginners. During that night

and the morning, which we spent packing and handing over the Hut, the sky literally opened up. You guessed it—*snow, snow, snow!* The party returned to Catterick and made it pretty obvious that skiing has recruited a few more enthusiasts.

The plain facts are that a party of NCOs and men from all Companies, under Maj. J. P. Macdonald, went ski-ing at the Rothiemurchus Hut from 29th December to 6th January during the Christmas Block Leave!

In Bavaria



Ptes. Armstrong and Orriss on the slopes at Brosislegg.

A party of thirty soldiers were sent to Bavaria to participate in Exercise 'Snow Queen'. Ski huts are hired by units in BAOR and they teach people to ski throughout the winter. 6 Infantry Brigade units were allocated vacancies in huts being run by HQ 12 Infantry Brigade, the 2 Division Signals Regiment and the 2 Division RCT Regiment.

Those who returned looked suntanned and healthy and reported having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Ski-ing also came to Catterick! The heavy falls of snow suffered in February and March were more than sufficient to ski on. The first fall provided snow of very good quality and all the Battalion's skis were out in no time. There are several good slopes in the area and one or two ski lifts provided by ski clubs, who welcome individuals as members.

**The Colours of
The Essex Regiment
(Territorial)
are handed to
the Cadre
for safe custody.**



MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

Congratulations to Colonel Donald Carden on the award of the CBE in the New Year's Honours List.

Congratulations to Brigadier D. E. Taunton, late Northamptonshire Regiment, on being appointed one of Her Majesty's Deputy Lieutenants for Northamptonshire.

Congratulations to Major Danny Bebbington on the award of the MBE in the New Year's Honours List. Having retired in December he is now employed in the property department of Coutts Bank and has settled in Kempston, Bedford.

Also to Major D. C. Purves for services with the Territorial Army.



**The Minister for Defence inspects 1st Battalion
Guard at Catterick**

Congratulations to Band Sergeant Major Gordon on the award of the BEM in the New Year Honours List. BSM Gordon has some 17 years' service in the Territorial Army mainly with The 4/5th Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment.

Army Pilots—Majors Palmer and Pullen and Lieutenant Brett have qualified on a course at the Army Aviation Centre entitling them to the symbol p.h. against their names in military records.

Lt.-Col. Douglas Cairns, late Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, is to succeed Sir Bernard Fergusson as the senior British Representative with the international team of observers in Nigeria. Col. Cairns, 55, has been the second ranking British representative with the team.



Brigadier Holme presents the Best Section award to Section Leader D. Reynolds, now in the 1st Battalion.



Junior L/Cpl. Barnes, 15, winner in the Combined Services Boxing Championships.

BRIGADIER ADRIAN WATSON WISE, DSO, MBE

Brigadier A. W. Wise has recently assumed the appointment of Divisional Brigadier, The Queen's Division. He succeeds Brigadier M. W. Holme, who has gone to be GOC Near East in Cyprus.

Brigadier Wise was commissioned to The Royal Warwickshire Regiment in 1939. During World War II he served in France, and in the Middle East with the Parachute Regiment. Since the war he has served in Korea, Malaya, Hong Kong, Germany and UK both on the staff and with his Regiment, which he commanded in Hong Kong in 1960-62.

Territorial Efficiency Medals have been awarded as under:

WO.II Morris	Third Clasp
C/Sgt. Grocock	First Clasp
Sgt. Hargrave	Second Clasp

Sgt. Hurst	First Clasp
Sgt. Fordham	First Clasp
Sgt. Copland	TEM
Cpl. Hardy	TEM
congratulations to all of them.	



Lieutenant Patrick Shervington and his bride leaving St. John's Church, Buckhurst Hill, after their wedding on 9th November, 1968.

OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION, NIZWA BRANCH



The world-wide cry of resignation at the capture of a good job by a certain group of officers used to be 'ABG!'—'Another bloody gunner!' If the present trend continues it may become 'ABRA!'—and a very good thing, too.

Here are four of our Middle Eastern group, seen after lunch on 30th January, 1969, at Battalion Headquarters, The Desert Regiment, Sultan's Armed Forces, Nizwa, Muscat and Oman. They are Major Peter Sincock, GSO 2, LFG, Lieutenant-Colonel Teddy Turnill, CO Desert Regiment, Major Arnold Palmer, Commander Army Aviation Gulf, and Captain Dan Baily, GSO 3, HQ Sultan's Armed Forces.

Behind them, the Empty Quarter has seldom looked so empty, but life is very full and interesting. Any officer who would like to know more about the Sultan's outstanding little Army should write to Colonel Turnill at BFPO 63A.

POSTBAG

EXTRACT FROM A LETTER SENT BY MAJOR I. W. ALLAN, MBE

One day when I have time, I am going to try and write an essay on numbers in so far as my own life is concerned, and whereas I agree that from 1939 onwards, I was a number as far as the Army was concerned, though this did go with either rank or the Army with which one served.

I am 5567897, I.A. 1231, 4403, LT/32/15/53/A, GBZ099004, 62192, 47, G/34/00-LWA, and these are only a few of the very personal things. Now I am told I live at GL54 2DZ.

I would be most grateful therefore, if in future, you would address all letters to me as follows:

LT/32/15/53/A
Bourton-on-the-Water 223,
GL54 2DZ

I really do believe that a chap with a good pen could make up quite a humorous article on such a subject.

One day I might even think of writing something for the Magazine but I am not at all sure it would be appreciated except by the old hands unless I couched the wording in a manner which even I could understand.

As an embryo farmer and therefore quite expert, I put down an acre of potatoes this year as an experiment. The ground or land is not conducive to the growing of potatoes, but I knew much better than that. We have commenced lifting, and if by chance you know anybody who wishes to buy potatoes at approximately 15s. 6d. per lb., I would appreciate their getting in touch with me!

If by chance anyone wants a combined harvester tell them I married one nearly 26 years ago but do not add comment of any kind.

To revert to the sublime from the obviously ridiculous, the one thing I do appreciate enormously is the Magazine, which is well printed, well presented, good stories and above all, keeps those of us who are just a little remote, in touch with a life which we simply loved.

This letter is a ghastly advertisement from the mentor of a Secretarial College, but I feel that if the old and bold, and the middle and murky keep in touch, at least you will know of the transition to the eventual senile when not even a typewriter will be much use.

Homelands,
Fordham,
Ely, Cambs.
14.3.69

Dear Sir,

I refer to the article on page 41 of the October 1968 issue of CASTLE under the heading 'And who are we who also wear your badges?'

While the anonymous author doubtless meant well his unfortunate choice of words and phrases suggests misguided thought and lack of pride which will have left your readers with a false impression of the Army Cadet Force.

The Army Cadet Force IS NOT a 'ragged band' but are boys who do their best with issue clothing, buy their own boots and blanco, and achieve a very high standard of turn-out.

These Cadets DO NOT 'appear to wear your badges' but DO wear them correctly.

We ARE aware of the History of the Royal Anglian Regiment, we ARE proud to be members of the ACF.

Regarding the disparaging phrase 'have only been Cadets', we are proud of the fact that a number of our adults are found from among our cadets, and these adults (who are invariably of a very high standard) are themselves proof of the value and high standard of training in the Army Cadet Force.

Denis E. Hutt,
Captain, Army Cadet Force

FORMER COLOUR SERGEANT F. I. GOULD WRITES FROM CANADA

When I wrote you last I had, I think, just accepted an appointment as Administration Officer, Department of Admissions and Records, York University, here in Toronto, at a salary of \$8,000 a year.

I took up the duties of this appointment on 23rd January, 1968, and have survived an interesting, exciting, frustrating year. On 1st July they gave me a raise in salary of 5 per cent —on less than six months' work. We have had a Post Office strike and all kinds of complications this past year, but the admissions season for 1968 is now successfully behind us. At the moment we are in the planning stages for 1969.

It would certainly be accurate to say that I have had a successful first year in an interesting, demanding appointment. It would also be accurate to say that no such appointment would be available to an ex-ranker in any university in the United Kingdom: in Britain such a job would be strictly Officers' Mess—if, indeed, an ex-soldier was even considered. Still less would it pay the kind of salary or offer the scope for imagination and initiative which is available to me in such a job over here.

In the event that any member of the Regiment—and particularly of the 2nd Battalion—passes this way, we hope they will call us. You will find us in the phone book and we can both be reached at York University.

I do not contemplate visiting Britain for at least another two years, but if anyone passes this way, they will be most welcome to come and see us. We can offer a meal and a bed and show visitors something of this booming city and would be glad of the opportunity to do all these things.

THE QUEEN'S DIVISION NEWS

Appointments—Divisional Headquarters

Major L. C. J. M. Paul, Royal Anglian Regiment, has been selected to succeed in May Major P. E. Calver, The Queen's Regiment, as DAAG (Recruiting), when the latter retires from the Army.

Locstat

- a. Since the last Newsletter the following moves have taken place:
1 QUEENS Bahrein to Lingfield
- b. The following moves have been announced:
2 RRF Oct. 69 Watchet to Berlin
3 RRF Oct. 69 Shorncliffe to Gibraltar

Bisley 1969

Major J. A. Teague, MC, 2IC 3 RRF, has taken over the task of Divisional Team Captain from Major B. S. Burditt, who will be in Canada during Bisley this year.

Squash

The Divisional Squash team won the 1968/69 Inter Corps Squash Competition.

Depot The Queen's Regiment, won the 1969 Inter Unit Championship.

Minden House,
River Lane, Elton,
Peterborough.
11.3.69

Dear Sir,

Re News For Your Journal

The government's policy in respect of our famous line regiments and their T.A. counterparts, prompted me to paint an historical roll of the British and Indian Armies, 1913.

Each regiment and Corps has its own Scroll, above which is painted the facing colour of the regiment and its numerical order. All regiments beyond the 25th who at one stage were one battalion regiments have been given also the numerical order of the regiment which became the second battalion of the one Bn. regiments.

Just recently the Yorks and Lancs regiment was disbanded, this regiment was the old second battalion the Suffolk Regiment.

The painting, etc., has taken me approximately 280 hours. I wrote to Colonel W. A. Heal re the scrolled list and I have decided to make a gift of it to the old Suffolk Regiment museum.

Twenty years from now will see the old regiments forgotten, my recorded list on display will keep mind afresh.

The Press and T.V. will be coming to see me, I will give your Royal Anglians a plug.

It may be possible to send you a photo of mentioned if you require, I can get one from our editor free of charge, also Press story.

Yours faithfully,

J. D. Doughty

Dear Mr. Doughty,

Thank you very much indeed. Your continued interest in CASTLE, indeed in all things regimental, is much appreciated. A 'plug' is just what we need.

Yours sincerely,

C. R. Murray Brown (Editor)

DIARY

DATES

6th June Royal Norfolk Regiment Officers' Luncheon and Dinner at the Naval and Military Club.

8th June London Branch Cenotaph Parade, R.V. on Horse Guards Parade, 11.45 a.m.

9th June Presentation of Freedom of Hertford.

13th June 3rd Battalion Officers' Dinner Club dine at The United Service Club.

25th-26th June Regimental Tent at the Royal Norfolk Show.

28th June Opening of the Regimental Museum at the Magazine, Leicester

28th-29th June Royal Tigers' Week-end, Leicester.

29th June The Essex Regiment. Annual Service of Remembrance and Reunion, Warley.

5th-6th July Annual Reunion of The Northamptonshire Regiment at Northampton.

11th-13th July Royal Anglian Regiment Week-end, Bury St. Edmunds.

August 4th Bn The Royal Anglian Regiment leave for Bahrain

27th September The Essex Regiment Association, Saffron Walden Branch, Annual Social and Dance, Saffron Walden.

27th September 50th Reunion Dinner of the 6th (Service) Bn The Northamptonshire Regiment at Northampton.

27th September Regimental Association Service, Regimental Chapel, Norwich Cathedral, 10 a.m.

10th October 4/5th Bn The Royal Leicestershire Regiment Officers' Dinner.

11th October Nurse Cavell Memorial Service, Life's Green, Norwich Cathedral, 10.50 a.m. (Please make a special note of the change of date.)

11th October Ware (Hertfordshire Regiment) O.C.A. Annual Supper and Reunion, Presdales School, Ware.

18th October Royal Norfolk Association London Branch Dinner and Dance at the Union Jack Club, Waterloo. Early booking is recommended as the numbers attending is limited to 100.

25th October 1st Bn The Royal Leicestershire Regiment Reunion.

31st October King's Lynn Branch Dinner.

8th November Hertford Branch Annual Dinner and Dance, The Mayflower Hotel, Hertingfordbury.

11th November Remembrance Service, Memorial Cottages, Norwich, 10.45 a.m.

16th November Wreath-laying Ceremony at Regimental Memorial, Kempston.

29th November The Essex Regiment Association, Chelmsford Branch, Annual Dinner and Dance, County Hotel, Chelmsford.



**'B' Coy. Ceremonial
Guard at Four
Corners, Gibraltar.
(L. to R.):
Pte. Muncey,
Sgt. Warrington,
Pte. Rheumer,
Pte. Cross.
(Report by Captain
John Houchin)**

2nd Battalion on the Rock

In August last year, Lt.-Gen. Sir Richard Goodwin visited Gibraltar to take part in a ceremony connected with the alliance between The Royal Anglian Regiment and the Gibraltar Regiment. This was of particular interest to us, as shortly before this, in May, we had heard that three hundred and fifty members of the Battalion were to be posted to Gibraltar at the end of the year on a nine-month unaccompanied tour. We were to take over from The Royal Highland Fusiliers the task of guarding the frontier between Gibraltar and Spain.

The advance party arrived in Gibraltar on 11th December, only a day before the first plane-load of the main party. The handover programme had to be carried out rapidly as The Royal Highland Fusiliers left in the same planes in which we arrived. As a result we had to take over the operational commitment only two days after the arrival of the first part of the main party and before the final plane-load had arrived on the 18th December.

The first few weeks of our tour were very busy ones. Apart from the taking over of the operational duties, the Officers and Sergeants' Messes were involved in numerous farewell parties for The Royal Highland Fusiliers and in welcoming parties for ourselves. Then there was Christmas and the New Year. Many members of the Battalion had already had an early Christmas before leaving home. The second

Christmas was both a happy and sad event for everyone. This was the first time for many years that our Battalion had been away unaccompanied at Christmas time.

We are stationed at the Royal Air Force station at the North end of Gibraltar where we share messes and accommodation. Relations are good between us, as they are between all the Services on the Rock. We have much to be thankful for to the Royal Air Force and Royal Navy. The Navy very kindly arrange many tours and voyages for us on some of the ships which call in at Gibraltar. Journeys so far have included trips to Sardinia and Portugal, underwater in a submarine, and many shorter day trips into the Mediterranean. The Royal Air Force have been very helpful arranging to take people to and from England when possible.

Gibraltar has many attractions for tourists; a trade upon which the Gibraltarians are relying increasingly now that Spain has closed the frontier. There are several small beaches for swimming and facilities for sailing, diving, fishing and water ski-ing. There are the two famous packs of Barbary Apes which are looked after by the NCO in charge of apes, Cpl. Holmes of the Gibraltar Regiment. There are the numerous tunnels and fortifications built by the Royal Engineers during the past two hundred years, and the older castles and walls built by the Spaniards and Moors during the

past thousand years. There are also many shops, pubs, clubs, hotels, restaurants and a casino, but at the same time, *Gibraltar* is a very small place. The main problem for everyone is to keep themselves occupied during both on and off duty hours. Training facilities are very limited and the main tourist attractions can only hold one's interest for a limited period. Fortunately many of us have been able to spend some time in North Africa and Spain, and these trips provide a very welcome break in our normal routine.

Our Regiment has a very long and proud history connected with the Rock, and is now the only Regiment in the British Army, apart from the Gibraltar Regiment, which still uses the Castle and Key insignia of Gibraltar on its cap badge. Three of the former Regiments which now make up the Royal Anglian Regiment, the Suffolks, Essex and Northampton (58th) were stationed in Gibraltar throughout the great siege from 1779-83.

There are many reminders of this long and arduous period of our history still on the Rock. The badges of these former Regiments are inlaid into the floor of the main entrance of a grand piazza in the main street of Gibraltar. With these reminders of our past association with the defence of the Rock, it is very appropriate that we should be stationed here once again at this time of renewed pressure from Spain for the return of Gibraltar.



Lt./Col. Akehurst 'on net' to the Rear Party.

'MAKE A SIGNAL'

Much to the surprise of the experts, who said it couldn't be done, the Signal Platoon of the 2nd Battalion has established a working link from Gibraltar to Felixstowe. The Platoon operates daily voice schedules and this helps to keep a close link between the Battalion and the Rear Party. In fact most of the routine correspondence is reduced to signal which makes the exchange of information quick and reliable,



Ptes. Edwards and Houlton practise Judo in the Gymnasium.



Lt. Michael Chambers receives the 19 Bde. Challenge Trophy for Field Firing from Brigadier Scotter.

FLOOD RELIEF IN SOUTH NORFOLK

by
Lt. J. C. B.
Sutherland

On 17th September I was ordered to take my platoon to the Loddon area of South Norfolk to assist the local police in flood relief operations. We knew very little more than the fact that, after heavy rain, the river Waveney had over-flowed into the area south of Beccles.

Our initial quixotic anticipations of ravishing scantily dressed local virgins into storm-tossed rowing boats were rapidly dispelled by the local police inspector, who assured me that the situation was by no means desperate, and that with night approaching, our best course of action was to retire to the local village hall, which had been allocated to our use and make ourselves as comfortable as possible.

The following morning I was able to take

stock of the situation and deploy the platoon for the several tasks which were to occupy us for the next four days.

The main job was to assist families to clear the water and mud from their houses, disinfect and then dry them out. This was a continuous task. Initially only houses at Ditchingham had lost sufficient water for worthwhile work to begin. With the water level falling slowly it was two days before this work could be carried out in Geldeston, and even then only some houses became dry enough to clean out on our final day in the area.

In addition to this 'mopping up', there proved to be a need for an emergency meals service. With electricity cut off as a safety precaution,

families were no longer self sufficient, while others having refused to be evacuated, were marooned in the top floor of their houses. Our 3-ton vehicle, and a Stalwart on detachment from the gunners at Devizes proved invaluable in taking around the container meals provided by Norfolk County Council and served by the WRVS. The Stalwart also maintained a bus service along the flooded road between Gillingham and Beccles carrying mixed loads of work people, school children and shoppers. With few of the passengers familiar with this form of transport, embussing and debussing was a lengthy and at times amusing operation.

We were aided tremendously in all these tasks by the resilience and cheerfulness of the Norfolk people. To the frustration of the police, many families, determined to stick it out, refused to be evacuated. One family who had allowed their flood insurance to lapse for the first time in twenty years, were still able to laugh and joke as they dragged a new suite of furniture out of two feet of water. One pair of eighty-five year olds were quite blasé about our proffered help. They assured us that they had already dealt with three serious floods, the first being in 1912 and were quite capable of dealing with a fourth.

Nevertheless, as time passed it became ap-

parent that our help was being sincerely appreciated. Shortly before we left my driver, Pte. Cross a veteran of 'foot and mouth ops', maintained that he had never seen such warm relations between soldiers and civilians. Numerous were the cups of tea and coffee offered during work, and several men to their delight found no need to buy drinks in rural pubs with mysteriously long opening hours.

Despite such minor irregularities and in spite of our being billeted in the immediate vicinity of the village pub, our relations with the local police were excellent. We worked closely together throughout our relief work, and achieved first class co-operation and a friendly atmosphere at all levels. This successful teamwork with the police ensured that we were able to hand over our respective tasks to Loddon RDC relatively early.

A surprising proportion of the platoon were reluctant to vacate the hard floors of Geldeston village hall for more comfortable quarters at Felixstowe. Certain authorities within platoon headquarters assured me that the Company Commander and Adjutant would really not miss us for another three or four days, while three men were bitterly disappointed that they could not attend a wedding to which they had a firm invitation.



Main Road,
Loddon.

Border Wars

The Campaign of October

The sitrep arrived at the 2nd Battalion in early October telling us of a 'Free Northumbria' movement headed by a dissolute land-owner descended on the wrong side of the blanket from the Percys—a FitzMayhew and his gang of poachers, ghillies and headed by his factor Black Shack. Well got up in black livery and armed too, as we discovered here at Felixstowe during two bomb outrages and a personal attack on the 2IC during a football match.

Consequently, the Battalion moved into Otterburn Camp and was at once engaged on operations for two days to clear routes through the hills and fells of the Alwinton area. Such was the background to the Platoon Competition. Each platoon started with a rigorous inspection on the first day, which included the loading of three-quarter and three ton vehicles. They were then ordered to make contact with the first agent at the beginning of the course. In true infantry style they were immediately deprived of their vehicles and sent on a long hike over the fells, during which they put in a platoon attack against a small band of enemy who had ambushed them, cleared up a sniper's nest and finally during the evening, cleared an enemy held bridge. By this time they had covered approximately ten miles over very hard going, and this left them tired. At the bridge their transport joined them and platoons were invited to bivouac for the night, cook their evening meal and put out a night ambush.

The second day dawned with normal administration (no latrine pit—lose ten marks) and by 0800 hours the platoon were off again (no transport, of course), to reconnoitre and capture if necessary, a bridge which they then had to hold. The bridge was unoccupied on arrival but platoon commanders had little time to get into a good defensive position before a spirited attack was launched by FitzMayhew underlings. Once the attack was beaten off, transport was again called forward, some very startling looking haversack rations were dispensed, and the platoon commander received his next set of orders. These were to go as quickly as pos-



'Fetchingly dressed in black'. The FitzMayhew Gang.

sible to a grid reference where they had to lay out a helicopter landing zone. For this phase they were allowed to use their transport. This gave the umpires a good opportunity to see the platoon's reactions to the almost inevitable ambush. The ambush sprung, the men were no sooner out of their vehicle than they had to put in a very quick attack against an enemy held bridge, which was 'blown' most realistically before they got to it. The platoon had therefore, to force march the last mile to the landing zone which was at the top of the highest hill in the area. The final test was a short field firing competition using all the platoon weapons less the Carl Gustav. Platoons then returned to barracks for a final inspection.

The enthusiasm shown was tremendous, and the skills displayed by the platoons of a very satisfactory order. As a finale FitzMayhew and Black Shack were ceremonially executed by a firing squad to the beat of muffled drums. The colonel then presented prizes to the winning 6 Pl. commanded by Lt. Peter Shalders and Sgt. David Taylor.

In between bouts of training we had time to relax; some of us fished and some visited the Alwinton Show (some had time to do both!). The show itself consists of all good honest country pursuits, sheep dog trials, hound trail racing, endless judging of sheep and rams of undisputed potency, fell racing and quenching of gigantic thirsts. There was also Cumberland wrestling in which the contestants wore a form of 'long johns' decently stitched up fore and aft.

The Battalion entered a team of brave souls for the fell race which entailed running up a very steep hill, along its top, and back again. They didn't win against the local professionals but had the Army not entered there would not have been much of a contest for lack of contestants. In the evening there was a dance—not one of those modern discotheque types but held in the beer tent—on the mud floor—in boots—to the accompaniment of a local band. Visitors from the Unit took one look and fled to the local pub where a certain amount of in-fighting was necessary to get to the bar and buy a drink. We had a French officer attached to us who was taken along to see rural England living it up. He was surprised but at all times very polite.

The final Battalion exercise ended the day on which we entrained for our journey back to Felixstowe. Thankfully sleeping in our seats and nearing home at approximately 60 m.p.h., we were all rudely awakened by a tremendous jolting, kit and men falling off racks and seats. It soon became apparent that we had run full tilt into a potato lorry that had been trying to get across the line at a farm crossing. A salvage party was organised who cleared most of the wreckage off the line (the lorry driver being fortunately unhurt) and a relief train was soon on the way from Sleaford to tow us away. The main body arrived back in Felixstowe four hours late.



The CO congratulates Lt. Shalders (6 Pl.) on winning the Platoon Trophy.



Cpl. Arnold takes stock of another exhausting situation.

REMEMBER D DAY

THE D DAY FELLOWSHIP will keep alive the memory of the contribution so many thousands of individuals made to the cause of human freedom in 1944.

MEMBERSHIP is open to men and women of all Armed Forces and Merchant Navies who took part in the D Day and subsequent operations up to the end of the Battle of Normandy (19th August)—and to their parents and other near relatives.

SUBSCRIPTION—which is for life—is £1 (\$3 in U.S.A. and Canada) or as much as it is desired to give. There will be an annual service in Portsmouth Cathedral on or about the anniversary of D Day; in addition, members' names will be inscribed in a book to be placed within the Cathedral precincts. Finally, each member will receive a certificate recognising his or her contribution and conferring membership.

FUNDS raised through subscription to the D Day Fellowship will help to complete the ancient Cathedral Church of St. Thomas à Becket at Portsmouth as a D Day Memorial. Plans have already been approved by the Royal Fine Art Commission for an extension to the nave as a suitable memorial. It will seat 1,500 people and the roof span will be nearly double that of St. Paul's Cathedral in London.

A **MEMBERSHIP** application form can be obtained from The Hon. Sec., D Day Fellowship, Flat 2, Cathedral House, St. Thomas Street, Old Portsmouth.

At Sea with 'Fearless'

Report by Private Peter Walker
2nd Battalion

'Good morning. We've got a ship going to Sardinia in two hours time. Would you like to send some of your soldiers on it for a few days.'

One of the lucky ten, Pte. Peter Walker of the Mortar Platoon writes:

On 18th January, ten of us departed from Gibraltar, having been given ninety minutes to pack our full combat kit for about six days. After having written some quick letters home, we bewildered souls headed for HMS *Fearless*, which was bound for Sardinia with 45 Royal Marine Commando aboard.

Everybody woke up on the 20th to find Sardinia on the skyline, and the ship rolling due to a slight swell. By 0745 hours Pte. Stanton and Pte. Walker were making a bee line for the ship's side. They soon learnt that if more than one person is not feeling very well and go to the hand rail at the same time, always remember to get yourself up-wind, or go to the other side of the ship, as it saves a lot of washing.

As nobody would blame the illness on the sea alone, the only other thing to be blamed was our having taken too much advantage of the excellent food, or the smell of kippers in the sergeants' dining room, where both of them had been working. One kind person said it was best to get your head down, but as all ten of us were having to sleep on the floor, we decided it was too dangerous to get down in the daytime with the Messes full of Commandos. So we suffered until 1300 hours when the helicopters took us and the Marine Recce troop ashore to be enemy for the exercise that started at first light the following day.

Everybody was surprised at the enthusiastic reception we got on landing next to an Italian camp. It seemed as if all the mosquitoes on the island had been told some new blood was coming. However, apart from an odd nibble, and Pte. Stanton having a free for all in his sleeping bag, they left us alone.

The exercise started with the Marines leaving *Fearless* by landing craft and helicopters. After taking the beach area, they made for a radar station which was the objective. They were hampered all the way by the enemy. One marksman decided to finish the exercise on a high note by firing a green Very light at a Saladin which was ferrying troops at the time. It hit the Saladin and bounced inside the turret. There was a mass exodus of bodies, with everybody trying to get out of the way.

The next few days were spent carrying out field firing and minor tactical exercises, with ourselves acting as enemy for the latter. Cpl. Hickson showed how a good sniper can cause



5 Platoon 'Standby to land'. Practice in Gibraltar.

'Get on, then!'



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a lot of trouble, with the aid of a good position and camouflage. To save himself having to stay hidden all day he stuck his leg in the air, so that he could be found and things could carry on.

At the end of our stay it was with much joy that everybody started to make for the beach and leave the Italian camp for the last time. We arrived there on foot or by helicopters by mid-day and had some time to kill, so up the nearest mountain we went, only to find that when we got down again we had to go for a swim.

We were eventually lifted back aboard *Fearless*, and life began to get back to normal. Much to everyone's disappointment, the Russian ship that had been monitoring all our signals, was no longer there—in sight that was.

On the morning of 27th January we and the Marines got ready to enter harbour, and we made dates to meet our new mates for a few drinks that night in Gibraltar. After saying our goodbyes, we boarded a helicopter to be returned to the RAF station where we live. The return was greeted with mixed feelings, having made many friends during the previous ten days with the Commandos. Those thoughts soon disappeared however when the WRNS and WRAF living quarters came into sight and then it was back to subject normal.

Pigs enjoy the comfort of an ex garage block and ducks have their own pond at Farmers' Corner, Felixstowe. There are forty-odd Khaki Campbell ducklings at present in company with two Muscovies—Fred and Fredrica are producing thirteen ducklings and our fifty Landrace Saddleback Pigs are in good shape. The two sows Sophia Jane and Seraphina Ann are recuperating after innumerable litters of piglets. The stock is sold at Ipswich markets and the resultant profit is salted away in the PRI bank.



Cpl. Litchfield calls the roll. Senior Duck Fred looks on.

AROUND THE BRANCHES

THE ROYAL NORFOLK REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

So we now know the worst. The 9th Foot raised in 1685 is down to a total of eight Territorials—three officers, one warrant officer, three NCOs and one soldier. It is a pity that the Army no longer 'Forms Fours' as a drill movement since eight men in three ranks is a somewhat untidy formation. However, we have succeeded in retaining the cap badge of Britannia and the Cadre, as it is to be called, is determined to continue to help with regimental activities in the county. We wish Maj. Paul Raywood and his merry men the best of good fortune in the future.

In an effort to maintain the interest of former members of the T.A. in the Regiment the 'Britannia Club' has been formed with branches at Norwich and Dereham. The club has an enthusiastic committee and all kinds of activities including tennis, sailing, badminton, are being arranged. The aim is to build up a keen body of young men so that they can join the Territorial Army should the opportunity ever arise.

Very successful reunion dinners were held at King's Lynn, London and Norwich, during the autumn. The London Branch experiment of holding a Dinner Dance was so successful that it is to be repeated this year and will take place at the Pavours Arms, Page Street, Westminster on Saturday, 11th October. Since the number of tickets has to be limited to 100 early application is recommended. The Dinners at King's Lynn and Norwich will take place on the usual dates, 31st October and 27th September respectively. Please make a note of these important regimental occasions.

We have learned with regret of the passing of Maj. M. F. R. Lightfoot who for many years had been a staunch supporter of the London Branch. The Branch Chairman, Capt. M. J. Franses, represented the Regiment at the funeral. Mrs. Lightfoot to whom we extend sincere condolences has presented her husband's medals to the Regimental Museum.

An obituary notice to Maj. E. J. Richardson appears elsewhere.

We were delighted to see Maj. John Desmarchelier of the 9th Royal Queensland Regiment when he visited Britannia Barracks and presented to the Regiment a plaque commemorating the long-standing alliance between the two Regiments and the centenary of the raising of the Royal Queensland Regiment. We tend to look upon Australia as such a young country that their Army's existence of over 100 years comes somewhat as a surprise.

Maj. Desmarchelier toured the Regimental Museum and was then entertained to luncheon at which Brigadiers F. P. Barclay and C. J. Wilkinson, Col. F. C. Atkinson, Lt.-Col. C. R. Murray Brown and Maj. W. G. Cripps were also present. A visit to the Regimental Chapel in Norwich Cathedral and a tour of the Memorial Cottages were made before Maj. Desmarchelier's return to London. He has since returned to Australia where he is employed in the sugar business.

The building of six garages at the Norwich Memorial Cottages has been completed. All are occupied and there is already a waiting list. This project was admirably designed and adds considerably to the amenities of the tenants.

Emphasis in the Museum has been focused on the cleaning of medals and replacement of worn and faded ribbons. This is a slow process and when one considers that there are some 2,000 medals requiring attention it can be readily understood that completion will take several months. The appearance of the medals which have already received attention give the necessary urge to complete the job as soon as possible.

Books of tickets for the Sweepstake in support of the Regimental Benevolent Fund are now available. Will those interested in this project kindly contact the Regimental Secretary at Britannia Barracks.

With the co-operation of the Army Benevolent Fund we have been enabled to deal with a number of cases which would normally be beyond the scope of our own funds and the assist-

ance given by the Royal Anglian Regiment Benevolent Fund has made it possible for us to meet the ever-increasing cost of everything we are asked to provide. We are most grateful for this very generous help.

THE SUFFOLK REGIMENT OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION

The scale of benevolent work in 1968 again rose. The number of cases assisted was 203 and the amount paid out totalled £1,900. This sum included grants from the Army Benevolent Fund and other sources for specific cases.

The annual Reunion will take place at Blenheim Camp, Bury St. Edmunds, on Sunday, 13th July, 1969. Included in the programme will be a church service at 11.30 a.m., which will be taken by the Reverend P. W. Cato, who was Padre of the 1st Battalion early in World War II, and the Beating of Retreat by the Band and Drums of the 1st Bn. The Royal Anglian Regiment.

Recent deaths of members of the Regiment included that of Capt. A. G. Rumbelow, OBE, who for many years was Assistant Secretary of the Army Rifle Association and a prominent member of Army Rifle and Revolver teams. He was a well known personality at Bisley. He always said that one of his greatest claims to fame was that he was probably the first man to fire a machine gun from an aeroplane. As an instructor at Hythe before World War I, he was taken up in an early type of bi-plane strapped to the wings and flown over Hythe ranges, where he tried out the use of an automatic weapon from a plane.

10TH FOOT ROYAL LINCOLNSHIRE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

Annual Reunion—1969

The Annual Reunion will again be held at the 'Beacholme' Humberstone, as follows:

Saturday, 27th September, 1969

Annual General Committee Meeting at 3 p.m.
followed by the Annual Meeting.

Dinner—7 for 7.30 p.m.

Sunday 28th September, 1969

Divine Service at St. Peter's Church, Cleethorpes. Details later.

Her Royal Highness, The Duchess of Gloucester will do us the honour of attending the Reunion on Sunday, 28th September, 1969, providing nothing unforeseen occurs.

Dancing and other entertainments will follow the Dinner. Delightful chalet accommodation, meals, etc., are available for those wishing to stay at the 'Beacholme' which is a first class holiday centre.

Full details and dinner tickets can be obtained from Mr. P. C. Halls, 2 The Avenue, Dysart Road, Grantham.

Annual Reunion 1968

The Annual Reunion was held at the 'Beacholme' Humberstone, near Cleethorpes on Saturday and Sunday, 28th and 29th September, 1968.

On Saturday afternoon the General Committee met, followed by the Annual General Meeting and then in the evening the Annual Dinner. On Sunday morning Divine Service was held in the Centre.

At the General Committee meeting after a welcome by the President, Maj.-Gen. Sir Christopher Welby-Everard, a tribute in silence was paid to those of our former comrades who had died since our last meeting. The 'Ode to the Fallen' was recited by the Secretary.

The accounts were explained in detail by the former and present Treasurers, who also combine the duties of Secretary, and it was agreed that approval would be sought at the General Meeting.

The President introduced Maj. Jessup, who had taken over the duties of Hon. General Secretary and Treasurer in succession to Maj. (Gus) Segon who had retired. He thanked Maj. Segon for attending the meeting, and giving his reports in spite of his recent illness and the meeting placed on record their appreciation of all the work and loyal services he had given to the Association during his years as General Secretary.

It was decided that 1969 Annual Reunion should again be held at the 'Beacholme', and Grantham Branch would make the necessary arrangements.

The meeting agreed to changes in Trustees, and the forming of a new Executive Committee in Lincoln. Majs. Macklam and Beard, Capt.

Lewin and Mr. Howlett were invited to form such a Committee. (All agreed and the Committee is now functioning.)

The General Meeting followed when Minutes of the 1967 Meeting were approved and confirmed. The President after welcoming all those present, gave a resumé of the business transaction at the Committee Meeting. The appointment of new Trustees, new Hon. General Secretary, the forming of the new Executive Committee and the accounts were approved by all those present.

At the conclusion of this meeting, before preparing themselves for the Reunion everyone enjoyed a 'cuppa' or relaxed in the comfortable surrounds of the Centre, except 'Maj. Odlin and his gang', who were busy organising the Reunion and whose gallant efforts were rewarded by all the pleasure they gave to others.

Reunion Dinner

Everything at the 'Beacholme' seemed so good that into one's thoughts flashed 'Can it last?' It certainly did when over 300 members and their ladies entered the 'Starlight Room' to be greeted with the sight of decorated tables and the waitresses awaiting to serve the 'hungry mob' with what turned out to be an excellent dinner.

The 'Top Table' (oh! what a length) was fully arrayed with our President, his Lady and his band of loyal supporters. In the midst of such a gathering was our guest, Brig. Green, Deputy Colonel, The Royal Anglian Regiment, who being an old friend of the Regiment, soon settled down to enjoy himself, and after dinner gave us a report on the Royal Anglian Regiment, and associated members. It was rather a sad moment when our President asked for silence to express on behalf of all members of the Regiment, our appreciation to 'Gus' Segon for his long and loyal service to the Regiment, and in particular his eighteen years' service as Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of our Association. He presented him with a Walnut Bracket clock and wished him and his wife a long and happy retirement. Amidst the applause our 'Gus' was on his feet rendering yet another of his 'on the spot speeches' to thank all for the present and gave assurance that the clock would be placed in a prominent position in his new home.

The rest of the evening was spent in the usual manner of 'old friends' meeting 'old friends'! Drinking, chatting about the 'good old days',

dancing by the young ones, and those not so young, and the interruption by the surprise item of entertainment, by a Cabaret which was enjoyed by many, too noisy for others and spoilt the drinking time for some. But all in all everyone enjoyed themselves and agreed that the arrangements made by 'Maj. Jim and his Gang' were excellent and it was a good choice for 1969 Reunion.

Rededication of the Lucknow Memorial

Maj.-Gen. S. A. Cooke was the guest at St. Nicholas Church — Lincoln's Old Garrison Church, on Sunday, 29th September, 1968, at a special service of Rededication of the Memorial to one officer and thirty-four other ranks of the 2nd Battalion The Lincolnshire Regiment, who died during the Battalion's tour of service in India from 1919 to 1928.

The Memorial was originally dedicated in All Saints Garrison Church, Lucknow, in 1928 and Maj.-Gen. Cooke was present at that Service.

The Trustees of the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment arranged for the Brass Memorial Tablet to be brought back to England.

The Lesson was read by Maj.-General Sir Christopher Welby-Everard after which the Vicar, the Rev. H. McD. Kay, performed the rededication.

Field of Remembrance—1968

At the Field of Remembrance Ceremony at Westminster Abbey on 7th November, 1968, Maj.-Gen. Sir Christopher Welby-Everard, Brig. Oulton, Lt.-Col. Young, Maj. Segon and Maj. Jessup, planted poppy crosses in the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment Plot, amidst the numerous small remembrance crosses so generously given by our Branches and members of the Regiment. Brig. Green laid a wreath on behalf of The Royal Anglian Regiment. In spite of bad weather there was a good representative selection paying tribute to our 'Fallen Comrades.'

Recent Acquisitions for the Museum

The Regimental Trustees purchased and presented the Museum with No. 18032 Ex Sgt. C. Maycock's set of five medals including the BEM and the Regimental Medal for Gallant Conduct. The Regimental Medal was awarded by Lt.-Col. R. H. G. Wilson, CO of the 1st Bat-

talion on 31st July, 1920 for gallant conduct in Ireland on 31st July, 1920.

J. P. Wilson, Esq., presented three silver shooting cups won by his father, Sgt. W. Wilson, 2nd Battalion V.B. Lincolnshire Regiment 1903 and 1905.

The State Library, Pretoria, South Africa, presented the Museum with a bound copy of 'The North Lincoln Sphinx' a regimental Periodical by officers and men of the 2nd Battalion 10th or North Lincolnshire Regiment of Foot covering period 1st January, 1860—10th December, 1862.

The set of silver drums of the 1st Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment, purchased by all ranks to mark the 250th Anniversary of the Regiment (10th Foot, 20th June, 1685) and presented to the Battalion by Maj-Gen. C. R. Simpson, CB, Colonel of the Regiment, in Hong Kong on 8th November, 1935. They had been in use by The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (Territorials) who have been disbanded.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE AND HERTFORDSHIRE REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

Those of us who were able to attend the Trooping the Colour Parade by the 3rd Battalion at Tidworth on 23rd October, came away feeling confident that the reputation of the Regiment was in good hands. Despite the cold of a dull, foggy morning we were able to witness a ceremonial parade to stir the hearts of many an old soldier, and the displays of modern weapons and equipment afterwards were of considerable interest to us. But perhaps the most lasting impression was one of appreciation for the very generous hospitality extended to us throughout the day by the officers and men under Lt.-Col. Dymoke's command.

General Goodwin, accompanied by Major Tewkesbury, talking with four members of Hitchin Branch, Messrs. Furr, Selby, Foster and Pateman.



Courtesy of 'Hemel Hempstead Evening Post'.



Courtesy of 'Herts. Advertiser'.

General Goodwin and Brigadier Paton and Essex Comrades at Tidworth on 23rd October.

Amidst the upheavals of the various reorganisations in both the regular and reserve armies, we still maintain an active comradeship amongst our members. At the Wreath-Laying ceremony at our Regimental Memorial on 17th November, nine of our Branches were represented in addition to detachments from The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (Territorial) and the Army Cadet Force. We were very pleased that the Deputy Colonel, Brig. Paton, was able to be with us to lay the Regimental Wreath. This was the first occasion on which the Bedfordshire British Legion Corps of Drums have headed the parade and played for us during the ceremony; most of these drummers are ex-members of the Regiment and we hope that they will be available on future occasions. After the ceremony the majority of Old Comrades adjourned to the TAVR Centre in Ashburnham Road, where the Social Club bar was soon doing a brisk

trade. The Territorials have always most willingly placed the facilities of the Social Club at our disposal for functions such as this and for the regular monthly meetings of Bedford Branch. It was a very great shock to us all when WO.II Peter Ruff-Smith, steward of the Club, died so suddenly in November.

London Branch held their Annual Dinner and Dance at the Euston Tavern on 26th October, when Brig. and Mrs. Paton were their guests for the evening. As a result of Brig. Dixon's move to Malta Lt.-Col. Alan Clarke has been elected President of the Branch and Mr. C. E. Winhall is the new Chairman.

After their most enjoyable Annual Dinner and Dance in September, Hertford Branch have continued to keep the pot boiling with their Social Evenings. Once again the Children's Party held shortly after Christmas proved popular, the grown-ups having their own relaxation in the Club afterwards.



**Hertford Branch
Dinner**

Courtesy of Hertford Mercury

The Mayor and Mayoress of Hertford talking to two South African War Veterans, Mr. Bob Woods and Mr. Harry Harman, watched by Branch President, Major Jo Townsend and his wife.

At the Ware (Hertfordshire Regiment) OCA Supper and Reunion at Presdales School on 12th October, the attendance topped the 300 mark. In addition to the guests from Branches of the 16th Foot Association, they were glad to welcome representatives from Saffron Walden Branch of the Essex Regiment Association. During the course of the evening the Corps of Drums, The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (Territorial) Beat Retreat.

Watford Branch encountered a number of difficulties in staging their annual function at the Holywell Community Centre in Tolpits Lane. These were however taken in their stride by the Organising Committee with the result that some eight members and their wives were able to enjoy the Dinner and Dance on 8th March this year.

Bedford Branch continues to go from strength to strength, finding new members in the process. The night of the AGM coincided with a blizzard and the majority of members were snowbound. Six stalwarts did however turn up but for all their keenness did not constitute a quorum. At the postponed meeting Mr. 'Ginger' Butler was re-elected Chairman and Mr. 'Buster' Wells was elected Secretary for the twenty-second year.

**Are
YOU
a Member
of
YOUR
Association?**



The Southend Branch Dinner at the Westcliff Hotel.

THE ESSEX REGT ASSOCIATION

Branch activity continues to thrive throughout the Association. During the 'Festive' season very successful Dinners and Dances were organised by the Chelmsford, Southend and Thurrock Branches, and on each occasion attendance was well in excess of 100. Saffron Walden held their customary Social and Dance and as always the high spirits were much in evidence (not a reference to bar costing).

The old Territorial Battalion Associations continue to gather support for their functions despite the inevitable falling away of their older members. The 4th Essex Association held a Dinner at Gordon Fields in October, a new departure for them, and the evening was a great success. Ladies were not invited for this occasion but about 100 members were successful in obtaining leave to be present. The 5th, 6th and 7th Battalions held their customary gathering, all well supported.

Annual Reunion

The Warley Reunion this year will be on Sunday, 29th June. At the Service of Remembrance which precedes the Reunion, the Forces Bishop, Lord Bishop of Croydon has kindly agreed to give the address. The demand for

tickets, required for the Service and for tea (6s. 6d. per head) is increasing and members should make application now.

Regimental Chapel

The 'Salamanca Eagle' which had begun to show some signs of wear (not unreasonably since it was first borne with its French Colour some 175 years ago), has recently been expertly repaired by Garrads craftsmen. It is now to be seen in its customary place of honour in the Regimental Chapel.

The regular monthly Services in the Chapel (first Sunday in each month) continue to receive solid support from near and far.

Regimental Museum

Discussions with the Chelmsford Borough Council have resulted in a most satisfactory conclusion. The Museum is to be housed in a specially constructed extension to be built at the Oaklands Park site of the Chelmsford and Essex Museum. The Association is happy to know that the Museum will in due course have its home in its County Town and we are most grateful to the Borough authorities for their considerate and co-operative assistance towards this object. The transfer is likely to be effected in 1971-72.

Former 10th Essex/9th Parachute Bn.

The 9th Parachute Battalion Reunion Club has a steadily growing membership and at the Annual Dinner this year some 150 members were present. Former 10th Essex members who transferred to 9th Para Bn. in 1942 are cordially invited to contact the Hon. Secretary, Mr. H. S. Holter, 125 Burford Road, Catford, S.E.6 for further details.

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE REGIMENT COMRADES ASSOCIATION

Northampton Branch

Since moving premises from the bottom of Gibraltar Barracks to the top of it, into the building that would be remembered by many as the old dining hall, the weekly cash turnover has more than doubled and the Branch is flourishing. How grateful the Branch is to those members who spent many hours on its preparation and redecoration before moving in.

The Branch has been holding regular social evenings at the week-ends and has been able to entertain numerous other organisations not least being our very good friends the Northamptonshire Branch of the Grenadier Guards Association.

We were also very pleased to entertain the staff of the Army Careers Information Offices in Northamptonshire for a games evening. It gave us the opportunity to make contact with the serving soldier and to let him see the value of a Regimental Association. Such liaison can do nothing but good as the Branch will in due course become the Northampton Branch of the Royal Anglian Regimental Association. We hope that we will see much more of them.

If any member of the Regiment is in Northampton on a Thursday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday evening then call in and look us up. You will be made welcome.

Peterborough Branch

A little late but nevertheless the officers and Committee convey their best wishes for 1969 to all the readers.

The Annual Reunion Dinner was held on 19th October, and was again voted a very good evening. Considerable care had been taken to ensure that the evening was not such a financial drain on the Branch funds as was the case in

1967. It is pleasing to report that the losses were considerably less, and with careful thought in the future this should become self supporting and so ensure the continuation of the event in subsequent years.

We press on with our determination to have a Branch Standard. After many set backs we have now reached the stage when the material has been dyed to our satisfaction and the manufacture of it is under way.

An excellent social evening was held on Sunday, 23rd February. A large party came from the Northampton Branch, including musicians, and a smaller party from the Huntingdon Branch. We were delighted to welcome our visitors who included as guests Lt.-Col. and Mrs. H. H. Moore and Lt.-Col. P. D. Blyth, Officer Commanding 5th (Volunteer) Bn. The Royal Anglian Regiment.

We regret to record the passing of two Branch members, namely S. Bloodworth and G. Whittington. Our deepest sympathy is extended to their families.

Huntingdon Branch

A three-line memo from the Regimental Secretary (a reminder), and here we are again to record our activities since the last Journal Notes in October, 1968. And so, another year has passed, and with it some very sad events and happenings so far as this Branch is concerned. 1968, to say the least was an unkind year—we lost six very good members who died during the year, and our share of illness among members was worse than we deserved. Even since the October issue we have to report the death of ex Sgt. (Alf) Humphrey, ex CSM (Bill) Cunnington and Mr. Percy Rogers. The Branch has been sorely tried by these events which have truly proved a testing time for our Welfare efficiency. In particular among these losses we must mention our great friend and comrade Bill Cunnington who did so much to further the interests of the Huntingdon Branch. He was never a regular soldier, but he served with great gallantry during the last war and his wonderful sense of duty and comradeship was an outstanding example to us all. He suffered his short illness with strength and fortitude, always cheerful and uncomplaining.

The year however, has not all been dreary and dismal. We held a most successful Reunion Dinner during November, our Christmas Draw was a great success and a party with the Peterborough Branch and at RAF Wyton (both

during February) have all compensated to some extent.

We are happy also at Huntingdon to see that at last something is to be done to improve the design of the Comrades lapel badge. We heartily endorse what has so far been done and we look forward to seeing the finished product. The next move on re-design must be the Regimental tie. We must settle for *one quality only*, then have this slimmed-down to modern standards and begin a determined drive through the Branches to sell more of these. Far too few ex-members of the Regiment seem to have a Regimental tie in their wardrobe!

The Branch held its Annual General Meeting on Friday, 28th February, and though the attendance was not great it was still possible to complete the business of the evening and to fill all the vacancies except one on the Branch Committee. The position is very much 'as you were', except for the post of Social Secretary which still remains to be filled following the move of Mr. R. (Dick) May to Lincoln. We are all sorry to see Dick go, but we wish him well in his new post. His stories may take some swallowing at times but they never lacked humour and the place won't be quite the same without him.

LEICESTERSHIRE HEADQUARTERS AND THE ROYAL TIGERS' ASSOCIATION

Saturday, 12th October, will be a day that 'Tigers' both serving and retired will remember for many years to come. On that day our Regular Battalion marched through the streets of Leicester 'with Bayonets fixed, Colours flying and Band playing'. We started the day right with a short simple Service in the Regimental Chapel. The Colours of the 1st Bn. The Royal Leicestershire Regiment, which are still carried by the 4th Bn. The Royal Anglian Regiment, were laid on the altar and the Provost in a most inspiring address welcomed the 4th Battalion as 'Tigers' to our Chapel. Then, past many Old Comrades, the Colours were marched on parade from the Cathedral and the Battalion started its march. Old Comrades moved by car and coach straight to Victoria Park and waited in torrential rain at the Jonathan North Gates. Commanded by Lt.-Gen. Sir Colin Calander about 300 followed the Battalion past the Saluting Base, the Salute being taken by the Lord Mayor of Leicester (Alderman Kenneth Bowder, OBE) in the presence of Her Royal Highness, The Duchess of Gloucester, Deputy



Tigers at The War Memorial.



Lt.-Gen. Sir William Callander lead Members of The Royal Tigers' Association past the Saluting Base.

Colonel-in-Chief of The Royal Anglian Regiment. At that moment the rain stopped and the sun shone as serving and retired members of our Regiment paid tribute to the City of Leicester which had always looked after us all so well. Then the Battalion and members of The Royal Tigers' Association formed a hollow square. Preceded by Wolfe's Dirge, the Lord Bishop took a short service and wreaths in memory of all 'Tigers' were laid by Her Royal

Highness, The Duchess of Gloucester, the Lord Mayor, and Maj. Gen. J. M. K. Spurling. After the service Her Royal Highness inspected members of The Royal Tigers' Association. She spoke to almost every man on parade which made us all feel very proud. Then the whole Battalion sat down to a most excellent and enjoyable lunch as guests of the city. About 60 of All Ranks of the Royal Tigers' Association also had the honour of attending and about 300



The Duchess talks to Mr. G. Willcock, Mr. T. J. Marston carrying the Standard, Mr. L. Wilson and Mr. F. Norwich.

attended an overflow lunch at the TA Centre, Ulverscroft Road. That afternoon Leicester City invited many of us to the match as their guests and our Band and Drums played at half-time. The day must have been a great headache to the police, keeping streets clear, diverting traffic, etc., but they co-operated quite excellently and we were all very grateful. It was a day we all enjoyed so much and the Corporation of the City were, as usual, excellent and most hospitable hosts.

On 15th March our Band and Drums played at the England and Scotland rugby match at Twickenham. A bus load of Old Comrades went down from Leicester and enjoyed themselves, the match and the excellent performance of the Band and Drums.

A sweep was run on the Grand National and thanks to the support of so many 'Old Tigers' a profit of £525 0s. 0d. was made. We are also most grateful to our TA officers who made a record profit of £146 on the tombola at their Ball last December. Thanks to this great help and support we have again been self-supporting and have not had to ask the Army Benevolent Fund for a grant.

Royal Tigers' Week-end this year will be on Saturday, 28th June and Sunday, 29th June. Thanks to the enormous amount of work that the City of Leicester, Mr. Walden and his City of Leicester Museum's staff, and the Ministry of Public Building and Works have all done, it is hoped that our Regimental Museum will be ready for opening at the Magazine on the Saturday afternoon. The rest of the programme will be the same as last year. We have again invited all 'Tiger' members of the South African War Veterans' Association and Old Contemp-

tibles' Associations for Leicestershire as our guests at dinner on the Saturday evening. Also the Band and Drums of 4th Bn. The Royal Anglian Regiment who, we hope, will Beat Retreat after dinner. The Regimental Service in the Regimental Chapel will take place on Sunday, 29th June, at 11 a.m. followed by a March Past led by our Band and Drums.

All that is now left of The Royal Leicestershire Regiment (Territorial) is a cadre of three officers and five other ranks, commanded by Major Bill Dawson, and apart from Cadet Forces they are the only 'Tigers' who have the honour of still being able to wear the 'Tiger' cap badge. But the Colours of the old 4th and 5th Bns. of The Royal Leicestershire Regiment are still kept in our mess and many still feel that the Territorials are by no means finished yet. No one was downhearted at an excellent Officers' Guest Night on 14th February, when 47 sat down to dinner. All living former Commanding Officers of the 4th and 5th were invited as guests, and with the exception of two, all attended and enjoyed themselves very much, the oldest being Colonel W. S. N. Toller aged 91, who joined in 1908 and commanded both the 4th and 5th Bns. in World War I.

The Warrant Officers and Sergeants had a most excellent Ladysmith Ball on 28th February, at which many of the 'Old and Bold' enjoyed themselves.

Preparations are now being made concerning the disbandment of 4th Bn. The Royal Anglian Regiment next year. We have been informed that men will start to be transferred in September, 1970, so a Disbandment Parade and Laying-up of both the 1st and 2nd Bns. Colours of The Royal Leicestershire Regiment will probably take place early that month.



**Maj.-Gen. Spurling
conducts Her Royal
Highness down
the Ranks of
Tigers.**

4th Battalion March Through Leicester

12th October, 1968

The coaches taking the Battalion to Leicester left Gillingham early on Friday morning. That night we were the guests of the Royal Air Force stations of Newton, Wittering and Cottesmore while the Band and Drums once more enjoyed the hospitality of 224 Signal Squadron at Woodhouse Eves. The accommodation and entertainment we received was so outstanding that we were surprised not to find any gaps in our ranks the following morning.

The Ceremonial on the Saturday morning began with a short Service in the Regimental Chapel in Leicester Cathedral; while this was in progress the Battalion formed up silently outside. At the end of the Service the Colours were marched on parade, the Battalion turned to the right, and for the first time since becoming the 4th Bn. The Royal Anglian Regiment we marched through the streets of the City of Leicester. We arrived at the Town Hall in a torrential downpour. After a fanfare of trumpets the Commanding Officer reported the Battalion to the Lord Mayor who then addressed those on parade. It was unfortunate that the throng who had squeezed into Town Hall Square to listen to Alderman Bowder were unable to hear him unfold the Battalion history which he traced from September 1688. The public address system failed under the constant soaking it had received.

At the end of the address three cheers for the Lord Mayor were given by the Battalion. We then continued our Freedom March through the streets up the London Road towards Victoria Park.

The entrance to Victoria Park was flanked by Old Comrades and members of the Royal Tigers' Association who formed a Fifth Guard after the Battalion had marched through the gates.

Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Gloucester, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Anglian Regiment, was present on the dais as the Lord Mayor of Leicester took the salute.



Lt.-Col. Holloway, Capt. Tysack and RSM Sprason lead the Battalion through the War Memorial Arch.

Also at the saluting platform were the Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire; Gen. Sir Richard Goodwin, Colonel of The Regiment, Maj.-Gen. Spurling Deputy Colonel of The Regiment and the Lord Mayor of Leicester. On either side of the platform were many of the wives and families of those on parade and former members of the Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

The Battalion formed a hollow square facing the War Memorial and after prayers had been read by the Lord Bishop of Leicester, wreaths were laid by Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Gloucester. The Lord Mayor and Maj.-Gen. Spurling. Last Post and Reveille were then blown.

The Battalion marched through the War Memorial and down to Lancaster Road where they halted.

The City of Leicester provided a splendid Civic Lunch for the whole Battalion in the De Montfort Hall. It was a fitting and memorable end to a most enjoyable day.

Otterburn Washout

by Sgt. Roger Jones, 4th Battalion

Otterburn! I wonder what memories the mention of that name conjures up in the mind of the reader? This small piece of Scottish and English parkland, nestling peacefully astride the Border, has been the place which many thousands of British soldiers have clasped to their hairy chests.

Many, perhaps, remember glorious battles fought among the splendid valleys and gorges; others remember the night attack with its stealth and night lights. To some it was the witness of their highest achievement in the skills of their trade; to a few a witness of their failure. However, all know of its sudden contrasting moods, of the sunshine, and the sweet smell of the heather, of the gentle cooling winds or the lashing, stinging rain, and the violence of the ice-tipped wind; all provide a background to the strength-sapping, boggy ground and those towering, glowering heights.

The battalion, faced with fourteen days of live firing, encountered the worst of these moods. The evil eye observed us with displeasure and proceeded daily to flay our dry clothing until it was dry no more. Then the wind dipped its icy fingers deep into the hearts of the soldiers and wrung them until they became sponge-like and soggy. But, like the sponge, the men of Charlie Company were resilient and after only a short while became acclimatised. Finally, on the ninth day, when we were thoroughly exhausted the clouds parted and sunshine poured into our bewildered, but grateful eyes.

On the broad shoulders of the OC and Lt. Price lay the onus of planning and running the live firing ranges; Lts. Dexter and Walsh, C/Sgt. Phillips and Sgts. Delaney and Rourke were away on other exercises or courses. The burden of command fell on our valiant corporals. Cpls. Taylor and Waldron were elevated to Platoon Commanders with Cpl. Battle and Sutton as their Platoon Sgts. They all viewed their new-found responsibility with a jaudiced, but resolute eye.

This was the first time the Company has

been together out of barracks since returning from disembarkation leave, and there was little doubt that we had become flabby and accustomed to soft living.

Everyone became wet and stayed wet, drying out and then getting wet again. Nightly, round the large coke fires, the soldiers sat sipping steaming hot mugs of tea and swapping glum stories such as who had swum the furthest before engaging the targets.

Slowly, little by little, the old hardness returned and the familiar 'Combat C' spark began to flicker once more, so much so that unlike some (no names, no packdrill) we had no need of rum.

On one occasion during the Burma campaign, Field-Marshal Slim ended a pep talk to his troops with the now famous phrase: 'It could be worse—it might be raining' . . .

We know just what he meant.



'Found it?' Pte. Richie on the trail.

ORIENTEERING

In last October's issue there was a sudden rash of articles on that 'In' sport—Orienteering. A cross between a car rally, a treasure hunt, and a cross-country we were told. In the 4th Bn. we call it jazzed up map-reading—it saves the Orienteering officer a lot of breath explaining; and it gets across better to the older generation.

A couple of courses were run in Malta in the spring of 1968. However as the island is intensely cultivated, and the number of fair sized trees can be counted on one hand, the area could not be called ideal orienteering country.

Very much the same situation was found to exist in Kent, it is not called the 'garden of England' for nothing. However, a wood within reasonable distance was found, which was big enough to confound the weaker brethren when company and battalion events were started in the autumn.

As the intricacy of the Silva compass, and relating ground to map began to be understood, the standard of map reading—sorry! Orienteering, improved immensely. Teams were taken to events at Felixstowe against the 2nd Battalion and to the South-East District meetings, with some very good results. C/Sgt. Fowler, Cpl. Woodward, Cpl. Wallace, Cpl. Kerr, Pte. Fazackerley, all ran consistently well, although one person who shall remain nameless learnt that a strong pair of running shoes are a must—his fell to bits half-way round the course, and running on a sock he told me, was not a pleasant experience.

In the Southern Command Championships just held, the Battalion came fifth out of the thirty competing teams, many of whom had the advantage of being stationed in the area where the event was held.

Our forthcoming departure to Bahrain will no doubt produce problems as I am told there are no trees at all. However, there is talk of underwater orienteering—another first.



Pte. Allen 44. A study in Concentration.

TIGERS POACH IN SWEDELAND!

'A' COMPANY SNOWSPORT AT STANFORD

The mist cleared, a shot rang out, and Jewell ducked! He had hoped to get a glimpse of Brig. Badcock, if only from the sanctuary of a target bunker 300 yards away! Commander 2 Brigade was visiting 'A' Company fighting fog, sleet, snow and food poisoning amongst the gently undulating downs of Stanford PTA, that haven of pheasants and poachers.

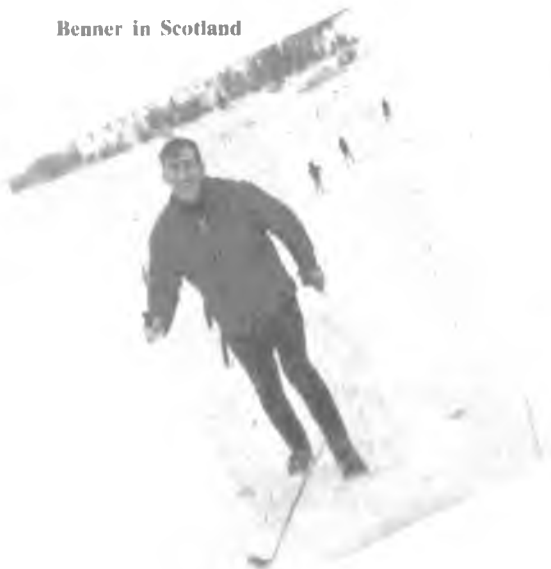
Ice claimed two victims on the first cold February day. Captain Peele and WO.II Swain confounded military dogma by wasting several hours pulling their vehicle out of a ditch while making a reconnaissance. Recalling earlier memories of supporting this battalion in Korean snows Lord Walsingham, formerly Major The Honourable J. de Grey, MC, RA, once more provided close support in the shape of a Land-rover and tow chain. Company Headquarters subsequently took to its feet.

Dash and bash, sweat and shoot; shadowy shapes and flitting phantoms; from Fowlmere Farm to Bodney Lodge men struggled from test to test. The goal? A day's extra leave. A week of wearing competition produced a high standard of individual and team battlecraft, and even those with 'flu and blisters battled on.

Gregory won the individual rifleman's competition and Bate the individual GPMG. 1 Section of 1 Platoon won the Section competition. An administrative section led by a variety of NCOs competed in parts of the competition. Cook and fitter, clerk and storeman ran and crawled side by side, despite the protests of our medical back-room infantryman that 'the infantry lot should do that!' He also discovered that a Schermuly is harder to switch on than the medical centre infra red lamp, and that to leave the Schermuly's cap on means to take the hand's skin off.

At 0830 hours on the Saturday the Company's Camp was handed back to the Stanford PTA staff and at 1400 the Company started back to Gillingham. Deep snowdrifts prevented the civilian buses reaching Norfolk. The buses eventually arrived at lunchtime on Sunday. Sadly because of duties the competition winners were unable to enjoy their day off until a fortnight later, but they then had an extra morning's lie in and another day of leisure.

Benner in Scotland



Forming a

C (combat)

S.P.T.A.

60 mile march



ALL IN OF SIX IN U.

Modern runner



Small Bore Trophy for Cpl. Waldron's VIII





Bridgehead!

TIGERS

THE SPACE MONTHS

THE K.



Pte. Dodds

Brigadier
Badcock

Sgt. Jones



Moving to relief in the line

"Spearhead" preparation



Brigadier Badcock and donkey



SKI-ING IN SCOTLAND

by

Colour Sergeant Colin Roberts, 4th Battalion

In the third week of February a party of fourteen from 'C' Coy. went to Scotland to try their hand at ski-ing. The party stayed at Rothiemurchus hut, which is about seven miles outside Aviemore in the Cairngorm Mountains.

The advance party commanded by Cpl. O'Donovan, and made up of Cfn. Noon, the expedition's driver, and Pte. Benner, set off in a 3-tonner on Thursday, 13th February. They took with them heavy kit and rations. In spite of the date and the weather—at this time the North of England and Scotland were in the grip of some of the winter's worst blizzards—this group did very well. They stayed on the first night with the 1st Bn. at Catterick, and arrived at the hut on Friday night. Much credit is due to Cfn. Noon; it was his skill and enthusiasm which got the vehicle to Scotland.

On Friday evening the main body set out by night train for Scotland. There was 2Lt. Walsh, myself, Cpl. Battle, L/Cpl. Shubrook, Ptes Dodds, Neill, Radford, Wattam, Chapman and the Kirby brothers. The journey took sixteen hours and was something of a marathon. The heating failed and everybody was glad to make use of his parka. The advance party met us at Aviemore station and before long we were settling in to our new quarters.

The hut is not a palace but meets the needs of skiers and climbers. We bunked four men to a room, which left very little spare space. The kitchen is shared with other units using the hut. The calor gas heating is most effective, the showers always hot, and the drying room, although well used, met all our requirements.

After a quick lunch provided by L/Cpl. Shubrook we spent the first afternoon fitting our boots and skis. This takes a long time but must be completed carefully if injuries are to be avoided. We were fortunate to have Cpl. Hardy from the 2nd Bn. as our instructor for the week. We are all indebted to his patience and skill.

On Sunday morning we were out on the nursery slopes which surround Aviemore. The slopes were filled with numerous ski schools. Our miserable efforts to stand up were not more noticeable than anyone else's. For the first few hours a bystander could have been forgiven for

wondering whether we were ski-ing or knitting! The weather was ideal and in the afternoon it was warm enough to be in shirt sleeves. We contented ourselves with the nursery slopes until Thursday. Then we felt sufficiently confident to try our luck 'up top'.

We soon discovered that more than a ski tow ticket is required to get to the top. Considerable skill is also required to hang on to the tow rope and remain upright for those few hundred feet to the ski runs. When we got there we discovered the wind was stronger and whipped up the snow into our eyes. Once again we were glad to have our parkas with us.

At last came the moment of triumph—our first downhill run. To our consternation the surface was ice. All our carefully rehearsed, and practised 'snow ploughs' were of little use. One after the other the party gathered unexpected momentum, only to collapse in an undignified heap on a fence. However this was a small price to pay in comparison with what might have happened if the fence had not been there! Undaunted more snow tow tickets were purchased, and by the end of the week everybody made a controlled run down one or other of the ski runs.

While we were at Aviemore the centre hit the National Press and Television. There was an avalanche which buried a number of skiers. Plenty of willing volunteers were available to help the Mountain Rescue Team and the injured were quickly evacuated by RAF helicopters.

The Aviemore Centre is a modern project built with considerable imagination. The centre has several ski schools, an indoor skating rink, and an indoor swimming pool. Also there are a cinema, dance halls, and several bars, one of which features a nine-pin skittles alley. There are shops for ski equipment, clothing, souvenirs and a boutique. Most important of all the birds are beautiful and plentiful . . .

As we climbed aboard our train on Saturday evening it was not the journey or the empty pockets which caused the dejected looks but rather the disappointment at having to return so soon to face the CSM. Another week would have been more than welcome.

Inquiry soon

Four-star hotel
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Peer warns of a 'Red plot'

SCHOOL DIETS PROBED

Lunch on the House

18 die

Second lung
transplant
in Britain



"That's the last time I listen to Jimmy Young"

Would you believe it?

Now, a 700 mph
flying meat-pie

Can Wilson
end all this?

College conditions
'appal' Heath

IRISH (stew)ADVENTURE

The invasion of 'Downia' by Saxonian military forces, supported by ground attack aircraft and ships of the Saxonian Air Force and Navy, started at 0030 hours on 21st October, 1968. A beachhead, east of Ballykinler was quickly secured by Marines of 45 Commando, put ashore from HMS *Fearless*. By first light on 21st October, the beachhead had been expanded and the airfield at Bishops Court secured. During the early morning of the same day the remaining troops and the armour of the invading forces were ferried ashore by Naval helicopters and LCVPs. By early afternoon the invading force was advancing inland with the intention of securing the Slieve Croob feature on the periphery of the Mourne Mountains.

After a gallant delaying action, Downian military forces fell back to and occupied Slieve Croob in strength and defied all attempts by the Saxonians to capture or by-pass it, although the town of Castlewellan fell to the invaders. When, at first light, the full extent of the Slieve Croob feature could clearly be seen it became apparent to the Saxonians that this was going to be a very formidable nut to crack. Throughout the day Marines and men of 2 RRF attempted to infiltrate the position on foot and by helicopter and at last light had a mixed force of three companies on and around Slieve Croob.

At 0100 on 23rd October, Downian Military forces started a long withdrawal from Slieve Croob to the Mourne Mountains. Unfortun-

ately the withdrawal time coincided with H hour for a night attack by the infiltrated companies of the Saxonian 24 Brigade. In the ensuing running battle, the 1st Light Infantry of Downia's 39 Brigade were severely mauled and arrived back at their new main position the following afternoon, depleted by one and a half companies. Throughout the next thirty-six hours 24 Bde. closed up to and started probing the line held by 39 Bde. and, at 1600 hours on the final day a combined ground and helicopter attack was launched by the Marines and 2 RRF which was successfully beaten off by 39 Bde. On this note Exercise 'SWAP' ended.

Exercise 'SWAP', apart from being the largest exercise held in the provinces was probably also the most ambitious. Its main aim was to practise Joint Services techniques in a limited war setting with Flag Officer Carriers and Amphibious Ships, 3 Division and 38 Group RAF all contributing to its planning and execution. The setting envisaged an invasion of part of Northern Ireland (Downia) by a task force of

approximately brigade group strength, supported by ships and helicopters of the Royal Navy and FCA and Tac T (MR) aircraft of 38 Group. The defenders of Downia consisted of 39 Brigade, the RUC and North Irish Militia. The exercise was almost entirely free play, with control and direction being exercised, through an elaborate umpire organisation, from an HQ in Ballykinler Training Camp.

It was, perhaps, the umpires and controllers who gained most from the exercise, every aspect of which, tactical, logistical and administrative was carefully umpired. It says much for the exercise planners that the control organisation was so well laid on, and controlled so efficiently, that the only cases of friction and 'bad blood' arising on the exercise were between tired and harassed umpires in the field, and watchkeepers back in Ballykinler! Despite the speed at which it moved and the lack of sleep and food, I think most men who took part in Exercise 'SWAP' would agree that it was well worth while.

Au Pair Exchange to Sweden by **L/Cpl. Keeble, 4th Battalion**

Sweden has a reputation for blue-eyed blonde-haired 'birds' over exposed to Bergam films. Least that's the impression I had of the country. It's about as true as insisting that the English drink tea all day long.

The British Army runs an au-pair scheme with several foreign armies, including Sweden and it was under this arrangement that I flew to Solleftea in central Sweden.

There is not space here to explain all that I was able to do during the four weeks in Sweden, or indeed all that I managed to find out about their Army. All I will give you is a few ideas on their defence and how it differs from our own.

Last February it was snowing in England when I left, with the temperature at -20°C . In Stockholm it was also snowing but the temperature was -30°C ! I travelled up to Central Sweden to join an Infantry Regiment called I21.

This Regiment is a static base rather like our 'Depot' and has the role of training 'recruits' and retraining conscript soldiers who have

already completed their initial training. The Swedish Army is 90 per cent conscript. They pass through these Depots, all over Sweden, while the remaining 'regular' 10 per cent train the conscripts.

One has to keep saying to oneself, 'they are not really soldiers they are civilians in uniform'. That's the real difference between us and them! The first Swedish 'soldier' I saw was dragging his feet through the snow across the parade area, with his hands deep in his pockets. On the back of his shaggy head was a baseball-type cap. His hair was well over his collar. He gave a gentle nod to my Officer-Guide as he passed. Such is democracy!

I took part in two Battalion exercises, in the neighbouring forests. I lived in their communal twelve-man tent with the temperature outside at -30° Centigrade. The Swedish soldier although amateurish through lack of training certainly did not let the cold or the two metres of snow effect them. By packing snow on the outside tent walls and incorporating a wood-

burning stove inside the temperature can be kept at a constant +30°C! After the evening meal of herrings and potatoes the soldiers stripped off their clothes and prepared for bed. The smell inside the tent then became very pungent!

The training of these 'recruits' and 'refreshers' at I21 is part of a National programme to provide an effective defence throughout Sweden. They are a neutral nation and therefore don't necessarily look Eastwards for their enemy. Every man and woman between 18 and 47 has a preplanned role to carry out in the event of war.

In the event of mobilisation each person proceeds to a definite location in some part of the country. It may be a coastal gun emplacement, a waiting aircraft or an airfield, or it may be, as in the case of the infantry, a prepositioned hut full of equipment for a battalion.

Sweden is very much aware of foreign intervention and has gone to a great deal of trouble and expense to ensure that no-one will try and occupy her countryside. She has an enormous amount of land to protect with a small population. The only choice she has left is to prepare and train the whole nation for a defensive war. It's a far cry from the English approach with its large standing Army, its alliance to NATO and its commitments to various nations overseas. Sweden looks inwards, England looks outwards.

WHO

are the VIKINGS?

We are the Vikings, and what Vikings! The name originated from the gift of a mascot from Mrs. Miseroy (wife of our past CO) and a more apt name would have been difficult to find. The ladies have worked extremely hard on the formation and success of the club and all credit must go to them for their unselfish effort and support.

As team captain I have found the shooting and the club as a whole relaxing, rewarding and at times very amusing. It's a novelty to have an all-ladies shooting club; this raises eyebrows and causes respect particularly among some of the veteran riflemen in and around Bury. We

JUNIOR SOLDIERS

Ski Course in BAOR

Jun. Cpl. Robinson, Jun. Inf. Cadge, and Jun. Dmr. Reeve were members of a party of 29 Junior Soldiers from various regiments, who assembled at Gatwick Airport to fly to Gutersloh on the 1st March. On arrival the party was met by their instructor Capt. Wood, RAC, and with very little delay boarded a coach for the 13 hour drive to Sannhofen in the Allgau. From Sannhofen the party made its way to Oberjoch, a small village about one mile from the Austrian border. Their home for the next two weeks was to be an old farm house converted for use as a ski hut.

Ski training began the next day, the first lesson being how to walk on skis. For a couple of days they practised snow-plough turns on a nursery slope, and then it was off to the ski slopes proper to learn how to langlauf. At the end of the first week a 5 km. race was held, and this was won by Jun. Cpl. Robinson. The 10 km. race at the end of the 2nd week was also won by Jun. Cpl. Robinson, to whom we offer our congratulations on his two splendid victories. The three junior soldiers returned to the Depot on 17th March looking very fit and sun tanned after a most enjoyable fortnight in Southern Germany.

hope this will extend as we become more widely known in the rifle world, because we have great hopes for the future.

We have joined the NSRA and since doing so, have entered into the Suffolk Divisional Championship. Although we are only in Division 8 we have put up quite a creditable performance by winning all but one of our matches so far.

The Depot have now formed a men's shooting team and we are looking forward to a challenge match if only to prove to them that we are not just pretty faces but that we can be formidable opponents! Mrs. J. E. HARROLD.

DEPOT CHATTER

Junior Infantry

The winter term started off with a slight change in staff as Sgt. (Dad) Wilkinson departed to Gibraltar and Sgt. Phil Holmes taken over as Pl. Sgt. Since then Cpl. Tuckwood has joined us from Training Company and seems to be settling down quite well.

The term has been rather a quiet one with the exception of some outstanding boxing by Jun. L/Cpl. Barnes, Jun. Inf. Tavernier and Curry, details of which are covered under 'Sport'.

Sport within the wing has been rather hectic due to the weather but we look forward to some fine cricket being played during the summer. And last but not least of all the infantry under Cpl. Hurley are furnishing the Quarter Guard for the visit of the G.O.C. and due to much hard work by Cpl. Hurley the drill and kit are of a very high standard.

We now look forward to ski-ing in Scotland and the end of term camp in the Peak district and three weeks well earned leave.

Since the last issue of the CASTLE, we have said goodbye to Captain Jefferson who has gone to the 3rd Bn. in Aldershot and to Sgt. Wilkinson who has returned to his own Bn. and is now in Gibraltar, and finally to Cpl. Hurry who has gone back to his Bn. in Gillingham. To their reliefs we say welcome . . . to Captain Hawkins from the 1st Bn., to Sgt. Holmes 2nd Bn. and to Cpl. Tuckwood who has joined us from Training Company. Finally many congratulations to S/Sgt. Hewitt on his well deserved promotion. When he rejoins his Bn. in May he will be greatly missed here.

Drum Notes

The following graduated at the end of the winter term, and have now joined their battalions:

Jun. Cpls. Roger Bellward and Andrew Goodes (2nd Bn.)

Jun. L/Cpl. Tom Smith and Jun. Dmr. Dale Grooms (1st Bn.)

Jun. L/Cpl. Richard Foster and Jun. Dmr. Ken Bland (3rd Bn.)

We hope to see them here again at the Regimental Week-end this year. Congratulations to Noel Whelan and Brian Lawrence on their

promotion to Junior Lance Corporal. Brian Lawrence attended an External Leadership Course at Oswestry in November and passed with very good results. Well done! At present Jun. Dmr. Fred Reeve is enjoying a two weeks' break in Germany on a ski-ing course. As he is our bass drummer we are keeping our fingers crossed that he returns whole in heart and limb.

We welcome to the department Cpl. John Parsons (3rd Bn.) for his second tour of duty with the Junior Soldiers Wing, and hope he will enjoy his stay with us. However, we can safely predict that as an old hand at this game it will be rather difficult to deceive him. Juniors, beware!

Trial by Jury

The activities of the Junior Band have been many and varied but without doubt, the highlight of last term (winter 1968) was the production of Gilbert and Sullivan's 'Trial by Jury'.

The first reaction of the Juniors (and Staff) when told they would be participating in the forthcoming production was disbelief. The initial shock was followed by a tendency to run screaming up the nearest wall. Musicians they had hoped to be; actors and singers, never.

The SEO, Major Perkins (Producer), and the Regimental Bandmaster (Musical Director) were set the unenviable task of assembling a cast. Outside help was enlisted for the female roles—wives of the staff and two civilians offered to take part and played their parts magnificently. Male casting was no problem but

getting them to sing was! This was the greatest difficulty to overcome, and not only with the Juniors. Few of the Staff and ladies had any choral experience and so it was a question of starting from scratch. Thursday after Thursday the cast got together and things began to improve. Sullivan became less restless in his grave and the bandmaster somehow retained his sanity.

Major Perkins not only had to produce the show, but took a leading role as well—and a good job too! Other lead parts were: Sgt. and Mrs. Christie as the Usher and Plaintiff respectively, Jun. Bds. Cleaver as Counsel, and the Rev. A. C. E. Widdicombe as the Judge. The remainder of the cast, too numerous to mention here contributed to the complete success of a show which caused favourable comment in the local Press.

The Band played Christmas Carols outside the Abbeygate in aid of the Fund for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind children and also at the Carol Service held in Camp. They also gave a short concert as their contribution to the Christmas Show. The programme, technically difficult for a young band, received generous applause from an audience somewhat surprised by the mature rendering.

Five of the Junior Band graduated at the end of the winter term and are now inflicting themselves of their respective adult Bands. We understand that Clive Easter, Keith Burkitt, Randolph Hudson, Peter Meekings and John Messenger are doing well, are enjoying themselves and have not yet been responsible for any major collapse in any Band performance. Well done! Clive Easter deserves special mention as he went in at the 'sharp end'—going straight to the 1st Cornet stand with the 1st Battalion. We have pleasant recollections of these ex-juniors (especially as three of them collected Senior Music Certificates before leaving!) and will always be pleased to hear from, or about them.

Nothing like blowing one's own trumpet! We'd like to say, having already mentioned Senior Music Certificates, that this establishment has been consistently having as good, if not better, results than any other in the Army.

Finally, it's a sad farewell to Jun. L/Cpl. Tatlock at the end of the spring term. 'Tatty' is off to the 2nd Battalion Band where he will, we are sure, do well. No more will we get from him on the eve of a big Manchester United home match, 'Me grandmother's sick in bed—can I have a 48 hr. pass?' . . .

Survival in Winter

by Lt. S. R. H. Underwood

In February this year I attended a winter survival course run by the Scottish Council of Physical Recreation at Glenmore Lodge near Aviemore in Inverness-shire.

The course lasted ten days, and the syllabus included basic snow and ice craft and climbing; mountain and crevasse rescue; avalanche probing; snowholing and emergency bivouacs.

For the first two days the weather was fine, and the daylight working hours were spent in the snow above the ski slopes learning about and building snowholes. This was done both under 'ideal' conditions using snow shovels and snow saws, and also under 'emergency' conditions using just an ice axe and given only thirty minutes digging time. Also, in the first two days, there was a certain amount of instruction on snow profiles to determine avalanche risk, and also on avalanche probing to recover people and kit caught in avalanches.

There were also evening lectures on exposure, bivouacs, and search and rescue techniques. This led up to the third day during which there was a search and rescue exercise which culminated in bringing back 'casualties' on improvised stretchers.

Unfortunately at this stage the weather took a turn for the worse, and there was a very high wind and a heavy snowfall overnight.

The next morning the weather was still bad, and unfortunately, whilst moving across the north wall of Coire Cas two parties from the course were hit by a slab avalanche. Luckily most of the people involved escaped without injury, but six had to be taken to hospital, three of them with serious injuries. This was the first accident of this sort that there had ever been at Glenmore Lodge, and there is no doubt that it made a deep impression on the staff, and seriously affected the subsequent running of the course.

Of the remaining days of the course, one was spent ice climbing on a frozen waterfall, and another was spent learning snow craft. This covered such aspects as kicking steps up and down, ice axe braking, and snow belaying.

There was one day off, during which the majority of people went skiing, and a day when a number of optional activities were listed, and again most people went skiing.

The final exercise which was to be a two and a half day snowholing, navigation and search and rescue exercise. Unfortunately, however, a number of instructors caught 'flu which severely curtailed the exercise. It became purely a question of spending two nights in snowholes under very bad weather conditions.

Each evening that was spent at Glenmore Lodge there were lectures covering subjects such as ice climbing; the history of the mountain rescue organisation; weather conditions and forecasting; and climbing equipment and clothing. Also there were two very good films and lectures, one about avalanches, and the other about an expedition which had done a first ascent in Peru.

In some respects the course fell short of expectations, but this was largely due to the very bad weather which made outdoor instruction very difficult; to the avalanche accident; and to the bout of influenza.

However I learned a lot from the course, especially as I had never done any snow or ice work before. I found it interesting, and most of the work was enjoyable, but I felt at the end that more work could have been done, and that more effort could have been made to overcome the setback caused by the avalanche.

Follow Up

by

C.S.M. W. THOMPSON

As well as being a follow up to my last article, the term 'Follow Up' is one well known to any one who has had any connection with Army recruiting. Let me explain. Whenever any young hopeful fills up the coupon in the *TV Times* and posts it, he starts off a chain reaction. Depending on the type of post he uses the coupon finally finishes up at a sort of Practical Joke Department in the bowels of the Ministry of Defence. There a little man armed with an AA book, forwards them to the nearest Information Office to the address. They are then handed to the recruiter responsible for that particular area. This is where the fun and games start. 'Follow Ups' fall into three groups. Hoaxes, little boys, and genuine applica-



Grandad's medals.

tions. The Hoax is filled in by someone playing a joke on another person. When the recruiter arrives at the address, he usually finds that the subject is a doddering pensioner, or a gurgling infant. Little boys are natural fillers in, and apply to all three Services for books, etc. On arriving at one such call, the mum concerned turned her head and bawled into the hall, 'Nar see wot yer done, yer little b——, yer've turned the b——y army art'. The genuine applications either finish up as soldiers or they change their minds, and are usually in the minority.

The most used method of tackling a follow up, is to visit after tea, preferably in civilian clothes, and in a civilian car. Providing the car is reasonably clean, not an old banger, and the clothes are in keeping, this gives out an impression of affluence and respectability, even though the car may not be paid for.

There are quite a few hazards in the game, for the unwary recruiter. For instance, the 'Come in for a cup of tea' greeting from mum is not always as inviting as it sounds. Here it is necessary to use one's sense of smell. The smell of wet nappies means babies, and many a recruiter has been left holding the (damp) baby whilst mum puts the kettle on. I have had tea offered in all sorts of receptacles, and on one occasion, received a mug the size of a chamber pot, full to the brim of boiling tea which took an hour to drink, and listened to the full medical history of the whole family. And having spent an hour in the afternoon, alone with mum, the neighbours certainly had the curtains twitching. Make use of the powers of observation. Always look before you sit. You may be sitting on a favourite pet, and



On the piano.

there is nothing more disconcerting than a nip in the fleshy part from a Jack Russell. Also give the house a good casing first. Drawn curtains may mean a death, but are more likely to mean that dad is sleeping off a night shift, and irate fathers never let their sons enlist. Also look for tea-leaves on the back path outside the kitchen door. Some mums empty the pots straight out of the door, so avoid the line of fire.

Look out also for pictures of dad in his war-time battledress, on the piano. This could mean a long night with the full treatment. 'Bob a day' and 'Bully Beef' and 'Short 'air' 'I remember the time in Cairo' (I wonder what *did* happen to that donkey?)

Appearances are deceptive these days. Look carefully before you speak. I once spoke to a sweet young thing in jeans at the back door. 'Hello dear, is your brother in?' Luckily he hadn't got his bicycle chain handy at the time.

It is sometimes necessary to make calls in uniform. The only warnings I offer are these. Firstly hang on to your hat if you don't want greasy finger-marks on the peak. Secondly, don't go in No. 1 Dress. To most people, this is obviously a military dress, but to the average mum, you are either the gas man, or a policeman calling to pick up little Johnny.

There are many other hazards, the skate in the path, the jam tart on the cushion, granddad's medals, brown ale from a tin mug . . . but any trained soldier using all his battle skills can reach his objective and if he can get a word in edgeways, above Ena Sharples on Wednesday night, may finish up with a worthwhile recruit, a damp suit, and his 1771 returned by the Paymaster.

The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (T) Final Dinner

The final dinner of the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (T) prior to disbandment and forming of The Cadre was held in the Regimental Mess, Sobraon Barracks, Lincoln, on 14th March, 1969.

The Honorary Colonel, Colonel F. C. L. Bell presided. Among the guests were Maj. Gen. Sir Christopher Welby-Everard, Brigadier R. H. L. Oulton, Air Commodore E. D. McK. Nelson, Colonels R. P. Baily, G. M. Sanders, A. J. Bennett and Lt.-Col. H. H. Moore (former Commanding Officers), Lt.-Col. B. S. Foster (present Commanding Officer).

The President read the messages of Loyal Greetings he had sent to Her Majesty the Queen, and H.R.H. The Duchess of Gloucester and the gracious messages received in reply.

During the evening the Battalion Second-in-Command, Major D. F. Clarke, made a presentation to Lt.-Col. B. S. Foster on his relinquishing command. Lt.-Col. Foster rendered his thanks and during his speech mentioned that the name of the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment would continue with The Cadre attached to AVR II, and the Colours of the 4th Battalion which were presented in 1909 and since carried by successive TA Battalions would be laid-up in the Lincoln Cathedral probably later this year. He welcomed all the guests and in particular the past COs of the TA Battalion. Major General Sir Christopher Welby-Everard responded on behalf of the guests.

On Saturday evening the 15th March, 1969, a final Regimental Cocktail Party was held which was attended by the Lincoln Civic Party together with Brigadier P. W. P. Green, Deputy Colonel, Royal Anglian Regiment, Major General R. Gordon Finlayson, GOC East Midland District and guests from throughout the county.

Pompadours

Progress

We have progressed to Aldershot, where we are now ensconced in those glass and concrete pre-cast palaces which are the MPBW's contribution to 'Modern Britain' (they're quite comfortable really!). We have had a slightly less mobile life, but some highspots included.

An exercise in Germany, where a composite company, commanded by Maj. Gill, struck a blow for Anglo-German friendship by capturing a truck-load of German army rations. A peremptory order from Brigade to return them arrived as the last of the black bread and sausage was going down appreciative Anglian gullets!

Spearhead—we didn't go, but by Jingo we were ready!

Exercise 'Autumn Grouse', a test of endurance for companies, in Otterburn, described in dramatic form elsewhere in this issue.

Riot control—the usual children's Christmas parties!

Exercise 'Bold Adventure', a journey to Denmark and Germany with a suitable admixture of Carlsberg and panzers (it was very much an armoured exercise).

Well above the 'highspot' level was our Trooping of The Colour parade in October. Although we were sadly disappointed by the absence of Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret, who was to have honoured us by her presence, but became indisposed on the morning of the parade, we, nevertheless, made a very good day of it.

We had the honour, and pleasure, of parading for the Colonel of the Regiment, General Goodwin, in the presence of a very large number of past and present members of the Regiment, families and friends.

After lunch, many of our guests visited a series of tableaux of the history of the 3rd East Anglian Regiment and the 3rd Bn. Royal Anglian Regiment, spanning Malaya, Ireland, Berlin, Aden and our present role—all in ten short years. We also showed them the wide contrast between equipment when the Regiment was first formed in 1958 and the present day. Almost everything had changed.

We felt it was a good day. Our guests were kind enough to assure us it was a good day, and, with a gracious message from Her Royal

Highness, to soften the blow of her absence, we ended it with a sense of achievement.

The news of our progress to Cyprus next October, for six months has really given us something to look forward to.



Cpl. Adey, Pte. Thompson and Sgt. Turner turn in

IN ICELAND

by Major Alan Simpson in Keflavik, Iceland

Leaving behind them the lush greenness of an English spring, soldiers of the 3rd Battalion are battling here in Iceland with snow, ice and biting winds on a rigorous patrolling and survival exercise.

The battalion base camp is in a valley, at the end of a glacier, close to a roaring, rushing waterfall.

Though the sun has been shining warmly in daylight hours—from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m.—it is bitterly cold at night. We wear two of every-

thing—socks, vests, long Johns and pullovers—and take off only our trousers and boots at night before slipping into our sleeping bags.

We wash, quickly, in a fast-flowing, icy-cold mountain stream. The tented cookhouse provides a remarkably varied menu in difficult circumstances. Eggs, sausages, beans and potatoes are popular; rice pudding and tinned pineapple are the main sweet. The food was brought out; our bread comes from the United States, via the U.S. Naval Base at Keflavik, where our Hercules aircraft landed last week.



The Rutland brothers.

After only one day of rehearsals, Delta and Alpha Companies have set off on their hard trek. Each man carried about 70 lb on his back, including his bivouac tent, groundsheet, climbing ropes, rations for six days, and everything he needed to ensure survival. Plus rifle and ammunition!

At our base camp at Burfell, 130 miles from Keflavik, the nights are very cold, with below-freezing temperatures. But where these men have gone the nights are even colder. They are sleeping amid the snow and ice. Their stamina and resource are being fully tested.

Delta Company had sunshine for their first day, and made good progress. Alpha Company, starting a day later, ran into snow, hail and mountain mists. Where they are is grim, barren, desolate, uninhabited country—majestic in sunlight but frighteningly forbidding when it snows, sleet and freezes.

We have, at base camp, two helicopters of the Army Aviation Squadron of 16 Parachute Brigade. When the weather is reasonable they fly over the area, maintaining contact with the plodding, heavily-laden, soldiers.

One member of Delta Company was taken ill during the second day out. He wanted to 'bash on', but a radio call was sent for help. He was quickly flown back to base camp, the medical officer, Captain Philip Melling, who trained at Durham University, diagnosed appendicitis, the patient was flown out by helicopter to the hospital at the U.S. Naval Base here, and he was operated on, successfully, within three hours of the radio call. Speedy help like this gives the men confidence.

Their difficulties are many. There are big magnetic variations. The big thaw can start at any time. The fast, turbulent rivers rise rapidly. River crossings are dangerous.

I have flown out by helicopter and chatted with the men on their long march—and they will have covered 100 miles during their six days in the wilds. Their stamina and keen sense of humour are remarkable. They are a happy, friendly lot, with a real sense of team spirit.

The battalion Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel John Dymoke, from Horncastle, Lincolnshire, told me that there is no doubt that they were going to get immense value out of the exercise. 'You cannot get this sort of thing in any part of the world,' he said, 'and Iceland is absolutely ideal for it.'

'After all, this battalion could quite easily operate on the fringe of NATO. When we return to England we will have done something really worthwhile and something which, I know, my men will remember for a very long time.'

He reminded me that before coming to Iceland the battalion had held exercises in Kenya, France and Germany. Only a month ago they were in Denmark. And, of course, two years' ago they were in Aden. Men of experience.

When this exercise is completed, the battalion will return to Keflavik, where they will link up with their Regimental Band and Corps of Drums for a programme which includes various concerts, Beating of Retreat (at Reykjavik,



(L. to R.):
Pte. Smith,
Pte. Hopson,
Pte. Green.

Arrival by chopper.

Iceland's capital), and a battalion parade before Rear Admiral M. A. Hadden, United States Navy. There is also a football match between the battalion and an Icelandic team. And there will be a little time for sightseeing.

I planned to return to the U.S. Naval Base here by helicopter, but the clouds rolled in, and I made the 130-mile journey, mainly over bumpy, pot-holed roads, in a three-ton truck with Captain Charles Bates, of Beccles, near

Lowestoft. Our driver was Private John Russell, of Teigh, Oakham, Rutland—one of three brothers out here. Going up a mountain pass we were hit by a blinding snowstorm. For a time visibility was only a few yards. I thought of these young men, from the English shires, men of courage, stamina and humour, plodding across the snowy, icy ridges, and felt a little guilty that I was returning to central heating, hot showers and United States hospitality.

Resting on
the fringe
of
NATO.



TWO EXERCISES IN SCOTLAND

HIGHLAND FLING

Exercise 'Highland Fling' was the name given to the 3rd Battalion fortnight's ski-ing in Scotland.

After many last minute name changes, the first group of eighteen men left Aldershot on 17th January for Glencoe and the 16 Parachute Brigade Hut. They arrived on the morning of the 18th, to be met by Lt. Rawlins and his small advance party, and most important of all by snow.

After a quick breakfast and fitting of skis, the party was soon on its way to the ski slopes fifteen miles East of Glencoe through the famous Glencoe Pass. With expert instruction from Lt. Rawlins and Cpl. Pateman, everyone was soon standing more than sitting or lying. The first group had about five hours a day good ski-ing for six days before returning to Aldershot.

The second group was unfortunate to arrive in a thunderstorm when all the snow had gone. Walks within the local area were organised, but these were limited, on local advice, to low ground. However, a good few miles were covered including, on one clear day, the scramble up the Pap of Glencoe which afforded a wonderful view of the lochs and hills in the area. The rain persisted for most of the second week, and the second group returned rather disappointed to Aldershot—but pleased at the thought of having missed a week's Bull prior to the Admin.

Night life was quiet in Glencoe, but it was soon discovered that Fort William had plenty to offer in the way of company, and a steady stream of soldiers could be seen making their way there nightly. Pte. Gourley walked twenty-five miles back round the loch one night, not realising the ferry would have cut fifteen miles off his journey.

AUTUMN GROUSE

(A Nightmare in One Act)

'Mobile Penetration is an excellent training medium to practise initiative and self reliance in all ranks.'

Scene. A blasted heath on the Scottish Marches. Enter a shattered officer.

'Your mission is to capture General Dum-Dum and bring him out alive to Northumbria.' Oh God, I seem to be the only one who has made it. I wonder where all the others are? There's the farm all right; seem to be several guards about. How on earth am I going to get in there alone? Better dump this damn pack and have a look round.

Who's that moving around over there? Praise be, it's Jerry with some of his platoon. So I'm not the sole survivor after all.

(Enter left Forestry Commission lorry with two workers aboard.)

'Excuse me, do you think we could borrow your lorry for a few minutes; we want to snatch a general from that farm over there? You don't mind? Well, here's how we'll do it. . . .

'Cross your fingers. Hope they don't look in the back of the truck. We're past the gate sentry now . . . Ready? . . . We're stopping outside the door. Right, out quick! There's the sentry—get him. The others are shooting everything in sight. In through the door with a rush. Two men round a table. Chaos. Grab him! Come on. Out into the daylight. Here comes the chopper bang on time; will he see us? Yes, he's landing now. Come on you bastard; I've come a long way for you. Everyone firing rapid. Can't get the door open; come on, come on! In you go. Take off quick. There she goes. We've done it. Now for the get away. Can't run any more; flop down in the heather. Here come the others. What's that you say? We snatched the wrong chap? Oh no, not after all that. Nothing for it, we'll have to go back again. Now listen carefully, here's how we'll do it. . . .

PEAK, ROCK, POT AND PLOUGH



How did
he keep
his camera
dry?

'Go away,' the CO said. With alacrity 'B' Company obeyed, as the opportunity to escape comes rarely in these crowded times. Thanks to the local knowledge of the Company 2IC, instant adventure training in Derbyshire was laid on. You can imagine the delight with which the news was received by the Company that in late November we would go fell walking, pot-holing and rock climbing, particularly after the dangers of exposure, frost bite and the like were explained! There need have been no worry, for it was quite mild for the area and the time of the year; and, had it not been constantly misty or pouring with rain, it would have been quite pleasant. Before setting off from Tidworth, in a rare flash of insight for so early in the morning, Maj. Randall hit on 'Ex Misty Morn' to put on the work ticket!

The Advance Party over the week-end had a taste of how cold it can be up on the Pennine Way while they recce'd the pothole and the climb, meantime being fed on sausage, egg and chips, egg, sausage and chips, and the other four variations.

We set up camp at Hathersage, on the banks

of the River Derwent whose roar in spate lulled us to sleep. The comfort of the adjacent Plough Inn helped too.

For most it was the first taste of both pot-holing and climbing. The hole at Egam was not difficult but as the water rose throughout the week, 6 Platoon at the end barely had their noses out of the water in the last passage. The initial squeeze at the bottom of the shaft, involving almost standing on your head to get in, caused some consternation and several swore they would keep off the beer in future—at least until they got back to the Plough that night. The Company Commander's biggest problem was keeping his camera dry while still being able to use it. The picture of some of 7 Platoon in the first cavern shows he succeeded at least that far. So that maximum cultural benefit was gained by all, things of interest were pointed out, and the word was passed down the line e.g. 'look at that stalactite?' 'Don't know, but the Major says you have got to look at it!'

The climbing on Stanage Edge was enjoyed once confidence had been established in the rope and in the chap holding the other end. Lt

Thomas's expert instruction enabled some very improbable lumps of rock to be climbed, which were officially graded as 'Very Severe', but more often described as '— impossible'. It took some time to realise that the handholds we were told to reach for were nothing more than faint indentations requiring the use of 'friction and balance'—not to mention faith.

Fell walking in thick mist brought home to many the value of a compass, particularly to those who did not arrive in the Edale Valley but in the next one up. It's also now well known that bogs can exist on tops of hills too.

There has not been an overwhelming rush to join a potholing club, but most will concede to having enjoyed the experience in retrospect. After the rock climbing, many were all set for the North face of The Eiger. The Company Commander insists walking the Pennine Way was good training.

In Denmark and Germany

Everyone had been briefed on the aspects of the exercise. Winter kit had been issued, and drivers warned of the perils of driving on the right hand side of the road. Once again we were off for an overseas exercise. This time it was with NATO Forces in North Germany. We were under 24 Brigade, commanded by Brig. Peter Leng, our late Commanding Officer of the 3rd Battalion.

Denmark:
'Going
into the
Line'.





Cpl. Phare, Dmr. Chambers and Dmr. Brome (l)
'Bird Watching'.

A couple of days were spent staging in Denmark. With a light scattering of snow over the flat countryside and bitter temperatures, it seemed a clinically clean and therefore severe place when we arrived. But how wrong a first impression! It was full of English speakers, cheerful expansive people who were genuinely pleased to see us. A land of flag poles, English cars, open sandwiches and sparkling beer. Just the place for a good holiday. But not for us, and all too soon we were flown across the German border to the Kiel area. The idea of the exercise was to meet German amphibious and airborne landings on the coast, to fall back, and then to advance again. Most of the time seemed to be spent roaring one way and then another across the North German Plains, with interludes of riding into attack on snow camouflaged German tanks, establishing defensive positions along rivers, and relieving a Danish battalion in the line. At night, there would be a couple of hours brief sleep in vast German barns, and then we were away again.

Keeping warm was one of the main preoccupations, but we fared better than most, with only two hospital cases from the cold. It was one of those exercises that everyone came to watch. During one company encounter on a bridge, it was reliably estimated that there were more people—generals and aides that is—standing around than the number of enemy that finally attacked.

The exercise was adjudged a success, especially the co-operation between units of three different armies. And so back home, another country painted on the suit case, and a bottle of brandy plus two hundred cigarettes inside. More stories to exchange in later months: 'do you remember that time old Jack's boots got frozen? . . . Mind you, those Danish birds were more than fair . . . I tell you, I've never been so cold . . . You wait till Iceland.'

But Iceland is where we are going next, and we shall tell you about that later.

Paddling

Lt. Dixon, Cpls. Watkins and Bakewell and Ptes Russel, Houchin and Webb (they had to take him as he was the only one who knew about recce boats and engines) went adventuring in France last October. They meant to canoe from Troyes (near the source of the Seine) to Rouen. In fact they stopped in Paris claiming bad weather.

However, the party did paddle about two hundred and fifty kilometres, meeting many friendly French on the way, and putting in twelve days of hard but enjoyable work, including frequent portage in the early stages, where locks had fallen out of use. On one day this amounted to five hours of carrying in half hour spells.

In Paris they camped in the Bois de Boulogne and toured all the places of interest. Despite high hopes, they did not find Madame de Pompadour at Versailles!

In all, it was fun. There were odd moments of danger—mad charges at uncharted weirs; and shopping, done by each in turn, was an adventure in itself. Next time, however, they will go in the summer.



Mrs. Evelyn Springett, under manager of the Odeon, Chelmsford, hands pints of beer to L/Cpls. Wells and Howlett, winners of the Inter-Cities Odeon to Odeon Race.

5th (Volunteer) Battalion

Since the last issue of CASTLE we have grown considerably and are now recruited up to establishment of 670. We have opened up new drill halls at Corby, Loughborough and Gainsborough, and Ipswich has now at last been made official. A new company, our 5th Company, under the command of Major Brian Keatley, has also been formed; more about this later.

The old Territorial Battalions although disbanded, are still going to live on in the form of Cadres, consisting of three officers and five. These Cadres, who will be administered and trained by us, are as follows:

The Cadre The Royal Norfolk Regiment.

The Cadre, The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment.

The Cadre The Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Regiment.

The Cadre The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment.

The Cadre The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

The Cadre The Essex Regiment.

The Cadre The Northamptonshire Regiment.

We congratulate the members of the Battalion who have received honours and awards (See Page 18).

Our Padre, The Reverend Ken Belben, has been appointed a Member of The Order of St.

John of Jerusalem.

Although the weather has been against us, company training has been at full pitch throughout the winter months and attendance at drill nights and week-ends has been high with some seventy to ninety men attending each company parade. In addition to normal company training, there have been various Battalion centralised week-ends. A very successful support weapons concentration/competition was held on Salisbury Plain under the most appalling weather conditions. The standard was high and the contest keen. 1st Company from Lowestoft won the 81 mm. mortar and 2nd Company from Lincoln won the anti-tank competition.

We gained a great deal of free recruiting publicity when we helped to promote a film called 'Play Dirty'. 3rd Company at Chelmsford and HQ Company at Peterborough each produced a team of eight men divided into pairs. Each team was started from their local Odeon cinema with the object of getting to the opposing Odeon in the fastest time. The first pair in would win for the whole team. The winning pair from HQ Company, Lance Corporal Barry Howlett and Lance Corporal Michael Wells, arrived at the Chelmsford Odeon in just under three hours, quite an achievement for seventy-six miles hitch hiking.

**5th (Volunteer)
Band and
Drums lead
the Guard of
Honour through
the streets of
Peterborough.**



The highlight of this report was the Freedom of Peterborough on 22nd March. With all the pageantry and ceremonial, the Freedom of Peterborough, originally bestowed upon the 5th Battalion The Northamptonshire Regiment (TA) sixteen years ago, was transferred to the Royal Anglian Regiment. The honour of

providing the guard to receive this distinction fell to this Battalion. The guard, commanded by Major John Hunter, was made up of men from each of our companies. The Colonel of the Regiment received the Scroll from the Mayor and then handed it over to this Battalion for safe-keeping. Afterwards we were entertained by the Mayor and Corporation in the Town Hall. In the evening the Officers' Mess held a reception.



Major J. R. Hunter escorts The Mayor during the Inspection.



Freedom Scroll being 'trooped'. Sgt. Hargrave, WO.II Kavanagh, Sgt. Fordham.

With winter almost over we are now busily making preparations for the climax of our training, our Annual Camp. 2nd and 4th Companies will be training in Germany; the remainder of us at our old stamping ground, Stanford PTA.

No sooner will camp be over than we will once more be parading to receive a Freedom for the Regiment. This will be on 9th June at Hertford in the presence of our Colonel in Chief, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother.

Now let's see what the companies have to say.



Band Sergeant Major J. M. Gordon receives the British Empire Medal from The Mayor of Peterborough at the Freedom Ceremony on 22nd March.

No. 1 Company

Since the last edition of *Britannia* and *CASTLE* No. 1 Coy. has enjoyed a continued increase in strength, both at Lowestoft and Ipswich, and several rewarding week-ends have taken place in and around the area.

August saw Exercise 'Ripplewake', a water-borne/radio exercise in the Norfolk Broads area. An assortment of craft manned by a motley crew navigated from Oulton Broad to Reedham Ferry, bivied overnight and returned the following day. This was the last exercise Lt. John Rodwell attended before leaving to join the Grenadier Guards. It will certainly be one that he remembers—to imprint on his memory the sadness of the occasion, he was thrown fully clothed into the River Waveney, much to the amusement of passing holiday-makers. We wish him the best of luck in his new career.

September was notable for everyone receiving their full complement of 'jabs' which resulted in a sharp decrease in beer sales in Lowestoft that week-end owing to 'seized up' right arms.

The week-end 26th/27th October was devoted to an Escape and Evasion exercise in the Blythburgh area. This was an all night cross country jaunt of approximately fifteen miles. Certain teams kept the search force fully occupied by being captured two or three times (As it was rather a cold night this may have been by design—we'll never know!)

November of course saw the annual armistice day parade, when the Company supplied two contingents—one at Ipswich and the other at Lowestoft. After the parade, all past and present members of the Company were invited to a buffet lunch at Lowestoft drill hall. This was very well attended—and it was delightful to see some old familiar faces. This reunion prompted the Company Commander, Major Hammersley, to put the wheels in motion for the forming of a permanent social club open to all ex-members of the Company, which is now operative.

On 7th/8th December, on what must have been one of the coldest nights since temperatures were recorded (or so it seemed to those involved), the Company held a Platoon in defence exercise on the S.P.T.A. Enemy was supplied by the Norfolk A.C.F. and an interesting and enlightening night was experienced which resulted in a complete victory yet again for No. 1 Company.



Pte. Prime, Major Tomkins, The Mayor of Chelmsford and Carl Gustav.

January brought the Bn. Sp. Wpns. competitions and No. 1 was again 'on the ball', winning the 81 mm. competition and coming second in the A/Tank competition.

All members of the Company would like to congratulate both teams, headed respectively by Sgt. Jeffries and Sgt. Giarrod, on a splendid effort.

The Company dinner was held in February at the White Hart, Wickham Market, and was attended by 120 people, who had to battle through a very bad snow storm to get there. It was during the course of the evening that a presentation was made to C/Sgt. Whales, one of our PSIs, who is leaving the Regular Army. This presentation took the form of a canteen of cutlery and with it went the best wishes of everyone for a successful future. To replace C/Sgt. Whales we welcome C/Sgt. Thompson and hope he enjoys the next two years with us.

We will be losing our senior PSI very shortly, WO.II Grant. He also is retiring from the Army. We would like to thank him for his service over the past two years and wish him and Mrs. Grant every success in the future.

Our new senior PSI will be WO.II Peacock from the 2nd Battalion, and we extend to him a warm welcome.

No. 2 Company

The Company strength continues to increase and we have now taken over the Drill Hall at Gainsborough from the Royal Lincolns (T).

In January our Support Platoon Anti Tank Det. proved their hard work during training by winning the Battalion competition at Tidworth.

The football team won the semi-final of the East Midland District Football competition against the South Notts. Hussars at Bestwood Lodge and our hopes are high for the final against the Northamptons which will be played on Easter Monday at Peterborough.

Preliminary work is now being carried out in preparation for our camp in Germany later this year. Credit must be given to the medical staff for their regular appearances to administer the necessary 'jabs'.

No. 3 Company

The Company has been recruiting hard. After our excellent camp in BAOR the Company was handed over by Major D. C. Purves, MBE, TD, to Major R. C. Tomkins.

In December the Company held a Recruiting Day when an exhibition was put on in the Drill Hall and various other related activities took place. The Mayor of Chelmsford, the Chairman of the County Association and our MP, Mr. Norman St. John Stevas all visited the display and during the day about 400 members of the public were entertained. As a result of this and through local Press advertising, we recruited twenty young men and we now have a good sized company.

Due to the high percentage of recruits in our ranks, we have concentrated on simple section and platoon tactics on our training week-ends, the most notable of which was carried out during a blizzard in February.

We are now building up towards camp in May with 1 and 5 Companies at Stanford P.T.A. Although not as far from home as last year.



Cpl. Cullum, Ptes Brighton and Anstee 'At Home' with a Mortar pit.

Stanford is an excellent training area and will suit our standard of training very well indeed.

On the social side we have held two very successful dances during the last six months and are in the throes of organising a pre-camp party (any excuse for a party!)

No. 4 Company

The Company has over the last six months carried out a successful recruiting campaign, resulting in 25 new recruits being posted into the platoons, which now brings the company strength well over establishment.

Our two S.L.R. Classification week-ends, both held at Beckingham in February and March, were subjected to severe weather conditions, but surprisingly enough the results of both week-ends were excellent.

The main social event of the year was the O.R.'s Ball on the 14th December, which was strongly supported and greatly enjoyed by all.

Fifteen immaculately turned out men from the Company formed part of the Guard of Honour for the Freedom of the City March through Peterborough on 22nd March.

We welcome into the Company Captain Lowe from AVR III who is now our Support Platoon Commander and C/Sgt. Taylor from the 1st Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment as PSI. Shortly WO.II Murray will be leaving us to return to the 4th Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment.

Annual Camp this year is at Haltern BAOR from 19th April to 3rd May; this being the first time we have been abroad as a company, it should provide some interesting reading for a future edition!



Pte. Hernaman 'At Home' with the G.P.M.G.



Arctic conditions at Fingringhoe

No. 5 Company

Like the Phoenix, our new Company has risen out of the disbandment of the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T). We are located in the TAVR Centre in St. Andrews Street under the command of Major R. B. Keatley, TD and No 1 Platoon is in the Abeyfield Road TAVR Centre at Hemel Hempstead under Lieutenant P.N. King.

From the chaos which ensued with the transfer of soldiers from Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T) to the 5 (V) R. Anglian, the issue of kit and minor problems such as tracing up soldiers who had moved and not informed us, the PSI has emerged comparatively sane! This is in a great measure, due to the help which this Company has received from Bn. HQ and CSM Bill Phillips from No. 3 Company. We are most grateful to them.

It now looks as if we shall be almost up to strength by the time we go to camp in May.

We thoroughly enjoyed our visit to Peterborough on the 22nd March for the Freedom of Peterborough ceremony and thought that our small detachment well justified our confidence in them.

Our Re-badging Parade took place at Hertford on 30th March, when the Commanding Officer welcomed the Hertford Company to the 5th Volunteer Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment. The men will parade with No. 3 Company collar badge and Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment black and amber lanyards.

With annual camp and a visit from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother in June, this Company looks like being busy.

ARMY CADETS

ESSEX

ESSEX ARMY CADET FORCE

The Essex Cadets have as always been well to the fore in the field of sport.

After their victory in the Eastern Region Swimming Championships, Essex 62, Surrey 59, Hertfordshire 46, several cadets travelled to Scotland for the National Championships in November. Although Essex had no outright winners, several managed to get a place in the first three. Cadet Mullis of Brentwood did extremely well, and with such a young entry Essex have high hopes for the future.

In the very successful County Boxing Championships at Colchester, Cadet F. Gaspard won the Smith Cup for the best boxer. Lack of success in some cases was amply compensated for by enthusiasm and keenness to 'have a go'.

Despite a raw cold day and very heavy going some 60 cadets turned out at the Inter-Unit Cross Country Meeting at Chelmsford in March. The county inter-unit trophy went to 3rd Regiment. Individual winners were Cadet Loveridge, 6th Regiment (Senior) and Cadet Mullis 3rd Regiment (Junior).

After a fine victory over Kent Cadets, Essex lost to Somerset (holders) in the semi-final round of the Rugby Football Championships.

A most co-operative liaison has now been established with the Regimental Depot at Bury St. Edmunds. Detachments from the cadets have recently enjoyed a series of training weekends at the Depot which have been of great value. We hope to do many more—PLEASE.

5th Essex Regiment

A VISIT TO FELIXSTOWE

Time 1400. Date 11th January, 1969. Place Witham. Destination, Brackenbury Barracks, Felixstowe. Two officers, RSM, two SIs and 25 cadets of the 5th Essex Regiment (ACF)

en route for the start of a very successful weekend with No. 1 (Bomb Disposal) Troop RE. Even though the start was marred by our coach breaking down, after a 'Gildi' 'phone call to No. 1 BID RE, two three-tonners arrived to get us out of our static predicament. The two vehicles were clearly marked 'Bomb Disposal' but also equipped with sitting arrangements. This made the boys feel really something, for a ride in a WD vehicle is very rare nowadays.

We had a warm welcome on our arrival at Felixstowe by WO.II Cook (RE) and all ranks were shown to their accommodation which was first class, and a meal which was on a par with our billets.

The troop consisted of five regular soldiers, one WO.II, three Sgts. and one Bombadier, the remainder of the staff were 100 per cent Ukrainians. The whole of the barracks was a credit to all who lived there.

WO.II Cook gave us the introduction to bomb disposal work of today, recovering old training areas for agricultural usage. The Ukrainians being the seekers of unexploded mines, bombs or shells, the Sappers disarming the said objects. We were shown numerous types of HE items they normally have to contend with, plus an insight into how these jobs were tackled. The clearing of our coast line also comes under their supervision. No easy task as you can imagine.

A lecture on booby traps. This really got the boys going (as they settled down in the classroom our instructor had been working overtime) for the small job of closing a door, moving a pair of binoculars, resulted in 'bangs' galore. Good point for instruction—the boys really sat still — who wouldn't when normal movements were greeted by explosions. After the theory, a little practice, with the promise of a two team effort on the Sunday morning, each team to have a separate lecture room, which they could booby-trap, change over rooms, then clear without blowing the charges, promised good fun. Now it was 2200 hours, time for bed, leastwise the boys, who were well behaved. The five adults retired to the bar to sample their liquid explosive.

Next day—Sunday—how to operate a *Mine Detector*—then out with the detectors to a mine-field that the instructors had laid on the previous day. Ten lanes, 50 yards long, five feet apart. A team consisted of one operator, one digger, starting off at 15 yard intervals . . . the weather damp and dull but the spirits of both instructors and students first class. Worked on a competitive basis, the winner—he who found the greatest number of missiles. No comment on who won.

NAAFI break and now the 'booby traps'. This exercise was really enjoyed by all, in fact it was fatal to go anywhere near the boys lecture rooms and toilets. Even to pull a chain could mean a shower-bath; not recommended when fully clothed. The events passed without any mishaps proving that the instructions given were well and truly absorbed by all students. All praise to the Sapper WO and Sgts. who organised this long to be remembered week-end.

As a result of this visit, H.M. Forces have gained two recruits. Our loss being their gain.

Roll on our next visit. If WO.II Cook and staff are reading this, we wish you all the best.

The Rigorous Weekend Training run by Colonel Deller

After postponement due to snow, the week-end was re-convened at very short notice and a team was sent off to Stanford PTA on a Friday evening and not seen again till Sunday tea! From the cadets' comments it was well enjoyed and they have certificates to prove it! We have a waiting list for any more that may be run.

And lastly, we have had a combined training day with No. 3 Company 5th Bn. The Royal Anglian Regiment. A whole Sunday devoted by Major Roger Tomkins, Lts. Nightingale and Dann, Sgt. Majors Philips and Attridge to 12 officers and adults training. Ironical to think how much one can forget in a few years, and then be instructed by officers who one enlisted years ago as raw recruits in the TA! However, age comes to all of us and who cares so long as we pass on to the lads the right information. Very good day, covering drill, map reading, and cane drill. Another day is planned for April for which we are most appreciative.

By the time this issue is being read we shall be training hard to go to camp in Northern Ireland, the details of which we hope to bring you in the next CASTLE.

NORFOLK

One of the effects on the ACF of the recently completed reorganisation of the Reserve Army has been the loss of many long-standing relationships and affiliations.

However, a major compensation has emerged in the greatly increased interest that is now being shown towards the ACF by the Regular Army and the newly constituted TAVR.

Apart from the all important basic help received from the Cadet Training Team in the form of county courses, week-ends and visits to detachments, greatly increased assistance has been received from the Depot, The Royal Anglian Regiment who have run a number of courses and week-ends at Bury St. Edmunds and have visited detachments with weapon demonstrations and films. In addition, 'A' Company, 5th Royal Anglian (Volunteer) Battalion, the Regiment have included the ACF in a number of week-end exercises. All this help is very much appreciated and is likely to pay future dividends in recruiting.

The season of KAPE tours is approaching, which means that the cadets will have an opportunity of seeing something of other arms including gunners and tanks which are otherwise a rarity in Norfolk.

No. 44 Army Youth Team have also been most active in Norfolk. One of their main winter activities has been the running of the 'Viking Challenge 22 Shoot' which is now firmly established as an annual event competed for by the majority of youth organisations and school rifle clubs in the county.

The final shoot took place this year at the Youth Centre, Wensum Lodge, Norwich, on Sunday, 23rd March. Out of a total entry of 96 teams, eight were in the finals of which were three ACF teams from King's Lynn, Downham Market and All Saints Green, Norwich. Downham Market were beaten in the semi-final by the eventual winners, 1st Methwold Scouts, who shot magnificently and have set us a great challenge. The runners up were Thorpe Grammar School, Norwich, whose team included

two girls. There is no question that this annual event has contributed towards the tremendous increase in rifle shooting in Norfolk over recent years.

During the winter this county ACF again came third, this time to Somerset and Hampshire, in the National ACF *News of the World* competition.

A report on the ACF issued by Headquarters, Eastern District, has shown that 25 cadets from this county directly entered the Regular Forces in 1968. This figure does not include those who entered on man's service after leaving the ACF, of whom several are known. The figure is the second highest in the nine counties in the district area. It was also shown that Norfolk was the only county experiencing an appreciable increase in cadet strength which at present stands at just over 650 boys.

On 1st April, 1969, Colonel F. C. Atkinson, DL, hands over as County Commandant to Brigadier J. F. M. Mellor, CBE, who has recently retired from the Regular Army, his last appointment being Director of Boys' and Technical Training (Army) at the Ministry of Defence.



Pte. Godfrey at Oberjoch.

SPORTS REPORT



Sweden ?

Scotland ?

Germany ?

Who knows ?

Who cares ?

1st Battalion

In the world of sport there have been several notable achievements in the last six months. Lt. I. L. Pearce, warming up for the coming season, carried off the Tees-side Winter Golf Alliance Meeting at Catterick Garrison Golf Club with a net score of sixty-six.

L/Cpl. King has been placed first and second in the Yorkshire Services League Races, and after finishing fourth in the Northern Command Championships qualifies to compete in the Army Championships.

The Battalion team finally finished third in the Yorkshire Services League.

L/Cpl. Simpson reached the finals of the Northern Command Individual Boxing Championships; he emerged runner up in the middle-weight class.

During our stay in Sennelager the Battalion won the 6th Infantry Brigade Athletics Meeting. This was a particularly pleasing achievement as the military training programme allowed very limited opportunities for the team to train before the Meeting.

Orienteering is rapidly gaining popularity and in addition to internal meetings the Battalion entered the Northern Command Championships; Lt. Haes ran very well to finish sixth in the individual placings (or did he orient?).

The Battalion Rugby side played very well to reach the semi-finals of the Northern Command Challenge Cup. However, a weakened side lost in extra time after an exciting match.

Lt. S. J. R. Steward, Lt. W. F. A. Heal and Lt. M. J. D. Walker have all represented 6th Infantry Brigade and Northern Command on the Rugby field. Lt. Steward was very unlucky to break a leg in the game against the Royal Irish Rangers.

On the Soccer field the Battalion has produced a very competitive side which has cruised to several convincing victories. The side's best run was in the Army Cup in which it was finally beaten in the Third Round.

BATTALION SKI-ING TEAM 1968/69

For the first time since the Battalion was in Berlin, an attempt was made to compete in the 2nd Division Ski Meeting in Oberzoch, South Germany in January. The Team had two training spells at the Rothiemuchus Hut in Avie-

more, Scotland, one before Christmas, the other after. This was not ideal training for Cross Country, which the team were specialising in, and they went to Oberzoch with no higher hopes than to finish their races and gain maximum experience from the meeting. The Team entered in the 4 x 10 Kilometre Race, the Patrol Race and the 15 Kilometre Race. The Patrol Race is the severest test of stamina and involves a twenty Kilometre ski with rifles and rucksacks, and a shoot before the end of the course. Both our teams finished, the 'A' Team managing to get off the bottom of the list! In the 4 x 10 Kilometre Race the 'B' Team was hampered by one man who shall remain nameless who completed six kilometres on a ski and a half! Lt. Haes and Pte. Godfrey competed in the Novices Downhill and both nearly managed to take the prize, but for last minute spills—a very creditable effort indeed. In the last event, the 15 Kilometre Race, the 'A' Team put in a good performance, proving that experience and practice were beginning to help. We hope to go to the meeting next year with more practice and experience to improve our performance.

In the last few weeks deep snow has kept all but the enthusiast indoors but there is a sense of pent up enthusiasm waiting to be released when spring finally arrives in Catterick.



Lieutenant Haes leads his team at the start of the Patrol Race.

TIGERS

Best Ever Soccer

The record of the 4th Battalion Soccer side for the season 1968-69 has been the best in the history of either original Tigers or present-day Tigers. The highlights of the season were the defeat of 2 PARA twice, in the Infantry Cup and the Southern Command Cup, the strong SEME Bordon side 4 - 0 in the Army Cup and the defeat of RCT Training Centre, Crookham 8 - 0 in the Southern Command Cup; this was only the second time the RCT side had been beaten by a military team this season.

Although we lost to 1st Bn. Royal Highland Fusiliers 3 - 0 in the 3rd round of the Army Cup, we were not shamed, as they went on to win the Army Cup (UK Section). In good hard games we were losing finalists 1 - 0 to the RAPC training centre in the South East District stage of the Southern Command Cup and went down 1 - 0 against 1st Scots Guards in the quarter finals of the Infantry Cup.

The following members of the Battalion have gained representative honours with the British Army side this season, Pte. L. Northrop (Goal) CSMI Robson APTC (Full back), Pte. J. Sorenson (Wing half), Cpl. J. Farnham has also played for an English FA XI versus a Cambridge University side.

Team record so far this season:

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.
23	18	2	3	108	25

Leading scorers were Cpl. Hargreaves (20), Sgt. Hinson (12), Cpl. Farnham (12), L/Cpl. Dent (12), Pte. Jephcote (10).

BATTALION HOCKEY

Team record to 30th March:

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.
18	14	4	0	53	16

After the hard fast pitches of Malta the 1st XI has been very successful in adjusting to grass pitches, and more recently to muddy pitches. The team has enjoyed its best season for many years. The opposition has been stiffer than anything we encountered in Malta but to date,

after eighteen games we still have an unbeaten record. This includes the Army Cup Competition in which we still have an interest. We have had some very hard fought tussles with Depot Rgt. RE, SEME Bordon and 12th RSME on our way to winning the South East District Major Units Competition played at Aldershot. The weather has been so bad recently that we are still waiting to play the Southern Command final. This match is also the semi-final of the Army Cup (UK) so in effect we are three games from being Army Champions.

The team has now been together for three years, almost unchanged. Our defence has been solid and reliable with Lt. D. W. James outstanding. The forwards have proved fast and robust but slightly lacking in finish, with the exception of Captain Davenport who is the leading goal-scorer.

Leading goal-scorers: Capt. B. M. H. Davenport (17), Lt. A. C. Taylor (10), L/Cpl. Holman (6), Pte. Beerman (5).

Capt. Davenport, Lt. James and L/Cpl. Holman have represented the Infantry this season.

2nd XI

The 2nd XI have had little opportunity to show their true worth. There are a number of young players who will benefit from this years practice and who will be a great asset in the future.

CROSS COUNTRY

There were great hopes for the first season in England, following three successful years in Malta. Although most of the teams stalwarts remained, competing amidst the muddy rolling farmland of Kent took some getting used to compared with the flat, fast road running of the Middle East.

The Battalion Inter Company Championships took place on 18th December. 'B' Company were again confident of victory over the gruelling 5½ mile, four hill course. They were allegedly 'robbed' for the second year running when Support Company ended 'A' Company's four year reign by winning a fine team race by 115 pts. to 'B' Company's 124. Pte. Peacock (SP) was the first home and narrowly failed to break the course record in the muddy conditions. He was followed by Pte. Kennerley (B) and Cobbin (HQ), Sgts. Rourke (C) and Patrick (A).

The Battalion teams first fixture, against a

local boys school, which it later transpired was trained by a British International runner, was little short of a disaster. However, revenge was almost gained three weeks later when they were held to one point over the Battalion's course. The other fixtures against weaker opposition brought greater success.

For the South East District Championships at Aldershot on 24th January the Battalion could only produce a weak team due to injury, courses and Company training in Stanford. It ran well to return 5th place, with Ptes. Kennerley and Cobbin coming 32nd and 34th respectively.

The season was not as successful as had been hoped. The talent is certainly present, but the team lacked proper race fitness and confidence in their ability to run in English conditions.

RUGBY

The rugby team made a promising start to the season. Training commenced as soon as the Battalion assembled after block leave with sufficient players to form two teams. Ctr/Sgt. Newman was appointed captain of the 1st XV with Sgt. Hughes as vice-captain.

As a pipe-opener two VII's teams were entered in the Stoneygate seven-a-side compe-

tition. The 1st VII did well to get into the quarter final where it was knocked out by Leicester Swifts. The hard tackling and robust play of the team brought considerable favourable comment from the crowd.

After two local games against United Services, Chatham, and Old Bancroftians, thirty players made a four day tour of Leicester playing the County Police, Loughborough College Freshman's XV, Leicester Thursday and Leicester Swifts. The team lost all four games but much was learnt from playing better teams.

Unfortunately due to injuries, courses and training commitments it was necessary to cancel the 2nd XV fixture list which had been built up through much hard work by Capt. Howe. The 1st XV played regularly until Christmas but without notable success. After Christmas, Operation 'Spearhead' enabled us to marshall the team's full strength, and training commenced once again in preparation for our game against the 1st Bn. The Welsh Regt. in the South East District Cup. This game was played in the last week of January in torrential rain. The Welsh team was strong and well drilled and we were pleased to lose by only a penalty goal and a goal, both scored in the last ten minutes. Throughout the latter half of the season regular Wednesday afternoon games have continued with greater success.

POACHERS SPORTSVIEW (continued over)



**Winners:
Eastern District
Championship.**

Back Row (L. to R.):
Dmr. Birkett, Sgt.
Burton, Sgt. Hammerton,
Cpl. Halewood, Pte.
Woods.

Front Row (L. to R.):
Sgt. Hayes, Pte. Mann,
L/Cpl. Gray, Pte.
Fulthorpe, Cpl.
Fulthorpe.

Army Cross Country Finalists

After a successful season in local league races where our 'A' and 'B' teams came 3rd and 2nd in their respective Divisions, the team went on to win the Eastern District Championships with seven of their ten runners in the first twenty. In the 3rd Division meeting at Bulford they ran second to the formidable team from 1 PARA, and third in the Southern Command Championships. The runners thus qualified for the Army Championships, and with two substitutes included at the last moment came sixth. Much of their success was due to Captain Ian Spacie, but most was achieved by the great team work of all runners.

Soccer News

The Poachers have been having a good season although they have failed to get amongst the honours. With only a few matches to be played they have a good chance of retaining the Felix Trophy and should easily win the League. The record reads 16 wins, 3 draws, 6 losses.

Sgt. Blanchard has led the team for most of the season but has now gone to the Junior Infantry Battalion. Pte. Lambe has scored twenty-one goals and L/Cpl. Carter and Pte. Treweek seven each.

Ski-ing

We have been able to combine both Adventure Training and Ski-ing at Aviemore in Scotland. A party from the Recce Platoon went in January but snow was scarce, and the second party in February had too much snow, blizzards and blocked roads, but the ski-ing was far better. Conditions for the Army Championships in March were poor with gale force snow storms raging. However the Battalion team came seventh out of twenty-three team entries and were the second Infantry Battalion in the final order. Cpl. Hardy who has been doing sterling instruction came seventh overall in the individual placings.

Depot

HOCKEY

The only certain result this season is the crop of postponed games from first the floods and now the snow. Not that any other hockey officer will wish to be reminded.

Results, although depressing this season, are not everything (I keep telling myself). The continued practice of playing selected junior soldiers in the adult team is of more worthy note.

Honours for the most tried junior go to Junior L/Cpl. Richard Robinson whose appearances are almost matched by his scars. 2nd R. Anglian should keep an eagle eye out for him in the summer.

Junior Bandsman David Squirrel and Junior Infantryman Matthew Hanover have also had their experiences with the Depot XI. Hanover has now joined 2nd R. Anglian where we wish him successful hockey. We aim to use Squirrel a little more before passing him on to the Band 3rd R. Anglian next season.

At the other end of the scale full marks to Majors Geoffrey Dean and Peter Chapman for their continued dogged support. We are only sorry their partnership in defence has broken up.

BOXING

Last term boxing was started as a hobby under CSM Watson, the boxers became very enthusiastic, and three were entered for the Junior Soldiers Company Championships at Lichfield over the period 19th/21st November, 1968. Jun. Inf. Grigas lost in the semi-final and Jun. L/Cpl. Barnes and Jun. Inf. Tavernier both became champions for 1968 at their weights.

Jun. Inf. Grigas was posted last term to the ranks and joined the 2nd Bn. Both Barnes and Tavernier were then joined by Jun. Inf. Curry and all three were entered for the Army Junior Individual Championships at Oswestry 26th/28th February, 1969. Jun. Inf. Curry was outpointed in the semi-final and Jun. L/Cpl. Barnes was narrowly outpointed in the final and only lost by a dubious split decision. Jun. Inf. Tavernier was returned to his corner in the second round after a hard blow on the temple ... having almost won his fight in the first round. His opponent was saved by the bell!

Jun. L/Cpl. Barnes boxed a gallant fight. Both Barnes and Tavernier have now been selected as possible army team representatives to box the Royal Navy at Dover on the 15th March, 1969.

Congratulations to Jun. L/Cpl. Barnes on becoming the Combined Services Champion at his weight at Dover on the 15th March, 1969.

Well done the boxers and the best of luck in the future at the noble art of fisticuffs!

MARRIAGES

ALLEN-JACOB—On 21st December, 1968, at Leicester, Cpl. R. Allen to Doreen Frances Teresa Jacob.

BAKER-BRIDGES—On 14th September, 1968, at Parish Church, Theburton, L/Cpl. R. Baker to Monica Bridges.

BANTHORPE-PICKARD—On 21st December, 1968, at Tees-side North Registry Office, Pte. D. Banthorpe to Margaret Pickard.

BARDWELL-NIGHTINGALL—On 5th October, 1968, at Lewisham, Cpl. Bardwell to Jacqueline Miriam Nightingall.

BARKER-LUBBOCK—On 11th May, 1968, at Newtown Church, Gt. Yarmouth, Pte. B. Barker to Diane Lubbock.

BARRETT-HALL—On 17th August, 1968, at Bedford, Bdsm. P. Barrett to Gilda May Hall.

BASHAM-UNGLESS—On 18th May, 1968, at Registry Office, BSE, Pte. A. Basham to Beryl Ungless.

BAUSOR-HARVEY—On 9th March, 1968, at Registry Office, BSE, Cpl. D. Bausor to Margaret Harvey.

BECK-DEAL—On 14th September, 1968, at Southwold, Suffolk, Pte. I. Beck to Lyn Cherry Deal.

BRADLEY-WAITE—On 12th October, 1968, at Swindon, Pte. P. Bradley to Christine Margaret Waite.

BROWN-JACKSON—On 27th July, 1968, at Sileby Parish Church, Sileby, Leicestershire, L/Cpl. T. R. Brown to Gillian Lynda Jackson.

BLYTHE-BRADBURY—On 4th October, 1968, at Grimsby, Pte. W. Blythe to Dorothy Margaret Bradbury.

CARD-FARRUGIA—On 30th June, 1968, at Malta, Pte. C. Card to Francesca Seveine Farrugia.

CHAPMAN-HUTTON—On 17th August, 1968, at Birmingham, WO.II R. Chapman to Patricia Constance Hutton.

CHAMBERS-FRANCIS—On 1st February, 1969, at Basingstoke, Hants., 2nd Lt. M. D. Chambers to Christie Mary Francis.

CLARKE-KELLY—On 16th November, 1968, at Richmond, Yorks., Pte. P. Clarke to Lesley Katherine Kelly.

CLARKE-BRUCE—On 22nd March, 1968, at Registry Office, Brent, Pte. L. Clarke to Veronica Bruce.

CLARK-WHEELER—On 6th March, 1969, at Whitchurch, between Brigadier Philip Clark and Miss E. Wheeler.

CLOSE-TANNOCK—On 21st December, 1968, at Registry Office, Hamilton, L/Cpl. D. Close to Maria Tannock.

COLMAN-TUTTLE—On 8th June, 1968, at Elim Church, Lowestoft, Pte. A. Colman to Ruth Tuttle.

COPPEN-WHITFIELD—On 23rd December, 1968, at Harringay Registry Office, L/Cpl. T. Coppen to Pamela Whitfield.

COULSON-BEARMAN—On 1st March, 1969, at March Registry Office, Pte. V. Coulson to Jean Bearman.

COVEY-SMITH—On 24th February, 1968, at Stoke Newington Church, London, E.8, L/Cpl. E. Covey to Frances Smith.

CRANE-DEMATO—On 2nd June, 1968, at Malta, Pte. W. Crane to Connie Demato.

CUFF-LONG—On 6th April, 1968, at Registry Office, Peterborough, Pte. R. Cuff to Gillian Long.

DAVIS-KAKULIESC—On 22nd October, 1968, at Cambridge, Pte. A. Davis to Lorraine Kakuliesc.

DEANS-SALMON—On 2nd July, 1968, at W. Norwood, London, Pte. A. Deans to Linda Salmon.

DUNCAN-UNDERWOOD—On 7th December, 1968, at Registry Office, Gainsborough, Pte. T. Duncan to Julie Underwood.

EGGETT-COWDREY—On 21st December, 1968, at Walsoken, Norfolk, Pte. R. Eggett to Jean Cowdrey.

FENSOME-CHAPMAN—On 30th November, 1968, at Farley Hill, Luton, Pte. P. Fensome to Veronica Elizabeth Chapman.

FISKE-RACKHAM—On 26th October, 1968, at Norwich, Pte. J. Fiske to Mary Teresa Rackham.

FORAN-CULLY—On 21st December, 1968, at Leicester, Cpl. D. Foran to Helen Cully.

FOUNTAIN-POWELL—On 22nd February, 1969, at Kelly Road Baptist Church, Ipswich, Pte. C. Fountain to Sandra Powell.

GALLAGHER-LANCASTER—On 14th September, 1968, at Corby, Northants., Pte. T. Gallagher to Ann Lancaster.

GIBBS-WOODWARD—On 1st February, 1969, at Epping Registry Office, Pte. E. Gibbs to Valerie Evelyn Marion Woodward.

GIBSON-LIGGINS—On 25th January, 1969, at Cannock, Staffs., Pte. H. Gibson to Ann Lillian Liggins.

- GOULD-VIARANI—On 28th December, 1968, at Gt. Baddow, Chelmsford, Pte. E. Gould to Mumtaz Viarani.
- GOULSON-HOLLOWAY—On 2nd November, 1968, at St. Lawrence's Church, Chobham, Surrey, Captain R. F. Goulson to Elizabeth Anne Holloway.
- GROOM-GREEN—On 27th April, 1968, at Richmond, Yorks., L/Cpl. B. Groom to Deborah Leslie Green.
- GUNFIELD-SMITH—On 14th December, 1968, at Little Clacton, Essex, Pte. P. Gunfield to Linda Marilyn Smith.
- HALL-WEST—On 10th March, 1969, at Fakenham Registry Office, L/Cpl. D. Hall to Eileen West.
- HALPENNY-NICHOLSON—On 10th August, 1968, at Registry Office, Newark, Pte. N. Halpenny to Marian Nicholson.
- HARRIS-FIELDS—On 24th August, 1968, at Corby, Northants, Pte. T. Harris to Sonya Dawn Fields.
- HOLDER-BRYCE—On 14th December, 1968, at Brent, Pte. T. Holder to Pearl May Joyce Alicia Bryce.
- HOWELL-WILSON—On 20th December, 1968, at Southend-on-Sea, Essex, L/Cpl. H. Howell to Linda Annette Wilson.
- HOWES-ARTER—On 21st December, 1968, at Newham, London, Pte. J. Howes to Rose Ellen Arter.
- HUBBARD-LANE—On 24th August, 1968, at East Norton, Leics., Pte. E. Hubbard to Georgina Ann Lane.
- JEFFERY-TITLEY—On 25th May, 1968, at St. Mary and All Saints, Northampton, Pte. E. Jeffery to Jean Titley.
- JENKINS-PARHAM—On 21st September, 1968, at Hitchin, Herts., L/Cpl. V. Jenkins to Lesley Janet Parham.
- JOHNSON-HARRIS—On 18th January, 1969, at Exmoor, Cpl. J. Johnson to Pearl Beatrice Harris.
- JONES-STANTON—On 19th November, 1968, at Melton Mowbray, L/Cpl. K. Jones to Patricia Mary Stanton.
- KIRBY-McNULTY—On 19th September, 1968, at Leicester, Cpl. R. Kirby to Suzanne McNulty.
- KIRTON-HADLEY—On 4th September, 1968 at Registry Office, Huntingdon, L/Cpl. J. Kirton to June Hadley.
- LARNER-ATKINS—On 17th August, 1968, at Hemel Hempstead, Pte. J. Lerner to Susan Atkins.
- LATHBURY-DAVIES—On 21st March, 1968, at St. George's Church, BSE, L/Cpl. K. Lathbury to Patricia Davies.
- LAWRENCE-CHUBB—On 5th October, 1968, at Methodist Church, Williston, L/Cpl. M. Lawrence to Ann Chubb.
- LLOYD-LEWIS—On 19th October, 1968, at Maldon, Cpl. E. Lloyd to Andrea Lewis.
- LONERGAN-HALL—On 1st March, 1969, at Richmond, Yorks., Pte. M. Lonergan to Barbara Ann Hall.
- LONG-ROSSITER—On 3rd August, 1968, at Dartford, Kent, L/Cpl. C. Long to Georgina Ann Rossiter.
- LOUGHLIN-HINDLEY—On 21st December, 1968, at Earlham St. Mary, Norwich, Pte. I. Loughlin to Marlene Ruth Hindley.
- LUNN-GENTLE—On 30th November, 1968, at Baldock, Herts., Pte. M. Lunn to Margaret Elizabeth Gentle.
- MARSH-MEYER—On 10th September, 1968, at Lewham, London, L/Cpl. D. Marsh to Marie Ursula Meyer.
- MARTIN-STOKES—On 25th January, 1969, at Gloucester, Pte. R. Martin to Janette Mary Stokes.
- MASON-GODDARD—On 24th August, 1968, at Leicester, Pte. E. Mason to Yvonne Amelia Goddard.
- MASON-FISHER—On 26th October, 1968, at Hinckley, Leics., L/Cpl. J. Mason to Sheila Florence Fisher.
- McCULLOCH-KNIGHT—On 2nd March, 1968, at Registry Office, Dunstable, Pte. I. McCulloch to Marilyn Knight.
- McMILLAN-GODBOLD—On 18th January, 1969, at Lothlingland, Suffolk, Pte. J. McMillan to Doreen Eva Godbold.
- McNAMARA-BROWN—On 20th April, 1968, at Registry Office, Scunthorpe, Pte. M. McNamara to Irene Brown.
- MOGER-SAMPSON—On 31st August, 1968, at Tiley St. Lawrence, L/Cpl. J. Moger to Joyce Patricia Sampson.
- MOGG-MIESZEK—On 19th October, 1968, at Melton Mowbray, Leics., Cpl. K. Mogg to Wanda Mieszek.
- MULLEY-WALPOLE—On 28th December, 1968, at Norwich, Pte. T. Mulley to Norma Jean Walpole.
- NOBLE-KENT—On 26th October, 1968, at Ilkley, Yorks., WO.II J. Noble to Kathleen Agnes Kent.
- PEACOCK-RYDER—On 4th May, 1968, at Registry Office, Colchester, Pte. J. Peacock to Mary Ryder.

REDDINGTON-ANGUS—On 8th March, 1968, at Darlington Registry Office, Pte. D. Reddington to Jean Angus.

REID-WALKER—On 27th August, 1968, at Andover, Hants., Pte. K. Reid to Violet Ann Phyllis Walker.

RICHARDSON-HAWKINS—On 2nd March, 1968, at Upwell Church, Wisbech, Pte. M. Richardson to Gillian Hawkins.

ROBERTSON-ASHER—On 21st December, 1968, at Leicester, Pte. B. Robertson to Linda Joyce Asher.

RODWELL-HEWITT—On 3rd August, 1968, at Andover, Hants., Pte. P. Rodwell to Valerie Sheelagh Hewitt.

RYAN-DIABLE—On 25th January, 1969, at Elm Park, Essex, Pte. G. Ryan to Dorothy May Diable.

SHERVINGTON-WICKES—On 9th November, 1968, at St. John's Church, Buckhurst Hill, Essex, Lieutenant Patrick Shervington to Victoria Jean Wickes.

SIMONS-MORAN—On 9th November, 1968, at Melton Mowbray, Leics., Pte. J. Simons to Sheila Moran.

SMITH-HALL—On 17th August, 1968, at Limehouse, London, Cpl. D. Smith to Sharon Ann Hall.

SMITH-HARDING—On 30th March, 1968, at Registry Office, BSE, L/Cpl. T. Smith to Dawn Harding.

SMITH-WELLS—On 24th July, 1968, at Melton Mowbray, Pte. R. Smith to Margaret May Wells.

TAYLOR-SIMPSON—On 15th February, 1969, at Ulverston, Lancs., Lieutenant A. C. Taylor to Henrietta Janet Simpson.

TOMSON-WINDER—On 21st September, 1968, at Parish Church, Aldborough Hatch, Cpl. A. Tomson to Patricia Winder.

WALKER-OVERSON—On 9th March, 1968, at Parish Church, Gainsborough, Lincs., Pte. M. Walker to Julie Overson.

WALLER-SMITH—On 11th October, 1968, at Coalville, Pte. M. Waller to Pamela Smith.

WHITE-PHILLIPS—On 4th January, 1969, at Registry Office, BSE, Pte. S. White to Janet Phillips.

WILLIAMSON-GREEN—On 7th December, 1968, at Gayton, Norfolk, Pte. J. Williamson to Christine Ann Green.

WOOD-EBEYER—On 15th June, 1968, at Malta, Pte. H. Wood to Rose Ebeyer.

WOODISSE-TACKABERRY—On 22nd February, 1969, at Dublin, Major J. R. Woodisse to Ann Tackaberry.

YATES-OSBORNE—On 10th August, 1968, at St. Mary's, BSE, Cpl. R. Yates to Eileen Osborne.

BIRTHS

ALDRICH—On 8th March, 1968, at Brigend, to L/Cpl. and Mrs. F. Aldrich, a daughter, Teresa Michelle.

ALLEN—On 25th August, 1968, to Kathleen, wife of Sgt. M. Allen, a son, Michael Patrick.

ALLSOPP—On 29th November, 1968, at Woolwich, to L/Cpl. and Mrs. M. Allsopp, a son, Mark Anthony.

ASKEW—On 22nd October, 1968, at Catterick, Yorks., to wife of Pte. R. Askew, a daughter, Joanne.

BARBER—On 18th December, 1968, at Catterick, Yorks., to wife of Pte. P. Barber, a daughter, Lesley Ann.

BEEBY—On 12th January, 1969, at BSE, to Pte. and Mrs. T. Beeby, a son, Liam John.

BELL—On 29th July, 1968, at Gillingham, to L/Cpl. and Mrs. E. Bell, a son, Martin.

BENNETT—On 17th December, 1968, at Chatham, to Cpl. and Mrs. M. Bennett, a daughter, Sharon Louise.

BRADBURY—On 7th July, 1968, at Leicester, to Cpl. and Mrs. M. Bradbury, a son, Adrian James.

BRANSTONE—On 13th April, 1968, at Harlington, to L/Cpl. and Mrs. M. Branstone, a daughter, Karen Kim.

BRYSON—On 11th February, 1969, at Darlington, Co. Durham, to wife of Pte. M. Bryson, a son, Colin Michael.

CARD—On 19th August, 1968, at Gravesend, to Pte. and Mrs. C. Card, a son, John Alan.

CHALK—On 11th November, 1968, to Christine, wife of L/Cpl. T. Chalk, a daughter, Deborah Marie.

CLEMENTS—On 17th February, 1969, at Richmond, Yorks., to wife of Pte. R. Clements, a daughter, Sharon.

COWDREY—On 18th September, 1968, at Darlington, Co. Durham, to wife of Pte. N. Cowdrey, a son, Paul Norman.

- DEAN—On 29th February, 1968, at BSE, to Major T. D. and Mrs. Dean, a son, Robert Hugh.
- DELANEY—On 10th July, 1968, at Minehead, to Cpl. and Mrs. K. Delaney, a son, Charles Steven.
- DILLEY—On 27th November, 1968, at Canterbury, to Pte. and Mrs. J. Dilley, a son, John Gerald.
- DONOVAN—On 19th August, 1968, to Maureen, wife of L/Cpl. D. Donovan, a son, Daniel John.
- DOWNES—On 31st December, 1968, at Ely, to RQMS and Mrs. A. Downes, a son, David Charles.
- FOSTER—On 11th December, 1968, at Catterick, Yorks., to wife of L/Cpl. A. Foster, a son, David Edgar.
- GARDNER—On 5th November, 1968, at Melton Mowbray, to Pte. and Mrs. D. Gardner, a daughter, Leza Jane.
- GORBOULD—On 14th November, 1968, at Catterick, Yorks., to wife of Sgt. D. Gorbould, a daughter, Kellie Ann.
- HALLS—On 6th December, 1968, at Wallingford, to Pte. and Mrs. B. Halls, a daughter, Karen Ann Sheila.
- HARRISON—On 23rd October, 1968, at Woolwich, to Cpl. and Mrs. C. Harrison, a daughter, Rachel Elizabeth.
- HARRISON—On 16th September, 1968, at Chatham, to L/Cpl. Harrison and Mrs. J. Harrison, a daughter, Judith Louise.
- HENERY—On 23rd November, 1968, at Harrogate, Yorks., to wife of L/Cpl. P. Henery, a daughter, Knelske Jantje.
- HORNE—On 4th July, 1968, at Chatham, to L/Cpl. and Mrs. G. Horne, a son, Clive Geoffrey.
- HORNE—On 12th December, 1968, at Norwich, to wife of Pte. I. Horne, a son, Stephan McLennan.
- HOWARD—On 3rd September, 1968, to Janette, wife of Bds. E. Howard, a son, Andrew Robert John.
- HUGHES—On 26th February, 1968, at Lincoln, to Sgt. and Mrs. C. Hughes, a son, Keith Andrew.
- HUGHES—On 14th August, 1968, to Caroline, wife of Sgt. H. Hughes, a son, Sean Michael.
- HURLEY—On 25th June, 1968, at BSE, to Cpl. and Mrs. J. Hurley, a daughter, Carole Ann.
- HUSSELBEE—On 12th December, 1968, at Chatham, to L/Cpl. and Mrs. Husselbee, a daughter, Liza Carol.
- INGRAM—On 6th November, 1968, at Eye, Suffolk, to wife of L/Cpl. R. Ingram, a son, Karl Ronald.
- IRONS—On 22nd November, 1968, at BSE, to Cpl. and Mrs. A. Irons, a daughter, Lisa Jayne.
- KERRIDGE—On 17th January, 1969, to Silvia, wife of Pte. M. Kerridge, a daughter, Karen.
- LOCK—On 18th September, 1968, at Woolwich, to Cpl. and Mrs. L. Lock, a son, George Leslie.
- LOFTHOUSE—On 2nd January, 1969, to Jennifer, wife of Pte. Lofthouse, a son, Andrew David.
- LONGLAND—On 1st August, 1968, at Leicester, to Cpl. and Mrs. R. Longland, a daughter, Julie Ann.
- LUMBY—On 21st October, 1968, to Sandra (née Yelland) and Major C. W. T. Lumby, a son, Nicholas William Yelland.
- LYNN—On 19th December, 1968, at Richmond, Yorks., to wife of Pte. D. Lynn, a daughter, Davina.
- MARLOW—On 17th November, 1968, at BSE, to Pte. and Mrs. B. Marlow, a son, Dale Stephen Alan.
- MCGUIRK—On 16th August, 1968, at Woolwich, to Cpl. and Mrs. A. McGuirk, a son, Richard Bernard.
- MITCHELL—On 13th December, 1968, to Mary, wife of Cpl. A. Mitchell, a son, Alexander.
- MOORE—On 13th October, 1968, at Chatham, to Cpl. and Mrs. V. Moore, a daughter, Karen Julie.
- MOORE—On 17th August, 1968, at Tymyn Merioneth, to L/Cpl. and Mrs. A. Moore, a son, Leslie Austin.
- O'CONNELL—On 19th August, 1968, to Mary, wife of Pte. R. O'Connell, a daughter, Linda Mary.
- PAGE—On 12th April, 1968, at Leicester, to L/Cpl. and Mrs. A. Page, a daughter, Lisa Jane.
- PARTIS—On 21st December, 1968, to June, wife of Pte. N. Partis, a son, Carl Robert.

PATCHETT—On 27th November, 1968, to Emily, wife of Pte. G. Patchett, a daughter, Tracy Anne.

RILEY—On 17th September, 1968, to Patricia, wife of Pte. C. Riley, a son, Sean Michael.

ROUGET—On 20th January, 1968, at BSE, to L/Cpl. and Mrs. R. Rouget, a daughter, Tracey.

RUMBOL—On 10th January, 1969, at Caterick, Yorks., to wife of Pte. M. Rumbol, a son, Ian James Charles.

SHARPE—On 22nd July, 1968, at Leicester, to Cpl. and Mrs. P. Sharpe, a son, Anthony.

SULLIVAN—On 17th October, 1968, at Maidstone, to Pte. and Mrs. B. Sullivan, a son, Leonard Anthony.

SUTTON—On 8th November, 1968, at Woolwich, to Cpl. and Mrs. J. Sutton, a daughter, Jacqueline Emily.

TAIT—On 2nd October, 1968, at West Cotes Drive Hospital, to wife of Pte. A. Tait, a son, Lee Alan.

TAUNTON—On 3rd January, 1969, to Joanna and Major Peter Taunton, a son.

TEBBUTT—On 30th November, 1968, at Canterbury, to Pte. and Mrs. H. Tebbutt, a daughter, Teresa.

WALKER—On 20th April, 1968, at North Walsham, to L/Cpl. and Mrs. B. Walker, a daughter, Sharon Tina.

WHYBROW—On 22nd August, 1968, to Jacqueline, wife of L/Cpl. R. Whybrow, a daughter, Lesley Ann.

WILLIAMSON—On 25th January, 1969, at Richmond, Yorks., to wife of Pte. B. Williamson, a daughter, Lavinia.

WILLIS—On 25th March, 1968, at Ipswich, to Sgt. and Mrs. C. Willis, a daughter, Ann.

WILLS—On 26th September, 1968, at Woolwich, to Pte. and Mrs. M. Wills, a daughter, Sandra Yvette.

WILSON—On 16th September, 1968, at Woolwich, to Cpl. and Mrs. D. Wilson, a daughter, Tracy Ann Marie.

WORTHY—On 26th October, 1968, to Ann (née Hornsby-Smith) and Major P. Worthy, a daughter, Mary Josephine.

VEITCH—On 13th February, 1969, at the Royal Maternity Hospital, Belfast, to Capt. and Mrs. A. R. A. Veitch, a son, Johnathan Charles Aydon.

OBITUARY

BRIGADIER E. F. O. RICHARDS, MC, DL, JP

Born in 1892, 'Dick' Richards was an outstanding character. His services to the Regiment of which he was so proud, and later to the County as Deputy Lieutenant and JP, were of an exceptional nature and typical of his conscientious acceptance of responsibility in all that he undertook.

His gallant spirit was exemplified by his return to active service in the 1914 War after being so grievously wounded at Neuve Chapelle that the Regimental MO said he did not expect him to reach the Field Ambulance alive! However, his iron constitution and willpower led him back to the front line again in 1917 to win the MC and other honours in the last years of the war.

He served with the Regiment between the wars, and at the outbreak of World War II was commanding the 1st Battalion in India. In December 1941 he was promoted to Brigadier.

When he retired from the Army in 1944, he settled down with his family in Lincoln, and at once became involved in various activities including Secretary of the TA Association and President of the Lincoln Branch of the British Legion and 'Old Contemptibles'.

He was so obviously a man of unusual merit that he was appointed Deputy Lieutenant for the county, an honour he really deserved, and he also served as a Justice of the Peace. In every way he was a very gallant gentleman, who will be mourned by all who knew him.

We extend our deepest sympathy to his family and especially to his wife, who tended him so devotedly during his long and distressing illness which was largely due to the wounds he sustained in the 1914 war.

J.A.A.G.

COLONEL G. E. P. HUTCHINS, DSO

It was a great and sad shock to his many friends when they heard of the sudden death of Colonel Hutchins from a heart attack whilst riding his horse in the civic procession connected with the City of London conferring the Freedom of the City on the Prime Minister of New Zealand on 17th January, 1969.

'Teddy', the name all 'Tigers' called him,

joined the Regiment in 1930 and served with the 2nd Battalion in Catterick and London-derry before being posted to the Depot. Shortly before the war he joined the Transjordan Frontier Force and served with them during the war against the French in Syria. After the war he commanded the 1st Battalion in Korea and for his leadership and gallantry was awarded the DSO. But probably his most outstanding work for the Regiment was when he was Brigade Colonel of the Forester Brigade during those happy days when the Forester Brigade had its headquarters at the old 'Tigers' Depot at Glen Parva Barracks.

In 1961 he was appointed Marshal of the City of London and all 'Tigers' felt that the Lord Mayor of London was saying what they were all feeling when he said the following words at his memorial service:

'We in the City knew Ted Hutchins for a dedicated man. A man who would never allow difficulty or frustration, worry or discomfort, to interfere with what he had to do for others. A man, moreover, who possessed in the fullest degree that saving sense of humour that could lighten the most oppressive occasion and deflate pomposity in all its forms.

'Many have rejoiced in his sunny nature. Some few of us have been privileged to see him at his work from the inside, daily, weekly, monthly, and to appreciate in all situations, whether difficult or easy, a competence, courtesy and charm of manner that never failed.

'These are qualities for which, when we meet with them, all of us must give thanks, for they are very far from being universal.

'They are doubly valuable when they are found in one who is not only a true friend, but who also plays a part, and an important part, in a proud and vibrant community's way of life.

'The post that Ted Hutchins held, a post that called for dignified formality without conceit, was expressive of that way of life; and he served it with a continuous devotion that could still find room for that merriment without which no community can be said to be truly alive.

'He will be remembered with love and with gratitude by his many friends who served with him in the Royal Leicestershire Regiment and the Forester Brigade. There will be those, I believe, among the Desert Bedoin who will remember him too, for he gained their respect and affection.

He will be remembered with equal love and gratitude by a City to which he gave the most

loyal and cheerful service, and which is the poorer for his passing, but immeasurably the richer for having known him.'

P.G.U.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL R. L. DE BRISAY

Colonel Bob de Brisay, who died on 30th October, 1968, was one of the best of that fine type of Regimental Officer who spent almost the whole of his 34 years service with the Regiment.

He was commissioned in the Lincolnshire Regiment in 1915 and served with the Regiment in France, in between wounds, from 1916 to 1918. After the war he embarked with the 2nd Battalion for India where he served in Poona and Dinapore before going home for a tour of duty at the Depot.

He was keen on all games and frequently appeared in Regimental teams, earning the respect and affection of all ranks.

At the outbreak of the 1939-45 war he was serving with the 1st Battalion in India, but was soon posted home and commanded the 4th (Territorial) Battalion of the Regiment from 1940-43, taking them to Iceland where they remained until relieved by American troops in 1942.

Colonel de Brisay retired in 1949 and for a time went in for intensive fruit growing, but was eventually handicapped by arthritis and eye trouble. He always kept in touch with the Regiment and our 'Old Comrades' whom he remembered in his will. He will be very much missed by all of us who served with him.

P.H.G.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHN HACQUOIL HOCQUARD

Lt.-Col. John ('Hearty') Hocquard was born in 1908 in Jersey, educated at Victoria College, Jersey, and the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, before joining the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment in September, 1928.

He became an outstanding hockey and soccer player, representing the Army in England in both sports; he was also a Bisley rifle shot.

Before World War II the major part of his service was with the 1st Battalion abroad. In World War II he served initially in Burma

before returning to Europe, when he served in various staff appointments.

In 1952 on his retirement he returned to Jersey.

He died suddenly on 6th February, 1969, leaving a married daughter to whom all who knew 'Hearty' send their deepest sympathy.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL A. G. LAWE

Geoffrey Lawe, who died at Weymouth on 3rd February, 1969, was commissioned to Lincolnshire Regiment in 1916 and retired in 1947. He saw active service in France and Germany 1916-18 and was seconded to the RFC and later with the RAF and saw service in Afghanistan and N.W. Frontier in 1919-20. Between the wars he served with both regular battalions, and went with the 2nd Battalion to France in 1939 as 2IC and in May, 1950, took command of the Battalion which he brought back to England after Dunkirk.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Jill and family in their great loss.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL A. H. WENHAM

Lt.-Col. (Pip) Wenham died at Lincoln on 10th September, 1968. He was commissioned in the Lincolnshire Regiment from Sandhurst in 1924 and saw service in India and the Sudan. In 1939 he was posted to the Kings African Rifles, and served with them in the East African campaign in Kenya, Somaliland and Abyssinia. After service in West Africa he took command of 6th Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment until it was disbanded in March, 1946. He became CO of No. 10 PTC Sobraon Barracks, Lincoln, in 1946 and remained until 1948 when he took over command of 3rd Battalion Nigeria Regiment, Royal West African Frontier Force.

He spent three years OC Troopship *Empire Orwell* which took troops to Korea. In 1957 he retired and for the next three years was chief recruiting officer for the Nigerian Forces. After his retirement he continued to maintain a keen interest in regimental and service matters, and welfare of ex-servicemen. He was Secretary of the North Kesteven District of the Soldiers' Sailors' and Airmen's Association until 1962 when he suffered a severe stroke.

The funeral took place at St. Nicholas' Church, Newport, Lincoln, on Friday, 13th September, and was much attended.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL O. G. A. PHILLIPS

'Loopy' Phillips's service took him to many parts of the globe, India with the 1st Battalion of the Tigers, The Depot, West Africa, the Middle East, Ceylon and India again with the 2nd Battalion. All who were with him then will remember with gratitude his never failing 'commissariat' achievements. In whatever situation we may have found ourselves it was certain that at the end of the day 'Loopy' would come up with some special 'delicatessen' that would remind us that things other than sand or leeches still existed.

In command of the 2nd Battalion in Tobruk, he shot with unerring aim whilst repelling an early morning attack on Battalion Headquarters, and in Ceylon he faced with equanimity a situation that bore heavily on him, when the Battalion was decimated with malaria.

'Loopy' was cheerful and always tried to see the best side of things, he liked people and did his utmost to see the other chap's point of view. His critics would say he was almost too long suffering, but he hated having to deal harshly with anybody.

The fact that his villagers saw fit to allow his coffin to 'lie in state' in his Parish Church and flew their flag at half-mast on the day of his funeral is representative of the universal esteem in which he was held.

A.W.D.N.

CAPTAIN (QM) F. MALYON

Captain Malyon died in February, 1968. He enlisted with the Pompadours in 1910 as a boy bandsman and served with the Battalion in France during the First World War. He was wounded at Mons but returned to France in 1917.

From 1919 to 1928 he served in Malta, Turkey and India with 2nd Essex, after which he joined the 1st Battalion at Colchester as CSM. Later in 1928 he was posted to 4th Battalion, was promoted to RSM and continued service until 1935.

Recalled in 1939, he became RSM of 164 O.C.T.U. and was later commissioned in the East Lancashire Regiment as Quartermaster. He was finally retired in 1946 after a total of 36 years with the Colours.

MAJOR H. C. BRODIE, MBE

It is with the greatest regret that his many friends learned of the death of Major H. C. Brodie, MBE, on 26th August, 1968, at his

daughter's home in Ireland, aged 93. He joined the Regiment in 1893 and gave it 53 years of loyal and devoted service. Much of it was spent with the 2nd Battalion and while with them in Mesopotamia he was severely wounded and invalided home. On recovery he was posted to the War Office to be under Gen. Sir Clive Liddell (then a Lt.-Col.) and for his services was awarded the MBE. At the end of World War I he was with the 1st Battalion in Ireland for a short time and was then posted to the Depot where he remained until retiring in 1946. In 1929 he was one of the two Quartermasters selected for accelerated promotion to Major and became Editor of the *Green Tiger*, a job he did most excellently for 17 years. The next year he became secretary of the O.C.A., which flourished mightily under him for 16 years. During his time he probably knew more members of the Regiment and was known by more than any officer then living. Many were they who had good reason to be grateful to him for his understanding and help. He took with him on retirement an abiding love of the Regiment and I know that he was both happy and proud with his memories. We salute the passing of a great Tiger, who held the affection and respect of every one of us who knew him.

P.D.S.P.

DEATHS

- ATKINS—On 12th September, 1968, Mr. G. E. Atkins, late Pompadours.
- BACON—On 16th February, 1969, at Lewisham, London, S.E.13, Arthur Douglas Gerald Bacon, aged 85 years, late 6th (S) Bn., The Northamptonshire Regiment.
- BIRCHENOUGH—On 30th January, 1969, of 116 Manor Lane, London, S.E.12, Captain E. C. Birchenough, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.
- BLOODWORTH—On 6th January, 1969, at Whittlesey, S. Bloodworth, late The Northamptonshire Regiment.
- BRADBURY—On 18th October, 1968, at Kettering, Sydney Bradbury, late Transport Sergeant 6th (S) Bn. The Northamptonshire Regiment.
- BRANSON—On 5th January, 1969, of 27 Fernhurst Road, Leicester, Mr. H. Branson, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.
- BULLED—On 21st February, 1969, Mr. T. W. Bulled, aged 80 years, late The Essex Regiment.
- BUTCHER—On 9th October, 1968, Mr. V. Butcher, late 5th Bn. The Essex Regiment (after a long illness).
- CRILLEY—On 14th February, 1969, at London, ex Cook Sgt. T. W. Crilley, 1st Bn. The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment.
- CROCKER—On 27th March, 1969, Major 'Monty' Crocker, aged 63 years. Major Crocker, commissioned in The Essex Regiment in 1926, served with the Regiment for over 20 years. Most of his service was with 2nd Battalion (Pompadours).
- CROZIER—On 3rd November, 1968, Major D. V. Crozier, late Quartermaster 1st and 2nd Bns. The Essex Regiment.
- CRUSE—On 30th January, 1969, Mr. H. G. Cruse, ex RSM 4th Bn. The Essex Regiment (TA).
- DAY—On 31st August, 1968, of 56 Caxton Street, Derby, Mr. A. A. E. Day, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.
- DE BRISAY—On 30th October, 1968, at Ringwood, aged 70, Lt.-Col. R. L. de Brisay, late The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment.
- DEVEY—On 14th May, 1969, very suddenly at North Devon Infirmary, Lt.-Col. J. C. Devey, aged 55, late 58th Regt.
- DUNCAN—On 2nd December, 1968, of 7 Johns Road, Leicester, Mr. F. A. Duncan, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.
- ELEY—On 22nd February, 1969, Mr. A. Eley, aged 74, late 1st/7th Bn. The Essex Regiment.
- FLEGG—On 21st January at Brentwood, Mr. Percy Flegg, in a disastrous motor accident in which Mr. E. Paxman was also killed. Mr. Flegg served with 1st and 2nd Bns. The Essex Regiment for 24 years.
- FORRESTER—On 22nd December, 1968, of 13 Sevenoaks Avenue, Davyhulme, Urmston, Lancs., Mr. F. Forrester, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.
- GEARY—On 12th November, 1968, at Northampton, Major Charles Edward Geary, MBE, late The Northamptonshire Regiment.
- GILBEY—In January, 1969, Mr. E. P. Gilbey, who served with The Essex Regiment in the First World War.
- GILL—On 23rd February, 1969, at Cottage Hospital, Maidenhead, ex Sgt. B. Gill, late 2nd Bn. 16th Foot.

- GOME**—On 6th November, 1968, at The Star and Garter Home for Disabled Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen, John Robery Gome, formerly The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment.
- GREENWOOD**—On 14th September, 1968, at Leamington Spa, ex CQMS F. Greenwood, late The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment.
- HARDWIDGE**—On 20th January, 1969, suddenly at Pinner, Middlesex, Major H. J. Hardwidge, late The Essex Regiment.
- HEWES**—On 4th February, 1968, Mr. Walter Hewes, late The Essex Regiment, a veteran of the Boer War.
- HEWITT**—On 12th January, 1969, Ernest (Shoey) Hewitt, late The Northamptonshire Regiment.
- HOCQUARD**—On 6th February, 1969, at Melton, Nr. Woodbridge, Suffolk, aged 60, Lt.-Col. John Hacquoil Hocquard, late The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment.
- HOLLAND**—On 26th February, 1969, at Maycroft, Clarence Hill, Dartmouth, Devon, Albert William Holland, late The Northamptonshire Regiment.
- HURRELL**—On 1st December, 1968, Mr. A. E. Hurrell, aged 69, late The Essex Regiment.
- HUTCHINS**—On 17th January, 1969, of Walton-on-Thames, Colonel G. E. P. Hutchins, DSO, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.
- JAKINS**—On 7th January, 1969, at Corby, RSM D. Jakins, late The Northamptonshire Regiment.
- JOHNSON**—On 2nd October, 1968, of the Post Office, Thoresway, Binbrook, Market Rasen, Lincs., ex C/Sgt. T. Johnson, MM, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.
- LAW**—On 3rd February, 1969, at Weymouth, aged 73, Lt.-Col. Geoffrey Lawe, late The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment.
- LEE**—During December, 1968, of 15 Bede Street, Leicester, ex Pte. W. Lee, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.
- MALYON**—In February, 1968, Captain F. Malyon, late The Essex and East Lancashire Regiments.
- MASTERS**—On 20th October, 1968, Mr. W. A. Masters, aged 96, a veteran Pompadour, ex RQMS, Masters served for 30 years with the Colours followed by several years on the civilian staff at Warley Barracks.
- McLAVIN**—On 3rd March, 1969, Mr. T. McLavin, late 1st, 2nd and 10th Bns. The Essex Regiment.
- NAILER**—On 19th February, 1969, at Iris Cottage, Apethorpe, Near Peterborough, Major H. K. F. Nailer, aged 78 years, late The Northamptonshire Regiment.
- NEEDHAM**—On 31st December, 1968, Robert Philip Needham of the Sunningdale Hotel, Sunningdale, Berkshire, late The Northamptonshire Regiment.
- NEWBOUND**—On 12th October, 1968, in London, Mr. William Conroy Newbound, aged 74 years, late The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment.
- NOBLE**—On 1st January, 1969, at Bedford, Mr. Frederick William Noble, aged 84 years, late The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment.
- ORSMAN**—On 13th January, 1969, at Hitchin, Mr. William Stanley Orsman, aged 74 years, late The Bedfordshire Regiment.
- OSBORNE**—On 22nd December, 1968, of 45 Crown Hills Avenue, Leicester, Mr. H. Osborne, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.
- PALMER**—On 21st October, 1968, of 15 Wartnaby Street, Market Harborough, Leics., ex Pte. E. W. Palmer, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.
- PARKES**—On 3rd August, 1968, of The Bungalow, Dormer Works, Woodend, Worksop, Notts., ex QMSI G. Parkes, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.
- PARTRIDGE**—On 28th February, 1969, at 27 Euston Street, Huntingdon, Captain (QM) E. E. Partridge, late The Northamptonshire Regiment.
- PAXMAN**—On 21st January, 1969, Mr. Ernest Paxman, late The Essex Regiment, in a motor accident in Brentwood.
- PHILLIPS**—On 15th January, 1969, of Five Oaks, Sandhurst, nr. Hawkhurst, Kent, Lt.-Col. O. G. A. Phillips, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.
- PORTER**—On 15th October, 1968, Mr. W. Porter, aged 73 years, late 1st/7th Bn. The Essex Regiment.
- READ**—On 17th December, 1968, Mr. William Read, aged 73 years, late 10th Bn. The Essex Regiment.
- RICHARDS**—On 15th January, 1969, at a Nursing Home in Lincoln, aged 76, Brigadier Edward Francis Ommanney Richards, MC, DL, JP, late The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment.
- RICHARDSON**—On 6th November, 1968, at Southend, Major Edwin John Richardson, MC, late The Royal Norfolk Regiment.

RUFF-SMITH—On 6th November, 1968, at Bedford, Warrant Officer Peter C. Ruff-Smith, aged 42 years, The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (Territorial).

SHIELDS—On 8th November, 1968, of Breedon Hall, Breedon-on-the-Hill, near Derby, Captain C. F. Shields, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

SKERRITT—During December, 1968, of 2 Station Cottages, Thurnby, Leics., Mr. W. T. Skerritt, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

SMITH—On 26th June, 1968, of 10 Stanton Row, Leicester, Mr. E. E. Smith, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

THOMPSON—On 9th September, 1968, Mr. A. M. Thompson at the Star and Garter Home, aged 86, late The Essex Regiment.

TOOTH—On 30th December, 1968, of Weybridge, Surrey, Captain G. E. C. Tooth, MC, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

TOZER—On 1st January, 1969, Mr. W. Tozer, aged 92, late 1st/7th Bn. The Essex Regiment.

TRESIDDER—On 22nd January, 1969, of 13 Mapperley Hall Drive, Nottingham, Major J. S. Tresidder, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

TURNER—On 18th February, 1969, Mr. Wesley Turner, late 6th and 10th Bns. The Essex Regiment.

VERRALL—On 28th December, 1968, Mr. F. Verrall, aged 76 years, late 1st/7th Bn. The Essex Regiment.

WARD—On 9th March, 1969, at the Regimental Cottage, Oakley, Bedfordshire, Mr. John Warner Shearing Ward, aged 60 years, late Sergeant The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment.

WHITTINGTON—On 12th January, 1969, at Thorney, Nr. Peterborough, G. H. Whittington, late The Northamptonshire Regiment.

WOOLLEY—In January, 1969, The Revd. G. H. Woolley, VC, OBE, MC, MA. The Reverend Woolley commenced his military service with 5th Bn. The Essex Regiment at Chelmsford and was commissioned in the Queen Victorias Rifles in 1914.

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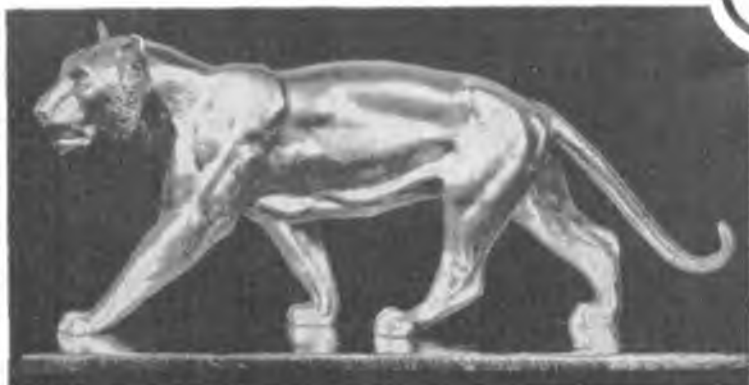
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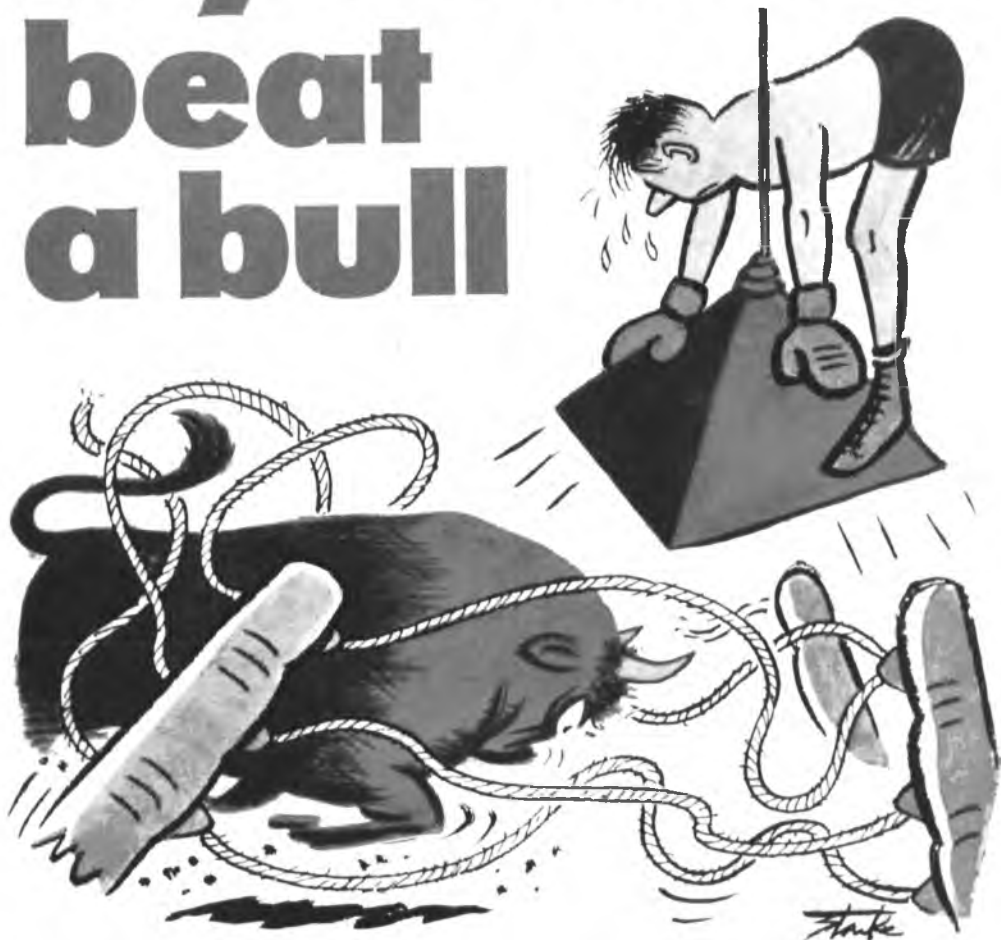
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