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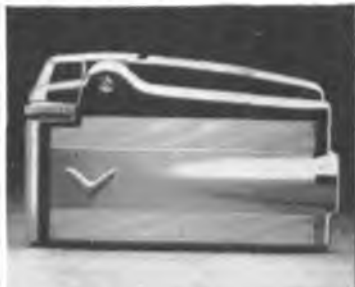
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Pte. Angle

On leaving Bury St. Edmunds



(By courtesy of East Anglian Daily Times)

Final Recruits Passing Out Parade seen through part of the ancient wall in the Abbey Gardens.

**The Mayor, General Goodwin and Lt.-Col. Deller
after the Inspection.**

Reflecting on what I have reported over the past few years I find a wealth of change. 'Change for the sake of change?' you may well ask! No, I hope not. 'Change for the better?' you will ask . . . Well, let's face it, Blenheim Camp was never built for comfort, so from this point of view the move to Bassingbourn is welcomed. As I said last May, 'The Depot—The Queens Division Depot—looks like materialising but will require a decision in isolation' It got one! R.A.F. (ex) Bassingbourn is indeed a super barracks, four miles from Royston, but I am not about to describe it in detail. The Queens Division News Editor can jolly well do that in our next number. Suffice it to say that our Regimental recruit training organisation is leaving Bury and setting up at Bassingbourn, the process, so far as the Royal Anglian part of the Division is concerned, to be completed by 31st December this year.



(By courtesy of East Anglian Daily Times)



(By courtesy of East Anglian Daily Times)

On Friday, 10th October, His Worship The Mayor of Bury St. Edmunds, Alderman A. F. S. Davies, took the salute at the Passing-Out Parade of the last platoons of recruits to be trained at Blenheim Camp. Choice of the Abbey Gardens for this parade was well made. For although it was Royal Anglians like myself from Blenheim who were on parade, it was the memory of soldiers from Suffolk who had trained in Gibraltar Barracks which was uppermost in our minds and many of them were in the gardens to witness this farewell parade.

The Colonel of the Regiment, himself of course a Suffolk, accompanied the Mayor. The Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. Deller and the Parade Commander, Major Peat, also commissioned into The Suffolk Regiment, no doubt remembered Gibraltar Barracks' erstwhile glory.

Through these gates . . .



(By courtesy of East Anglian Daily Times)

A general view of the Parade in the Abbey Gardens.

While recognising the need for change—indeed the Regimental Sergeant-Major is a Royal Fusilier and many recruits wear Fusilier hackles and Queens badges—it seems to me appropriate here to close yet another chapter in the histories of our former regiments with a quote from General Goodwin's reply to the Mayor's address.

'As regards to the Suffolk Regiment there is, alas, little left of it but what there is, I am glad to say, remains firmly rooted in Bury. Gibraltar Barracks is no more, but luckily within the Barracks' walls there does remain The Keep which has proved too strong to push over. Its Custodian too, Colonel Heal, is built somewhat on the same lines and cannot easily be pushed over. The Regimental Chapel which

is in St. Mary's Church; the Cottage Homes opposite the gates of Gibraltar Barracks and the War Memorial Homes close to us here are all going strong, as indeed are many generations of Suffolk soldiers still alive and kicking, and it is good to see so many of them here today. I am glad too that the Headquarters of the Royal Anglian Regiment remains in Bury St. Edmunds for the future and I will continue my work as Colonel in a corner of Blenheim Camp.

'Mr. Mayor, we say goodbye and in saying it may we also say how happy we have been in your town, how sorry we are to leave it and how grateful we are for the kindness and understanding that has been extended to us throughout our long time here.'

THE BRITISH LEGION—WHAT DOES IT MEAN TODAY?

The red poppy of remembrance is familiar enough, but all too many people, even those still serving in the Forces, know all too little about what it really symbolises. Poppy Day does not merely signify a Day of Remembrance, it is a symbol of continuing work for the nation. Remembrance Day is not merely a nostalgic look back to the glories of war—far from it. It is an annual rededication of the British Legion's service to all those who have served their country. There are now some nine million ex-service men and women and their dependants in this country, and the Legion is there for any and all of them to turn to in need or distress.

The work of the Legion is not confined to elderly or disabled ex-service men. It is there to help all ex-service people, as well as those still serving, and their wives, children and dependants, to return to enjoy a happy and well-adjusted civilian life. In addition the Legion's benevolence extends to all ex-service people. Out of every ten people that are helped only two are actually members of the Legion.

The British Legion has been in existence nearly 50 years now. In the first year the Legion's membership ran to 170,000 and increased steadily over the years until just before the second world war it had 409,000 paid up members. Today its paid up membership is over half a million with many honorary members and those excused subscriptions because of their age.

After the 1939-45 war one of the main problems that the Legion faced was housing, both for young and old ex-service men, and in a very short time four residential homes were opened, and since then several more have followed. In 1947 the house purchase loan scheme was started whereby the Legion was prepared to lend to those in genuine need up to £250 for the deposit on a house. Since then the Legion has helped well over 20,000 families to buy their own homes. This is equivalent to a town of some 60,000-70,000 inhabitants.

Employment and rehabilitation continue to form an important part of the Legion's work

and altogether it provides employment under sheltered conditions for some 1,500 disabled men and women. There is a large rehabilitation unit attached to the chest hospital at Preston Hall near Maidstone, where there is a thriving village community. This village serves as a model for such establishments throughout the world, over 15,000 men having received treatment and training there.

In addition to the meaningful and worthwhile purpose that membership of the Legion gives, it can offer a widely varied social life in congenial company. There are over 4,500 branches of the Legion throughout the country and 1,011 affiliated clubs which have facilities for entertainment and sports ranging from bingo to bowling. Also a provision has recently been made to allow family members into most of the clubs. Sports participation is open to all members and there are a large number of local and national competitions and trophies.

Another aspect of the Legion's work is the way it looks after the interests of the war disabled and war widows. In addition to securing increases in the basic rate paid to all pensioners the Legion is still successfully conducting appeals for the payment of pensions for those who suffered injuries in the first world war. Every year thousands of pension cases are handled by the British Legion, with representation to an appeal tribunal provided, if necessary.

To meet the cost of all this work the Legion relies on the generous contributions of the public and the support of its active and able bodied members. Poppy Day is still the major means of raising the vast sums that are needed.

In the coming years the British Legion's role will inevitably change. The numbers of disabled and war wounded are naturally decreasing with time and the Legion is now more than ever looking to the younger ex-service men and women for its members. With higher standards of living generally and the resultant increase in leisure time becoming more widespread, there is as great a need as ever for an organisation such as the Legion, with its ability to provide a social life with a purpose.

A REMINDER

Readers are reminded that the United Kingdom starts the change over to decimal currency on Monday, 15th February, 1971. The pound (£) will remain unchanged and will be divided into 100 new pence (100p) so that each will be worth 2.4 times our present pence.

The symbol for the pound will remain £. The new penny will be abbreviated to p and the halfpenny will be written as ½p.

The £1, £5 and £10 notes will remain unchanged. The present 10s. note and seven £ s. d. coins will be replaced over a period by six decimal coins.

A seven-sided cupro nickel (silver) 50p coin started to replace the 10s. note from mid-October, 1969.

Cupro-nickel (silver) coins of 5p and 10p are already in circulation and are completely interchangeable with the 1s. and 2s. coins respectively.

There will be three new bronze (copper) coins, the 2p, 1p, and ½p. They will not be legal tender until 15th February, 1971.

The present halfpenny ceased to be legal tender from 1st August, 1969, and the half crown from 1st January, 1970.

There will be a changeover period of about 18 months from 15th February, 1971, when both £ s. d. and £p will remain legally in use together. At the end of this period the pennies, threepenny bits and sixpences will cease to be legal tender.

PHILATELISTS SHOULD NOTE . . .

. . . That the Gibraltar Post Office will issue on 6th November a set of four stamps, each depicting badges and uniforms worn by British Army units that have served on The Rock. The Regiment has been selected to provide the 'Infantry' representation. Pte. Weston, of the 2nd Battalion, was the lucky soldier chosen to 'model' the picture.

To commemorate the event, a series of First Day Covers are to be issued, details of which have been issued and orders are now closed. However, RHQ has ordered a small stock in case some of our readers are still interested.

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MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

General Sir Henry Jackson was 90 on 18th September. He was commissioned on 4th January, 1899 into the Bedfordshire Regiment and was promoted General on 5th December, 1937.

General 'Jacko' has always taken a very keen interest in The Royal Anglian Regiment and we were delighted and proud to be able to send the Band of the 3rd Battalion to play in his garden for his birthday party.

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The Colonel of the Regiment has been appointed Lieutenant of the Tower of London. He succeeds Lt.-Gen. Sir Richard Craddock, Colonel of The Queens Regiment.

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General Freeland will require all the good fortune and wishes that we can send him in his very difficult assignment in Northern Ireland. His experience and success when dealing with the 'troubles' in East Africa where he was GOC in 1963-4 will stand him in good stead. In addition he must have a good insight into the Irish character, having commanded The Royal Irish Fusiliers in Cyprus in 1954. Military historians of the future may quote from his 'honeymoon period' speech when writing of internal security duties in general and the Irish problem in particular.

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Lieutenant-Colonel Angus Robertson is to command 23 SAS Regiment (Volunteers) in November.

Major Roy Jackson is to command the 1st Battalion (if he is not already doing so before this is out).

Major Fergus Mackain Bremner is to command The Muskat Regiment SAF in March 1970.

Congratulations, which we should have recorded in last May's issue.

Major Gerrard Wright has been selected to command the 2nd Battalion in December 1970.

Major John Heath has been selected to command the 5th (Volunteer) Battalion in March 1971.

Our very best congratulations.

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Talking of promotions and command. A 'provisional' list of promotions to Lieutenant Colonel will be published on 31st December. We know who they are, they know who they are, but you cannot be told . . . yet!

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Congratulations to Colonel Alan Cowan who is to be Commander, 8 Brigade in December.

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Congratulations to Lt.-Col. Richard Wilkes, lately Commanding Officer 4/5 Bn. The Royal Leicestershire Regiment (T) on his award of OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List, and promotion to full Colonel.

Also to Lt.-Col. Ward-Booth, late Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment now Parachute Regiment.

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Congratulations to Captain (QM) R. Bayliss on the award of MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours. He is now the QM at The Queens Division Depot at Basingbourn.

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Colonel Reggie Denny is to be chairman of the Regimental Association in succession to Brigadier Ralph Oulton.

All members of the Association will wish to thank Brigadier Oulton for his advice and guidance in our formative years, and to welcome Colonel Denny who, as Regimental Colonel, did so much to ensure the Regiment and the Association got off to a good start.

FOR LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT



General Goodwin presents S/Sgt. Shanks with the Long service and Good conduct medal.

COLOUR SERGEANT J. JONES, BEM

Colour Sergeant Jones joined the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment in November, 1946. He has seen service in the UK, India and the Middle East until September, 1952, when he left the active army.

He rejoined the colours and served with the Suffolk Regiment from July, 1956 as MT Corporal and later as Provost Sergeant in Cyprus and UK.

He served in British Guiana in 1962 where he excelled himself as a platoon Sergeant and later in 1964/65 was awarded the British Empire Medal for gallantry in the RADFAN operations.

He gave good service in 1966/67 as Sergeant's Mess Caterer in Germany and later on in Catterick.

Colour Sergeant Jones has recently left the Battalion for a Depot appointment where he will serve his last six months' service.

COLOUR SERGEANT B. SHANKS

Colour Sergeant Shanks joined the Royal Norfolk Regiment in 1950 at The East Anglian Training Centre, Colchester, where he completed his basic Infantry Training. In January, 1951 he joined the 1st Battalion at Dover Castle and was posted to the Signal Platoon. He has seen service in Korea, Hong Kong and Cyprus with the 1st Bn.

In 1959 he left the 1st Bn. for a tour as PSI with 47 Brigade (TA) with special responsibilities for signal training. He rejoined the 1st Bn. East Anglian Regiment and served in British Guiana and Aden. Throughout his nineteen years' service Colour Sergeant Shanks has served in the signals platoon where he continues to serve today.

COLOUR SERGEANT (BAND SERGEANT) A. E. JENNINGS

Colour Sergeant Jennings joined the Essex Regiment in India in 1947.

In 1948 he transferred to the Suffolk Regiment and joined the Corps of Drums reaching the rank of Corporal. Later in addition to his normal duties he was appointed Provost Corporal and Bugle Instructor, thereby retaining his interest in the Corps of Drums.

In 1951 Colour Sergeant Jennings transferred from Regimental Duty to the Band of the Suffolk Regiment as a Bandsman. His natural ability as a musician soon came to the fore and he was quickly promoted to Sergeant in the Band.

In November, 1967, he was appointed Band Sergeant of the 1st Battalion.

He has served in Greece, Malaya, Trieste, Germany, Cyprus, Berlin and Aden. He is due to complete his regular service in December this year.

SERGEANT T. R. WHEELER-KING

Sergeant Wheeler-King joined the Suffolk Regiment as a Band Boy at Bury St. Edmunds in 1947. He joined the Band of the 1st Battalion and saw service in Malaya, Trieste, Germany and Cyprus, reaching the rank of Corporal. He has also served in Berlin and Aden. In 1953 he was awarded the Coronation Medal while serving with the 1st Battalion.

Throughout his eighteen years' service he has been a stalwart member of the Band where his sense of humour and devotion to duty have been an example both to junior Bandsmen and older members of the Band.

SERGEANT G. A. K. INGHAM

Sergeant Ingham joined the Suffolk Regiment in 1949 as a Band Boy at Bury St. Edmunds. He joined the Band of the 1st Battalion and served in Malaya, Trieste, Germany and Cyprus, reaching the rank of Corporal. He has also served in Berlin and Aden.

Throughout his eighteen years' service he has been a stalwart member of the Band where his devotion to duty and example both on and off duty have been an example to all.

In June, commanding officers changed in the 3rd Battalion. Lt.-Col. Keith Burch arrived from Camberley and Lt.-Col. John Dymoke left for another tour at the Ministry of Defence. Next door to the Battalion at Aldershot is the 2nd Parachute Battalion which is commanded by Lt.-Col. Richard Dawnay. In the early 1950s, Colonels Burch and Dawnay were subalterns together in 1st Bn. The Essex Regiment. The Brigade Commander is Brigadier C. E. Eberhardie who was a Royal Norfolk.

Congratulations to the following on commissions, in the rank of Lieutenant:

WO.I de Bretton Gordon to 2nd Bn.

WO.I Day to 1st Bn.

WO.II Groves to 3rd Bn.

WO.II Ladley to 3rd Bn.

Commissions from Sandhurst

2-Lts. J. C. Cursley, A. P. Domeison, J. D. Lacey, K. M. Ryan, P. M. L. Ferrary, W. R. Mooring, P. Barnes. **From Mons OCS, M. D. M. Meredith.**

Lt.-Col. Bob Jeffrey, lately CO 4/5 Northamptonshire Regiment (T) is promoted to full Colonel.

Colonel Ben Palmer, now retired and living at his home in Colchester is studying to be a school teacher.

Major Peter Purdy is doing the same at the Kesteven College of Education, Lincs. He lives at 5 Glebe Road, Brampton.

Empire building in Northern Ireland? Major Frank Fleming phoned to say he was off to N.I. Command on the Intelligence Staff.

Uppingham School C.C.F. were this year's winners of the coveted Ashburton Shield. Our warmest congratulations to one of our affiliated C.C.F. contingents.

Major H. B. C. Jones writes from Lusaka (c/o P.O. Box 1980) that his wife said it was time he stopped playing Boy Scouts and made some cash. So he deserted Government Service and joined a large British consortium with annual £10m. turnover.

He would like his ex OR 1 squad of Scragg, Jackson, Purdy, Morgan, Hoile and Horrex to know he survives and (so he says) is proud of them.

Major Tony Catchpole writes from Nairobi that he and Michael Tippet (late Greenjackets) are running a safari business. They do camping, big and small game hunting, photography, fishing, sightseeing tours. He says: 'The tourist industry is booming which of course reflects in our prosperity. Long may it last!'

The 'Editor' would like to hear news of ex ORs too.

Honours and Awards to Volunteers

WO.II Morris, 4th Clasp to TEM.
C/Sgt. Lawrence, 1st and 2nd Clasps to TEM.
L/Cpl. Meadwell, TEM.
S/Sgt. Waters, REME, TEM.
Sgt. Brown, TEM.

Award of Territorial Decoration

Major R. C. Tomkins.
Major W. G. Wallace.
Capt. P. B. Price.

Congratulations . . .

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Since we last reported in May this year, the following officers have retired:

Lt.-Col. Bligh, Browne, Burton, Cary-Elwes
Chamberlain, P. Dean, Tempest.

Majors Catchpole, Chandler, Clarke, Crouch-
man, G. Dean, Dinnin, Godfrey, Henderson,
Page, Purdy, Raven, Smart, Stahelin, E.
Taylor.

Cpts. Goulson, Hutley, M. Lewis, Spacie, Mor-
gan (QM), Tysack, Varley, Vigers.

Lieuts. Brock, Gibson-Taylor, Waller, Welby-
Everard.

2-Lt. Johnson.

Applications for retirements have been
approved and will be carried out before the
next issue of CASTLE.

Lt-Col. Norbury.

Majors A. Horrex, Oldfield, Power, Wetherall.

Lt. C. Taylor.

Our best wishes to them all.



This apelet may never be a Field Marshal but it has got as near as any apelet is ever likely to get. It was named 'Dick' with the full approval of General 'Dick' Goodwin, in honour of his visit to the 2nd Battalion.

'Dick' has been presented to the Regiment by the Gibraltar Regiment. He will come to England probably in the spring of 1971 and is to be given to the Colchester Zoo where a suitable plaque on his cage will tell the story.



You would never guess.

Bandmasters Blackburn and Harper learning their trade together. Mr. Blackburn retires in December and now lives at 124 Winthrop Road, Bury St. Edmunds. Mr. Harper joined the Regiment on 19th September from the Gordon Highlanders.

In April, 1969, 'C' Company with under command of composite platoon and a mortar section from Support Company, joined the reconnaissance and signal platoons of 1 Queens in a two sided exercise against two platoons of 1 Loyals on the Isle of Skye.

The company group formed up at Benbecula in the Southern Hebrides. It moved from Gillingham by coach to RAF Leeming.



From RAF Leeming the journey was continued to Benbecula by Andover Aircraft of RAF Support Command.

The company group was supported by 6 Wessex Helicopters.



A stick from 10 Pl. rehearsing helicopter drills.

The company flies in for Phase I—an early morning helicopter assault to seize the Brigade HQ area and a beach head.

C (COMBAT) TIGERS IN THE ISLE OF SKYE

A PICTORIAL REVIEW



The beach head is secured, and Pte. Neville Poulton watches the Reconnaissance Platoon and Brigade HQ come ashore from the LCT Abbeyville.

The company commander, the helicopter flight commander, and the Brigade Major get their heads together.



The company group is briefed for the second Phase of the operation—a swift deployment to the 'frontier' to prevent infiltration.



Situation normal—company HQ at 2,000 ft.! The company clerk, Cpl. Graham Eustace, produces breakfast—



The enemy are active, and in an area 10,000 metres by 5,000 metres the company group are constantly regrouping. The helicopters make this an easy task. Late arrivals practise weightlessness.



—for the company sergeant major.



9 Pl. wait for the next sortie.



At 'B' Ech. the acting colour sergeant, Sergeant Roger Jones, receives his morning 'grocery list'.



In another brief pause the MFC Cpl. John Jones (above), contemplates his lot—and 2-Lt. John Towns (over) tries his hand at recruiting.



TALE PIECE

The exercise was directed by the Brigade Commander, Brigadier J. M. Badcock, M.B.E., who was heard to comment: "The fishing is very good. The exercise must be repeated again next year."



THE TAIL THAT WAGS THE DOG!

The actual battle for the frontier on the Isle of Skye has been covered extensively by other writers, but as usual the administrative side has been neglected. I therefore propose to restore the balance by illustrating one or two moments when the men of 'B' Echelon made a definite contribution to the success of the battle.

'B' Echelon was situated approximately half a mile from Brigade HQ. This small mobile force, comprising of myself (the A/CQMS), the cook corporal, one storeman, four drivers, a signaller and one early casualty, was not only geared to re-supply at any time, day or night, but also to defend its own locality against attack from civilian 'chopper watchers'.

The demand for more rations, water, and radio batteries came early on the Thursday morning; within minutes my storeman, Pte. Moore, Pte. Frederick, the OC's driver and I had loaded the required stores into the nearest helicopter and were airborne, heading south towards the platoon positions in the high country.

Standing amid the mountains, a pinnacle of rock that thrusts high into the clouds—the locals call this majestic bastion 'The Needle'. The pilot (in the interests of professional pride) rested one of his wheels on the tip of the Needle and hovered there for a moment before swooping down to 9 Platoon who were deployed among the rocks far below. Circling their position, trying to find a route in, I had time to reflect for a brief moment on the risks involved in this kind of operation. Being buffeted by upward and downward wind currents, all that stood between me and an unpleasant death on the spiked rocks below was a young pilot, a thin piece of flooring and a powerful, complex engine.

The red light glowed, interrupting my thoughts, two minutes to touchdown: the ground rushed towards me so fast that I had difficulty in focusing my eyes. As soon as the green light showed I leaped out, and quickly ferried rations and water the few yards from the helicopter to the waiting soldiers. A hurried wave, a thumbs-up to the pilot and then up, up and away with ferocious speed to the next drop-off point.

The last point of call was company HQ. This position lay flat against a rectangular slab of rock, the surrounding area was littered with boulders of varying sizes lying half submerged in boggy ground. It was strange to see the office wallahs in such circumstances—Cpl. Eustace carrying a rifle instead of his typewriter and Capt. Vigers, the second-in-command wearing a 'hats Combat' instead of a side-hat, looked strangely American. Sergeant-Major Morris, M.M., wearing his equipment and carrying a rifle instead of a pace-stick, charged towards the chopper, gesturing me to come and speak with him. Have you ever had a sergeant-major bellowing in one ear and the shrill howl of a chopper engine filling the other? I can assure all readers that it doesn't do the eardrums any good!

Back to 'B' Echelon to do justice to a cup of coffee, but before I could enjoy it the order for withdrawal was given by the brigadier. Immediately all choppers flew off to bring back the troops, firstly to 'B' Echelon to regroup, then

to be rapidly deployed in the cliffs surrounding Brigade HQ.

The clatter of the waiting helicopters added a sense of urgency to the moment. Within minutes of the forward troops arriving, the situation was quickly reassessed, the tasks allocated to the pilots, and the company swiftly

deployed in the rocks. All that remained to be done was the job of sending up their heavy equipment. With this quickly accomplished and the helicopters withdrawn to Benbecula, peace and quiet returned to our position, and 'B' Echelon, without a ripple, changed down into first gear by putting on a brew.



KAPE Tour—June 1969
Pte. J. Sorenson pictured with the Mayor of
Grimsby, Alderman A. C. Parker.

Parliamo Eastangliano

(With apologies to British Forces Gulf, Arabic Phrase Book.)

Due to the influx of East Anglians into what once was an all Leicestershire Battalion, HQ 4 R. Anglian are considering publishing an East Anglian Phrase Book to assist those who were unfortunate enough to have been born West of the Ouse or South of the Deben. Here are a few extracts from the special pre-released pamphlet now held in Bn. HQ.

DO'S AND DON'TS

DO talk East Anglian as much as possible.

DON'T be discouraged if you don't at first understand a single word.

DO talk more clearly and emphatically than you do in Leicestershire. East Anglian is a very strongly pronounced language.

DON'T try to rattle off your phrases. Speak slowly and with emphasis at first, fluency will come gradually.

DON'T overstay your welcome, e.g. at sunset an East Anglian should take part in the cere-

mony of Dwile Flonking,* so leave ten minutes before.

Simple Phrases

How are you?—Ha ya gittin orn?

I'm fine thank you—Arm ollroight thankya.

Are you going to Lowestoft for your holiday?

—Are ya gorn ta Lowstuff fur ya horldeer?

No, I'm staying here at home—Noo arma steer-yin hare ut hum.

That's strange isn't it?—Thassa rummun hent ut?

No it isn't—Noo ut hent.

Adjectives

Big — Grut.

Small/Young — Tawty.

Old — Oud.

Nouns

Man — Bluk.

Women — Oud gel.

Girl — Mawther.

Boy — Bor.

Pronunciation

Norfolk East Anglian is spoken slowly with a flat monotonous accent.

Norwich East Anglian is jibbered rather than spoken, with a slight twang.

Suffolk East Anglian has a sing-song accent.

Fenland East Anglian is spoken with a heavy twang not uncommon in Australia.

East Anglian Courses are now available at the Army School of Education, followed by a nine month posting to Stratton Strawless or Dickleburgh. "Dumpling"

***Authors' note:** Dwile Flonking is an ancient sport found in the upper reaches of the Waveney Valley. A team of ten men form a circle around the 11th man who is the Flonker. The team have to dance around the Flonker chanting "Nadger me ganders and trollop me sugar beet", while the Flonker tries to throw a Dwile (a rag soaked in beer) from the end of his pole on to the head of one of the team. Each time he misses he drinks a pint of beer. When a member of the team is hit he exclaims "Grunt-futtock" and takes the Flonkers place in the centre of the circle.

BOWLES

MOUNTAINEERING AND OUTDOOR PURSUITS CENTRE

During May B Coy 4 R Anglian sent two parties to the Bowles Mountaineering and Outdoor Pursuits Centre for short adventure training courses. The training centre, at the village of Eridge near Crowborough, Sussex, is run by Squadron Leader Peter Fletcher with the help of several well qualified instructors.

The course camped under canvas at the top of the training area, strategically placed between the Centre and the 'local'. The main emphasis was on rock climbing and canoeing.

Sussex may sound an unlikely place for mountaineering but there are in fact crags to be found to test the expert. Since none of the company had ever climbed before we had to start at lesson one. Soon we were doing more than just the basic climbs. After the end of the course several soldiers wanted to come back for further climbing and that in itself is witness enough as to the success of the course.

On the canoeing side much fun was had by everyone. One of the skills we had to achieve before being allowed out on the rivers was to escape from an upturned canoe after ten seconds. Cpl. Rowley, carrying out the test, caused apprehension by remaining submerged for thirty seconds before he escaped — "S-s-air I couldn't c-c-count bey-beyond s-s-seven".

One very enjoyable day, probably the highlight of the course, was our day out on the Sussex Ouse. We canoed about twenty miles down to Newhaven, and it was 'France or bust' for us, but our instructors wouldn't have it!

TIGERS IN THEIR ELEMENT

One hundred 'Tigers' concentrated in one stretch of jungle! The panic generated in sleepy Ulu Tiram, Johore was intense but short lived. No one was eaten! No one was even bitten! It was just Support Company of the 4th Battalion training in Malaya with the Black Watch.

Six weeks of hard work and entertaining soldiering, left the Tigers fit, well and 'raring to go,' with a lot of new experiences under their belts. These if not immediately applicable to the deserts of Bahrain and the mountains of the Gulf were well worth acquiring and it was fun.

The exercise, known as Safari, was also a fitting farewell to Major Colin Marshall, Support Company Commander.

Bahrain



'B' Company HQ in the desert. WO.II Collins, Major Robinson, Lt. Pepper and Pte. Russell.

TIGERS TRAVELS

The Tigers have covered a good deal of ground since the last issue of **CASTLE**. We have been jungle bashing in Malaya, fishing and flying in Skye, "Kape-ing" in our own home ground, climbing in Sussex, soldiering in Sennybridge, and are now breaking new ground in Bahrain.

To say that we all love it here would be inexact, but we are certainly not miserable — far from it! We are all a good deal lighter than we were when we arrived and also a good deal darker. The lean, hard, suntanned look is becoming in a soldier and we have it in full measure. So far we have been to sea with the Navy, to air with the R.A.F. and we have a busy and varied tour to come.

4TH BN. BAHRAINAUTS

Dateline — Monday, 28th July, 1969.

A mere seven days ago we saw the stupendous technological achievement of men landing and walking on the surface of the moon. Today, one week later to the day, seventy five men of the Advance party from the 4th Bn. the Royal Anglian Regiment made an historic

landing on the barren surface of Bahrain in the Sea of Arabia.

The long journey began eight tension filled hours earlier with the 'lift off' from Brize Norton Airfield in Oxfordshire. The Flight controller radioed through to the waiting V.C.10—flight vehicle.

"All systems Go — You are Go."

"We are Go," repeated the pilot. Then, revving up the jets to maximum thrust, he sent the mighty machine hurtling down the runway to begin what can only be described as a fantastic journey into the unknown.

It was the first landing by the Regiment in Bahrain. For years they had been building and striving for the dream that on the 28th of July, 1969, was to become a reality.

The years spent in the simulation chambers of the Sudan, Cyprus, Hong Kong, Borneo and Aden were fully justified by this tremendous peak of achievement!!! At 2000 hrs., with the sun disappearing over the horizon and the temperature at an overpowering 100 degrees, the hatchway was opened; then, as Major Duffie took the first tentative steps into the strange world, millions of Arabs watched spell-bound and listened with baited breath to catch the first historic words which that brave officer might utter.

On seeing their leader still surviving, the remainder of the Bahrainauts shuffled out of the hatchway and down the ladder on to what seemed like a fine powdery substance. Slowly, the tension relaxed and the Arab world, hungry for sensation, marvelled at this ultra professional performance.

The pilot of the flight vehicle surveyed these moments of immortality from the safety of the cockpit — he was able on occasion to give words of encouragement over the intercom! "It looks good: it looks good: you are Go, you are Go." His was a lonely vigil . . .

Back home in Gillingham, their wives wept tears of pride on hearing the news of the successful landing.

Major Duffie, the commander, in his first report back to base gave an indication about possible conditions. He said, "You might be interested to know that I don't think we note any difficulty in adapting to the environment".

Soon came the dramatic message an enthralled main body were waiting for. "All safe in Bahrain — we are awaiting your arrival."

But a sober note was stuck by a well-known pessimist. "All we've got to do now is get back."

Pompadours Progress



Princess Margaret inspects 'B' Company.
L to R: Lt. J. R. S. Rawlins, Lt. Col. J. L. M. Dymoke, Maj. C. M. F. Randall, Colonel of the Regiment.

Progress has been at a pretty rapid rate for Pompadours during the last few months. There have been exercises, visits, sporting events and displays—all the usual ingredients, I dare say, of a typical English summer at the Home of the British Army. Everything seems to have gone very well, but more about that later.

Victorian Red Brick

We have been in Aldershot since last December, and we are certainly settled in now. Mind you, we had to move out of the Jet Set concrete accommodation we mentioned in the last issue. The roofs leaked! So while the contractors are pulling the place apart in slow waltz time, we have taken refuge in good old red brick blocks close by. They are certainly old—even Kitchener would have agreed on that point—and dilapidated as well, with a broken window shared between two men. Still they are dependable, and the light is not very good for company commanders' room inspections.

HRH Princess Margaret

It was a great disappointment last year when Princess Margaret had to postpone her visit to the Battalion at Tidworth. So it was a very important day for everyone in June when she came to see us.

We had a rather different programme for her this time. A Guard of Honour of about a hundred greeted her. After lunch with the officers and their wives, she met the sergeants and their wives. The high-light of the day was the display in the Rushmore Arena. It was a perfect setting, which is not surprising perhaps, because this is where the Aldershot Tattoo took place before the last war. There were two events. First, a 1969 type engagement, with helicopters flying in a company supported by armoured cars and artillery. And then the re-enactment of the Battle of Salamanca, which was a most colourful spectacle.

Finally the Princess visited the Junior Ranks Club, where she had tea and met some of the soldiers and their wives. Altogether it was a memorable and successful day.

Band and Drums Successes

During the Summer, the Band and the Drums went from strength to strength. The Band had its first Kneller Hall Inspection for several years. It was graded 'Outstanding', an accolade that is not lightly given away. The Drums were also on parade for the Inspection, so they deserve their share of credit too.

It was no real surprise in July when we heard that the Corps of Drums had won the first Regimental Drums Competition, which was held at the Depot. They were marked on turn out, drill and music.

Success followed them both during the summer KAPE tour as well. They are going to be in demand in Cyprus, where they are certain to make an important contribution to our peace-keeping role.

Corporals' Mess

The Corporals had not had a proper club of their own since their arrival in Aldershot, but in July one was opened in an old block across the road from the main barracks. The place was done up largely on a self-help basis, and was an instant success. There have been some first class social evenings, including a highly successful Tramps' Ball. Bar takings have been astronomic. It was planned to close the Club for the summer break, but popular demand would not allow this. Also it will be the last of the three messes to close before the battalion flies to Cyprus.

Training For War

We all thought we had seen the last of 'The Plain' for a bit, but we seem to have been back there as often as when we were living on its doorstep. Well worn military landmarks such as Grant's Farm and Sidbury Hill, the same old enemies, who never seem to remember how badly they were mauled last time, and even the weather—different—kept popping up again.

In August, there was the annual field firing pilgrimage to Sennybridge. The battalion was there for just short of a week—a worthwhile and enjoyable time. Only one sheep failed its battle efficiency tests to the point of elimination—it did not look left and then right before crossing a GPMG fire lane. Rather like the one last year, that was hit by a landrover as it lay counting sheep one night, trying to get to sleep.

Training For Peace—International Soldiers

Now we are just about to start our six months with the UN Force in Cyprus. The few weeks between the summer break and embarkation leave were taken up with preparing ourselves for the role of International Soldiers. There were observation exercises, background lectures and, of course, home farewells.

To do the job properly meant quite a few

organisation changes. Admin and Command Companies merged into HQ Company. The Support platoons joined Rifle Companies, and the Recce Platoon disbanded until next Spring. Some of the officers were out of jobs but not for long. They very quickly blossomed into 'Ops A, Ops E officers' and the like.

For the tour, we exchange dark blue berrets for light blue ones with the United Nations cap badge. More important still, we put aside a straight forward fighting attitude, and become 'Peace Keepers' and meditators instead. It is going to be a new and interesting experience for us all. In the next issue we shall tell you something about it.

STATE VISIT

'When did 3 R. Anglian last do a London duty?' asked the General, as one of his majors on the staff came in with the tea.

'They never have, sir, unless you count one of their former battalions at the Tower of London in 1938.' The major stepped neatly between a golf bag and a recumbent whippet, and added: 'If you're thinking of them for the July State Visit, they're an ideal choice. They've got nothing on until Cyprus in October'.

The order had not been in Battalion Headquarters five minutes before the Adjutant and RSM were closetted together, each buried deep in the manual of ceremonial parades. The occasion was to be the State Visit of the President of Finland to London. The instructions and necessary orders from the manual were quickly run off. Every able bodied man, plus a few more, would have to be on parade to meet the battalion's commitment of lining the Royal route from Parliament Square to half way down Victoria Street.

There was not much time for practice, so on most mornings the battalion was to be seen weaving a sometimes uncertain route through the barracks. Each half company, of some twenty soldiers, was commanded by an officer, and had a set portion of the route. Because each one had to drill independently, some interesting variations crept in to begin with, but eventually the RSM's will prevailed. At first a lot of people managed to get rather more of the white blanco on their uniforms than on the buff belts and rifle slings provided. The final rehearsals were held in near tropical heat. By this time, some officers' normal conversation was reduced by shouting to a mere croak.

Some of the older officers thought this no bad thing, as it cut down the general level of noise at breakfast time.

The day itself was hot, but pleasant. The battalion was to leave Aldershot en masse by coach at half past eight. By the time each company commander, detachment commander, sergeant major, platoon sergeant and room NCO had had his cut of musters beforehand, the men began the morning groping around in the dark. One of the 'musts' when faced with a long stand in the sun—so the doctors say—is to have a full stomach. The reason is lost in tradition, but probably does ensure that the lower half of the body is somewhat heavier than the top, thus adding weight to a soldier's legs and boots, and so improving his chances of staying upright. Therefore in spite of a substantial breakfast, everyone forced down a sizeable haversack lunch on Horse Guards Parade, and some of the more professional soldiers supplemented this with a few sandwiches and cakes from the NAAFI tea wagon alongside.

The face—or the tiny part that you could see under the bearskin—of an enormous and resplendent Guards RSM was a picture. As he crunched past a group of battalion officers, he gave an impeccable salute. Their discomfort was perfectly apparent as they took from their mouths chicken legs, which they hid behind their backs with a greasy left hand, while saluting with the other.

Anyway the battalion took up its position, and hardly anyone fell out. There was one soldier who was tottering a bit before the procession had started. The office typists were still swinging along in their mini skirts and the civil servants were out for a stroll with their umbrellas. 'Stand still', rasped the soldier's sergeant major, in a voice that he alone imagined to be a stage whisper. The effect was like stopping a film. Every civilian for fifty yards up and down both pavements was rooted to the spot.

Then the Royal Procession had passed.

The battalion marched back to Horse Guards. All this for two minutes in the limelight, but as that Staff Officer at Headquarters said, it is not every day that 3 R. Anglian does a London duty. Most of us will not be so close again, or get such a front rank view, of so many members of the Royal Family and other VIPs and, though I say it myself, you would have to go a long way before you saw a smarter battalion, as it marched off headed by Band and Drums, back to Horse Guards.



Battle of Salamanca—

The British attack . . .

ALDERSHOT AT HOME

This year the battalion was responsible for providing the infantry presentations at the Aldershot Army Display. The organisers had a mammoth task on their hands, and our share of it seemed no less daunting when we heard what our part was to be: a display depicting an historical battle, with a couple of hundred men, a modern engagement, with full supporting arms, and a complete infantry stand to show all facets of infantry life. All the battalion resources were needed, and the QM's Department and Assault Pioneers were kept flat out the whole time.

'B' Company was responsible for the Infantry stand. As one might expect, it had to be pretty comprehensive. In fact there was something for everyone, including Major Randall's family, who spent the week-end before painting the Castle wall. A spine chilling Jungle lane, complete with appropriate animal noises and a mass of tangled undergrowth, had a constant queue outside—with a high proportion of courting couples. Another great attraction was the infantry weapons' corner, manned by the NCO's Cadre. This was swarming the whole time with young boys, anxious to fire the GPMG, and get their sticky hands on the Wombat. Lucky it was in a corner! The noise was deafening. The PT staff put up an assault course, which also proved to be a great draw to the youngsters. No one got stuck down a crawl trench or had to be rescued from the top of a rope. Throughout the day a series of skills were demonstrated in a small arena—always to a capacity audience.

The main display took place in the principal

arena of the Show Ground. The 1969 Battle scene showed a modern combat team attacking an enemy position. Helicopters skated in over the heads of the crowd, and out poured 'A' Company, supported by armoured cars and 105 mm howitzers. The enemy rapidly capitulated, in clouds of red smoke. The only tense moment was in the finale, when the vehicles came to drive over the bridge that had been thrown up in record time. Happily the sappers knew their job, and there were no broken chassis.

Undoubtedly the most colourful display was 'D' Company's Battle of Salamanca. In spite of plastic muskets and a few soldiers in horn rimmed glasses, the effect was most realistic and very striking. The cavalry, recruited from a local RCT troop were terrifying as they charged. Rehearsals had taught our intrepid troops to leave respectable gaps in their ranks for the horses to break through. With shouts of 'God Save the King' on one side, and a convincing equivalent encouragement in French from the others, the Redcoats soon carried the day, and bore off the Eagle in triumph. The weather was an absolute scorcher, which was marvellous for the visitors, but not so good for our old time soldiers in shakos and knee breeches.

Well over a hundred thousand people visited the show over the two days. There is always a deal of satisfaction in playing to such numbers, and the public's evident enjoyment made all the frantic preparation and many rehearsals well worth while.

. . . The French Line



POMPADOURS AID McSASENNACH

EX HIGHLAND EXPRESS

It is likely that readers have not seen this headline in the National Press in April 1969 and perhaps did not even know that the ancient kingdom of Highlandia and Rhum had seceded from Great Britain. It was kept very quiet as the Government at that time was sufficiently embarrassed by the Anguilla problem where the 'Red Devils' stole the limelight. All can now be revealed and at last it can be explained why these intrepid adventures, 'B' Company of the 3rd Battalion (see 'Peak, Rock, Pot and Plough' in the last edition), were not mentioned in the report of the Battalions jaunt in Iceland (Pompadoours Progress also in the May CASTLE).

In fact the Iceland exercise, including the widely reported challenge to a duel received by the Commanding Officer, was nothing more than a publicity stunt to distract attention from the difficult and dangerous task naturally given to 'B' Company.

The situation was a tricky one. The islanders on Rhum roused by Fantasian agitators, declared their independence under a military Government headed by General Igor McStanislaus who claimed to be of Scottish ancestry and heir to the ancient kingdom of Highlandia and Rhum. Over the last two years communist

agents had infiltrated into local government and education posts on the mainland, reviving the myth of the lost clan of McStanislaus and preparing the inhabitants for the return of their former power. This story was received with enthusiasm particularly as it was backed by liberal handouts of whisky and promises of greatly increased production for home consumption subsidised by the government. The shortage of whisky had long been a grievance with the Highlanders and a separatist movement had been gaining strength which now latched on to this romantic cause with fervour.

Once McStanislaus was established on Rhum he brought back the menfolk of the 'missing clan' who had been in exile in Outer Fantasia. The 3,000 of them happened to be formed into well equipped military units known as the King's Own McStanislaus Independent Service—KOMIS for short. After a carefully planned propaganda programme, this force landed on the mainland and King Igor was acclaimed throughout Highlandia, the kingdom seceding from Great Britain.

The new government soon publicised the building of new whisky distilleries and in remote spots there was considerable activity. However one small clan had never been taken in by all this. The Chief—Duncan McSassenach con-

sidered himself to be heir to the kingdom but, as a loyal ex officer of the British Army, had not pressed the claim. His gallant supporters had resisted but had been forced to go into hiding in the mountains.

One of them had staggered out across the frontier suffering from severe exposure with a message from Duncan who had been spying on work going on NW of Loch Affric where it was reported a distillery was to be built. He was

convinced that it was not a distillery and, from details, experts considered it was a heavy water plant, the key to the production of nuclear missiles; the other hardware being made at other 'distilleries'. There was a defence force of about a platoon and one small vital piece of equipment which was waiting to be installed in the underground complex. A very efficient Fantasian low and high level anti aircraft missile system covered the area and all tracks were regularly patrolled by vehicle patrols.

It was therefore 'B' Company's proud task to save England from this clandestine nuclear threat and by so doing expose the perfidy of the bogus clansmen and bring about the downfall of 'King' Igor.

The Company with the Recce Platoon, left Aldershot at the same time as the rest of the Battalion and then travelled north by train to Inverness, ostensibly as the South of England Flora and Fauna Preservation Society. Security was endangered when one 'preservationist' while battling through the London Underground against the rush-hour crowds called to his mate 'Watch out Fred, remember you've got grenades in that bag'. It cleared a path like magic through the crowd if nothing else! Near Inverness two days were spent brushing up climbing and mountain rescue techniques ready for the tough task ahead.

Word was got to Duncan for him to meet the force at an RV to brief them on the latest information. Recce Platoon patrols slipped across the frontier first and found hide areas, the Company following into the hides in seven strike groups spread over 15 miles in the Cannich area. The Company HQ group had five pack horses with them carrying the final two days rations and radio batteries for the Company. It took a great deal of explaining to persuade Sergeant Major Law that one of them was not for his exclusive use!

With the patrols moving one day ahead the strike groups moved up into the snow covered mountains keeping out of sight of the few tracks in this area where the enemy were actively patrolling. The men were heavily laden with four days' rations, ropes, radios, weapons, sleeping bags, and all the clothing and equipment necessary to survive for eight days in this inhospitable region. On the second and third days groups reached Lochs Mullardoch, Beinna Mheadhoin and Affric where loyal clansmen had boats hidden enabling each group to paddle about three miles and rest their feet. This was successfully accomplished and by blocking



Duncan 'Randall' McSassenach briefing Ptes. Gillespie and Newton at the food cache.



A strike group of 7 Platoon climbing out from the Company RV.

tracks fallen trees, etc., enemy patrols were prevented from reaching vantage points during the critical time. The boatmen had previously ferried rations to the head of Loch Affric where a food cache was established.

Meantime Company HQ were having problems with the horses when they reached a large area of bog created by the melting snow and the unfortunate animals repeatedly sank to their bellies. The CSM found that he was just about carrying the horse instead of what he had hoped. Despite tremendous efforts by the handlers and the HQ, the loads had to be taken off the horses' backs, the HQ, taking as much as they could on their backs, had to push on to make up time. By long marches during all the hours of daylight, they arrived, shattered but triumphant, at the company RV on time. Their route had taken in a steep crest 3,600 ft. high with deep snow on the ridge line.

Back with the strike groups, who were now filtering in through the food cache to pick up two days' rations, Duncan himself welcomed them to the Great Glen of McSassenach, briefing each and giving the route for them to reach the company RV two days later. OC 7 platoon received a Gaelic ear bashing for his temerity in challenging Duncan in his own Glen and insisting on the password. Pte. Mackett narrowly escaped the sharp end of the dirk Duncan's great grandfather had used to great effect at Culloden, when he was caught trying to get the answer to the age old kilt question! Good relations were fortunately soon established again.

Further complications arose as the groups swung north in the wild country near the peaks known as the Five Sisters of Kintail for snow and sleet, driven by a bitter wind, caused three minor exposure casualties necessitating the long and tiring task of carrying them and their

equipment down to the Company RV. Luckily they recovered sufficiently to walk with assistance down the steep and treacherous path alongside the Falls of Glomach—a forbidding sight in spate. Duncan's cousin Hamish farmed this steep and remote valley at Carnach, and his followers kept a lookout on the hills while the company rested for a day in a cow byre, took on their last two days' rations and received orders for the attack and exfiltration. Sgt. Allan, the Medical Sergeant, and the orderlies with the platoons did a good job. Every man was passed fit to continue.

The Company climbed up and up out of the RV back into the snow. Duncan, who of course could not be kept out of the battle, endeared himself to 7 Pl. as he urged them to the summit—'just a wee step furrther'—seven times as successive false crests peered into view. His lyrical musings on the view from each met with little response! However, it must be admitted that the kilted figure was a stirring sight as he mouthed incomprehensible oaths while eating large quantities of his fiery beard with each mouthful of haggis.

With cut offs placed behind the enemy the attack went in next morning and with the mission accomplished, the strike groups again split on their own routes to their final hide positions in sight of civilisation at last. The pick up point was at Strathcarron, opposite Skye, and there the Colour Sergeant had breakfast waiting. It was astonishing to see all the fatigue vanish as groups caught the welcoming aroma of frying bacon and came in at the double.

So ended an exercise which many 'experts' considered not possible at that time of year without suffering considerable casualties. No outside medical aid was required either during or after the eight days! 'Never stick a false beard on with "Copydex" if you ever want to remove it again!'

DAGENHAM TOWN SHOW QUEEN



(Courtesy Stratford Express)

**Miss Pat 'Anglia' Humphreys entertains.
L to R: Ptes. Woods, Elves, L/Cpls. Newton, Marshall, Ptes. McCloud, Reid.**

It was during a highly successful KAPE tour of our recruiting area that Captain Victor Gee hit on a bright idea. In the course of his official duties—so he tells us—he met the 1969 Dagenham Town Show Queen. She is shapely, nineteen years old, Pat Humphreys. Why not invite her back to the Battalion, he thought.

And so Pat came down to Aldershot in August, on the day we went on leave. She arrived just before lunch at the Sergeants' Mess. After lunch, she watched the Final of the Battalion Volley Ball Competition and presented the prizes to the winning team from 'D' Company. RSM Bullock, who himself comes from Dagenham, then presented her with a Regimental plaque. He had some difficulties with his hat, because he followed up his presentation with a kiss.

Before she left, Pat conducted the band—under the watchful eye of Bandmaster Bowness Smith—and finally met some members of the Band who hail from Dagenham.

Nice to meet you, Pat. Come and see us again some time.

To represent the Army at Shooting

For the first time in many years, the battalion entered a team at Bisley. This is not something that you win the first year. However, the team put up a highly creditable performance. L/Cpl. Aves did particularly well, getting second in the 'Secretary of State for War' competition, and coming overall ninth in the Combined Services Championships. It will be interesting next year, as the battalion has been selected to represent the Army in the CENTO Shooting Competition. Too bad the match will be held in England and not somewhere like Tehran!

The Queen's Division

Colonel in Chief

Her Majesty The Queen has approved the appointment of His Royal Highness The Duke of Kent as Colonel-in-Chief The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers.

The Divisional Depot

Bassingbourn has been on the lips of many for the past few months as a likely site for The Divisional Depot. At last it has been announced that The Depot The Royal Anglian Regiment would close by the end of the year and that The Depot The Queen's Division would open at Bassingbourn in January 1970. Plans are in hand for the eventual phasing into Bassingbourn of Depot The Queen's Regiment and Depot The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers.

On Friday, 28th August, at 1130 hours the RAF flag at Bassingbourn was lowered for the last time and the camp was handed over by the last Commanding Officer, Squadron Leader A. M. McGregor, MBE, to The Queen's Division represented by Major P. Worthy.

It is planned that the training of certain Juniors will start at Bassingbourn in December and recruits in January. It is hoped that the final build up will be complete by mid 1970.

The first Commanding Officer will be Lieutenant Colonel W. C. Deller, R. Anglian, with Major J. V. Warner-Johnson, Queens, as his second in Command and Captain D. R. Clarke, RRF, as Adjutant.

Divisional Headquarters

Major P. Worthy, R. Anglian, the original member of Divisional Headquarters has been selected for the appointment of OC Skill at Arms Wing, School of Infantry, Warminster in January 1970. His successor as GSO 2 is Major W. R. W. Pike, R. Anglian.

Colchester Tattoo

The most outstanding and popular event of this year's Colchester Tattoo was the performance by the Massed Bands and Drums of The Queen's Division. The display of drumming in 'Victory Beating' was the only event in the Tattoo to be acclaimed with 'encore'.

In the 'Finale' the special arrangement by Bandmaster D. R. Kimberley, Regimental Bandmaster The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, of 'Salute to the Prince of Wales' was received with tremendous applause at all performances.

Bisley 1969

The Divisional Team are congratulated on improving their position this year in The Methuen Cup by coming 12th compared with 19th in 1968.

For the first time a Divisional Team entered for the NRA Meeting under the captaincy of Major J. A. Teague MC, RRF and are congratulated on the following results:

5th Inter Unit Championship; 6th Mappin; 8th Hythe; 10th Brinsmead (Imperial Tobacco).

Individual results worthy of note were:

L/Cpl. Aves R. Anglian, tied 1st Secretary of State, was 6th in the Rapids aggregate, 8th in the Imperial Tobacco, and 9th in the Service Rifle Championship.

2Lt. Domeison, R. Anglian, was 5th in the Standing and 12th in the Service Rifle Championship. He was also winner of 'Young Officers' at the ARA Meeting.

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THE LINCOLNSHIRE and EAST OF ENGLAND SHOWS



HRH The Duchess of Gloucester at The Lincolnshire Show.

by

CAPTAIN R. D. GOWING
Regimental Recruiting Officer

The army's appearance in the ring of an agricultural show is usually synonymous with the inevitable battle against the wicked enemy. The result is usually disastrous, not only for the enemy, but for the stock animals who take fright and cause the farmers to curse their origins.

With these thoughts in mind we therefore decided to make a change, and please not only the ring audience, but the farmers too. So it was that in June a party of thirty from the 1st Battalion in Catterick, comprising a Reconnaissance Section, a Mortar Section and two Wombat teams, as well as two low loaders carrying APCs and a Stalwart load carrier set off for Lincolnshire. The Lincolnshire Centenary Show was held on a permanent site a few miles north of the city. On arrival we met up with the Regimental Information Team, unloaded the two APCs and set out the static display alongside the rest of the Army display. Despite the impressive weaponry shown by the Royal Artillery and comprehensive exhibits from the RAOC and Intelligence Corps, it was our Royal Anglian display that drew the crowds.

On the opening day of the two-day show, Her Royal Highness, The Duchess of Gloucester, Deputy Colonel of the Regiment, made a ten minute visit to our static display. She spoke to several members of the team and showed much interest in our equipment. In the arena we did four displays, two on each day. A competition was arranged, involving two teams each comprising a Recce vehicle, a Mortar section and two Wombat detachments. Six sand filled mortar bombs were given to each section, the winners being the first to hit the target area, marked with sheets, some 60 yards in front. This part of the competition gave the crowd quite a thrill as they were able to follow the bombs in flight. The officer in charge meanwhile was biting his nails to the quick, praying each bomb would hit the target! The final phase saw the Wombats in action, very effective with their simulated fire. Competition became almost frenzied and there were several crates of beer at stake. At Lincoln there was plenty of interest and a crowd of about 25,000 on the first day. But this was a small occasion for us compared with the East of England Show which followed in July. This show, at a permanent site between Peterborough and the A.1, was a massive affair. On the first of three days there was a crowd in excess of 60,000. The 5th Battalion kindly let us use their drill hall where we shared the floor space with 2 R.T.R.

At Peterborough our static display was a much more ambitious affair. An APC formed the centre piece. Over it stood a large red board announcing the 1st Battalion, and from the two flag poles we flew the NATO and Regimental flags. Around this we grouped the Stalwart, a second APC, and a Wombat, an 81mm mortar and a Ferret. With the addition of the Information team's trampoline and .22 range all this was a star attraction for the large crowds.

Pte. Mitchell gets a new recruit.



As at the Lincoln Show we gave a number of competitive displays. But what was it about Peterborough? At the opening performance one of the mortar firing pins broke—when both the Colonel of the Regiment and the Commanding Officer were watching! On the second day we lost one of the bombs on the target area, and held up the show jumping for half an hour till it was found. *Not* very popular. We all know the mortar is an area weapon. The commentator kept stressing the point. Not once could either team hit that elusive sheet. Finally in desperation (thinking about that case of beer no doubt rather than our military reputation) Sgt. Gourbold was suddenly seen dashing through the smoke waving a bomb above his head as he hurled it triumphantly into the middle of the target area.

Ask any member of the team what a Rural Montage is and you can expect a rude answer. A lot of it was to do with Mr. Cooper, Bandmaster of the 4th Battalion. It's a pageant. Everyone taking part in the show came into the ring. This in itself was quite an achievement. Our Bands, a U.S.A.F. Band, tractors, the R.A.F. Regt. drill squad, decorated floats, horses, Ferret scout cars of 2 RTR and many more. It had been the hottest day of the summer and the showground was the hottest place in Europe—92°F! And just as this great 'Montage' was entering the ring the heavens opened. The result is best left to the imagination. However, in the end it was all very impressive and spectacular (I mean the Montage not the storm!)

All our vehicles including the APC drove slowly into the area, headlights on, led by three lone grenadiers and a drummer in period uniform. We gained some additional publicity when Miss Anglia of Anglia TV was persuaded to sit atop an APC and then later, standing in one of the Wombat landrovers she headed the Royal Anglian bands as they marched into the arena. An appropriate mascot! It was an enjoyable tour resulting we hope in the name of the Royal Anglian Regiment being further enhanced and spread abroad.



Centrepiece. Cpl. Woolf and Pte. Alderson.



General Freeland takes time off to have a drink and a talk with families at the Minden Club.

LIFE AT

Despite entering into our second year at Catterick we are still very much a part of a Southern Regiment. We have tried to break away as much as possible, and indeed many companies and departments have succeeded in so doing. In April 'A' Company visited Berlin, taking over duties from a Company of the 1st Staffords. Adventure Training in Wales, Scotland and the Lake District provided many of us with a good excuse to be on the move again. Permission to land helicopters on National Trust terrain gave Captain Paul Long a minor headache, and one must appreciate to a degree the attitude taken by the authorities

concerned which was that such areas are places of peace and calm to be disturbed only by picnickers and tourists. The noise of two helicopters would not be conducive to the interests of the public! Finally he received permission and the Signal Platoon had an adventure-cum-radio exercise.

Flushed with the undoubted success of North-umbrian View, the year before, a second instalment, more thrilling than the first, was planned and executed for the public to give the Army, and in particular 6 Infantry Brigade, a better public image. Indeed it was a spectacle attracting 55,000 to the playing fields of Gandale.



General Goodwin inspecting No. 1 guard on his recent visit to the Battalion.

CATTERICK

Loudhailers were out as far as Carlisle, Newcastle and York, and the battle that followed received praise in all National Newspapers. Following the great Spectacle we became the nucleus in the latest Army Recruiting film which took a week to make (including overtime as the Film Company were forever reminding us). The result—a two minute epic. No wonder *Ben Hur* took a year and a half to make.

In July we staged an 'Open Day' to which Cadets and Youth Clubs were invited as part of an effort to involve Battalions more and more in the recruiting drive. It was a pity that we attracted only those from North Yorkshire and

Durham and not from our own region. Nevertheless we have ventured South to County Shows and Open Days in an effort to re-establish our identity in our own areas. In July also we took part in a NATO exchange visit with American soldiers from the 1st Bn. 87th Infantry Regiment who are a 'Mech' Battalion stationed at Baumholder, Germany. Once again we have taken the merry road to Sennelager, travelling by road, rail, sea and air, for our two month stint culminating in Brigade Exercises on our home from home, the Soltau Training Area. It is from here we report in retrospect.



Cpl. Bill Isles demonstrating the GPMG to members of the American Army.

VISIT OF 1st BN, 87th INF, U.S. ARMY TO CATTERICK CAMP

THE 1st BN ARE HOSTS TO AMERICANS

'At ease, this is England—cool it.' And so the visit of 143 enlisted men and seven officers, under command of Major Fred Schaefer began, as guests of the 1st Bn. Our guests were from the 1st Bn. 87 Inf. stationed in Baumholder near Luxembourg and the French-German border, and being a mechanised battalion it is easy to understand why Catterick and the 1st Bn. were chosen for this NATO exchange visit. In return 90 men of the 1st Battalion went to Germany.

The visit not unnaturally aroused considerable interest and a certain apprehension but, after the initial shock, both guests and hosts settled down to a worthwhile and amusing two weeks. Mutual interest was shown in the exchange of military language. Examples of the versatility of our language such as 'at ease' meaning belt up and listen, 'square up' meaning smarten yourself up, are printable here. Much is not!

With ancestral curiosity twinging in the minds of many of our American cousins a visit to London was arranged where, with ancestral connections or no, the theme was similar to, shall we say, a trip by ourselves to Copenhagen. York and Durham too, were examined with similar object. Newcastle proved a slight exception, as arm in arm with soldiers from Catterick and sailors from a visiting destroyer, the Scottish and Newcastle Brewery extended a wel-

coming arm and the NATO alliance was seen at its best. In fairness the aesthetic value of York in particular was much appreciated and as one man said with complete justification 'It's sure different from Noo York.'

'A' Company took on the task of cricket instruction, without helmets, and the game that followed resulted in a broken thumb for Pte. Morley, a good way to pass an afternoon. The more mundane aspect of this basically military visit was basic military instruction in weapons and equipment. The exchange in most departments of ideas, principles and techniques came home with an uncompromising assurance. Our professionalism did not go unnoticed.

At basketball there was no doubt where authority lay. In the ability to sink a pint the ball was very much in our court.

A short exercise, with our APC's at their disposal, somewhat bogged down, rather literally, and although many of the soldiers came from the 'Pathfinder' Division their method of attack seemed to us somewhat of an anomaly. As a protective armoured vehicle many were impressed with the 432 although claiming, with ample proof, a number of jagged edges, to which they were unaccustomed.

In true British tradition the visit was given the gold lining by the Band and Drums who beat 'Retreat', including a number of American Civil War marches and songs in the programme, and the inevitable presentation of mementoes. On this occasion we received a large and beautifully made Carbine in return of which we presented a Sword and Scabbard.

Cpl. Kip Coe explains the principles of the GPMG.



The British are coming

Welcome to Baumholder, said the Colonel. My name is Lieutenant Colonel Charles Harris and I command the First Battalion the Eighty-seventh United States Infantry here in Baumholder. Baumholder is the Catterick of Germany. The 87th U.S. Infantry was formed in 1941 as a mountain regiment. *Vires Montesque Vincimus*. The Conquerors. They are not going to conquer us, we thought.

We sat in the mess-hall and listened to our briefing (Introduction-Orientation) from the Colonel. They had taken us to our billets in the oldish four-storey German barrack blocks that crowd the hilltop that is Baumholder. It all seemed a bit bleak compared with our camp in Catterick, but we had come here to work and to integrate. We had eaten our first meals in the mess-hall; Corporals and below upstairs, Officers and Noncoms below. There are eleven battalions on the post. When I heard you were coming, said the Colonel, I planned to put a lantern in the Church Tower. The British are Coming! One for by water, two for by land.

Put up three, we said, we came by bus. Baumholder is down below Bingen on the Rhine and it took us twelve hours to get there from Guttersloh.

From where? they asked.

From the North, where the British forces are. You got forces here in Germany?

1 (British) Corps, we said.

Just one?

Just one, we said.

Conversations could be like that.

We have Command Reveille at 0605. We all turn out and stand there in three ranks. Each of our platoons is integrated with an American Company. Open ranks—Pooh! said the First Sergeant. We in open order right dress. The Adjutant calls commands from way up on the hillside. The flag goes up and we all salute. Things are going to be strange to us.

What do we do now?

Eat chow.

Eggs are over-easy or sunnyside-up, Waffles and syrup an experiment for the brave.

We have formation at 0605 every morning, they said.

We parade at 0830, we said.

Parade? With a band and all?

No, just a muster parade.

We held a thoroughly British Muster Parade at 0730 hours and they all came out to watch.

Say, you really shout at your enlisted men. Don't they mind?

Parade-formation, formation parade, words mean different things. Canteen means water-bottle. Mess-kit means KFS. You have to use exactly the right words.

It is more than mere words that are different. Attitudes can be very different. We explored our opposite number and in this lay the value of

the experience. Strangely, we did not make fun of each other very much. There were exceptions.

The Fourth of July? we said. Oh, Riddance Day. Americans, like the British like to make fun of themselves. Another day, said the Sergeant Major, in which to excel! We excelled. We were learning the language.

S3 got us locked-in on the training schedule. Today, he said, we have static display. They had assembled for our inspection every piece of land-warfare equipment that they could find. We crawled all over the M60 tanks and the M114 and M113 APC's and handled their weapons. They have more variety of weapons in the unit but they are for the most part comparable with our own. We examine their trials vehicles and argue about cupolas and gun-posts. We are all experts together.

We go on the range American-style. We have to do it this way they explain. We like your way, all informal.

The Officer stands in his tower with a loud-hailer and white helmet. The noncoms stand behind us and hold up coloured disks. One man lays beside us to make sure that we point the right way. At last we fire. We fire the pistol and sub-machine gun and the M14 rifle and the M60 MG. Today, said the Sergeant, we have class on the M60 machine-gun. 'I am Sergeant of the First Battalion the Eighty-seventh United States Infantry and this is the M60 MG and it's a great little weapon.' We name it and strip it and fire it. We like or we do not like it. We argue. Each of us is an authority upon the desirable characteristics of weapons. 'Tomorrow', said the Colonel, 'we drive track.'

We go out on to the training-area (the Ponderosa), a wide rolling Salisbury Plain with dust and horse-flies. We are given an APC to play-with. Your people drive track? asked the Colonel. We all drive track, we replied. We drive the M113 with its nippy petrol engine and ramp. We drove the fast M114 of the recon platoon. We did not much care for ramps and petrol engines. We compare them with the AV 432. We like the 432. We are international experts now on APC philosophy. Tomorrow, they said, we fire 50 calibre.

Out on the Ponderosa we have class on the 50 calibre and the horse-flies are terrible. We learn to check clearance and timing. We learn to observe strike and correct the gun. We fire from the ground mount and from the vehicle mounts. We play with the sophisticated elec-

trically-controlled mount on the M114. We blast the hillside; Audie Murphy stuff. The Americans join-in and their results are a little better than our own. We wonder if anyone lives just over that skyline. We have theories.

It is the week-end and we are taken to see the sights. Our hosts come with us to make a party of it and to get out of Baumholder. We go to Luxembourg in a coach. We look at General Pattons grave and those of his soldiers and we sign the visitors book. We look around the town and admire the fortifications or we just sit and drink a beer. It is glorious summer and we are tourists. 'Tomorrow', they said, 'we have Rhine-River-Cruise.'

We go down to Bingen in the bus and get on to the steamer. We are ninety tourists among thousands. The Rhine gorge slips by and we sip our beer and try to find somewhere to sit down. The tourists come from all over the place. How old are you? We are twenty-one. Where are you from? England. We are from Japan. I do not think we can get to Strasbourg but we will try. No, we are not American. British, soldiers. I have never been to Paris. That is the Lovelei (something wrong here). The what? *Noch zwie bier bitter*. Right, you lot, all off at Koblenz. We eat a fried chicken picnic in the forest and sleep all the way back to Baumholder. Thank you for a wonderful week-end, we said. About how far is it to Strasbourg?

Today we fire mortars, said the Colonel. Companies have eighty-ones. The battalion has a platoon of four-duce. That four-duce sure is some Goddam mortar!

Wives participation is in the afternoon, we were told. One day each week the wives come into camp and accompany their husbands in their duties. Orientation, they said. Now steady-on, this idea could spread, we said. Do they come out here on the mortar range? Right here, they said.

By afternoon we had dismissed the 81 mm mortars and were learning about 4.2 in. mortar fire control. It is a large weapon with a rifled barrel, fired, like all American mortars, from the APC. Our minds are full of azimuth, aiming circles and fire-missions and it is gala-day for horse-flies. A bus arrives full of ladies. They join us for some fire-control practice. Great, says the Sergeant, Mrs — thinks we should drop four hundred, and I am inclined to agree with her. We drop four hundred. Your soldiers like cream-cake? asks the lady. We are cautious. There are 33 large cream cakes in the bus and



Anglo American presentation of mementos.

about ninety of us. There is a logistic problem. Come have some cream-cake, we are told. We nibble a large piece of cream-cake. All the girls bake, the lady explains. American soldiers just love cream-cake. I am photographed eating my second piece of cream cake. Americans are very kind people.

Tomorrow, they said, we have air-mobile class and the following day an air-mobile problem. What is the problem? we ask innocently. Assault course, they answer. Square one!

Square One

We go out to the airfield and look at the helicopters. They have large helicopters. We stand beside a helicopter the size of a double decker bus. Are we going to see any of your big ones? we ask. Well no, we have none of the big ones in Germany. Honours had been even up to this point. Our equipment compares well with that of the Americans and because of familiarity we like it better. You win, we said.

We receive a tactical briefing for the exercise the following day. We are to operate as a Company alongside an American Company. CO 'C' will assault L Zee LIGHTNING and clear objective FRED. They tell us where to meet the helicopters. The next morning we organise ourselves into sticks of eight. We scamper out and kneel down in our sticks ready to go to the aircraft. Heh, you guys have done this before.

Us? No. We just got off the banana boat.

They put us down on the wrong LZ but we move off towards our objective in open forma-

tion. Someone goes over the skyline and we are blasted in American over the battalion net. We do fire and movement through the objective and the Aggressors flee. The problem is over.

Your enlisted men sure are motivated. That sergeant in charge of the squad was out of breath, but he kept shouting. Real Professional. We smile modestly. Americans are very kind.

There is going to be a bug-out sometime, said the Colonel. I want everything loaded before sundown. Get the British Personnel locked-in to the set-up. British personnel do TC. All tracks roll. We got locked in to the set-up and this was just as well. We were wakened at 0300 hrs.

There is a bug-out, they said.

Tracks rolled. There was darkness and the roar of tanks. The Colonel shouted instructions.

Yessir! shouted the Sergeant Major.

You are my XO, said the Colonel.

Yes, Sir, I said.

Want to know what your duties are? said my driver.

We were out on the Ponderosa in a tactical setting. Crews were Anglo-American. Procedures were all American.

Heh, TC, shouted the XO. Get up there. Can you swing that 50 calibre? Get the track cammed-up. OK, lets go check-out 'B' Company.

Was that me?

Another day, said the Sergeant Major, in which to excel!

We excel. We do a surveillance task. We go patrolling in the woods. We instruct.

Right, look to your front, said Corporal Poole.

There are five soldiers concealed. I want you to locate them.

The American soldiers peer into the long grass.

Say, that guy was only five yards away. What's your unit, the V.C.?

No, we said, the 87th.

Colonel Harris was leaving the Battalion. We missed his change of command ceremony because we must return to Catterick. We, of

the 87th are sorry. We say good-bye and get into the bus.

It has been an exciting experience. A lot has

rubbed-off on both sides.

It was real good of you to have us, we said.

It was jolly nice to meet you, they replied.

Northumbrian View—back stage

With recce's held and every tree and dip in the ground scrutinised the scene is set for Northumbrian View II. On to the arena come the performers from all departments of the Brigade to practice for the great spectacle. Sgt. Ken Bishop is heard to say 'I'm going fishing', and is not seen for several hours.

Slowly the area takes shape. Flagpoles, loud-speakers, stands, tents of all shapes and sizes appear like spring flowers (well perhaps not quite) from nowhere. Rumours concerning guest appearances from the RAF with Harrier abound, and even Trubshaw and the Concorde are mentioned. Back stage a different story. A Platoon Commander, Sgt. Brammy Bramwell takes Sgt. Yogi Youngs into a corner of some muddy field (that is forever I R Anglian) to try and extract a cigarette; a noteworthy task once achieved. Pte. Cameron in the back of Callsign 32 wonders what his wife will say when yet again he doesn't appear for lunch. Flatfoot Smith brewing interminable cups of coffee. The remainder of the Company on top of the vehicles—sleeping? But not all, for from the depths of Callsign 32C comes the clink of coins; Messrs. Kent, Conway, Smithurst and Newell

all bent low over a card-table. Come to mention it have they ever been seen in the field without a pack of cards?

Meanwhile the director and his staff, stationed in the Command Module, which may be visibly seen to shudder once in a while, plan the next move. Once more the 'Stand By' filters down and it's off again to the ever increasingly muddy arena.

Two weeks after this initial performance, repeated many times over, the sun shines over the playing fields of Catterick and the show is on. With considerable doubts as to whether the Recce PI vehicles will manage the now slippery slopes or the tanks will perform as required, the commentator, Major Mike Thorne, gets the show under way. All goes well and indeed Harrier does actually arrive. Alas the RAF Belfast fly behind the stands and is seen by no one. But after all it 'IS' an Army Show! At the end the public are invited to sample tea, Army style, from the mobile canteens (APC's) and a general inspection of all the vehicles thus assembled. In 32C the clink of coins is still heard.



Norfolk lads on exercise Northumbrian View.

ACADEMY AWARD—STAR OF THE YEAR

'OK . . . All ready . . . 30 seconds . . . Stand by . . . SHOOT'

'HOLD IT, I can see smoke coming out of that tree.' And so on until after a week hundreds of feet of film had been used to be edited down to a two minute, all action star packed advert. The Battle of the Bulge will look like peanuts after this epic has been set loose in front of the public. All by courtesy, and considerable patience, of the 'B' Company which provided the bulk of the cast. With emphasis on Armoured Infantry and on the teamwork and support required in Armoured Warfare a Troop of tanks from the Queens Royal Irish Hussars and helicopters from the 6 Brigade Recce Flight assisted in the making of the film.

Day one at Gandale, scene also of Northumbrian View II, was most typical. Non stop rain finally drove World Wide Pictures back to their Hotel but the cessation of activities was delayed as World Wide could not receive authority to Wrap (film jargon for to stop). The Government representative, who controlled the purse strings, was away in Catterick making a phone call and Union Rules must be obeyed even when work ceases to be a practical concern. We witnessed several examples illustrating how at times the work to rule principal is so utterly childish. The film crew were all friends and worked for the same company.

Although a tactical presentation was not required the enthusiasm of the director had to be toned down occasionally as it became apparent that he and his crew were determined to make a Joseph E. Levine production look like a tea party. The dangers of armoured vehicles pouring down a steep slippery slope, nine abreast, row after row, with a ditch at the bottom, evaded him and the answer to his question 'Does the scene grab you' was often 'yes' but not to the drivers and commanders. This great action shot was repeated four or five times and only when all the cameras had managed to 'zoom in' to the star vehicle were things correct. On the 'Rushes' (unedited developed film) which we saw afterwards, the best shots appeared to be of Sgt. Pop Murray and CSM Johnny Bates beating their drivers over the head with their respective hand sets like two frustrated jockeys. Everyone was delighted, except for a tank crew, when one of the charges, laid to simulate action and enemy gunfire, got caught up between the hull and sprocket of a Centurian and to the chants of delight from the film crew, blew the track guards

well into the air and sent the twisted sprocket off into the bushes.

Other scenes produced vehicles hurtling from the bushes into a river, a cast of thousands pouring out of the back of four APC's and a most realistically bloodthirsty house clearing operation, blowing windows out of disused farmhouse (we think it was disused) all at the hands of Pte. Mick Cleverly and L/Cpl. Bunny Smithurst who throughout this epic acted as star and co-star. Both realised that stardom is not all glamour! The shooting of the Dining Room scene required them to look as though they were enjoying every mouthful of their meal which lasted an hour and disposed of eight helpings most of which were cold by the time the cameras were ready to roll. A discotheque scene, to the drone of a solitary pop tune, showed happy faces gaze lovingly into the eyes of a well suited partner, whether they liked each other or not. Some WRACs were paraded for this special occasion. All in a week's work by a team of 15 made the preparations for our coming move to Germany look like a Muster Parade.

Let us hope that the public react to this great drama and come flocking to our gates. Someone has to justify the cost of two minutes worth of . . .

M.J.R.E.

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



Sgt. Angus Bowman with a member of Berlin's Schutzpolizei.



L/Cpl. Lionel Mortimer and Pte. Colin Whitby 'taking in' the famous Brandenburg Gate.

'A' Company in Berlin

The highlight for 'A' Company's programme was a three week stay under command of 1 Staffords in Berlin. They flew out from Teesside Airport in three Argosy Aircraft on 12th April and returned in similar style on 30th April and 1st May. Not much grass grew under their feet while they were away. Standard tours of East and West and visits to places of interest, some training carried out but the limitations of the Spandau Forest and other Berlin woodlands became quickly apparent. The 3rd Battalion of the 6th US Infantry gave them a most exciting day on the range, and flew them over West Berlin in their helicopters. The stay included a long nine days of duty company but even these were varied and interesting. In addition soldiers went almost every day with the Staffords' patrols

round the wire, and officers and senior ranks into East Berlin. Everyone therefore had a chance to stare back at these odd characters who have to wire (or wall) us in for their protection.

Readers may use their imaginations and not be far from the truth regarding the social and off-duty activities of the company. It is enough to say that the hospitality received from the Staffords was very generous indeed. It was like Trieste again, for the really ancient!

The trip was rounded off by Exercise Janus, a joint Anglo-French exercise in the Tegel forests of the French sector. 2 Pl. used the Staffords P1. while 1 and 3 Pls. were lorry-borne. It was not the best of exercises but we had some bursts of wild activity after a long period of idleness at the beginning. A posse of British and French senior officers visited the company while it waited in the initial hide. This resulted later in a large bouquet for concealment and track discipline. Apparently the company moved about so quickly that the French were surprised that there were only six APCs on the exercise.

The sporting highlight of the stay was the Berlin Brigade six-a-side Hockey Knockout. 'A' Company entered a side because the Staffords were a company short, won the first game comfortably and then faced another Staffords' side and won again. The next opponents were last year's winners—RAF Gatow, hardly dared to hope—but won again! Just failed to make it four in a row against the Glosters in the final. It was only just before the final that the Staffords' CO and the Brigade Commander decided to own up that 'A' Company were not the Staf-

fords' 'E' team. People had been asking who this team was—the only one in red. All the players now have a medal to show for their day's work.

Apart from the many friends made in our host battalion, close liaison was made with 6 Infantry Brigade. 'A' Company was reinforced by parties from 1 R. Irish, 6 Infantry Brigade Signal Squadron, 17 Squadron RCT, 4 Field Ambulance, 5 OFP and 5 Infantry Workshops. Even RAMC corporals did duties as Guard Commander—and thoroughly enjoyed it.

Keeping the regiment in the Public Eye 1st Battalion — Peterborough



AROUND THE BRANCHES

THE ROYAL NORFOLK REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

We are glad to know that despite the disbandment of our Territorial Battalion and its replacement by a Cadre, all Royal Norfolk Regiment activities in the country have continued as in the past. This is a fine achievement since it involves a considerable amount of hard work by a small band of willing workers.

We are most grateful to Lt.-Colonel B. H. C. Emsden, Commanding Officer of the 1st Bn. for making the Band and Drums available to us when Beating Retreat at Britannia Barracks in July. On one of the loveliest of summer evenings more than 2,000 people turned up and they were most appreciative of the performance.

More than 300 members were present at the Reunion Dinner held in Norwich on 27th September. All agreed that it was the most successful held since the war. Our Service in the Regimental Chapel on the following morning was also well attended.

The London branch had good attendance for the annual parade at the Cenotaph in Whitehall in June. Among those present was 83-year-old Major J. R. H. Bolingbroke, MBE, of the Dorset Regiment who was formerly RSM of the combined Norfolk & Dorset Regiments

(Norset) in Mesopotamia during the 1914-18 War.

In the field of helping our less fortunate comrades we have been busy and with the support of the Army Benevolent Fund and the Royal Anglian Regiment Benevolent Fund we are able to make grants which keep pace with the ever rising cost of all the things we are asked to provide. Three disabled members were able to take a fortnight's holiday as guests of the Regiment at the Lord Kitchener Holiday Home in Lowestoft. They speak very highly of all that is done for the comfort of visitors there.

We are happy now that the building which houses our Regimental Museum is no longer considered as part of Britannia Barracks. In official language it has been "alienated" so whatever the fate of Britannia Barracks we shall still have our headquarters here.

2nd BN. KOHIMA MEMORIAL

The two photographs shown will be of interest to those who fought at Kohima. Thanks to an enormous amount of preparatory work by Captain Maurice Franes with the War Graves Commission, a '25 years after' service was held on 18th May this year, organised by



1944. Padre Colin Wood conducts the Service of Dedication.

1969. Paying respects 25 years after.



Mr. Samuel Mezbur and his staff, Group Supervisor NE India War Cemeteries. The wreath was laid by the Chief Minister Government of Nagaland. Also present were other members of Government, amongst whom was Mr. J. B. Jasokie, Chief Education Officer, who was attached to the 2nd Battalion in 1944 as a Scout.

Maurice Franes is standing second from the right in the front row of the 1944 photo. The Memorial was built by the battalion pioneers from local materials and it is most gratifying to see how well it has been looked after. Norfolk Bunker at the top of the sandy track on the right of the photo hasn't changed much either!

'D' DAY—6th JUNE, 1944 PLUS 25 YEARS By Captain G. C. E. Bennett NORMANDY PILGRIMAGE

Each year on 6th June the people of the little village of Hermanville-sur-Mer celebrate their liberation from the German occupation by the 3rd British Infantry Division on 6th June, 1944. Many officers and other ranks have returned to Normandy since then as can be seen from signatures in the Visitors' Books in the various British cemeteries. This year, being the 25th anniversary, the French people had organised special celebrations at which a large number of British visitors were present.

Representing the 2nd Bn. The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment were Maj.-General Sir Christopher Welby-Everard, who commanded the Battalion at the time of the invasion of France in 1944, and Captains G. G. E. Bennett and J. B. Ebutt, accompanied by their wives. They arrived in Normandy on the morning of Friday, 6th June and attended that morning the ceremony at the Pegasus Bridge over the River Orne where 6th Airborne Division made their initial assault in 1944. This ceremony was followed by a very excellent luncheon in the Casino at Ouistreham at which representatives, both military and civil, from the allied countries which took part in the Normandy campaign, were present including General Omar Bradley and General Sir Richard Gale, who commanded the 1st US Army and 6th Airborne Division respectively, and also Mr. Christopher Soames who represented the British Government. After lunch some 2,000 troops took part in a military parade of units from the allied nations followed by a Drumhead Service conducted by the British Chaplain General to the Forces. British units taking part were the 1st Bn. Royal Hampshire Regiment and 1st Parachute Regiment and contingents from the Royal Navy, Royal Marines and Royal Air Force.

The following day, 7th June, the people of Hermanville held their own special celebrations. These consisted of a brief ceremony on the beach at the spot where the units of 3rd Division landed in 1944. Those taking part then

marched along a winding country lane led by the band of the 1st Parachute Regiment to the British Cemetery just outside the village of Hermanville. Here a very moving little ceremony took place which included the laying of wreaths on the memorial and the placing of a posy of flowers by French children on each of the 2,000 graves. Afterwards a short service was held in the village church.

The formal ceremonies over, the people of Hermanville were the guests of the British at a *Vin d'Honneur* in the grounds of the Mairie and this was followed by a really magnificent Normandy feast given by M. Spriet, the Mayor of Hermanville, and the local residents to which the British visitors were invited. Music—some quite impromptu as the evening progressed—was provided by two pipers and a drummer of the 1st Parachute Regiment and was acclaimed by the French people. This was a wonderful evening, concluding a very memorable two days.

Next day, Sunday, was spent in the morning visiting French friends and after a very pleasant lunch at a country *Auberge* near Thury Harcourt, by a gentle drive through the pleasant Normandy countryside via Lisieux to Honfleur where the night was spent before returning to England next morning from Le Harve.

The people of Normandy and of Hermanville in particular, will continue to celebrate on 6th June each year—it is a public holiday and British officers and other ranks who took part in the landings in 1944 are always made most welcome by the French people. A long week-end pilgrimage to this very lovely part of France in June when the countryside is looking its best is a most enjoyable experience, and the welcome extended is something never to be forgotten.

THE SUFFOLK REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

The Annual Reunion was held at Blenheim Camp on 13th July. A larger number than for many years was present and they covered a wide cross section of the Regiment, including some who enlisted before 1900 and some who were still serving in 1959.

We are most grateful to the Depot at Bury St. Edmunds for all the help we have had with our Reunions over the past years.

Next year's Reunion will be held in Gibraltar Barracks. The final lay-out of the barracks is not yet firm. A Youth Centre is being built on the site of the old barrack block and a new entrance has been made at the back of what was the RSM's married quarter. The main entrance to the Barracks is now our private entrance to the Keep.

A reunion of officers who served in the 1st Battalion from 1944-45 was held on the anniversary of D-Day. As a result, we have renewed contact with a number of former members of the Regiment with whom we were out of touch.

We have opened the Regimental Museum to the public on three Sundays during the summer. These occasions have been very successful and we have had a number of visitors, many of whom would have been unable to come on a week-day.

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE REGIMENT COMRADES ASSOCIATION

The Annual Reunion was held on Saturday and Sunday, 5th and 6th July, 1969 and followed its usual form. On the Saturday morning we held a Management Committee meeting, followed by the Annual General Meeting and in the evening the Dinner was held at Clare Street Drill Hall. On Sunday the Church Parade took place and was followed by a gathering at the Northampton Branch Club and the officers entertained their guests to Sherry and a Buffet Luncheon.

At the Management Committee Meeting it was decided that a new Association Badge would come into use to come into line with modern fashion. It will be much smaller than the present one and will be a design based on the old cap badge and will have a pin attachment.

Another outcome from the meeting was the official recognition of a Branch of the Association in Corby. Colonel R. K. McMichael, has been appointed President of it, there were 60 paid up members and they thought they could be financially independent.

The Annual General Meeting was attended by 22 members and at it the Secretary explained that the Association Benevolent Fund had paid out £1,162 to deserving cases during the year. Again we are grateful for the help received from the serving soldier by a grant

from the Royal Anglian Regiment Benevolent Fund and also the Army Benevolent Fund.

At this meeting, Mr. Fred Gayton, now 85 years of age, told how he had flown out to Gibraltar for a 14-day holiday. He had been looked after wonderfully by the 2nd Battalion who were stationed there and are our successor unit. He met the Colonel of the Regiment there, Lt.-General Sir Richard Goodwin, and also a lady that he had last seen in South Africa in 1902.

Again the ladies joined us for the Dinner and we numbered 270. The Band of the 5th (Volunteer) Battalion played during dinner and their Dance Band played for us afterwards. An enjoyable evening was spent.

Ladies attending the Dinner is an experiment only and Secretaries of Branches will be getting a letter to sound the opinion of their members so that a decision can be taken for the 1970 Dinner.

On Sunday 125 paraded for the Church Parade under command of Lt.-Col. O. K. Parker, MC, DL. Again we were very pleased to have with us In-Pensioner Tim Garvey from the Royal Hospital, Chelsea. Incidentally he has now been joined at the Hospital by ex-Pte. John William Rose who served in the Regiment from 1899 to 1907 and then again from 1914 to 1917.

The wreath at the Memorial was laid by the Deputy Colonel of the Regiment (Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire), Brigadier P. W. P. Green, and the service was conducted by Lt.-Col. Rev. W. B. Spencer.

During the service at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre the sermon was preached by Rev. J. E. A. Hopkins. John Hopkins, a son of an officer in the Regiment and himself a combatant officer with the 48th in Burma in the 2nd World War also has a son now serving with The Royal Anglian Regiment.

We were delighted to have with us for the Church Service and afterwards for lunch the Mayor and Mayoress of Northampton and General Sir Christopher Welby-Everard. Unfortunately Lady Welby-Everard was unable to attend.

Huntingdon Branch

Secretary: Major H. H. Pallash, TD, 11 Orchard Lane, Brampton, Huntingdonshire.

Membership of the Branch remains around the 65 mark and fortunately there have been few heavy calls on the funds so they are still quite sound.

The Branch Reunion Dinner this year is changing its venue and will be held at the George Hotel, Huntingdon, and will take place on Saturday, 15th November, 1969.

In conjunction with the Huntingdon Branch of the Buffs the Branch is donating a Bench Seat to be sited outside the Huntingdon County Hospital. This seat will perpetuate the memory of the late ex-CSM Bill Cunnington who died in December, 1968. A suitable plaque will be fixed to the seat and a dedication ceremony will be organised.

London Branch

Secretary: Mr. Ron Tindall, 15 Micawber House, Llewellyn Street, Bermondsey, London, S.E.16.

Mr. R. Lomas has now become Chairman having succeeded Mr. P. Kingdom. The Branch are holding regular meetings on the third Saturday of each month (excepting December) at the Union Jack Club, Waterloo, and the membership of the Branch is increasing.

A major effort is being made to boost the Branch funds and a Sweepstake is being held on the Cesarewitch Stakes. With over £250 in prizes it is hoped to reach our target.

Northampton Branch

Secretary: Mr. J. R. Matthews, 28 East Park Parade, Northampton.

The Branch is in a very sound position and has flourished since it moved its premises to the top end of Gibraltar Barracks. Funds now stand at £2,076 and during the last twelve months 125 new members have joined.

During the last year £40 has been given to the Benevolent Fund and £85 has been given to sick members and old age pensioners.

The Annual Dinner and Dance was held at Overstone Solarium and was a great success. 156 people attended and it cost the Club £150. At it the Chairman, Mr. J. O. Roberts, was presented with a watch to mark 10 years' service as Chairman.

A children's party was held in January and 90 attended. The funds contributed £50 towards it and we are grateful to all who helped with the arrangements.

The Annual Outing was to Brighton and everyone had a very enjoyable day shopping on the way to have cold turkey, rolls and tomatoes which had been prepared by Mrs. J. O. Roberts.

Social evenings are held regularly SO MAKE CONTACT AND JOIN US.

Corby Branch

Secretary: Mr. J. R. Gayne, 17 Ashley Avenue, Corby.

The Branch has got off to a good start and we have 60 paid up members and should be financially independent of the Association.

The potential membership in Corby is very great so all members of the Regiment should make contact with the Secretary and join in order to make it a flourishing Branch.

Peterborough Branch

Having had much difficulty in obtaining one of the materials in the correct colour for our Branch Standard we report now with pleasure its completion. The manufacturer has produced an excellent job. We take this opportunity of thanking all our donors most sincerely.

Once again the Branch are sponsoring The Annual Reunion Dinner of the 5th Bn., the 4/5th Bn. Northamptonshire Regt. and Regimental Comrades to be held on October 18th at 7.30 p.m. at The TAVR Centre, London Road, Peterborough. On this occasion The Standard will be dedicated by the Padre, Canon F. H. Stallard.

Several of our Branch members assisted the Old Contemptibles on their Flag Day on August 23rd and over £100 0s. 0d. was realised, an excellent achievement. The Branch also

made a profit on a Derby Draw in the sum of £10 0s. 0d.

A party combined with the Old Contemptibles and Mess Honorary Members was held on September 6th. This was a Farewell Party to RSM Blood of the 5th Bn. Royal Anglian Regt. who was terminating his Army service. He has afforded our Branch excellent support and assistance during his tour of duty, which we have much appreciated.

It is with regret that news has just been received that our Chairman, Mr. N. W. Hutchings, J.P., is resigning office for health reasons. He has been Chairman since the formation of the Branch in 1955 and his services have been gratefully appreciated. We all wish him well and say 'Well done "Nelson" (not forgetting Trafalgar!) and many thanks'.

THE ESSEX REGIMENT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REUNION

The Warley Reunion this year was held on Sunday, 29th June. Brilliant weather and a record attendance ensured once again a most enjoyable get-together for so many old friends.

All Regular, Territorial and Service Battalions of the old Regiment were represented, and from the Royal Anglian Regiment we were very happy to welcome the new Commanding Officer



(Photo by Craine Roche & Co.)

One section of the top table at the Annual Dinner and Dance of the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association and The Essex Regiment Association on 10th May, 1969. Amongst the guests can be seen Brigadier and Mrs. Paton and Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Dymoke.

of the 3rd Bn., Lt.-Colonel Keith Burch, several of his officers and members of all ranks. The Battalion's Regimental Band was in attendance and played during the Service in the Regimental Chapel, for the 'March Past' and during the tea interval. The Service address was given by the Bishop to H.M. Forces, the Right Reverend John Taylor Hughes, M.A.

The attendance approaching some 500 have all announced their intention to attend next year as have a fair number of those who 'missed out' this year. The 'quart in a pint pot' theory is annually being put to a severe test.

The Reunion next year will be on Sunday, 28th June.

ASSOCIATION BRANCHES

Limited activity is reported during the summer months, apart from the monthly meetings and the occasional social gatherings and dances. The coming months will herald the Annual Dinner/Dances of most branches and continued lively interest is evident.

Several of the branches were well represented at the Regimental Week-end at Bury St. Edmunds, and all reported as having had a most enjoyable time.

10th (1914-18) BATTALION

The old 10th Service Battalion which held its final Annual Dinner in London last year, held an informal Reunion this year at the 6th July Service in the Regimental Chapel at Warley. Members came from as far afield as Manchester, Lincolnshire and Derbyshire (an 88 year old youngster). After the Service lunch was taken in a nearby hotel.

The Service was taken by Canon Norman Motley, Rector of St. Michael's, Cornhill, an old friend of the Regiment.



(Photo by Herts. Advertiser)

Members of St. Albans Branch present at the Freedom of Hertford ceremonies on 9th June, 1969.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE AND HERTFORDSHIRE REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

In addition to the various branch activities throughout the summer months, there were two main functions as far as the 16th Foot Association is concerned. Firstly we were able to take part in the ceremonies in connection with the Presentation of the Freedom of Hertford to the Regiment on Monday, 9th June, 1969, in the presence of the Colonel-in-Chief, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother. After watching the parade at the Richard Hale School during which the Civic Honours of the Borough were extended to the Regiment, we moved to All Saints' Church where Her Majesty unveiled a plaque commemorating the Laying Up of the Colours of the 1st Battalion The Hertfordshire Regiment.

On the conclusion of the morning's impressive ceremonial we returned to the School for lunch and to enjoy drinks in the company of old friends. After this it was our privilege to take a more active part in the day's proceedings by forming up in front of the School for a review by our Colonel-in-Chief. Some two hundred Old Comrades were on parade and as Her Majesty walked slowly along both ranks she graciously stopped to speak to every old soldier so proudly and happily parading for her. Her Majesty's departure marked the end of a memorable day for us all. We are most grateful to OC 5th (Volunteer) Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment and to the Cadre The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (Territorial) for all that they did on our behalf.

The other occasion which enabled us all to have a get-together was the Annual Dinner and Dance held in conjunction with The Essex Regiment Association in the Tavistock Rooms on Saturday, 10th May, 1969. This was the second function of this nature and attracted very good support. After an excellent dinner guests were able to enjoy dancing to music provided by the 3rd Battalion Dance Band.

The move of ex Drum-Major West into the vacancy at the Regimental Cottage at Oakley, caused through the death of Mr. J. Ward, coincided with the visit of the 3rd Battalion "Keep the Army in the Public Eye" Team to Bedford. This proved to be a welcome opportunity for some help for Mr. and Mrs. West on the day of their move and also some useful publicity for the team in the local press.

DIARY

DATES

1969

25th October London Branch 16th Foot Annual Dinner and Dance, Euston Tavern, N.W.1.

8th November Hertford Branch 16th Foot Annual Dinner and Dance, The Mayflower Hotel, Hertingfordbury.

9th November 4th Bn. The Essex Regiment Annual Service of Remembrance, St. Mary's Church, Ilford.

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



(Photo by The Bedfordshire Times)

3rd Battalion KAPE Team were on hand when ex-Drum Major West and his wife moved into a Regimental Cottage at Oakley, Bedfordshire. The welcoming party included Private O'Donovan, Drummer Stevens and Drum Major Sutcliffe.

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

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14th March Officers 1st Bn. 16th Foot (1939-45) Annual Dinner, The Horseshoe, Tottenham Court Road.

20th March The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (Territorial) Annual Dinner.

21st March 6th Bn. The Essex Regiment Annual Dinner, TA Centre, Mile End Road.

26th June 4th Bn. and Royal Leicestershire Officers' Dinner Club. Annual Dinner, Army and Navy Club.

28th June The Essex Regiment Annual Service of Remembrance and Reunion, Warley.

ROYAL TIGERS' ASSOCIATION

Royal Tigers' Week-end this year was on 28th and 29th June and proved a success.



At the Annual General Meeting our President, Major-General John Spurling, thanked the great number of members who had supported our money raising efforts. This year our Annual Sweep was run as usual on the Grand National. Thanks to the tremendous help of so many 'Tigers', both retired and serving, after paying for prizes and administrative expenses a profit of £525 18s. 11d. was made. The Tombola run at the TAVR Officers' Ball also made an excellent profit of £146 10s. 2d.

The Annual General Meeting was followed by the Annual Dinner and Reunion. Immediately after the Dinner the Band and Drums of the 4th Bn. The Royal Anglian Regiment Beat Retreat quite outstandingly well on the square, which was very greatly appreciated by both serving and retired 'Tigers' and their ladies.

Grimsby Branch, headed by Mr. Willcock again came in force with their ladies and seemed to enjoy themselves. We were delighted to see them here.

On the Royal Tigers' Sunday Parade Service in the Regimental Chapel we were honoured by



the presence of the Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire and Mrs. Martin, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Leicester and the Chairman of the Leicestershire County Council and Mrs. Lloyd. After the Service, Old Comrades, led by the Band and Drums of the 4th Bn. The Royal Anglian Regiment, marched past the Lord Lieutenant. The Parade was commanded again by Colonel 'Jimmy' Lowther with ex-RSM Marston carrying the Standard. The collection was taken by Capt. Jacques and Mr. Spence of the General Committee, Sgt. Relph of 4 R. Anglian, WO.II Perry of the Cadre The Royal Leicestershire Regiment, WO.II Coles and WO.II Cook of 4 (Leicestershire) Company 5 R. Anglian, Sgt. Butterfield of the Army Information Office and Sgt. Crane of 17 Army Youth Team.

All social events were held at the TAVR Centre, Ulverscroft Road, Leicester. We were very grateful to 224 Signal Squadron for putting up about 50 Old Comrades at Woodhouse Eaves and looking after them so well. We were also most grateful to 4 R. Anglian, to the Cadre of The Royal Leicestershire Regiment, to 4 (Leicestershire) Company 5 R. Anglian and 17 Army Youth Team who all helped so much before, during, and after the week-end

to make it a success. Also to Sgt. Crane for looking after In-Pensioner Denby, and finally to Major Dudley and Mr. Clark whose difficult job it was to co-ordinate everything at Ulverscroft Road.

A number of photographs were taken during Royal Tigers' Week-end. Copies can be seen at Regimental Headquarters and can be ordered for you at a cost of 4s. 6d. each. It is also proposed to show them at next Royal Tigers' Week-end in case anybody wishes to order some.



OPENING OF THE MUSEUM OF THE ROYAL LEICESTERSHIRE REGIMENT

Ever since the Depot of The Royal Leicestershire Regiment closed at Glen Parva Barracks, their Regimental Museum was displayed in temporary accommodation at the City of Leicester's Newark House Museum. Now, thanks to the very great help, kindness, and generosity of the City of Leicester, it has moved to its permanent home at the Magazine, Leicester. This is most appropriate because the building was before World War II the Headquarters of our 4th T.A. Battalion and after World War II the Headquarters of our 5th T.A. Battalion. Furthermore, it is a most attractive ancient monument dating back to the 14th century and situated in the middle of a traffic island in the centre of the City.

The Regiment is deeply grateful to the City of Leicester for their generosity in restoring



(By courtesy of the Leicester Mercury)

At the Opening of the Museum of The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

Left to Right: Major Sir Ernest Oliver, Lt-Col. T. Holloway, Colonel and Mrs. Richard Wilkes, In-Pensioner Denby, The Lord Mayor of Leicester and the Lady Mayoress, Alderman Mrs. Monica Trotter, Major-General John Spurling, Mrs. Harry Tyler.

this historic building, and to Alderman Mrs. Monica Trotter, Chairman, and Mr. Trevor Walden, Director of Leicester City Museums, and their staff, for the tremendous interest, hard work, and museum 'know how' they have given to make the display of exhibits so interesting and attractive, and also in agreeing to continue to look after them. Also to the Ministry of Public Building and Works for the production of the attractive showcases that they have had made.

Preceded by a most enjoyable lunch given by the Lord Mayor, the Regimental Museum was opened at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, 28th June. Heralded by a Fanfare of Trumpets, played most appropriately on silver trumpets given in 1952 by the City and County, Alderman Mrs. Trotter invited Major-General Spurling to open the Museum, the flag of The Royal Leicestershire Regiment flew again over the Magazine, and the Lord Mayor ended the ceremony by saying one or two kind words about the Regiment which were very greatly appreciated.

The Regiment are most grateful to all those who have presented exhibits. Space has precluded everything being displayed at the same time, but it is proposed to re-arrange the display from time to time and it is hoped that as much as possible will be eventually shown.

5th Volunteers

The highlight in our calendar was a parade at Hertford when the Battalion had the honour of receiving the Freedom of Hertford on behalf of The Regiment in the presence of our Colonel-in-Chief, Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother. The parade took place on the playing fields in front of the Richard Hale Grammar School, Hertford. A magnificent setting for a splendid occasion. The weather was ideal (for spectators) and there were some twelve hundred guests and spectators. As the local paper put it 'it was a friendly town/army affair'. The Guard was comprised of soldiers from each company in the Battalion and commanded by Major Brian Keatley, Hertford Company Commander. The Queen's Colour, colour party, band, trumpeters and drums were those of the 3rd Battalion. The Queen Mother having inspected the Guard of Honour received the Freedom scroll in a beautiful silver casket on behalf of the Regiment. This was then trooped off parade by a Scroll Party under WO.II Phillips who started life in Hertford and who was on parade for the last time before retiring.



Trooping the Casket containing the Scroll.

After the parade the Queen Mother unveiled a plaque in All Saints' Church to commemorate the Laying-Up of the Colours of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment. A simple but very moving service, enjoyed by all who attended. The present Colours of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment were on the altar and were expertly carried by a Colour Party from The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Cadre consisting of Capt. Stephen Humbert and Lt. David Kirk. The Guard then exercised its privilege by marching through the town with colours flying, bayonets fixed and band playing, watched and cheered by a large crowd. This eventful day was rounded off by a lunch with the Queen Mother. Everyone connected with the parade deserve congratulations, but special mention is made of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Cadre who worked so hard to ensure that all the local arrangements were perfect, and our thanks are due to the Governors and Headmaster of the Richard Hale Grammar School.

Camp this year was held at Stanford Training area, and although the spring weather was rather unkind it turned out to be very successful and worthwhile. We were 350 strong at camp despite having two companies training overseas, 4 Company in Haltern and 2 Company in Berlin.



The Colonel in Chief inspecting the Guard of Honour, Freedom of Hertford ceremony, 9th June.

Our newly formed company No. 5 from Hertford were at camp with the Battalion for the first time. 'From spare-time soldier to part-time professional' has been the main theme running through all training at 5 Company. The first noticeable change in attitude could be seen after a few days at camp when the Company was broken down into recruit squads with planned disregard for the differing levels of experience of the Company, following transfer from AVR III to 5 R. Anglian. A team of six experienced instructors put the Company through a crash course in modern soldiering, and the knowledge and confidence displayed by the instructors was rapidly transmitted to the men.

When the Company entered into the Platoon Competitions at the end of camp, the cries of 'Come on the babes' to a flagging 5 Company Platoon from the assembled Battalion reflected the warmth with which the new Company was received.

The Band, at full strength, trained at camp with us under the expert tuition and direction of Bandmaster Jones, lent to us from Kneller Hall especially for camp. We all enjoyed having them with us particularly as their music was such a pleasure to listen to—'music while we worked' culminating in a superb concert in the NAAFI.

5 Queens were paired with us in the next door camp and a great deal of friendly rivalry ensued.

Pte. G. Hardy, from Grimsby, enjoys every minute of it!



2-Lt. Searle directs his platoon . . . Brigade Inter Platoon Tests at Stanford PTA in May.



3 Company watermanship at Camp.



'O' Group at Camp.

A number of test exercises culminating with an inter platoon 'march and shoot battle competition' were set by HQ Queens Division. This proved to be a very hard fought and closely contested competition in which we came second, third, fourth and fifth. No. 1 Company provided our highest placed platoon, commanded by 2-Lt. Fred Searle, losing the top placing by only marginal points to a platoon from 5 Queens.

It is here that mention must be made of the Cadres who came to camp with us. Thanks to them a number of very successful exercises were devised, laid on and run. The Royal Norfolk Cadre and the Northampton Cadre both assisted HQ Queens Division in their administration and exercise planning. They were so successful that it is understood they were booked for next year. The Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Cadre and the Essex Cadre were the Battalion 'exercisers' and could be seen darting around at all hours dressed in the most extraordinary clothes, clutching maps and hatching plots for the unsuspecting soldiery.

One hundred men went to Haltern with 4 Company in May for two weeks' training in BAOR. Despite having to do their own administration and having only limited training facilities, the camp was a great success. In particular the support platoon enjoyed a valuable cadre organised on our behalf by The Royal Green Jackets. As we go to press 2 Company are emplaning for a hectic training period in Berlin ending up with a three day exercise as a fourth company of 1 Staffords in Saltau.

Next in our calendar came the annual Skill-At-Arms Meeting at Thetford. The weather once again was kind to us and there was a large turnout. The competition was keen and this year the champion company was No. 1.

To those who have left us, good luck and best wishes and we offer a hearty welcome to all our newcomers. Special mention must be made of our RSM. RSM Blood had been with us since our formation and had untiringly, cheerfully and expertly helped this unit to find its firm footing. To him we say a fond farewell and wish him and his wife (not forgetting Richard) all the very best in 'civvy street'.

A high note to end with is to mention our recruiting which has now reached one hundred and twenty per cent of our establishment and is still increasing. These recruits are keeping the Depot hard at it twice a year turning out instant but very well trained soldiers.



CADETS

Cadet Neil Spencer, aged 13½, one of the youngest members of Gibraltar Platoon, 'A' Company (Leicestershire, Northamptonshire and Rutland) A.C.F.

LEICESTER, NORTHAMPTON AND RUTLAND A.C.F.

DOUBLE! DOUBLE! DOUBLE!

by Cadet Corporal John Malvern

So far, Northampton's 'Gibraltar' Platoon, of 'A' Coy. Royal Anglian (Leicester, Northampton and Rutland) ACF, commanded by Lieut. P. M. Francis, has not ventured across the drawbridge into CASTLE but here we come in the spirit of nothing ventured, nothing printed.

There is much that I could write about our platoon but the most important point to make is that 'Gibraltar' has a hard earned reputation for outdoor training of an arduous kind and, to ensure that the training is not only tough but also safe, our instructors insist on high standards and strict discipline.

We train whatever the weather and, peering back into the depths of this year's winter, I recall that one of our regular monthly week-end training sessions coincided with the February blizzard. Our training staff were keen that we should bivouac in the snow out on the training areas but, to their dismay, all transport was grounded because of the state of the roads.

Not to be cheated of their pound of freezing flesh however, the staff searched our headquarters, Northampton's 'Gibraltar' Barracks, until they found some suitable open ground there. With the temperature plunging down deep, tents were duly pitched in the snow. It was one of the coldest nights of the century in Northampton with thick layers of ice forming even inside the tents—'All the attractions of a winter night in the Arctic without even having to set foot outside the Midlands!' said the staff.

A few weeks later, some of the platoon were back in our happy hunting grounds, the mountains of North Wales which we visit quite often for arduous training. The March expedition was to 'recce' some new training areas in Merioneth where, in April, a party spent a week ridge-walking, scrambling and rock-climbing. In late May/early June yet another expedition went westwards for a fortnight of mountaineering.

Since October of last year, the platoon has practised the policy of putting junior cadets into the mountains and, tiny though some of them are, they survive remarkably the rigours of high-level camping, miles from the nearest habitation in a land of wild goats and buzzards. Incidentally, we sighted a magnificent pair of buzzards hunting in the mountains north of the Mawddach in June—'Watch out! They've been known to take young cadets!' said the staff.

We are not always in the mountains of course, and local training continues, on Thursday evenings and at week-ends, with section and platoon work by night and day. In May, the platoon ran an all-night search and sweep/escape and evasion exercise which proved very popular—'You chaps get up early in the morning,' remarked an early gardener as we marched back into Northampton at 0730 of a Sunday morning having been on the move, on foot, across country since 2100 hrs. the previous evening.

Mid and late summer brings the fern in our woodland training area outside Northampton to above head height and this gives our training staff, with their passion for the exotic, the chance to organise 'jungle warfare' week-ends—it's surprising how easy it is for five foot cadets to go round in circles in six foot odd fern where the enemy disappears even before you know he's there. 'Double! Double! Double! Or you'll never catch him!' screamed the staff. 'Hay fever? What's that lad? There's no hay here, only fern!'

We've tackled snow, mountains and jungle. What's left? Well, there has been some ominous sounding staff talk about 'Benghazi cooks' so does anyone know of a spare stretch of desert within striking distance of Northampton? If there is one, I'll bet we will be there before long, and I'll bet you have to 'Double! Double! Double, lad!' across desert too. But that's life, in 'Gibraltar' Platoon of the Royal Anglian ACF.

NORFOLK ACF SUMMER CAMP 1969

The help given by the Royal Anglian Regiment was invaluable.

The photo shows Warrant Officer A. McCarthy, Royal Anglian, giving advice to two ACF officers. Left is Lieutenant M. W. Ransome of the lively Downham Market Platoon. Right is Captain Bill Nelson who followed his career in the Royal Norfolk Regt. (1928-35 and 1939-45) with service in the Norfolk Joint Police where he is now Chief Inspector at Headquarters in Norwich. Captain Nelson has also devoted twelve years to the ACF and was Adjutant for this summer camp. The Norfolk ACF success in sport owes much to him.

NORFOLK ACF

At our successful and enjoyable camp, 1,000 feet up on the moors above Catterick we were visited by several ex-cadets who returned to us from the Infantry Junior Leaders Regiment and other Junior Soldiers Units. These well trained young men were most helpful and all were very good examples of the Regular Army. We wear the Britannia cap badge of the old Royal Norfolk Regiment and all Norfolk ACF units are affiliated to the R. Anglians. The cadets are very proud of this and follow news of the various battalions in your journal.

No. 44 Army Youth Team, led by Lieutenant David James, came to camp with us and did sterling work with our Adventure Training.



SUFFOLK ACF ANNUAL CAMP REPORT

The County of Suffolk Army Cadet Force acted as guinea pigs this year at Crookham WETC, near Fleet, Hants., the first time the camp has been used for this purpose.

Training for both cadets and adults was tougher than for many years. Situated in the heart of the British Army Training areas around Aldershot, ample opportunity for very military training was given, to make full use of the Regular Army areas, which was met with delighted approval by the cadets.

Watermanship courses, assault courses, night exercises and escape and evasion exercises were all on the programme. The most popular exercise was the 'Dawn Attack'. Cadets set up camp in the attack area and another camp in the defensive area and after making a recce under cover of darkness the two camps managed to get about three hours sleep before preparing for the dawn attack at first light. When the attack went in, the silent morning air was torn apart by the sound of rifle fire, and the red flashes from the blank ammunition added realism to a very successful exercise.

Almost all the exercises 'in the field' were served well by a 'hot meal' service from base camp. It was the first time that feeding in field by a central kitchen has been done using army rations. So good was the food that many cadets came back for more helpings, a sure indication that it was good. On night exercise the cadets cooked their own breakfasts on hexamine cookers.

The Honorary Colonel's Cup, an annual competitive event at camp, took place during the first week of the two week camp. It was a test of stamina, initiative and nerve to complete the course, with some obstacles which would have tested the nerve of hardened soldiers. After much friendly rivalry the eventual winners were Sudbury Grammar School Independent Coy., with Woodbridge and Beccles runners-up.

Minden day was celebrated at camp, all adults' headdresses were adorned with the traditional red and yellow Minden Roses, and a Minden Day dinner was held in the Officers' Mess.

Many distinguished guests visited the camp, among them being General Sir Montague Stopford, Senior Vice-President of the ACFA, and Major General H. E. N. Bredin, Director of Volunteers, who literally paid us a flying visit when he arrived by helicopter. Others who visited the camp were Colonel A. J. S. DeS. Clayton, Secretary of the East Anglian TAVR Assn., the Hon. Col. W. A. M. Stawell, and Brigadier J. D. King-Martin, Deputy District Commander, Eastern District.

The awards of cups and trophies for achievements at camp and throughout the year were made at camp. The winners were:

Lucas Tooth Shield—For the Detachment who made the most progress during the year—Framlingham Detachment.

The Collet-White Shield—for the best Cert 'A' examination results—Hadleigh Detachment.

The Rose Bowl—for the best individual Cert 'A' result—L/cpl. John Last of Leiston Detachment.

The Cadet Bronze Trophy—for the best attendance at camp—Woodbridge Detachment.

ESSEX ARMY CADET FORCE

Annual Camp

A party of over 500 made history by travelling to Garelochhead, Dunbartonshire, for a most successful camp. The weather, apart from three wet days was excellent and the party was fortunate to be able to enjoy visiting H.M. Submarine Base, HMS *Neptune* at nearby Faslane. The Regiments in camp were the 3rd (Brentwood), 5th (Braintree), 6th (Chelmsford), 7th (Southend) and 8th (Colchester).

A most adventurous and enterprising Venture greatly enjoyed by all.

Cadets Overseas

A party of five Essex Cadets under Lt. J. E. Welland spent a most enjoyable and instructive ten days in B.A.O.R. in April. Hosts were 39 Missile Regiment R.A., who looked after the party very well. A series of demonstrations, visits to other arms, helicopter flights and the like helped to make a varied and most successful trip.

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The Colonel of the Regiment during his June visit to the Battalion, with I./Cpl. Dennis Powley and the 'A' Company built Mirror Dinghy 'Alpha Enterprise'.

Farewell to Gibraltar

They say history repeats itself and the 2nd Battalion has first-hand proof of this. As our predecessors took part in the Great Siege of 1779 so we witnessed the 15th Siege of the Rock when in June this year the Spanish withdrew their labour force and the ferry to Algeciras. The Gibraltarians solved most of the problems themselves, the Battalion providing only a few men to help out in the Bakery and NAAFI Stores.

During our last three months besides an increased alertness militarily we were also very active on the sporting and social side. Visits by Generals Goodwin and McMeekin, a charity wrestling tournament for the 'Wireless for the Blind Fund', marathon runs, cricket matches, the opening of Royal Anglian Way, an exercise with HMS *Bulwark* and a mass of farewell parties, were all in the programme.

We were indeed sorry to leave, for in all our dealings with services and civilians, we met with great friendship and understanding. Above all, a firm alliance was made with the Gibraltar Regiment.



(Photo Mednews)

Battalion meets Leicester City Football Club, summer visitors to Gibraltar. Capt. Hipkin, Pte. Furnace, Pte. Heward, Chairman, Secretary L.F.L., Pte. Vann, Maj. Tadman.



Winner of the Battalion Raffle, Sgt. Bullock receiving his free ticket to the UK from Pauline, an English girl working in Gibraltar.



'And for your next task, I want . . . ' L/Cpl. Hanson, Maj.-Gen. McMeekin, GOC, 3 Div., the Commanding Officer, Capt. Pond (OIC the Project) and Pte. Field.

'Oh yes sir, I love gardening.' Pte. Gifford, with Maj.-Gen. McMeekin.





ROYAL ANGLIAN WAY

How to help Gibraltar? This was the question when the 2nd Battalion arrived in December 1968 for a nine month operational emergency tour. It was suggested to the Commanding Officer that a path connecting a series of old gun positions could well be made into an attractive walk, and so began the work on Royal Anglian Way. The gun positions had last been used in World War II, when extensive wiring and camouflaging had been added. The picture some 30 years later was one of overgrown desolation, with rusting metalwork and crumbling walls—a formidable task. The path ran for 500 yards along the edge of a natural escarpment 700 ft. up the Rock overlooking the City and Harbour, and immediately above the Rock Hotel and the Casino.

The work offered a complete change from the main task of the Battalion—that of ensuring the security of the land frontier—and parties were sent regularly by Companies to work on the 'project'.

'Actually I think we got them from "Rent-A-Crowd",' HE with Major Peter Edwards, Lieut. Rob Jackson and 'A' Company.

Quite spectacular views were made possible from the gun positions which were cleared as observation points, and walls and railings were constructed where necessary. Also made were shelters, gardens, and even a bench seat.

Inevitably the task expanded as time passed, and the project was only just completed before we left. Happily this offered an ideal opportunity to combine the official opening with a parade to mark the departure of the Battalion.

Over 250 officers and men lined the route on 5th August when HE The Governor and Commander in Chief, Admiral of the Fleet Sir Varyl Begg performed the opening Ceremony.

After a walk from north to south along the Way, the ceremony concluded with HE and the other official guests taking drinks with the officers, whilst the soldiers had a 'celebratory' beer.

With the return of the 'Gibraltar' contingent in August, the Battalion was once more united in Felixstowe. By the time you are reading CASTLE, we will have moved down the road to Colchester and be poised ready to fly off for a month's training in Kenya, during January 1970.

Meanwhile, we look forward to welcoming Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Gloucester, who is to visit the Battalion on the 21st October.

We are also hoping to repeat our success earlier this year in winning the Grierson Shield awarded for the best Southern Command result in the Infantry Platoon Challenge Trophy Competition.

'Kinky Shorts'—Ptes. Hopwood and Straw in the High Atlas.

'MOROCCAN HOLIDAY' by ADVENTURE TRAINING out of GIB' By DARK HORSE



During the Battalion's stay in Gibraltar 14 Adventure Training Expeditions, a total of 182 men, went to Morocco.

The aim of this training was to get soldiers away from the confines of Gibraltar and to promote initiative, leadership, and often endurance in a country about which people know very little.

Expeditions travelled either on foot, by bus, or by Nuffield Landrover, and each had a

different aim. These ranged from ski-ing, in the winter months, to climbing Jebel Toubkal, 13,667 feet, the highest mountain in North Africa. Other expeditions had less glamorous aims and consisted mainly of walking in the Rif mountains, the greatest distance covered being over 100 miles.

It certainly proved a very popular form of training, and on return to Gibraltar everyone agreed that they had got a great deal out of it.



Boots Off at Last—Ptes. Rose and Granige.



'The Old and Bold'—left to right Lt. Fowler, Ptes. Hamil, Nicholson, L/Cpl. Kelly, Pte. Brown.



'Hurray—the Colour Sergeant's arrived at last!'—French, L/Cpl. Brindle and Mills.

'Who said this was a *DRY* river valley?'





THE GRIERSON SHIELD 1969

The Grierson Shield was first presented in 1913 by the then GOC-in-C Southern Command, General Sir James Grierson, for the best Vickers Machine Gun Section in Infantry Battalions within the Command. In 1968 the competition was changed from a Machine Gun Competition to an Infantry Platoon Challenge Competition, incorporating the firing of all the platoon weapons, a night ambush, and of course tests of fitness and stamina.

It was great news to learn that 9 Pl. of 'C' Coy. had won the Grierson Shield by a clear 85 points from the runners up, 1 Pl. 4 Queens.

Our photograph shows the happy members of 9 Pl. immediately after the Presentation by General Sir Michael Carver, GOC-in-C Southern Command. CSM Knight who trained the platoon is seen holding the Shield.

Footnote.

As we go to press the news has come that 9 Platoon has won the Beckett Cup in the 19th Infantry Brigade Platoon Challenge Trophy Competition. Because of the Ulster Commitment there will be no Grierson Shield Competition this year, but on their showing in the Brigade Competition, 9 Platoon would have undoubtedly taken it for the second year running!

REAR PARTY ROUND UP

Back at the Ranch, the Battalion Rear Party was not idle during the 'other half's tour in Gibraltar. Here are a few of the activities that kept them busy during the long hot summer.

MOUNTAINEERING

In July Lance Corporal Frank Hamton 'C' Company took part in Exercise 'Monte Bianco 69', a mountaineering expedition run under the guidance of Italian Army Instructors. During the Exercise the Southern Command Sponsored Party overcame the 'Killer Peak' on the Franco-German Alpine Border.

Corporal Hampton hopes to join an expedition to the Himalayas next year.



'Look, Mum! No ropes.'

INTO BATTLE

'C' Company's display at the Suffolk Tattoo in July, which they repeated by popular request, at Colchester later in the month.





What no Music? Sgt. Tom Baker, Sgt. Dennis Simmons, Bdsn. Michael Quickfall, and Sgt. Bill Parkinson.

**FAREWELL VISIT TO THE REAR PARTY
OF THE C-IN-C ARMY STRATEGIC
COMMAND, 21st JULY**



General Mogg talks to Cpl. Skipper. Major Fergus MacKain-Bremner Second in Command and OC Rear Party listening in.

SPORTS REPORT



The winning team in the six a side competitions, 6 Platoon 'B' Company, left to right: Pte. Terry Muncey, Pte. Jim Mills, L/Cpl. Chris Brindall, Sgt. Jim Worley, Pte. Battler Britten and Pte. Frank Marsden.

CRICKET

2nd Battalion

A great deal of cricket was played during the tour in Gibraltar, with games at Battalion and Platoon level.

The Battalion side won four out of six games and towards the end of the season had developed into a promising side. The batting main stays were the Commanding Officer and Lt. Rawlings, while Sgt. Worley and Cpl. Halewood bowled well and got among the wickets. Major Edwards, Ptes. Edie and Elias fielded well throughout.

The main interest within the Battalion was centred around the two six a side competitions which were held in July. Both competitions were won by 6 Platoon 'B' Company, ably led by Sgt. Jim Worley. 6 Platoon convincingly beat the Signal Platoon in the first competition and the Anti Tank Platoon in the second.

On the lighter side, the officers played the RAF officers for a duck, the losers keeping the bird which was bought in Morocco and smuggled to Gibraltar via a shopping bag. Lt. Rob Jackson was appointed custodian and they soon became firm friends!

In the 20 over game the Battalion officers scored 150 while the RAF officers only managed 100.



CRICKET

Lt.-Col. J. B. Akehurst just about to present Flt.-Lt. Bill Holdsworth of the RAF with the losers' prize—the 'Duck'.

3rd Battalion

The cricket team had an enjoyable season too. They beat RAPC Worthy Down in the final of the District competition.

WRESTLING GIBRALTAR

'Man Mountain Tubby', 'Black Panther', 'Massah Bill', 'Dusty Miller'; these are the names that spring to mind when we talk of wrestling in the 2nd Battalion.

While on the Rock, L/Cpl. Derek Tubby and L/Cpl. Keith Day successfully organised and ran three very good evenings of wrestling entertainment.

On the last occasion over 250 people watched in the RAF Gym, and to the accompaniment of flash guns, groans, grunts, cheers and boos a total of £20 was raised. This was given to the Wireless for the Blind Fund. In addition a radio was bought for one of the blind persons of Gibraltar.

Pte. Chris Christie coming in for some rough treatment from Pte. Tom Mills.



WRESTLING

L/Cpl. Derek Tubby presenting £20 to Miss Cheryl Burnett of BFBS while the Commanding Officer looks on.



ATHLETICS

3rd Battalion

Excellent Sporting Season

The Battalion won the 16 Parachute Brigade Summer Sports Trophy which, as the Colonel of the Regiment said is an undoubted feather in our cap. The cricket, tug o'war and swimming teams won their competitions—the swimming team, incidentally, coming first in every race.

It has been a busy time for the athletes, who competed in a number of competitions, matches and individual championships. Pte. N. Anthony represented the Army against the German Army in the 200 metres. He was first equal with 21.5 secs. Sgt. V. Hughes and L/Cpl. T. Chalk broke the Southern Command discus record with a combined throw of 240 ft. 8in. These three, plus Cpl. M. Nelson, L/Cpl. R. DeCunha and Ptes. D. Johnson and R. Rochester, were awarded their 3 Division Athletic Colours.



RSM Bullock receives the 16 Para Brigade Sports Trophy. CSM Conboy looks on holding the Tug-of-War Trophy.



3rd Battalion Winning Team in 16 Para Brigade Sports.

2nd Battalion



HERE WE GO AGAIN!

The Rear Party Tug of War Team in the process of winning the Eastern District 100 Stone Event.

Cpl. Parker, L/Cpl. Masterman, Pte. Hawker, L/Cpl. Reams.

Coached by SQMS Atkinson ACC.



HOCKEY 1st Battalion

Runners-up in the Berlin Bde. Six-a-Side Hockey competition. 'A' Company. Back Row (L. to R.): L/Cpl. Gell, Sgt. Bowman, RNG Rainey (Royal Irish Rangers), L/Cpl. Whitby. Front Row (L. to R.): Capt. Voy, Pte. Cornwall, Sgt. Wade, Lt. Haes.



MARRIAGES

- ALLEN-CARR—On 24th May, 1969, at Great Yarmouth, Pte. Allen to Yvonne Norma Carr.
- ASPITAL-DAVIS—On 7th June, 1969, at Kirby Muxloe, Leicester, Bds. Aspital to Dorothea Catherine Davis.
- AUSTIN-BIRMINGHAM—On 21st June, 1969, at Richmond Registry Office, L/Cpl. Austin to Eileen Ann Birmingham.
- BALE-GISBORNE—On 31st May, 1969, at Leicester, Pte. Jeffery Bale to Sheila May Gisborne.
- BEAR-FROST—On 28th March, 1969, at Kempton Parish Church, Cpl. Bear to Dorothy Jennifer Christine Frost.
- BEARDSMORE-PYATT—On 2nd August, 1969, at Braunstone, Leicester, Pte. John Beardsmore to Jean Ann Pyatt.
- BLUNDELL-BARRITT—On 16th August, 1969, at Barking, Essex, L/Cpl. William Blundell to Rita Renee Barritt.
- BOWNESS SMITH-BOWNESS—On 26th April, 1969, at The Chapel, Kneller Hall, Twickenham, WO.I Robert Bowness Smith to Zara Elizabeth Bowness.
- BURGESS-LEACH—On 11th April, 1969, at Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, Pte. Christopher Burgess to Pat Ann Leach.
- CADBURY-STACEY—On 28th June, 1969, at Rivenham, Essex, Pte. Cadbury to Christine Ann Stacey.
- CANDLER-FORD—On 26th April, 1969, at Radcliffe-on-Trent, L/Cpl. Stanley Candler to Susan Patricia Ford.
- CARPENTER-MEREDITH—On 5th April, 1969, at Plymouth, L/Cpl. Richard Carpenter to Susan Marion Meredith.
- CLOHESSY-MYERS—On 5th April, 1969, at Rother Valley, Yorks., Pte. Martin Clohessy to Mary Myers.
- COLE-BEASLEY—On 7th June, 1969, at Spalding, Cpl. Cole to Judith Ann Beasley.
- CORBETT-STURT—On 31st May, 1969, at Cottingham, Lieutenant R. J. Corbett to Elizabeth Ann Sturt.
- CORNWALL-MESSINGHAM — On 9th August, 1969, at Richmond, Yorks., Pte. Cornwall to Patricia Jane Messingham.
- COX-BENTLEY—On 5th April, 1969, at Rayleigh, Essex, Pte. George Cox to Linda Joan Bentley.
- DALGLISH-ALLEN—On 15th September, 1969, at London, between Lieut.-Colonel Douglas Dalglish to Mrs. Janet Allen.
- DEXTER-NOOT—On 18th October, 1969, at Exeter, Lt. A. Dexter to Patricia Noot.
- DRINKWATER-DURANT—On 2nd August, 1969, at St. Martin's Church, Catterick Camp, Yorks., Lt. B. A. J. Drinkwater to Caroline Durant.
- DUDLEY-POTTER—On 5th April, 1969, at Alcester, Works., Pte. Ronald Dudley to Rosalind Mary Potter.
- ENGLISH-SCOTT—On 9th August, 1969, in Gibraltar, Captain T. H. English to Penny Scott.
- FREE-BAIN—On 5th April, 1969, at Richmond Registry Office, Pte. Free to Heidi Bain.
- FROST-BOND—On 31st May, 1969, at Ipswich, Pte. Stanley Frost to Gloria Bond.
- GARWOOD-MANCE—On 2nd August, 1969, at Woking, Surrey, Cpl. David Garwood to Jennifer Anne Mance.
- GILBERT-DEARLOVE—On 3rd May, 1969, at St. Albans, Herts., Cpl. Martin Gilbert to Yvonne Jean Dearlove.
- GILLESPIE-FULLER—On 29th March, 1969, at Waltham Forest, Pte. Brendan Gillespie to Clarissa Elizabeth Fuller.
- GILSON TAYLOR-EMMANUEL—On 26th July, 1969, in Sussex, Lieutenant Christopher Gilson-Taylor to Patricia Emmanuel.
- GLENTON-LENAGHAN—On 2nd August, at Grangetown, Eston, L/Cpl. Glenton to Patricia Mary Lenaghan.
- GRANT-ROOME—On 17th May, 1969, at Loughborough, L/Cpl. Patrick Grant to June Marie Roome.
- GREENFIELD-WILSON—On 26th April, 1969, at New Bolingbroke, Lincs., Pte. Gordon Greenfield to Phyllis Rosemary Wilson.
- HENSON-GOODFELLOW—On 9th August, 1969, at Grantham, Lincs., Pte. Henson to Marilyn Jane Goodfellow.
- HICKS-BUXTON—On 3rd May, 1969, at Spalding, Pte. Hicks to Patricia Ann Buxton.
- HOLLIDAY-THOMPSON—On 11th August, 1969, at Dunstable, Beds., Pte. Michael Holliday to Janette Agnes Thompson.
- HORTON-WARD—On 2nd August, 1969, at Emworth, Norfolk, L/Cpl. Horton to Helen Elizabeth Ward.
- HUNT-CAMPBELL—On 24th July, 1969, at North Hykeham, Lincs., L/Cpl. Hunt to Lorna Hodge Campbell.

IVES-BURNS—On 19th June, 1969, at Glasgow, Scotland, Cpl. Ives to Sally Ann Burns.

JONES-MORGAN—On 8th March, 1969, at Redbridge, L/Cpl. Colin Jones to Janet Morgan.

KEEBLE-CREWS—On 28th June, 1969, at Tisbury, Wilts., Capt. C. P. B. Keeble to Jenny Anne Crews.

KNIGHT-SMITH—On 16th August, 1969, at Luton, Beds., Pte. Charles Knight to Mary Ann Smith.

LAMMIN-LACK—On 5th April, 1969, at Bedford, Pte. Richard Lammin to Irene Lack.

LAST-BARBER—On 9th August, 1969, at Colchester, Pte. Last to Phylliss Ann Barber.

LING-SAKANOVIC—On 16th August, 1969, at Ipswich, Pte. Ling to Janice Eileen Sakanovic.

MARSHALL-DENNIS—On 7th June, 1969, at King's Chapel, Gibraltar, Lt. R. Marshall to Rita Edna Dennis.

McANALLY-STEWART—On 7th April, 1969, at Cullybachey Methodist Church, Co. Antrim, Cpl. McAnally to Elizabeth Ann Stewart.

McBURNIE-ROSS—On 7th April, 1969, at Leicester, Pte. Colin McBurnie to Shirley Ross.

McCLUSKEY-CALVERT—On 2nd August, 1969, at Richmond, Yorks., Pte. McCluskey to Evelyn Calvert.

MCGONIGLE-WINCH—On 5th April, 1969, at Luton, Beds., Pte. Derrick McGonigle to Cheryl Beatrice Winch.

MCGOWAN-WILKINSON—On 31st May, 1969, at Liverpool, Cpl. Michael McGowan to Maureen Wilkinson.

MEEN-ADAMS—On 12th July, 1969, at Leyburn, Yorks., L/Cpl. Meen to Margaret Winifred Adams.

MIXER-McNAIRN—On 5th July, 1969, at Catterick Camp, Yorks., C/Sgt. Mixer to Janice Marion Wilson McNairn.

MOLDON-WEST—On 22nd March, 1969, at Chatham, Kent, Pte. Christopher Moldon to Shirley Maureen West.

MOORE-JONES—On 26th July, at Oswestry, Pte. Moore to Patricia Heather Jones.

MORTON-STONE—On 9th August, 1969, at Duxford, Cambs., Major P. Morton to Miss C. M. Stone.

MOULE-MEYER—On 16th August, 1969, at Chelmsford, L/Cpl. Moule to Shirley Ann Meyer.

NASH-NASH—On 30th August, 1969, at Dunstable, Beds., Pte. Robert Nash to Linda Patricia Nash.

NORTHWOOD-DACK—On 2nd August, 1969, at Wisbech, Cambs., Pte. David Northwood to Rosaleen Dack.

OAKES-GORE—On 21st June, 1969, at Kings Lynn, Pte. John Oakes to Linda Gore.

OLDFIELD-BURSTALL—On 9th August, 1969, at Orcheston St. Mary's, Wilts., Major J. R. Oldfield to Elizabeth Ann Burstall.

ORTON-THOMPSON—On 10th May, 1969, at Hinckley, Leics., Pte. Allen Orton to Rosina Francis Thompson.

PARKER-GRAY—On 13th September, 1969, at Long Buckby, Lt-Col. O. K. Parker, MC, DL, to Mrs. L. K. Gray.

PEACHMENT-CLARKE—On 7th May, 1969, at Barnet Registry Office, Pte. Peachment to Jean Clarke.

PHOENIX-HENSON—On 7th June, 1969, at Southend-on-Sea, Essex, L/Cpl. Anthony Phoenix to Lesley Joyce Henson.

ROGERS-PYE—On 29th March, 1969, at Norwich, Pte. Paul Rogers to Daphne May Pye.

SIMPSON-BOOKER—On 15th March, 1969, at Sheffield, Pte. William Simpson to Elizabeth May Booker.

SISSONS-WARD—On 29th March, 1969, at Kings Lynn, L/Cpl. Sissons to Heather Mary Elizabeth Ward.

SMEE-PLAISTOW—On 9th August, 1969, at Chelmsford, Pte. Smee to Sally Ann Plaistow.

SMITH-CARTER—On 29th March, 1969, at Stevenage, Herts., L/Cpl. Rodney Smith to Susan Alice Carter.

SMITH-STOCK—On 29th March, 1969, at Norwich, Sgt. Smith to Marjorie Leslie Gwyneth Stock.

SMITH-TAYLOR—On 29th March, 1969, at Norwich Registry Office, Cpl. Smith to Eileen Ellen Rosemary Taylor.

STANLEY-DOMEROW—On 11th April, 1969, at Celle, West Germany, Pte. Stanley to Brigitte Gerda Domerow.

STARR-NEWELL—On 19th July, 1969, at Aldershot, Hants., Pte. Walter Starr to Iris Newell.

SUTTON-KEY—On 26th July, 1969, at Carlton Colville, Pte. Sutton to Christine Key.

TOMLIN-PARKINSON—On 5th April, 1969, at Peterborough, Northants, Pte. Ronald Tomlin to Jane Margaret Parkinson.

WINGFIELD-MURPHY—On 21st June, 1969, at Leicester, Pte. John Wingfield to Catherine Elizabeth Murphy.
WOOD-MORRISON—On 31st May, 1969, at Richmond Registry Office, Pte. Wood to Jennifer Morrison.
YOUNG-COOK—On 16th August, 1969, at Hemel Hempstead, Herts., Pte. Peter Young to Margary Cook.

BIRTHS

AKEHURST—On 8th May, 1969, at Aldershot, Hants., to wife of Pte. R. Akehurst, a daughter, Tina Ann.
ALLISON—Daughter Lorraine born at Catterick on 5th May, 1969, to L/Cpl. Allison and wife.
ATTERBURY—On 9th June, 1969, at Aldershot, Hants., to wife of Pte. S. Atterbury, a son, Kevin Richard.
BAGGARIDGE—On 8th April, 1969, at Aldershot, Hants., to wife of Sgt. W. Baggaridge, a daughter, Samantha Louise.
BERG—On 25th August, 1969, at Aldershot, Hants., to wife of Pte. B. Berg, a son, Jason
BRIZAN—On 9th July, 1969, at Padding Green, London, to wife of Pte. D. Brizan, a son, Phillip Anthony.
BURLEY—Daughter Samantha Jane born at C.M.H., Catterick, on 14th June, 1969, to Pte. Burley and wife.
CLANDFIELD—On 17th April, 1969, at Aldershot, Hants., to wife of Pte. M. Clandfield, a daughter, Jacqueline Louise.
CROUCH—On 8th July, 1969, at Aldershot, Hants., to wife of Pte. D. Crouch, a son, Joseph William.
DEMPSEY—Daughter Paula Catherine born at C.M.H., Catterick, on 21st May, 1969, to Cpl. Dempsey and wife.
EVERETT—On 31st May, 1969, at Aldershot, Hants., to wife of Pte. V. Everett, a daughter, Paula Jean.
EYRE—Daughter Sally Ann born at Richmond, Yorks., on 4th April, 1969, to Pte. Eyre and wife.
FREER—On 27th June, 1969, at Aldershot, Hants., to wife of L/Cpl. C. Freer, a daughter, Paula Ann.
FISHER—On 27th May, 1969, at H.M. Stanley Hospital, St. Asaph, Flintshire, to Captain and Mrs. A. Fisher, a son, Adrian St. John.
GALLAGHER—On 28th April, 1969, at Aldershot, Hants., to wife of Pte. T. Gallagher, a daughter, Kerry Anne.
GIBBS—Daughter Karren Ann born at Catterick Camp to Pte. Gibbs and wife.
GREENWOOD—On 23rd April, 1969, at Aldershot, Hants., to wife of Cpl. J. Greenwood, a son, Paul Martin.
HAMILTON—Son David born at C.M.H., Catterick, on 25th May, 1969, to Pte. Hamilton and wife.
HARLE—On 20th May, 1969, at Aldershot, Hants., to wife of L/Cpl. R. Harle, twins, daughter Nicola Anne, son Jason Scott.
HAWKINS—On 26th August, 1969, at Aldershot, Hants., to wife of L/Cpl. R. Hawkins, a son, Lee David.
KENNEDY—On 29th July, 1969, at Aldershot, Hants., to wife of Cpl. R. Kennedy, a son, Michael Aldrin.
LABORDE—Daughter Janice Riane born at Catterick Camp, on 9th April, 1969, to L/Cpl. LaBorde and wife.
LUNN—Daughter Tara Elizabeth born at C.M.H., Catterick, on 13th May, 1969, to Pte. Lunn and wife.
MACKNESS—On 16th June, 1969, at Aldershot, Hants., to wife of L/Cpl. J. Mackness, a daughter, Maria Jane.
OVENDEN—On 13th May, 1969, at Aldershot, Hants., to wife of Cpl. V. Ovenden, a son, Kurt Gunther.
PADBURY—Son Colin George born at Richmond, Yorks., on 5th April, 1969, to Pte. Padbury and wife.
ROBINSON—Son Richard John born at Epsom, on 17th March, 1969, to L/Cpl. Robinson and wife.
SEARL—On 15th May, 1969, at Forest Gate, to wife of L/Cpl. D. Searl, a son, Paul David.
SMITHURST—Son Philip Niel born at Catterick Camp, on 3rd March, 1969, to L/Cpl. Smithurst and wife.
TOLL—Son Simon John born at C.M.H., Catterick, on 22nd April, 1969, to Pte Toll and wife.
WILKINS—On 8th April, 1969, at Aldershot, Hants., to wife of Cpl. H. Wilkins, a daughter, Karen Lorraine.
WORBY—Son Paul Lionel born at B.M.H. Hanover, Germany, to Cpl. Worby and wife, on 26th March, 1969.

OBITUARY



MAJOR E. Y. DOBSON THE ROYAL LEICESTERSHIRE REGIMENT

Ted Dobson joined the 2nd Battalion in Londonderry on 1st February, 1934, when he was nearly 21. His outstanding characteristics were his good humour, his reliability and his willingness to enter into all the activities of the Battalion. Being a good rugby player he was doubly welcome as the Battalion then was desperately keen to win the Army Cup, having reached the final twice and the semi-final once in the past four years.

One of his first duties was to carry the 2nd Bn. Colour for the Guard of Honour when

H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester visited Londonderry, which duty, as a very young officer, he did with great efficiency and aplomb.

Ted was posted to the 1st Bn. in Jubbulpore in 1937, and again very quickly made himself at home and became very popular with all ranks. Both on the plains and during the Battalion's strenuous year at Razmak on the North West Frontier he proved himself an outstandingly good platoon commander. A stalwart member of the Rugby XV, he played for the team which beat The Welsh Regiment to win the Cup for the British Army.

Ted moved with the Battalion from Agra to Penang in 1941 and later that year to Sungei Patani in Northern Malaya. When the Japanese attacked on 10th December, the Battalion was at Jitra in the defence line and Ted was commanding 'C' Company as a Captain. Unfortunately, during the first brush with the Japanese he became a casualty and was evacuated to Singapore. During the final stages of the campaign on Singapore Island, Ted discharged himself from hospital and rejoined the Battalion. His presence was very welcome but at the same time, for his own sake, one was sorry that he had not been evacuated from Malaya earlier on. The result was, of course, that with the rest of the Army in Malaya he became the guest of the Japanese for the next 3½ years.

After the war Ted commanded a company of 17 PTC at Glen Parva Barracks but was invalided out of the Army as a Major on 25th June, 1949.

His many friends were always happy to see him at various regimental functions. At these he will be very greatly missed in the future.

BRIGADIER T. S. J. ANDERSON CBE, TD, MA

Brigadier Anderson who died on 30th June, 1969, joined the 4th Battalion of the Lincolnshire Regiment Territorials as Platoon Commander at Stamford, where he was a school-master at the local grammar school. When the

Battalion mobilised in 1939 he was given command of 'D' Company which he took to France and was evacuated through Dunkirk in 1940. He continued to serve with the Battalion until 1941, when he was transferred to the Army Educational Corps and rose to the rank of Brigadier, serving in Egypt and the Middle East. After the war he was the External Registrar, London University until 1948, then Director of Studies, Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, until 1962 when he became Controller, Manpower Development, Vickers. E.J.

service to his Country, he was appointed Deputy Lieutenant in 1930, a richly deserved honour.

Harold Kemball was a universally respected gentleman, generous to fault and loved by all who knew him. He died on 3rd May, 1969.

CAPTAIN ARTHUR WELDRICK

Joined the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment at Enniskillen in 1922 and served with the 1st Battalion until the outbreak of World War II, when in India, in the rank of CQMS he was posted to a Prisoners of War Group, in the rank of RQMS.

His efficiency soon gained him an Emergency Commission as a Captain (Quartermaster) in the Indian Army, and posting to the Depot of the Mahratti Regiment in which he served until the end of the war.

He was married and had two children, a son and daughter. After leaving the Army on pension he went to Northern Rhodesia to a British firm of importers of engineering products as their manager, and subsequently moved to Zambia where he died suddenly on 28th February, 1969.

We extend to his widow, Gertrude, and his children our deepest sympathy. P.H.S.

COLONEL HAROLD FRANCIS KEMBALL, TD, DL

Harold Kemball joined the 4th (Volunteer) Bn. The Essex Regiment in 1903 and served throughout the first world war being promoted Lt.-Colonel and Brevet Colonel in 1915 with 7th Bn. The Essex Regiment. After his retirement in 1924 he was Honorary Colonel of 459 (Essex) HAA Regiment until 1950. During the second world war he was Group Commander of National Defence Companies 1939-41 and Commanded 7th Essex (Home Defence) Bn.

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DEATHS

ANDERSON—On 30th April, 1969, in hospital, Brigadier Thomas Stephen James Anderson, CBS, TD, MA, aged 59, late The Lincolnshire Regiment.

ANDERSON—On 30th April, 1969, at Northampton General Hospital, Arthur William Anderson (9201), late The Northamptonshire Regiment.

AMEY—On 2nd August, 1969, at Harold Wood Hospital, Essex, Mr. G. W. Amey, aged 70 years, late 2nd and 5th Bns. The Essex Regiment.

BARRETT—On 11th April, 1969, Captain E. Barrett, late 4th Bn. The Essex Regiment.

BASSON—On 4th January, 1969, at Irthlingborough, Major T. A. Basson, late The Northamptonshire Regiment.

BIRD—On 9th April, 1969, Mr. Leslie Bird, MC, 10th (1914-18) Bn. The Essex Regiment at Brentwood. Mr. Bird officiated for many years as Auditor to the Association.

BRETtingham—On 13th June, 1969, Mr. J. R. Brettingham, ex CSM of the 4th Bn. The Essex Regiment.

BROWN—On 14th August, 1969, in County Durham, Major R. J. Brown, late The Northamptonshire Regiment, together with his wife, as the result of a motor coach accident.

BRYSON—Son Colin Michael passed away on 9th June, 1969.

BUGG—On 26th September, 1969, of 195 Cavendish Road, Carlton, Nottingham, 4967074 ex-Pte. A. E. Bugg, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

BURRELL—On 12th August, 1969, Major W. Burrell, late 10th Bn. The Essex Regiment.

BUSH—On 30th August, 1969, of 139 Sussex Road, Southport, Lancs., 15027 ex-L/Sgt. J. C. Bush, DCM, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

CATO—On 25th May, 1969, of 16 Acorn Street, Leicester, Mr. H. Cato, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

CLARKE—On 3rd April, 1969, Mr. 'Nobby' Clarke, ex Sgt. in the 1st Bn. The Essex Regiment.

DOBSON—On 10th June, 1969, of The Pump House, Hunsdon, Ware, Herts., Major E. Y. Dobson, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

DRIVER—On 9th July, 1969, at Kettering General Hospital, Herbert George Driver, late 2nd Bn. The Northamptonshire Regiment.

EARL—On 12th April, 1969, of 18 Fayhurst Road, Leicester, Mr. E. A. Earl, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

EKINS—On 16th September, 1969, at Wellingborough, William Ekins, late The Northamptonshire Regiment.

ELLWOOD—On 16th June, 1969, at St. Albans, Herts., Mr. Edward G. Ellwood, aged 72, late The Hertfordshire Regiment.

FRANCIS—On 3rd May, 1969, at Weldon, near Corby, A. Francis, late The Northamptonshire Regiment.

FITZJOHN—On 9th August, 1969, in Bedford General Hospital, Mr. Arthur Charles Fitz-John, aged 83, late The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment.

GORDON—On 24th June, 1969, at Duston, Northampton, John Thomas (Ginger) Gordon, DCM, late The Northamptonshire Regiment.

HOWE—On 11th March, 1969, of 20 Swannington Road, Leicester, ex-Sgt. W. J. Howe, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

KERRICH—On 16th September, 1969, Lieut.-Colonel H. A. Kerrich, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

KEMBALL—On 3rd April, 1969, Colonel H. F. Kemball, TD, aged 84, late 7th Bn. The Essex Regiment and former Deputy Lieutenant of the County of Essex.

LEGGETT—June, 1969, at Grimsby, Sgt. J. Leggett, late The Lincolnshire Regiment.

LOCKWOOD—On 22nd May, 1969, of 18 Fraser Close, Leicester, ex-Pte. W. T. Lockwood, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

LOVESEY—On 4th September, 1969, at Crea-ton Hospital, Northampton, Major J. R. Lovesey, MBE, late The Northamptonshire Regiment.

MOSS—On 3rd August, 1969, in the Taber Hospital, Alberta, Canada, The Revd. Harry Moss, DCM, late 11th and 6th Bns. The Essex Regiment.

O'BRYAN—On 24th June, 1969, at Bedford, Mr. Charles William O'Bryan, DCM, aged 71, late The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment.

PETERS—In March, 1969, Mr. B. W. Peters, late 9th Bn. The Essex Regiment.

PRYOR—On 23rd July, 1969, Captain Frederic Charles (Eric) Pryor, for many years on the Editorial Staff of *The Eagle*—Journal of The Essex Regiment.

PUGH—On 27th July, 1969, at St. Albans City Hospital, Mr. F. G. Pugh, aged 72, late The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment.

SKELHAM—On 21st September, 1969, of 13 The Headlands, Market Harborough, Leicestershire, 4848566 ex-Pte. J. J. Skelham, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

SPARKES—On 19th March, 1969, of 'Trefelon' Cottage, Church Lane, Mattishall-Burgh, Dereham, Norfolk, 4850207 ex-Sgt. A. A. Sparkes, DCM, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

STAPLEY—On 7th April, 1969, Major A. W. Stapley, late The Essex Regiment.

TANEY—On 1st June, 1969, at Oundle, A. W. Taney, late 6th(S) Bn. The Northamptonshire Regiment.

WELDRICK—On 28th February, 1969, in Zambia, Captain Arthur Weldrick, late The Lincolnshire Regiment.

WEYMAN—On 24th September, 1969, of 'Plas Gwyn,' Ruthin, Denbighshire, Lieut.-Colonel A. Weyman, MC, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

WHYBROW—On 30th May, 1969, at Louise Margaret Hospital, Aldershot, Hants., Richard Ronald Whybrow, 1 day old, son of L/Cpl. R. Whybrow, 3 R. Anglian.

WILSON—On 8th July, 1969, at Scarthoe Road Hospital, Grimsby, CSM Thomas Morton Wilson, aged 61, late The Lincolnshire Regiment.

YORK—On 29th May, 1969, of 399 Gipsy Lane, Leicester, 201232 ex-Pte. C. S. York, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.



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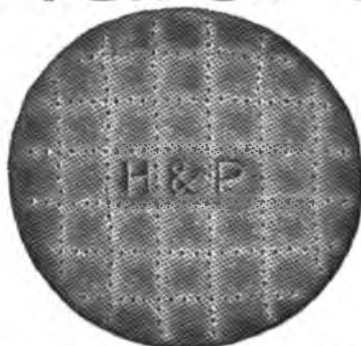
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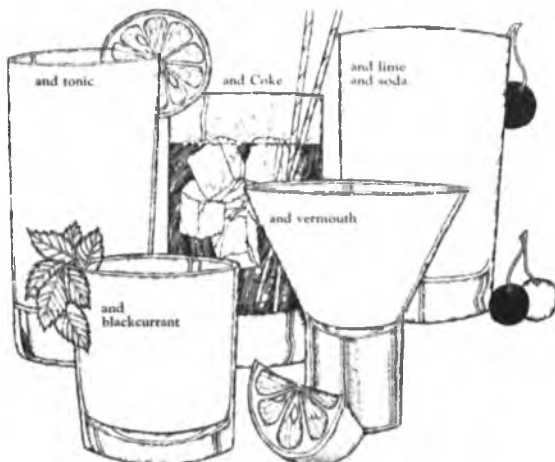


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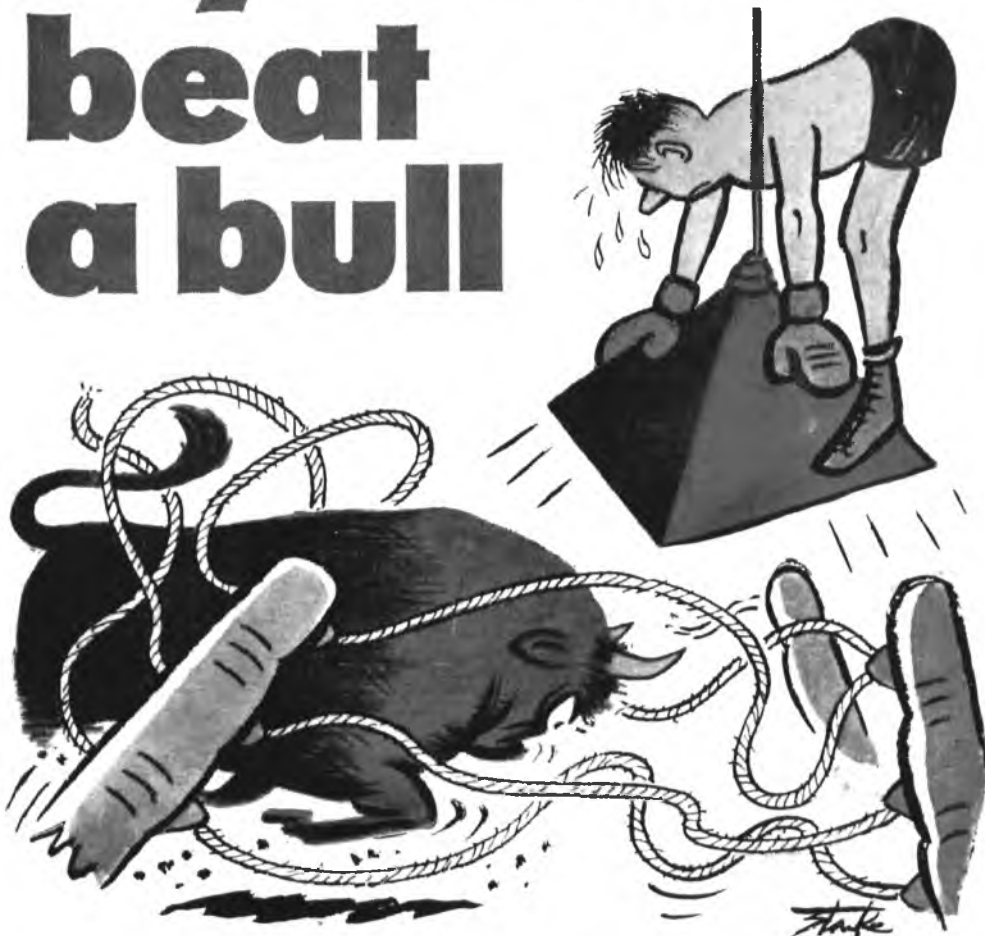
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