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The Brigade of Gurkhas has for some years run its own Welfare Scheme for its ex-servicemen in Nepal, providing limited medical and financial aid. The overheads of this Scheme are met by an annual grant from H.M. Government and its main source of income was a donation of one day's pay per annum from every serving officer and soldier.

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fare Trust, a newly formed and registered charity. The Officers, past and present, of the Gurkha Regiments have set the pattern by raising amongst themselves no less than £250,000, and the City of London has already found another £100,000.

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# Pte. Angle

## On Hot Water

I shall get into some with the Editor if I say anything at all. 'Can't really afford to publish all this stuff, and this number looks like going deeper into the red than ever before,' he says . . . says he.

## On what to read

Must just draw your attention to Major Pat Macdonald's article 'A Case for Mechanised Continuity'. Sounds sense to me. Surely the old Cardwell system was based upon this rotation of individual's principle rather than expensive unit moves and retraining? I really thought this might be one of the advantages in favour of the Large Regiment. Ho Hum! Mustn't complain . . .

Good reading too in a short illustrated 'History of the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment to be published in June under the **Famous Regiment Series**. This very readable short history has been compiled by Brigadier G. W. H. Peters, CBE, DSO, MC, and may be purchased for 25s. plus postage by Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association members.

## On what to wear

Rationalisation of Dress within the Army has led to standardisation within the Queen's Division on certain items. All Officers are to wear the pattern and cloth exactly as worn by the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers.

The 'Tiger Button' is now available and all ranks in the Regiment are to wear them as from 1st July.

The production of officers' buttons had met with snags but all is now in order and officers should go ahead and order as per the instructions already issued.

## On Egg-heads

And another thing—why can't the egg-heads at the top make their minds up about 'Volunteer' versus 'Territorial'.

## On The Regimental Week-end

The familiar Week-end activities in and around Bury St. Edmunds are no longer possible due to the move of the Regimental Depot.

The Depot of The Queen's Division are holding an 'Open Day' on 1st August and we hope to see many familiar faces there instead. Their's is an ambitious day's programme starting after lunch and concluding with Bands and Corps of Drums of The Queen's Division Beating Retreat followed by an Officers' Cocktail Party. Full details can be obtained from HQ at Bury or at County Headquarters.

The Golf Annual Meeting will be held at Flempton G.C., on 10th and 11th July. A Cricket match is arranged against the 'Gentlemen of Suffolk' and 'Bury and West Suffolk' C.C., to be played at Culford School, Bury St. Edmunds, on Friday, 31st July.

## Army Golf

After many years of trying the 1st Battalion team won the Argyll and Sutherland Bowl in the Army Golfing Society Meeting at St. Andrews 9th-16th May. On its way to the final the team defeated the Cameronians and the 2nd Queens. In the final against The Argylls our win was largely due to resounding victories by General Freeland and Colonel 'Jock' Carroll. Capt. Ian Pearce had a battle royal against an opponent who went out in 33 and was four up. Pearce came home in 34 to finish two up. Their best ball was 64! . . . not bad at the Royal and Ancient. Brigadier Creasey and the 'Editor' completed the team. The latter apologises for the delay in production of this issue but at least his team brought home the Cup.

# MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE



Lieutenant John de Bretton-Gordon receives his Long Service and Good Conduct Medal from Her Royal Highness.

Brigadier Charles Paton's tour as Deputy Colonel for Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Essex terminated on 5th February, 1970. No-one has taken more interest or devoted himself so unselfishly to his duties. Brigadier Charles and Mrs. Paton deserve our thanks.

Major General Michael Holme has been appointed Deputy Colonel vice Brigadier Paton who has agreed to represent General Holme during his tour in Cyprus.

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On page 34 In Pensioner Jack Hawkins has contributed a most lucid account of a visit to the United States. You may wonder how he came to be in such a happy position. A Suffolk by origin, and like other distinguished members of the 12th Foot, he has always had an eye for the horses. It was at the Derby last year that he chanced to tip an American visitor with five or six winners, which generous individual promised to give him a free trip to the U.S.A. And a man as good as his word he was!

You will be sad to hear that Monkey 'Dick' has died. We pictured him on page 20 last October. Sgt. Holmes, of The Gibraltar Regiment, NCO i/c Rock Apes, nursed him for three months, and Dick might well have died sooner but for his devoted attention. Well tried, Sgt. Holmes.

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General Sir Mervyn Butler relieved General Sir John Mogg, as GOC in C Strategic Command on 15th May.

\* \* \*

Brigadier Glyn Gilbert is to be GOC 3 Div. in June.

\* \* \*

Honorary Colonels of our Territorial Regiments, now in Cadre formorary, have been re-appointed except in the case of Colonel F. C. L. Bell, Hon. Colonel of the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment, who has been succeeded by Lt.-Colonel B. S. Foster.



**IT ALWAYS SEEMS TO HAPPEN AFTER THESE LONG UNACCOMPANIED TOURS . . .**

**The Reverend Rex Hancock, the Battalion Padre, and some of the twelve Poachers' Children he christened on Easter Day.**

Congratulations to Colonel R. P. S. Erskine Tulloch on promotion to Brigadier and to Lt.-Colonel D. R. C. Carter on promotion to Colonel. The latter is to be Chief Instructor Joint Warfare Establishment.

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Congratulations to Major David Thorne on his selection as DS at the RAF Staff College, Bracknell, with promotion to Lieutenant Colonel. Also to Major Francis who is now GSO 1 BRIXMIS.

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Also to Capts. Jenks and Pond on selection for a Regular Quartermaster Commissions.

\* \* \*

And to RSM Garman on selection to a Short Service Regular Commission.

\* \* \*

And to WO 1 Nicholls on appointment as RSM 1st Bn.

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And Capts. Hart, Woodrow, Stone and Jefferson, on passing the Staff College Exam. The first two have been nominated to attend Camberlay. Stone is to go to the RAF Staff College. Jefferson has not been nominated. Better luck to him at the next Board.



**Capt. Mike Wright at Shepperton Weir, in the Inter Services Canoe Championships.**

The following Subalterns have joined on first Commission from RMAS. 2Lt. J. F. Smith to 3rd. Bn., 2Lts P. W. Field and R. M. Thompson to 4th Bn. Welcome!





**Nimble-needles wives of  
4th Royal Anglian.**

**Admiring their handiwork are the happy patch workers of the 4th Battalion. Left to right: Margaret Green, Monique Gunton, Bronwen Holloway, Sheila Eyeions, Winifred King and Margaret Jenks.**

As a method of raising funds for the Wives Club and as a project while the 4th Bn. is in Bahrain some wives are making a patchwork quilt. This centuries old art has given the wives tremendous pleasure. In Victorian times girls lined each tiny piece with a snippet from their love letters. It is perhaps a sign of less romantic times that the wives used magazine pages! However the quilt is something of a testimony of the travels of Royal Anglian wives. It contains material from Kenya, Aden, China, Malta GC, and Hong Kong.

Arms Plot! Sssh! . . . Gutter Press only . . . 1st Bn. Londonderry on two year tour in August.

2nd Bn. is currently in Malaysia on training and return to Colchester in June.

3rd Bn. arrives home at the end of May and joins 20 Armoured Brigade in Germany in January next year.

4th Bn. arrives home in July and prepares for the unmentionable! The Battalion's annual FFR report (fitness for role) in Bahrain was a cracker. Morale is excellent which speaks highly for all ranks.

#### **OFF DUTY IN BAHRAIN**

**Sea Angling is a popular, and evidently successful, week-end pastime.**





**NO NAMES . . .**

**NO PACK DRILL.**

**'Two heads are better than one . . . when dealing with Turks and Greeks'.**

Awards to Volunteers of TD, TEM and clasps thereto.

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Well done! This is an impressive list rounded off by Lord Lieutenant's Certificate of Meritorious Service to C/Sgt. Pitts and Sgt. Buckingham.



#### **OFF DUTY IN BAHRAIN**

**Pte. Wells and Pte. Phipps keep a well stocked pigeon loft. It is reported that this is a lucrative past-time since the birds' homing instincts are well developed before they are sold!**

# Pompadours Progress



UK High Commissioner inspects the Corps of Drums accompanied by the Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. K. Burch, MBE.



'Chatting up the locals' at Ayios Theodoros.



Lt. A. Duff doesn't know which way to go — Donkey Derby on Christmas Day.



'Pay Parade UN style.' Maj. L. Lunn, RAPC, paying out in Paphos District.

Since October 1969 we have progressed to Cyprus—and probably back again to Aldershot by the time this magazine is published! In Cyprus we have had to put away our familiar dark blue beret and Regimental cap badge and don the pale blue beret and global cap badge of the United Nations Force in Cyprus.

We arrived here in mid-October, leaving behind the cold of an English winter and expecting to find tropical sunshine. Not a bit of it, the weather was relatively cool and overcast for the first week. For the rest of the tour however, our luck changed and we were fortunate to have one of the warmest winters that Cyprus has had in recent years.

Now that we are international soldiers perhaps it would be a good idea to explain what it entails.

Cyprus is an island about half the size of Wales situated some 40 miles from Turkey and 300 miles from Greece. It is about 60 miles from North to South and 130 miles from West to East. The population is 620,000 of which 80 per cent. are Greek, 18 per cent. Turkish and 2 per cent. other nationalities.

After widespread trouble and open fighting between Greek and Turkish Communities in 1964 UN troops were called in. At present the UN Force consists of contingents from eight different countries. These are British, Canadian, Irish, Finnish, Danish, Swedish, Austrian and Australian.

The island is split up into six contingent areas. The largest, Limassol Zone, in the West, is our responsibility and is some 1,500 square miles. Because of its size the area is further split up into three districts, Kophinou in the east, Limassol in the centre and Paphos in the west, each the responsibility of one company.

Each district has a number of Observation Posts which are manned by sections of ten or so men. These OPs are scattered throughout the Zone, some in towns while others are high up in mountain villages.

Our task was laid down in the original charter for the Force and is:

1. To prevent a recurrence of fighting.
2. To contribute to the maintenance and restoration of law and order.
3. To contribute to a return to normal conditions.

To carry out our task all the OPs have been sighted in areas of possible tension where Greek and Turkish communities confront one



The Band performing at the Municipal Theatre, Nicosia.

another or where hills dominate villages, bridges or roads. Much of the work is routine observation and reporting of possible incidents in an effort to prevent any more intercommunal troubles. On a higher plain Commanders have to liaise between the Leaderships of both communities over disputes which often reach governmental or ambassadorial level.

The main camp, which houses Bn. HQ, HQ Coy. and one company is three miles north of Limassol overlooking the town and the Mediterranean Sea. The camp which has wooden huts for its accommodation was built originally by Lord Kitchener in 1890, and was used by the Pompadours when they were stationed here previously in the 1890's.

The two companies at Kophinou and Paphos live mainly in tented accommodation. The District Headquarters at Kophinou is known to all as 'The Compound' and a tie is awarded to long serving 'inmates'. Throughout the winter 'escapes' were planned but without success until eventually on 8th March, with a lot of double dealings, the whole company moved out. (A re-deployment in UNFICYP meant that the Compound was taken over by the Irish Contingent to whom we wish the very best of luck!).

All the platoons in the battalion move round every three weeks to afford a change of view. They end up where they started for handover to the next unit in April.

It has been an interesting six months' tour but we are all looking forward to some leave on our return. There will be a change of rôle—we are to retrain and take over as a mechanised infantry battalion in 20 Armoured Brigade.



# Paphos

## Peacekeepers

Paphos District, where 'B' Company settled initially for their UNFICYP tour, is a comparatively wild and unsophisticated part of the island. It is the great citrus and wine-growing area of Cyprus, and nearly every hill is terraced and carefully cultivated, mostly by the traditional wooden plough pulled by oxen. The roads are narrow and twisting, reaching up through ancient and picturesque villages to the fir-clad slopes of the Troodos range of mountains.

Driving becomes a conscious skill, far different from the easy traverse of a motorway in England. Children and old men are equal hazards on the roads, mingling unconcernedly with flocks of goats, while chickens and dogs wander indiscriminately across main thoroughfares. The people are friendly, however, and are always pleased to see the UN blue beret, and it is a clever man who can stop and chat to a Greek or Turk Cypriot without drinking at least one cup of coffee with him.

The District covers a large area, a lot of it farmland, and there are some thirty Turk villages to a hundred Greek Cypriots ones: this means that there are a large number of points of friction, since each community has a

separate administration and a separate police, who will not co-operate together. Thus the UN must be vigilant in all such areas, particularly where a town is split between the two factions, and where the memories of fighting and arson are still bitter.

Here a soldier's eye never leaves the so-called 'green line', demarcation between the communities, where fighting reduced the houses and shops lining the street to empty shells or moulds of rubble. Only by such constant watch can we be sure to spot a violation of some agreement, maybe made hastily during a night of terror and bloodshed some six years previously, but now embodied as an inviolable decision, ratified by months of use, against which neither side can encroach without being accused of provoking the other. Not all the work is so tense and unrewarding, however, and much is done to sow the seeds of friendship impartially among both peoples. Soldiers are free to walk about the shopping areas and talk to people, to encourage a return to normality and peaceful conditions.

There is also a lighter side of life: Cyprus has an ideal climate for many types of sport, and within Paphos District there has been instituted the 'Paphos Pot' which can be competed for by any form of sport, the challengers having the right to nominate the game, the players and the rules! Competition is keen between the outposts, where there is little to occupy the time except for sport, writing home, and getting on with the job on hand, which is mostly one of patient observation. One such post is Stavrokono, perched on a rocky crag

L/Cpl. Fred Lemon 'Coffee Shopping'.





The Starvrokono sentry can't get much higher than this!

above a militant Turkish village, the scene of much bloodshed and intercommunal strife during the past few years. This is a typical example of how the minority Turks exert pressure on the Greek Administration. This village straddles a narrow tarmac road, which loops up through the village along the spine of a mountain, eventually giving access to a number of Greek villages. The Turks deny access to any uniformed Greek police or Greek National Guard—their Army—and have a force of some thirty 'Freedom Fighters' in the village to enforce this. Any Greek attempt to force the issue would result in bloodshed, which could soon spread throughout the island.

The lonely vigil of the UN soldier overlooking the road and the Freedom Fighter post gives early warning of any problem, but also helps to maintain an air of peaceful confidence among the people, who are therefore unlikely to over-react into panic measures to defend themselves should a false alarm disturb the tranquillity of this farming hamlet.

Frustrating as the job is, with long periods of unrewarding inactivity, the fact remains that our mere presence alone does contribute to an extent to the continued calm on the island. Although Greek and Turk do not officially mingle, the UN soldiers are always welcome, and there is no threat to the security of the lone soldier going about his business.

Home of the traditional 'Aphrodite'—legendary goddess of love, who is said to have emerged from the foam at Aphrodite's Rock.

Paphos is a District full of quiet courtesy and charm, old world farming and country industry, which mixes ill with the bitter controversy between Greek and Turk Communities. Despite some happy memories, a few friends and a working knowledge of Cyprus wines, men of B Company gratefully relinquish their task to the incoming Third Battalion of the Light Infantry, to return to more familiar tasks in more familiar surroundings, reunited with their families and friends.

## TOWN COMPANY

Town Company, which consists of 'C' Company Headquarters and three rifle platoons, is based at Polemidhia Camp, Limassol, on a rocky hillside three miles north of the town overlooking the Mediterranean.

The company is housed in corrugated iron 'spiders' with baths, showers and many other amenities which have helped to make our stay



All in a day's . . . work! Riding at Polemidhia.



**'Made it!' — Pte. Newborn.**

in Cyprus a pleasant one. All platoons rotate through Town company during the six months' tour, and are employed on Rest and Retraining, Stand-by duties, and finally manning our observation post in the Turkish Quarter of Limassol.

The Rest and Retraining platoon takes part in a three week programme before taking over Standby platoon duties. Activities have included field firing at Goshi ranges near Dhekelia, signals and battle PT training, and a large variety of recreational pursuits. The company has had the use of a hut at the summit of the Troodos mountain range, where the platoon has set up a camp for climbing instruction or tried their hands at ski-ing—often to the amusement of some rather professional onlookers! Coach trips have taken the platoon to places of interest and antiquity on the island, although on one occasion our Greek coach driver was prevented from driving us up to St. Helarion Castle, near Kyrenia, by an armed Turkish Cypriot Fighter sentry, which caused considerable embarrassment.

Being only three miles from the sea, the platoon has had plenty of opportunity to swim, and also sail in the company Mirror Class

dinghy. The dinghy was brought out from Aldershot in kit form and assembled for us by the Domestic Pioneers. We have had a lot of fun sailing it, but may have problems getting it back home afterwards! Our climbing enthusiasts have had some enjoyable afternoons scaling the rock faces at Episkopi with the assistance of the RAF Mountain Rescue Team instructors, and our Australian Civilian Police friends. However, the OC was slightly surprised to see the more ardent followers of this sport prussiking up to the top of the canteen roof one evening!

Our horse riders have taken to this sport remarkably quickly, and ride at Cooke's stables situated just outside the camp. Charges are extremely reasonable, and for 5/- an hour one receives expert tuition in the paddock, or the opportunity of an hour's hack in the surrounding countryside.

We have struck up some firm friendships with the RAF, and the platoon recently visited the Aircraft Servicing Squadron at Akrotiri to look over the Vulcans and Lightnings. Those of us with a flair for the sea have sped around the Akrotiri peninsula in the RAF Marine Craft Units' launches at alarming speeds, and watched air sea rescue training in progress.

Of all the visits, perhaps the most popular are those to the local breweries and wine factories, which culminate in the sampling of the local brew!

Having completed three weeks Rest and Retraining, the platoon moves on to a further

three weeks of Standby duties. This is not as bad as it sounds, for although the platoon is at a permanent state of readiness to be whisked away to deal with any trouble within the 1,100 square miles of Limassol Zone, in practice it has only been deployed in the Limassol town area. This platoon takes part in the Rest and Retraining programme when it is not employed on other duties.

Finally, the platoon is responsible for manning our OP in the Turkish Quarter of Limassol, known as Turk HQ. The platoon commander, platoon sergeant and thirteen soldiers live on the post and are responsible for maintaining a close liaison between the Greek and Turk Cypriot communities in the town. This is perhaps the most interesting of all the outposts within the Zone, and gives those on the post an insight into the inter-communal troubles.

The majority of incidents have been minor ones, but the Limassol Disaster on 22nd December 1969, gave the platoon the opportunity of working side by side with the Turkish community. During that afternoon, a whirlwind struck Limassol from the direction of Akrotiri and caused extensive damage in both sectors during a four minute period. Trees were uprooted, roofs stripped from houses, cars blown in all directions, electricity supplies and telephone communications cut. Turk HQ personnel administered first aid to some of the injured, and erected tents for the Turk Cypriots who had been rendered homeless. Bedding was provided for the local hospital, and Turk HQ acted as a centre from which the relief operation could be co-ordinated by the Commanding Officer. The damage was estimated at over £1 million, and three people were killed and over one hundred injured by falling debris.

The post personnel carry out foot and vehicle patrols within the Turkish and Greek quarters of the town, and have built up a close understanding with the local Cypriots. The town itself is one of the major exporting ports of Cyprus, due to the large agricultural and industrial production of the surrounding area, and is second only to Nicosia in size. We have been made most welcome wherever we have travelled, and when we hand over to the 3rd Battalion Light Infantry on 23rd April, we shall take away with us many memories of Aphrodite's Realm.



## Life in the Big 'K'

Kophinou was not much different from what we had expected after the UK briefings. The Compound was a former police station, almost thirty miles from Limassol on the road to Nicosia. It measured eighty yards by eighty; and for just about the same number of men, this was to be our home for the tour. In appearance, it resembled something between a maximum security prison and a disused slag heap. Barbed wire all round. Lights on the fence at night. Dust everywhere in the dry, and ankle deep mud when it rained.

The permanent prisoners provided the District Headquarters and administration staff, while three platoons manned five observation posts in the District and found the guards in the Compound. The 'A' Company platoons started off, and in time all platoons of the Battalion rotated through, first spending a fortnight in the Compound, followed by a month on the outposts.

Certainly the more popular duty was on the section posts. These usually consisted of a couple of nissen huts, a dining tent, plus make-shift kitchen and shower huts, and always a sentry box—all painted either silver or light UN blue.

The actual job of the sections was to observe their general areas, ensuring that both the Greek and Turkish communities kept to previous agreements and made no provocative moves.

The posts that overlooked the road saluted all UN vehicles. Sentries were encouraged to keep on their toes, by the District Commander's vigilance and the Kophinou Saluting Cup, a familiar domestic receptacle, which was filled with beer, and presented once a fortnight to the section with the fewest penalties.

Right from the beginning, morale in Kophinou Compound—or the Big 'K', as it came to be called—was tremendous. By the initial inspections, everyone had settled into the routine. Everyone had his own job to do, and there was no room for passengers. The fitters working day and night, to keep worn out and reluctant vehicles on the road. Drivers clocking up the miles to Limassol and back, or delivering rations around the District. The

daily sick run by the medics, and their emergency calls to civilian traffic accidents. Cooks producing an endless variety of food. And all the rest: signallers, storemen, waiters, clerks.

There was plenty of work, too, for the pioneers and sappers, and they worked wonders, not only in repairing all round the District, but also completing new projects: a new kitchen or sentry box at an outpost, concrete paths and tent floors all round the Compound, improvised boilers, and even a tin hut for the MT and medical centre.

For everyone, one day was much the same as the next. An exception, perhaps, was on Sunday mornings, when the weekly long run took place for all those who had failed to complete their three short runs a week. There were some pretty good evenings in the canteen, especially the Smokers and at Christmas—~~itself~~ something of a haze, compounded of beer, local brandy and carols round the bar. Larnaca, sixteen miles away, became the popular night spot. It also was the home of the Swedish company, with whom we all became firm friends.

The District was quiet, and nothing really much happened, except in late December, in a small mixed village close to Kophinou. After a minor dispute over a piece of ground, more complaints quickly followed, and tension rose in the village. Standing patrols had to be put there, until, after considerable talk and toing and froing, the situation was finally restored, some two and a half months later.

In March, there was a general redeployment of the UN Contingents in the island. We were given marching orders. The Irish took over the District, and we moved back to the Battalion in Limassol.

All the permanent prisoners went with mixed feelings, leaving their various responsible jobs, and a home made habitable, in some corner of a tent, with orange box lockers and pin-ups. In spite of the noise, the mud, the lights that always fused, the water truck that was constantly breaking down, and the telephone calls in the middle of the night, we had enjoyed it. Peace had been kept in the District, and maybe we had helped a little. It had been a job well done.

In UK, when we can wear civilian clothes again, you may see some of us with a blue tie and silver strands of barbed wire. This is only for those who spent at least twenty-eight consecutive nights in the Compound, and learnt to live with the Big 'K'.

# **A Case for Mechanised Continuity**

by

**Major Pat Macdonald**



**'A' Company, complete, in BAOR.**

In November 1965 the First Battalion arrived in Celle to join 7th Armoured Brigade as its mechanised battalion. In August this year, nearly five years later, it converts (or should one say 'reverts') to the air-portable establishment for duty in Northern Ireland. These two sentences cover all the essentials but some very important details lie hidden.

Firstly, it takes a long time to convert. The Battalion was required to take its place in brigade training by mid-March 1966 and (to quote the CO in an article in the 1967 *Infrantryman*) 'we were able to meet our deadline with a little time to spare'. In short, it was able to carry out its conversion, with very few facilities available in Aden, in about three and a half months. Sound experience in this new role takes longer to acquire and (to quote the CO again) 'it takes some six months before a platoon commander or sergeant, fresh to mechanised soldiering, is fully effective both in the APC park and in the field'. The Ministry of Defence recognises that it does take time and a lot of sweat to become proficient as mechanised infantry because its policy is to give battalions in this role a five year tour.

Secondly, it requires hard work to keep the standards high. To maintain these standards in the battalion every soldier on joining attends a cadre to teach him to drive and maintain the APC and to operate the two basic radios, the C42 and A41. At this rate it is possible to keep a high level of reserve drivers and radio operators. Even those who fail their tests are useful at crew duties.

Thirdly, a mechanised battalion is a large and expensive being. It owns, with its Signal detachment and LAD, 82 tracked vehicles, each worth over £25,000. For comparison, an armoured regiment has 75 'tracks', 54 of which are tanks. In a mechanised company there are 15 APCs looked after by the company MT NCO, who is often a corporal. The company signal NCO (a corporal) is responsible for over 40 radio sets of six different types, worth a total of almost £24,000. So, not only is it a most expensive and complex organisation, it is also a place where considerable responsibility rests on more junior NCOs than is usual in the infantry.

Fourthly, the First Battalion was widely acclaimed in 1st Division, 1 (BR) Corps, and other centres of military knowledge as one of the best mechanised battalions ever to enter the lists. Let no one think there was any magic about this: it was the product of very hard work by everyone in the battalion, from the beginning to make the grade and throughout to stay on top.

In August all this comes to an end. There is a report that the 3rd Battalion will be taking over the mechanised baton. They will now have all the hard work of starting all over again from the beginning.

It is the contention of this article that the

Royal Anglian Regiment should show the rest of the Infantry the way once more and form, and keep in being, one of its three battalions as a mechanised battalion.

One has only to look through the Infantry over the past four or five years to read many accounts of the difficulties encountered in making the transition. Major Sellers in November 1969, said of 1 DERR's conversion, 'The change from a marching battalion, where the modest scale of uncomplicated B vehicles is turned over to a professional MTO with a carefree shrug, to a unit mounted in APCs is as revolutionary as the change from steam to nuclear power.'

This is by no means an attack on the air-portable battalion, its duties or its equipment, but simply an appeal to adopt a system by which we could cut out the chronic waste—

- of time lost in converting (non-effective for up to six months)
- of money spent on training key personnel from scratch
- of talent and expertise, usually gained the hard way, when a battalion changes back.

We have already seen that the MOD seeks to offset these to some extent by giving mechanised battalions a tour of about five years in BAOR. This surely cannot be a satisfactory solution. One has only to talk to soldiers in the 1st Battalion who have done four or five training seasons at Sennelager, Soltau and other Rhine Army training areas to realise how boring and monotonous it can become. Equally, there can be little doubt that there are plenty of men in the 2nd Battalion who are just as bored with their routine over the past few years. Proper service outside Europe becomes less and less likely in the future (except for short exercises) and therefore we shall, most of us, serve either in UK or Germany: these by all accounts will be long tours.

Now, if we, the Regiment, were to keep one battalion on tracks permanently in Germany—and rotate officers and men through it—we could all realise the maximum benefits. Other 'spin-off' benefits would be:

- a large reserve of people capable of doing all the infantryman's tasks
- that no one would become stale, bored or overtrained
- that the mechanised battalion would be, by its continuity, able to establish a second regimental home on the continent. A base for some real adventure

training, for regimental winter games, and for those illusive continental holidays!

The lengths of individual tours with this battalion are very much for debate, but for soldiers up to warrant officer they should be between three and four years. This would allow time for the promising soldier to advance himself (for example, driver/potential NCO to become company MT NCO). Anything much longer would produce staleness, although it would be better for both individual and unit if there were no hard and fast rules. The battalion would also receive its normal share of soldiers from Depot training and these would be added to the 'induction training cadres' for personnel on rotation if their arrival coincided. The battalion's slice of the regimental manpower cake is a matter for decision as strength's fluctuate and this will dictate the size of rotating parties. Ideally they should be of a size whose training can easily be carried out by the battalion (probably not more than 25 at a time). The timing of their arrival in the battalion, however, is important and should not be varied. Training in Germany reaches a peak in the late summer and autumn and so rotating parties should not arrive at this time. Twice a year would appear to be the best solution: one in late autumn (November) and the other in the spring (May-June). The former will be able to carry out cadre training before the winter exercises and the latter before company, battalion and formation training reaches its pitch.

Officers in this mechanised battalion present a slightly different problem. At the higher end of the scale there will be officers already committed to alternate staff and regimental tours. The proposals in this article do not envisage any changes in this system. The captains, too, will be committed to other jobs and long courses so, except in rare cases, no changes in the present system are foreseen. It is in the realm of the subaltern where the idea takes effect. On joining the regiment they should continue to be posted as they are now but should join the 'rotation' after three years with any battalion. This means that they would each have a chance to command both a mechanised and a rifle platoon before moving up to a support platoon or other specialist appointment. For them the Depot would also be included in the 'tours available'. In this way

we shall leave the time where a young officer becomes a captain having served all his time as a platoon commander in only one type of battalion and reach a time where he has a really full knowledge of his art—leading and commanding the infantry soldier, in all his tasks.

So far, then, we have a scheme where recruits and new subalterns join units as they do now and where a draft of about twenty-five trained soldiers joins the mechanised battalion twice a year (and about a dozen go to each of the other two battalions). What about the mix of these parties? Quite clearly they must contain a spectrum of ranks and skills, including junior officers (as platoon commanders). The proportion of skills will be best arranged by the battalions and not an 'SOP' affair. Until the system settles down this will be difficult and may have to be arbitrary. Fortunately the new establishments contain the same NCO structure so there should be no imbalance.

There can be little doubt that the individual's career prospects will be improved, talent will not be wasted and square pegs will have a better chance of finding square holes. The difficulties are evident in the selection of who rotates—each year some 50 officers and men will be on the move. The inevitable requirements for men in other appointments will continue as will the normal wastage through the all too familiar causes. It might well be said that, far from achieving continuity, we should be guaranteeing that we had even less than now by going for this proposal. On the other hand, we would avoid the yawning hole of ineffectiveness while battalions convert. There are only fourteen mechanised battalions in the army; surely we cannot afford any holes. We would avoid throwing away all the skill and knowledge when battalions leave Germany. As the APC and its fittings become more and more complicated, these are bound to take longer and longer to acquire.

Surely, this is an excellent and really worthwhile way for the Royal Anglian Regiment to take the lead once again and show the rest of the infantry the way. The ideas put forward in this article have been discussed with large numbers of officers and men in the regiment, not only in the 1st Battalion. The great majority were soundly in favour. Perhaps others could make their views felt through the pages of this Journal in future editions.



# DEPOT, THE QUEEN'S DIVISION

At 11.30 a.m. on Friday, 29th August, 1969, the Royal Air Force Flag was lowered at Basingbourn and the RAF Station handed over to The Queen's Division, represented for the occasion by Major Peter Worthy, then GSO2 Headquarters The Queen's Division. It was fitting that Major Worthy was our representative on this occasion in that he, probably more than any other one individual, was responsible for the fact that Depot The Queen's Division has been established so well ahead of that of any other division.

the approval of Basingbourn as the long-term site of the Depot The Queen's Division was given by the Ministry of Defence and the Civil Ministries. The Divisional Depot began to function officially from the 1st January, 1970.

Basingbourn Barracks has first-class accommodation for soldiers, sergeants and officers, and with an adequate supply of married quarters. However, the kitchens of the Junior Ranks Mess needed considerable reconstruction and redecoration, the Junior Ranks Club had been adapted as a Social Club for about 200 airmen



**The problem of programming!  
Capt. Graham Brown,  
Queen's, hard at it.**

From September until the end of January this year life at Basingbourn had been very hectic for the relatively small number of people there. The staff grew from the nucleus of the Project Party, consisting of Major Jeremy Warner-Johnson, Queen's, the Quartermaster, Captain Ron Baylis, R. Anglian, and the Superintending Clerk and the RQMS, both detached from Depot R. Anglian, to about two-thirds of the permanent staff, most of whom have come over from our present Depots. Works services, programming and planning for future training have been the order of the day. After a period of swimming against the stream when many people denied we even existed, events took a turn for the better when, on the 31st December, 1969,

and their families, and many basic training facilities required in an Infantry Depot just did not exist. We shall be in the hands of the builders for the greater part of the coming year, but already the kitchens have been renewed, a brand new Armoury installed, training facilities are gradually being provided, the Education Centre is beginning to emerge from what before the war were garages, and the Skill-at-Arms Wing is gradually disappearing in a welter of training programmes, coloured discs and training aids.

More Sports Fields, Assault Courses, a Bayonet Area, a Training Area, a Trainasium, the conversion of a heated hangar to a gymnasium, a cinema seating 200, a community hall, Regi-

mental Information Rooms and many other things are still to be provided. When all these Works Services are completed, the Depot will undoubtedly reap the benefits of being first in its field. Much of what has been done has been approved on the basis that there was no precedent or synopsis for us and that, in any event, there was not really time to argue about what we wanted to do. Whether other Divisions will be so lucky in their turn remains to be seen. The first Recruit Platoon passes out on 22nd May.

The Divisional Depot has been envisaged from the outset, as a fully integrated Unit in which all three Regiments of the Division are represented, but with no particular appointments tied to any one Regiment.

The three Regimental flags fly at the main entrance and the three Regiments are approximately equally represented on the Staff. To date the problems that have arisen have been notable only for being few in number and easily solved,

and nowhere near as numerous as many might have expected.

Amongst many who have visited the Depot during the past six months, and who we have been particularly pleased to entertain, have been General Sir Kenneth Darling, Colonel of The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, Major-General M. Forrester, Colonel Commandant The Queen's Division and Major-General J. B. Dye, GOC Eastern District.

Geordies, Swedes, Cockneys, Poachers, Tigers, Lancastrians, Men of Kent and Kentish Men, and all the others that go to make up the Division, seem to survive and manage quite happily here at Bassingbourn without the need for interpreters. All proudly wear their own Regimental cap badges and uphold their own traditions, but we are also building up a tremendous corporate spirit at this the first of the new Infantry Divisional Depots.

## DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS

**Move of Divisional Headquarters.** The move of Divisional Headquarters to Bassingbourn, where it will be co-located with the Divisional Depot, has now been officially approved. The move is to take place as soon as possible after the 15th July 1970.

The Division has been allocated three vacancies for regular Quartermaster in 1970/71. It is expected that those selected by the Infantry Arms Selection Board will be informed in April 1970 and seniority in all cases will date from the 1st April 1970, irrespective of the date they assume their appointments.

There are no known vacancies for Short Service Quartermasters this year.

The Division is allotted two vacancies for Special Regular Commission for Warrant Officers aged between 30 and 45 years, in 1970/71. The names of those nominated by the Division have been forwarded to the Ministry of Defence and it is expected that they will be announced in April or May 1970. It is important for Warrant Officers to appreciate that the Division does not now automatically register with the MOD all applicants for SRC. Under the old system some recommended Warrant Officers were registered with the MOD by their Regiments, the more recent applications are now initially registered only

with Divisional Headquarters. Divisional nominations for SRC each year are made from a combined list which includes all applicants who were previously registered with the MOD together with the more recent applicants registered with Divisional Headquarters.

### SHOOTING

**CENTO Small Arms Competition 1970 (NISHAN VII).** Preparation for this competition, which is to be fired at Bisley in August 1970 against teams from the armed forces of Turkey, Iran and the USA, began on the 9th February in Aldershot, under the supervision of Major B. N. Cridland, R ANGLIAN who has been appointed Team Captain and QMSI Fearnley SASC who has been appointed Team Coach. The team, which is based on 3 R ANGLIAN, is to include shots from all Regiments of The Queen's Division.

**Divisional Shooting Team—Methuen Cup.** It has been agreed that selected members of the NISHAN VII team should represent the Division in the Methuen Cup Competition at the ARA Meeting 1970. The ARA Meeting takes place in June/July 1970 and, as the practices for the two competitions are very similar, the Methuen Cup Competition will provide excellent match practice for the NISHAN team.



Me Tarzan . . . !

The Commanding Officer is presented with a magnificent Bass Drummer's Leopard Skin by Councillor Knight, Chairman of Felixstowe Urban District Council. The occasion was the final Concert by the Band at the Spa Pavilion before their departure for Colchester. In the background is Drummer Alan Davy.

# The Poachers

## 2nd Battalion

### FAREWELL TO FELIXSTOWE

After an eventful and very happy stay of a little over two years, the 2nd Battalion left Normandy Barracks, Felixstowe, at the end of last November. Their new home is the recently modernised Hyderabad Barracks in Colchester where, remaining in the Strategic Reserve as part of 19 Infantry Brigade, they took over from 1st Bn. The Green Howards.

They made many friends in Felixstowe and it was a sad parting, particularly as the Poachers were the last infantrymen to be stationed in the town. The Barracks and the adjoining Land-guard Common have been sold to the Felixstowe Dock and Railway Company to allow them to expand their important Container Port facilities.



The Commanding Officer says Goodbye after presenting Regimental Plaques to the Civilian Staff of Normandy Barracks, Felixstowe.



**L/Cpl. Mick Boddy receives Drummer Allan's Bugle on becoming the Commanding Officer's Bugler for 1969/70.**

We were flown out to Malaysia in mid-April to take part in the five Nation Exercise 'Bersatu Padu', from which we return to Colchester in July, but more of that in the next issue. It was the spell before the exercise began that had us wondering.

After a final visit to the Battalion in Felixstowe by Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Gloucester, we moved on to Colchester just in time to prepare for Exercise 'Wildwood' in East Africa in January. Back from 'Wildwood' and some leave, we underwent our Annual Inspections, took part in a March and Shoot Exercise, and several CPXs, attended Study Periods, listened to lectures, had our subalterns educated (partly), provided infantry training for our Brigade Minor Units, sent a team to visit ACF Units in Lincolnshire, packed our sea freight, argued about our air freight, trained with helicopters, fired the Armalite Rifle, and were visited by the Army Commander (again) and the Director of Infantry. All this in five weeks.



**(Left to right) Ptes. Wakefield (Signals), Marrison (Reme) and Rimes (Intelligence Section) holding the winners' plaques for the three competitions.**

The silly thing is that, looking back, we seemed to have quite enjoyed it.

### **A HAT-TRICK FOR THE POACHERS**

The Battalion's Intelligence Section and Reconnaissance and Signal Platoons took part in the 19th Infantry Brigade concentration at Salisbury Plain in November last year. This concentration took the form of a competition and is held annually by the brigade.

There were four battalions taking part and all the various specialist skills were thoroughly tested. Our weeks of intensive preparation were rewarded by winning all three competitions. The keen competitive spirit did not hinder a useful interchange of ideas between the different battalions taking part, although occasionally it was difficult to differentiate between gamesmanship and true advice.



**The Commander of Gorforce (Alias WO II Bill Gordon) and his BM (Alias the Second in Command) work out the next move in a Battalion CPX held in the Woodbridge Area. They are watched by Cpl. Godfrey Woodward.**



**Her Royal Highness leaves  
10 Prestwick Avenue, the  
home of L/Cpl. and Mrs.  
Moore in Felixstowe.**

Not even the best laid plans will defy the kind of weather East Anglia can experience in October. It was only by a last minute drive to RAF Benson and a flight to RAF Bentwaters that Her Royal Highness was able to reach Felixstowe at all for her visit to us on the 21st October. During the morning, the Colonel of the Regiment deputised for her, watching a riot control demonstration, and visiting a field kitchen and an exhibition of the new range of combat clothing under trial by the Battalion.

After luncheon with the officers Her Royal Highness visited two soldiers quarters in Felix-

stowe, and was photographed with the officers and sergeants. After tea in the Sergeants Mess, Her Royal Highness made an impromptu inspection of the Battalion on the Square and presented Long Service and Good Conduct Medals to Lieutenant John de Bretton-Gordon, WO1 Marjoram, WOII Bird and ex Sergeant Hammerton.

The Duchess then had to hasten away to other functions, but we were honoured that in spite of such adverse conditions Her Royal Highness was able to visit us during our last month in Felixstowe.



**Watched by Brigadier Green, Deputy Colonel, The Colonel of the Regiment examines the new range of combat dress undergoing Troop Trials by 'C' Company. The wearer is Pte. (not known) and in the background are Major John Tadman, RQMS Bird and Colour Sergeant Greenfield.**



# LAKE ALICE

(L to r) Pte. Tony Norton,  
Capt. Ray Pond, Lt. Ray  
Hazan, Capt. Rupert Gowing,  
C/Sgt. Tony Love.

The largest lake on Mt. Kenya, Lake Alice, covering an area of some 20 acres, lies on the north east slopes of the mountain at an altitude of 11,700 ft.

The first recorded sighting of the lake was made in the late 1930s by Major Eric Dutton, author of *Kenya Mountain* while flying over the mountain. On 5 January, 1938, Major Dutton and his wife, Myrtle, reached the lake side. Major Eric Dutton suggested to the Mountain Club of East Africa that this lake should be named Alice, after Alice Scott, the Duchess of Gloucester, who was visiting Kenya at the time. The Mountain Club of Kenya agreed that this would make a most suitable wedding present to the Duchess.

In January 1970, the 2nd Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment arrived in Kenya for a five week exercise. There was an additional task. The Duchess of Gloucester is

Deputy Colonel in Chief of the Royal Anglian Regiment and before departing for Kenya the Commanding Officer had pledged to send an expedition to Lake Alice to bring back up-to-date photographs and reports.

On the morning of 27th January, 1970, the expedition, lead by Captain Ray Pond, left Nanyuki by Landrover. The party consisted of the following:

Captain R. Pond, leader.

Captain R. D. Gowing, Public Relations & Recruiting Officer, The Royal Anglian Regiment.

Lt. R. Hazan.

C/Sgt. A. Love.

Sgt. J. C. Brown, Special Recruiter AIO Grimsby.

Cpl. C. Volley.

Pte. A. Norton, photographer.

Pte. G. Green, driver.

The first part of the journey involved driving up the Wilson/Timau track on the northern slopes of the mountain, as high up as it was possible to go. In distance this was a journey of approximately 40 miles and to an altitude of about 12,600 ft.

As was expected the northern slopes of Mt. Kenya were fairly dry, though not dusty. There were only two short delays where the trailer, in which the packs were being carried, had to be manhandled where the track was excessively pot-holed.

By three o'clock that afternoon we had reached the track and with still a good four hours of daylight remaining it was decided to split into parties. One, numbering five, would immediately set off for the lake, while the second party, of the remaining three, would establish base camp and as a secondary task find Hook Tarn, only some 4,000 metres distance.

The distance from the base camp to the lake was now about 12 miles, so it was decided to try and make the half way mark before dark. The going was not too difficult. Most of the way we followed the course of the Kazita East River. The only problem was crossing the boggy areas where we soon discovered and fell into the large water filled holes hidden between the tufted grass and the giant groundsel. During the afternoon we saw several buck, in particular, Duiker and also several species of birds, the most friendly and common being the Tacazze Sunbird which darted amongst us, flashing brilliant emerald in the sunlight.

As the afternoon passed, so the cloud increased and the mists closed down around us obscuring the marker of our destination—Ithanguni, the cliff edged mountain peak under which we knew Lake Alice lay.

At six o'clock, having walked more than half the distance to the lake, we decided to make camp. A pleasant site was found beside the river. By dusk we had cooked and finished a wholesome meal and were sitting round a good fire.

Next morning (28th) we were once again on our way, having decided to leave our tents and make the final few miles to the lake carrying only 'snack' refreshments. As we climbed up from the river where the frost still lay white on the grass, up to the ridge bathed in the early morning sunlight, we had a magnificent view of the peaks of Mt. Kenya. It was a pleasant and easy three

hour walk to the lake, the most tiring part being the final climb towards the base of Ithanguni.

Suddenly we came over the final ridge and there lay Lake Alice before us. A really beautiful lake! The water was a clear blue, reflected from the sky. It lay in a natural volcanic crater below the cliffs of Ithanguni, its 12,776 ft. peak. At the southern end there was a small sandy beach around which grew several giant groundsel looking like miniature palm trees.

We spent nearly two hours at the lake, taking photographs and erecting a plaque to commemorate the visit which reads:

### LAKE ALICE

Named after the Duchess of Gloucester. This point was reached on 28 January 1970 by a party from the 2nd Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment.

The Duchess of Gloucester is Deputy Colonel in Chief of the Royal Anglian Regiment.

A suitable position was found to erect this plaque on a rock promontory overlooking the south west end of the lake. These tasks completed and having brewed an excellent cup of tea made with water from the lake, we set off again to return to our camp site. It was an uneventful journey and we reached it in time to prepare our evening meal before it started to rain.

Next morning dawned bright and clear and very cold with a heavy frost. We soon had our tents and equipment packed away and were once again on our way. The return journey as always seemed quicker. On our left we had the constantly changing views of the Mountain peaks, all now with a new covering of snow. We reached the Landrover and base camp just before mid-day.

In our absence, Sgt. Brown and Cpl. Volley had successfully reached Hook Tarn, which they easily identified from a photograph lent by Commander Logan Hook who had briefed them before we left Nanyuki. His photograph had been taken thirty years previously. On their return journey, Sgt. Brown and Cpl. Volley suddenly found themselves enveloped in thick mist and it took them several hours to find the Landrover.

The descent by Landrover was without incident and on our return to Nanyuki we were able to report the complete success of the expedition.





**'B' Company members at Gathiuru.**

**The 2nd Battalion in East Africa.**  
(Photograph A L/Cpl. Barnes)

During January this year the 2nd Battalion went to East Africa for a month. The aim of this exercise was to work up for Exercise BERSATU PADU in Malaysia, so much time was spent on jungle training. Three camps, in which each company spent about ten days, were built in locations around Nanyuki where Bn. HQ was based. Two of these, one at Gathiuru and the other at Kathendini, were on the slopes of Mt. Kenya and it was in these that jungle work was done culminating in an exercise set by the Commanding Officer. The third camp was at Sam Small's Farm in the bush. The scope for range work was considerable but we could also relax and enjoy the sun.

It was not all work and there were opportunities for adventure training. Gathiuru was the start point for the climb up Pt. Lenana (16,355 ft.) which is the third main peak of Mt. Kenya. A great many of the Bn. made the climb and have each received a certificate to this effect. A party under Capt. Rupert Gowing, the Regimental Recruiting Officer, visited Lake Alice, which is named after HRH The Duchess of Gloucester.

The company at Sam Small's Farm sent

## 'WILDWOOD'



**The Battalion MO, Captain Ray Dale, checks out Pte. James Fullthorpe prior to his climbing Pt. Lenana.**



Cpl. John Lowe and his signaller Pte. Harry Sanderson cross a dry river bed out in the bush.

groups down to Lake Naivasha where we used the canoes and three boats lent to us by Battken. There was good fishing and a great amount of wildlife to see.

The welcome we received was very warm and many people helped us considerably. We had the use of several facilities which made life rather more comfortable.

The Battalion returned in early February with a hoard of souvenirs and also sporting much-envied tans.

## THE POACHERS BAND SHOW

From the beginning of the 2nd Battalion's tour in Felixstowe, the Band has given regular concerts to capacity audiences at the resort's Spa Pavilion. It has been the proud boast of Resort Manager, Wally Croft, that 'Full House' notices are always up when the Poachers are playing.

Last February, one of these concerts was recorded live by Micon Ltd., and the resulting album published by them under the 'Drum Major' label. Since April it has been selling all over the country, and as far away as New Zealand and Gibraltar. The album, which is stereo, is advertised as one for the whole family, and includes such varied items as the Glen Miller Sound, Themes from Doctor Zhivago, Tijuana Brass, as well as numbers by the Male Voice Choir and vocalist Corporal Chris Gilbert, and the best of standard Military Band Music.

In the shops the recommended retail price is 28s. 9d., but a special offer is available to readers of the CASTLE. By filling in the coupon below and sending it off with your cheque or postal order, you can receive, post free, as many copies of the album you require at 25s. each.

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# ARMY CADETS

From left to right at the back: Col. Ross (USA), Chicksands: Col. Smith (Hon. Col.): Lt.-Col. Greenwood (Beds ACF), The Mayor of Dunstable, Major Simon Whitbread (Lord Lieutenant), The Mayor of Luton, Sqn. Leader Wallis (RAF Henlow). In front Cadets from Ampthill Det., 2nd Hamlyn (Beds ACF), The Mayor of Bedford.

## BEDFORDSHIRE

Bedfordshire ACF sent Teams from all over the County to the Royal Anglian Regt Cadet Week-ends on 23/25 January and 20/22 February, and enjoyed a very interesting and instructive time on both dates.

On 23/25 January the teams were not successful in gaining any trophies, but on the 20/22 February, The No. 1 Team from Bedford Detachment took the Shield from all corners.

On Sunday, 15th February, All Members of the County Cadet Committee, with the Lord Lieutenant, The Mayors of Bedford, Luton and Dunstable, and Representatives of the US Base at Chicksands, and the RAF at Henlow, were entertained to lunch at the County Training Centre at Ampthill, where they saw Adult and Cadet training going on. The Adult training was in charge of No. 2 Training Team from Waterbeach, Cambs., and the cadets were under the charge of their own Unit Commanders.

It was a very successful week-end.

## ESSEX

A series of highly successful Easter training camps were extremely well supported at Colchester, Crookham, Crowborough and Stanford PTA.

About 100 Cadets attended at each of the centres and the invaluable assistance provided by the Regulars and by TAVR was greatly appreciated. Subsidiary camps were also held at Dovercourt and at Walton on the Naze.

### Sport

*Swimming.* At the Eastern Region Championships in October at Colchester, Essex were 'runners-up' to Norfolk.

*Boxing.* In November the County Championship attracted almost 100 entries. The Inter Regimental Cup was won by the 8th Regiment (Colchester) with 3rd (Brentwood) as Runners-up. The 'Best Boxer' award went to Cadet E. Surridge.

*Cross Country.* The Cross Country and Tetrathlon events were held at Colchester in February. The winners were:

Junior Team—1st, 8th Regiment; 2nd, 3rd Regiment.

Individuals—Senior, Cadet D. Gascoigne, 8th Regiment; Juniors, Sgt. M. Mullis, 7th Regiment.

Tetrathlon Team—1st, 7th Regiment; 2nd, 3rd Regiment.

Cadet Sgt. Mullis had a field day in winning five of the individual events.

#### 5th ESSEX ARMY CADETS

The Long Winter months are beginning to turn to Spring. This affects even a Cadet Regiment after spending these months, in the main, confined to Drill Halls.

With a strength of nearly 250 Cadets spread over N.W. Essex, we are grateful to be able to record the help given to us to obtain this figure through the efforts of No. 3 Company of the 5th (Volunteer) Battalion, to whom we are affiliated, the Regular Recruiting Staff and 45 Army Youth Team under Lt. Brian Copping.

'Cut out unnecessary verbiage,' says the Editor, so we will not report on the quiet period passed except to say we used it to pass Certificate A (parts 1 & 2) for as many boys as possible, played inter Regimental

sports and fielded a good proportion of the Cadet County Rugger team.

Now we are preparing for the Eastern Camp at West Tofts where 45 Army Youth Team will assist in a tough three days of outdoor training, ending with a service of thanksgiving by our Padre.

Congratulations to RSM Easterbrook on the award of the TAVR Efficiency Medal.

## NORFOLK

The Royal Anglian Regiment sponsored a Cadet Rigorous Training Week-end on the Stanford Training Area during the week-end 20-22 February 1970.

The aim of the week-end was to give cadets an energetic, competitive and realistic week-end's training. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all Norfolk cadets taking part.



Lieut.-Colonel Claude Carter, TD, the County Shooting Officer, with some of the Norfolk Cadets.

# **'C' and 'D' Companies Royal Anglian**

## **LEICESTER, NORTHAMPTON and RUTLAND**

### **A.C.F.**

#### **Week-end Exercise, 25-26th October 1969**

In the late afternoon on a Saturday in October, a small, but well equipped column of small packs and army boots was observed, moving out of Market Harborough in Leicestershire.

At the same time Kettering in Northamptonshire and Corby were experiencing the same thing, as their two parties were being taken by a Mini-bus to a place near Rockingham Castle, before the walk started.

Back in Leicestershire at Melton Mowbray, the same things were happening.

These small packs and big boots were found to be Cadets of the Royal Anglian Army Cadet Force, moving out on Operation Stop Gap.

The orders issued were to advance along the disused Nottingham to Rugby Railway line where it was thought some Top Secret papers had been buried by a spy ring. Information had been received that a second party, out to overthrow the present authorities was in possession of the location of these papers and in the act of collecting them.

This latter party consisted of Cadets from Leicester, who were the dirty deed doers. They were in the fortunate position of having a head start, as they moved out on the Saturday morning, giving themselves time to locate the papers and dig a defensive position as they had word that someone had 'blown the gaff' and given their position away.

The Melton Mowbray party was first on the scene in the evening and put in an attack. This attack was not strong enough and in consequence the enemy was able to recruit the Melton party on to their side, with the aid of a good meat and vegetable stew which had been prepared at the Oakham Training Centre.

At this time in the evening some of the same stew and tea was taken some five miles down the railway track to our friendly forces, who

after a long approach march had decided on bedding down overnight and continuing in the morning.

The Market Harborough, Kettering and Corby forces were now all one, after arriving at the RV for the meal. It was now time to organise into some night patrolling in an effort to locate the enemy and to set out sentries in case the enemy located them. This was a very serious business as the Det. Comd. of Kettering found out after coming back off patrol and being challenged for the password of 'Cheese and Egg'.

At first light on Sunday a plan was laid to move along the track towards the enemy and so, with scouts out and deployed in sections 'D' Company started their advance to contact.

All went well for the 3 miles, with the exception of one Cadet who got his foot caught in a drain.

After crossing two 'Blown' bridges and approaching a bridge over the railway, a message was received from our 'Seagull' that the enemy was in the vicinity of the bridge. This message was flashed over the air to the Sec. Comd. of the point section, who took it steady and quickly dealt with the advance enemy fighting group.

A little later we saw some enemy moving across some fields and just after that they were hit head on. Smoke, thunderflashes, blank, all in a matter of minutes. After one of the SMI's had about four Cadets sitting on him and things were getting slightly heated, a succession of long whistle blasts cooled everything off for the Cadets to line up and finally carry out the normal safety precautions.

As stated by an officer on the spot, the final charge was like the Charge of the Light Brigade. The defensive firework display had to be seen to be believed. As for the energy from the Cadets, where it came from, nobody knows.



# 1st BATTALION

'The Tan Hill Guerillas'.

Working on the well tried principle, 'set a thief to catch a thief', the L/Cpl. to Cpl. cadre during their final exercise were turned into a desperate band of guerillas. After finding their way across about 25 miles of North Yorkshire moor in small groups of four, they were led into an attack by L/Cpl. Griggs on a bridge held by a platoon of 'A' Company.

## LIFE IN CATTERICK

Or to be more accurate life in Catterick and BAOR. At the end of August once more the great upheaval and move to Germany. This time seemed no easier than last time. The man from British Rail still insisted that the APCs were quarter of an inch out of line on the flats. Off they came and Capt. Jenns had to start all over again.

Life at Sennelager was easier if only because there was bricks and mortar accommodation. In between all the shooting activity the APCs which had been hibernating in BVD for the last ten months were knocked into shape. To prove to themselves the battalion was once more fit for war, battalion HQs laid on what they called light-heartedly an APC orienteering competition. When the dust had settled, tracks put on and the odd lost callsign found again, 'A' Coy were declared winners.

At Soltau the battalion found themselves on standby for Northern Ireland and the Adjutant discovered that he had left the old files from Aden behind! The old sweats came into their own. All over the camp little groups of men met together under the chairmanship of those who had been there. 'In Aden we did it like this . . .'

For the final big exercise we were not given

so much room as previous years. However, the usual river, this time the Aller, was allocated and the battalion was selected to assault it. 'C' Coy was given the honour of first across. At H hour the whole coy less drivers jumped into two assault boats and took the far bank. The remainder of the battalion swam across in the APCs. At one time it looked as if 2-Lt. Domeison and vehicle were going to become a permanent feature of the Aller. The FTX over, the spectacular dash down the autobahn for home, the final packing up and the battalion was ready for Blighty.

Back in Catterick we had two main problems. One the Fitness for Role Inspection. Two, preparations to go to Northern Ireland. Into this mad-house arrived Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Jackson. Lt.-Col. Jackson took over the battalion in November. We all wish them a very happy time with the 1st Battalion. After nearly five years with the battalion it was very sad to have to say goodbye to Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Emsden. We wish them every happiness in the future.

In the end we did not have to go to Northern Ireland for an emergency tour. Instead we are going for two years at the end of July. For the record. The last time the battalion was going to Northern Ireland they ended up in what was then British Guiana!



Cpl. Yoxall and L/Cpl. Taylor chatting to General Blair during the Fitness for Role Inspection.

Pte. Kruczcuk and General Blair during the Fitness for Role Inspection.



## 'A' COMPANY, 1st BATTALION

Since September, 1969, the Right Flank Company of the Royal Anglian Regiment has led a varied life. Our role, establishment and organisation has changed more than once—but 'A' Coy is still alive and living in Somme Barracks. Some of the different aspects of our life during the last six months are briefly described below.

Firstly BAOR Training. Sennelager was a welcome change and we spent three pleasant weeks delighted to have our full complement of APCs.

At Sennelager 3 Pl. won the Inter-Platoon Challenge Trophy with 2 Platoon as runners-up. We also occupied the first three positions in the APC Scurry. This was an innovation devised by the Commanding Officer. It tested all the skills involved in Platoon APC handling and besides being good training, was most enjoyable.

And so to Soltau. Little rain, no mud—but plenty of dust. The weather helped us to enjoy our stay as did the popularity of the Company Canteen. The training at Soltau will doubtless be covered elsewhere.

We returned to Catterick to face the FFR Inspection. We prepared as usual in the mechanised battalion role when we were placed on standby for duties in N. Ireland. We hastily brushed up our IS Duties and, on the day of the inspection, were tested in Riot Dispersal. The 'mob' were provided by Bde. HQ who escaped with only one injury caused by an over-exuberant member of 1 Pl. during one of the many baton charges.

Christmas leave came and went and in the New Year we discovered we were going to N. Ireland for a two year tour in July. Although we obviously had to train for this new role we were still in 6 Bde. and had our normal role to fulfil. This remains the *status quo* at the moment. The diary of events is more than full.

Finally, we sadly have to record the demise of 2 Pl. As we have had to reorganise on an IS basis the Pl. was placed in 'suspended animation'. This decision was only arrived at after considerable heart searching. However, the outlook for 2 Pl. is better and it is hoped that they will be reformed in September, 1970.





Cpl. Smith commanding one of the mortar vehicles after swimming the Weser. The passengers are L/Cpls. Mearnes and Tuckwood and Ptes. Free and Burley.

### B COMPANY IN BAOR

Second time round regardless of what one is doing is generally easier than the first. Whether this was so during our second period of training in BAOR we are still deciding.

Being accommodated in barracks rather than stuck out in the wilds of Sennelager as in 1968 had the advantage of civilisation on the doorstep, (generally in the form of the expatriate Scotsman's establishment at the barrack gate). The disadvantage was the close proximity of the Guard Room manned as usual by our ever vigilant RP's. (Better to pay them a compliment early on!)

Getting together with the two thirds of our vehicles that we only see for this period each year had its usual problems. Last year it was starter motors, this year a more varied crop of difficulties. However, our skilled and conscientious drivers ability led by Cpl. Greenhalgh assisted at every opportunity by Smudger Smith soon had them sorted out.

Cpl. Gibbons and Pte. Burgess of 'B' Company.

I do not intend to bore our patient readers with a punch by punch description of training at Sennelager. Let it suffice to say that our grenades were thrown, our rocket launchers fired and our vehicles christened in the gravel pit that doubles as a flotation area. These cruises on the calm muddy waters of the pit tend to give one a false sense of complacency which in some cases evaporated into the dark swirling waters of the Aller a month later during the Brigade exercises.

One highlight of this period was a form of tracked Monte Carlo Rally organised by Battalion HQ. This took place one dark night over the range area. The Paddy Hopkirks of the Company, not forgetting the terrified navigators, acquitted themselves well, but did not succeed in getting amongst the awards.

Despite its limitations Soltau is the only place where one can start to come to grips with the problems of mechanised tactics. During the first ten days we concentrated on section and platoon tactics. Due to the rapid change round at the top, most of our Commanders were new to 432's and also to Soltau. However, after a hesitant start we were soon ready to take part in the Brigade test exercises. Nauseous Day and Silent Night.



The less said about Nauseous Day the better other than to add that as usual we succeeded in overrunning the enemy at a vital bridge only to be umpired 'out'. Silent Night was not what its name implied. It consisted of a long night navigational run using Infra Red (IR).

Some of the country we passed through would have been hard work in broad daylight so the IR, despite being useful for avoiding trees and crevasses, was of little use with the map reading! The Colour Sergeant tends to get quite emotional when asked about the exercise.

On the domestic front our main battle was with the Irish who lived in close proximity to us. The Company Commander awoke one day to discover a somnolent figure draped across the entrance to his tent. The CSM was eventually required to persuade the intruder that he was neither OC B Company or in the Irish lines. On another occasion the CSM and Colour Sergeant fought a brave battle in the small hours of the morning to protect the stores and canteen against a mass attack by the green backed horde. C Company we understood had this problem permanently.

Hamburg as usual claimed its victims. One officer, who shall be nameless, was put off something for life when the dangers of cigar smoking were demonstrated to him by a lively wench. One of our most recently married NCO's touchingly demonstrated his strength of character by refusing all approaches from 'les girls', but was quite content to sit on the front steps of the establishment waiting for his unattached friend to reappear.

Celle still has its devotees. Now we have been away for two years the competition has hardened and some of us came away with our own opinions of the locals slightly changed. Most of us however managed to avoid the RMP purge on the first week-end.

On the final exercises we were with the QDG for the first phase. Seven platoons were attached to a Panzer Squadron who were affiliated to the QDG. Cries of 'Feuster' can still be heard on the platoon net. By all accounts the German concept of damage to the Fatherland is still based on Rommel's theories in North Africa!

We rejoined the Battalion for the final phase of the exercise, the highlight of which was a night river crossing. Seven platoons had the misfortune to be followed throughout by Battle Group HQ and on one occasion attempted to join them in a temporary hide.

The Adjutant, not unnaturally took great offence at this and proceeded to take a personal interest in the platoon's navigator from then on.

The last day of the exercise saw us in full cry after the enemy. We succeeded in covering over thirty kilometers in six hours in a desperate attempt to head off the retreating Irish. The chase was ended just after midday by that most welcome of all messages, 'exercise ends'.

The move back to Soltau and the packing up and cleaning ready for the move to UK need no amplification here. Our annual battle of wits with H.M. Customs can be best adjudicated as a draw thanks mainly to the dire threat of life imprisonment and boiling in oil passed to us by Battalion HQ. It is sad to think that this will be the last opportunity for some years to restore with the essentials of life at a reasonable price.

Taking a brief glimpse into the future it looks like back to boots FFR and a close acquaintance with the citizens of Londonderry. I have no doubt we will enjoy our future role as much as we have this one, but there is no doubt that the '432' will be sadly missed if only for its home comforts.



Ptes. Heslop and Smith off to find some 'Fantasians' in BAOR.



There is some dispute whether Pte. Irwin of the Assault Pioneers is looking for mines or the Adjutant's safe key.

#### COMMAND COMPANY BAOR 1969

BAOR 1969 was the first major exercise the Company has undertaken since its formation on 1st April, 1969. The Company under Major Wilson soon settled down to productive training at Sennelager and the Company HQ went on to run the Flotation Training at Hameln for the Battalion. This was a highly successful exercise. After this we rejoined the Battalion and were soon installed at Rheinselhen.

Our stay in Soltau was in all quite pleasant with more opportunities than in 1968 to enjoy the social side of life with numerous trips to Celle, Hamburg and other 'Meccas' of entertainment. A few of the Company managed a week-end in the UK and Denmark during the four day stand down.

Our Company Smoker, held prior to the FTX, was a 100 per cent. hit. Stage managed by the CSM, psychedelic décor by L/Cpl. Godfrey and others, drink and food by Cpl. Ash and L/Cpl. Burdett, entertainment by the Company themselves aided by the Padre and sundry other personalities, including Cpl. Bycroft of the QM's department who unofficially attached himself to the Company in

the field as is his custom. This made the Company's first party a memorable occasion.

The Signal Platoon 'Boat Race' Team, excelled itself as undisputed champions. L/Cpl. Pyatt's speed and capacity was awed or envied by most, and the RSO was actually seen partaking of alcohol! A very rare sight indeed!

The IO's Folk Singing was up to its usual professional standard and Sgt. Turner gave us his rustic act, and quite good it was too. L/Cpl. Lyons 'The Singing Barber' of Recce Platoon gave us many solos and also accompanied many of the acts on his well tuned guitar aided and abetted by various members of the 'Command Company Compo Band', which itself won great acclaim, and a crate of beer from the CO RRF (Royal Regiment of Fusiliers) when his Battalion ran a talent contest.

The FTX followed during which Company HQ, less the OC who swanned off bedecked with white flags and arm bands, ran the rear party and prepared the mountain of paper required to move the Battalion back to the UK which we believe went quite smoothly, thanks to Cpl. 'Fingers' Moore's dexterity on the typewriter and duplicator. It was noted by the Battalion that Command Company personnel were all on the first aircraft to touch down at Tees-side and ugly accusations of improper practice were rumbled by certain elements.

All in all the Company had a good 'Germany'.



L/Cpls. Cooper and Owen looking for a tank to kill.

# **Concise record of a short visit to Washington USA**

**by 260 In-pensioner  
E. Jack Hawkins**

**8th November, 1969 to  
11th November, 1969**

Left Royal Hospital, Chelsea, at 9 a.m. to proceed by bus from Pimlico Road to Knightsbridge, thence by bus to the Trans World Headquarters in Kensington High Street (near Olympia). After signing in for the flight proceeded to Heathrow Airport by T.W.A. coach. Fare 7s.

Arrived Heathrow and met fellow members of the Racegoers Club. Found that the Pensioners uniform was greatly admired and respected by all the people travelling from Heathrow. Was treated as a V.I.P., i.e. private car to proceed from the Customs & Passport Control to the plane. There, a pretty young air hostess was on hand to meet me with a huge birthday cake with the figure 80 in icing on it and all the Racing symbols in ice. All the horses names running in the Laurel International Race were picked out with the prices they were currently quoted at shown against them. This small ceremony was televised and put out with the I.T.A. news at 11.15 p.m. I was informed of this by a gentleman of the party who telephoned to his wife on his arrival in Washington. The flight was by a chartered Boeing and was very comfortable and uneventful, except for the fun we had on board. We had an excellent dinner, the largest and best steak I had seen or eaten for years. The cake was cut up and distributed amongst the 150 passengers and crew, with champagne to celebrate my birthday. The information given over the Tannoy was that we had passed over a terrific

storm in the Atlantic and would be at least half an hour late in arriving. We were actually 55 minutes late at Dulles Airport, Washington. There we experienced a little of the American efficiency. Checking through the Customs, etc., is very brusque, and to my view, almost rude. Without a smile on his face, the Customs Officer wanted to know what my medals were made of, why I was taking them to America, how much I had to pay for them and if I intended selling them in America. I could have laughed at him, but did not do so, and after finishing his exam., he relaxed and shook hands with me, saying he had not before met an individual like me. I must relate, in passing, the wonderful system of getting one from the plane to the Customs Hall. One does not go down steps but walks straight from the plane into a great hall-like contraption which when loaded moves from the plane to the Customs Hall without a sound. I would have liked to have had a look at it but it was dark both on our arrival and departure, but someone said it is the latest method of moving a small crowd.

We boarded the coaches and were driven to our hotel, where we were allotted rooms, etc., for the remainder of the night. On Sunday morning we were at a small meeting of the Club and afterwards boarded the coaches for a visit to the Rokeby Stud in Virginia. I did not envy anyone living in the countryside we passed through. There did not appear to be any cultivated land as we know it here, and the cattle and horses seen from the coach appeared to be small and lean. There was no grass for them as we know it here and the scrub-like material they were eating did not seem to have any substance. The houses were few and far apart and all of them seemed to be surrounded with derelict cars. Some of them seemed to have from 15 to 20. All the houses were timbered and there did not seem to be much precaution against fire. We saw several on the journey which had been burnt completely out. We had packed lunches on the coaches, with the inevitable piece of fried chicken on the menu.

The stud farm was very interesting. We saw three of Mr. Mellon's finest stallions there, but oh! what a contrast to the way our stallions are looked after here in England. They looked like rough ponies compared with the elegant animals we have here. They also seem very lonely, being housed in loose boxes far from where their grooms live. In fact, the stable men looking after them had cars to go home

in. How I longed to be able to make a good hay wisp and show them how a beautiful horse should be groomed. Again the grass in the fields or paddocks in which they run was very sparse. It was tough and wiry and would never make good hay. The horses were bedded down on straw which literally stank, although it was fresh and clean. The stalks were as thick as my thumb and it is apparently the straw of the maize. The horses were fed with horse nuts specially prepared. The first class oats age seems to have passed. We were given sherry and coffee and made very welcome. All the people were very, very interested in my appearance, but apparently could not believe my age. From the stallions' boxes we went to the Rokeby Yard, which is more like the English style. There the brood mares are kept, all of them that were there were heavy in foal carrying to brilliant and famous European stallions. There were several young and beautiful foals, which they call weanings.

In the evening we went to what I thought was the highlight of the tour. That was the visit to the home of Sir George and Lady Lea. They gave us a cocktail party, but the best was the welcome they gave us. Believe you me, one would have thought a Chelsea Pensioner had never before been seen. Sir George, Admiral Harvey and Major Dunne with their ladies were most enthusiastic and explained to their American friends what I represented. According to them the world has never produced anything resembling Chelsea. There I was introduced to Mr. Schapiro, the gentleman who thought up and made the Laurel International possible. He was very nice and was photographed with me. I am longing to see some of the photo's especially this one. Mr. C. Smith, the London representative of Laurel has promised some.

*Monday.* We rose early and had coffee and rolls, boarded the coach and proceeded to Laurel Park to see the early workouts of the horses. From Washington we passed the White House, the Arlington Cemetery and the Jefferson Memorial. The Pennsylvania Avenue runs through all these memorable places right out to the country. Suddenly the city is left behind, and the bleak countryside appears.

Advertisements for plots of land for sale are very amusing to English eyes. For instance, a plot was advertised, suitable for desirable planned residences, 75 acres. This looked to be a City dump of all the refuse collected since Washington was built. I was very disappointed with Laurel. I expected to see an Ascot York

and Newbury rolled into one. Instead there was a sea of mud. Mud up to the horses' necks, I have never seen so much since Paschendale. This was round the racing track and is what they call the Dirt Track. If horses had to race in such conditions in England the RSPCA would go beserk. They exercise the racehorses far, far different to our system. A big, cowboy-like individual leads the racer on the track and for trotting, walking, and cantering holds him tightly by the head and only looses him for a gallop. When they gallop in this stuff the mud flies like rain, and we had to stand back from the rails to avoid being smothered in it. Inside the dirt track is the grass track, and on this we saw the Laurel horses have their work-out. To my eyes, Karabas was outstanding, and, although I had put as much as I could afford on him before leaving England, I was determined to beg, borrow, or even steal a few dollars to put on him at starting. I only managed to get a friend to put 10 dollars, about £4 10s. 0d., on for me, because I was taken away to do a little job for the Club, and I could not get to the Tote windows in time. I am wandering from the morning work. The next best horse I liked was Hawaii, the American, and the next was the German horse Hitchcock. He looked and moved very nicely with Jimmy Lindsey aiding, but could not hold a finger to Karabas for looks. The latter looks just what he is, a well bred and honest English racehorse. I was interviewed at this time by the correspondent of the *Washington Morning Telegraph*, the American equivalent of our *Sporting Life*. He was impressed, it seems by my vehemence, and was the only one of the American Sporting correspondents to tip Karabas to win. This, after arguing with me that Hawaii was the better horse. After work we went to the stable boys' canteen for breakfast. A jolly good one of bacon and eggs, sausages and potatoes with, of course, plenty of coffee. The food was good, but the canteen! Dear me, our stable lads would be on strike before they started work. The American authorities ought to see the stable boys' rooms at Ascot or Newmarket. After breakfast we returned to Washington for a few hours before going back to Laurel for the races. There were nine races and I could only find seconds and thirds so my dollars for Karabas were getting depleted very fast. After a strenuous day I was very tired, and did not go out with the party to see night life in Washington. A quiet evening, in my room with a bottle of gin and a quart bot-

tle of tonic water was a good prescription. We had taken the gin with us from Heathrow but the tonic water was very dear, and had to be drunk to save the cost. What a head next morning, but it soon cleared. We had to pack and take our belongings on the coach with us to Laurel Park, in order that we could go direct to Dulles Airport after racing.

**Laurel Day.** This was Tuesday the 11th. Armistice Day at home and Veteran's Day (a general holiday) in Washington. A short interlude to think of my brothers and brothers-in-law who had died in the Service, eight of them in all, and to wonder why, at my age, I had been spared, and we were off again through the same sparse land to Laurel Park. This time the race course was packed. There really was a crowd. Again I could not strike any luck, but did not bet on the sixth race because I had to get to the weigh-in enclosure. There I had the honour of presenting the winning trophy to the winning owner. The trophy, a silver cigarette box, was presented by our club, the racegoer's, and was a gesture of thanks for all the kindness the Laurel Park executive had extended to us. I then had the

pleasure of being presented to Mr. Schapiro, the American sponsor of the Laurel Park International, and to Lord Wigg, who reminded me he was also a candidate for Chelsea in due course. Next was the great race. Our champion jockey Lester Piggott, did not seem to hurry from the gate but kept his favourite spot on the rails. As in other races the American jockeys tried to make every post a winning post, and to me it seemed their mounts were tiring very fast. They went a bit wide at the final bend and in a flash Lester had Karabas there where he wanted him. On the rails and with a clear run, he made no mistake, and in my humble opinion won very easily. I was thrilled to the marrow when Lester, after the race sought me out and we had a little chat. There were two more races after that, but my bad luck still held. A wonderful record, 17 losers and one winner, but I would go through it all again, old as I am. On arrival at Dulles Airport we had a couple of hours to wait before boarding, and I had the pleasure and great honour of being congratulated on my appearance by the owner and trainer of Karabas, Mr. and Mrs. B. Van Cutsem.

# ROYAL ANGLIAN REGIMENT

## Abridged Balance Sheet—Association and Benevolent Funds (as Audited)

31st DECEMBER, 1969

1968				1968			
£	Capital of Funds	£			Assets and Liabilities	£	
10,117	Balance brought Forward from 1968	13,186		43	Furniture at Cost less Depreciation	34	
3,106	Excess Income over Expenditure 1969	3,273		10,307	Investments at cost .. .. .	14,943	
					Investment Cash at Bank .. .. .	1,001	
£13,223		£16,459		592	Case Loans .. .. .	467	
				859	Debtors .. .. .	1,195	
					Stock .. .. .	152	
£37	Less Net Losses on Sale of Investments	—		1,242	Cash at Banks .. .. .	594	
				832	E. Anglian Trustee Savings Bank ..	142	
				1	Cash in hand .. .. .	4	
				£13,876		£18,532	
				65	<i>Liabilities</i>		
				625	Creditors .. .. .	1,598	
£13,186	TOTAL .. .. .	£16,459		£13,186	Refunds due to A.B.F. (Case Loans)	475	
					<i>Net Assets</i>	£16,459	

Notes (1) The Market Value of the Investments on 31st December, 1969 was £13,676

(2) The Division of the Capital is Association £1,478  
Benevolent £14,981

# The Volunteers



## 5th BATTALION

**How's this for exploiting Public Relations!**  
Pte. Brooks helps Mr. K. James, a reporter from the 'Lincolnshire Echo', to peel potatoes for the Company on exercise in Soltau.

Training and recruiting have been the theme for the last six months. Companies have all held recruiting campaigns to maintain their strengths and to raise the extra 172 men added to our establishment. Displays, 'at homes', local advertising, competitions and many other gimmicks have been used to let the public know that we exist and are thriving. The results have been very satisfactory, but as always most men are introduced by satisfied customers.

As a direct result of our recruiting efforts we have been chosen to provide a company to be affiliated to Strategic Command. Consequently our 3rd (Essex) Company have opened up a new Training Centre in Colchester and are the first Volunteer Infantry to be based on this garrison town for many years. Meanwhile, the 5th (Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire) Company is now officially added to our establishment and is expanding rapidly.

Thanks to the co-operation of The Depot, The Queen's Division, all recruits continue to do fifteen days' basic training at Bassingbourn, forty-three recruits are currently being indoctrinated. If recruiting continues at its present pace, a further three cadres will be needed this year.

To detail the exploits of each company would fill this magazine, therefore only a few highlights will be covered.

In October last, 1 Company ran an exercise open to teams from all companies and cadres which combined a forced march, watermanship, initiative and endurance. Teams had to cover a forty mile course by night in assault boats. Half the distance demanded rowing and portage through shallow streams, but outboards with a limited supply of petrol could be used on the open reaches. All teams displayed great stamina but some of the language shocked the locals in their beds! This was followed by a most successful 'escape and evasion' exercise aptly called 'Colditz', where 1 Company enlisted the help of some 200 men from the RAF, Cadets and Cambridge University OTC. More military exercises were held culminating in a two day battle against Cambridge UOTC at Stanford. 1 Company won the Annual Anti-Tank Competition at Warcop.

Berlin and Soltau will long be remembered by 2 Company. Made up to 115 strong by attachments from other companies, they joined 1 Staffords for fifteen days. That this was such a success was largely due to the excellent training and help provided by our hosts. The



3 Coy Night Exercise  
Patrol prepares . . .

first week was spent on CRW training in Berlin, including the company test exercise set for the regular companies. After tasting the night life and visiting the Eastern Zone, we moved to Soltau for a battalion exercise in which we operated as a company of 1 Staffords. We are still trying to convince people that so much kit was really lost in the series of freak storms that destroyed our camp.

The highlight in February was the opening of 3 Company's new centre at Colchester. The opening ceremony was performed by the Mayor, accompanied by some of his Council. Our GOC, Major General J. B. Dye, CBE, MC, and Lt. Col. John Akehurst were among those present. The strength of the detachment has risen from 16 to 26 in a month. Two very successful exercises set by the Essex Cadre have been the highlights of 3 Company's training. The first was a CRW situation at Stanford where a realistic enemy of some forty Cadets fully exercised the Company's restraint! The second was a patrol exercise leading up to a company attack as a result of information gathered. 3 Company are to be congratulated on winning Division 3 of the 1969/70 TAVR .22 Postal Shoot—subject to confirmation.

4 Company have been training hard at Proteus, Stanford and Beckingham—normally picking the very worst weather. The last two overnight exercises have been in very cold conditions, but everybody survived despite 5 Company's efforts as enemy. There have been two sad losses. WOII Les Coles has left for business reasons. He is a great loss to the

Company and the Battalion and we wish him well. Major Bill Lewis has left to command 5 Company and we congratulate him on his promotion. Our loss is their gain. 4 Company is in the finals of the East Midlands District Minor Units Soccer where we will shortly meet its old rivals 2 Company.

5 Company is now firmly established at Hertford and Hemel Hempstead. They are recruiting hard and are receiving the kit they have been waiting for. Many of the Officers and Senior Ranks have been on Warminster courses and are brimming over with ideas and enthusiasm. Several very good weekends have been held at Stanford, Proteus and Fingringhoe in preparation for Annual Camp in Malta.

In HQ Company we were sorry to lose RQMS Jackson, whilst congratulating WOII Kavanagh on his appointment as RQMS and WOII Fordham on becoming CSM. Our Signal Platoon are now established at Corby and we are awaiting anxiously to see if we will be able to understand our operators through their Scots accents! The MT entered teams for the TAVR driving championships and did well. The experience gained should help them in the BAMA events next month. A highlight has been the Adventure Training Week-end in Wales over Easter when fifty-two men of the Battalion spent four days being taught by experts to climb rock faces, pot hole, abseil and in between times complete a gruelling mountain walk. We are most grateful to the Infantry Junior Leaders Battalion for all the help they gave us.



**1 Coy on Recruiting Patrol.  
Cpl. Rodwell, L/Cpl. Hughs  
and Pte. Harman.**



We are now looking forward to Annual Camp. 1 and 5 Companies are going abroad—this time to Malta. Our host unit, 1 D and D, have already indicated that we shall have some interesting training as well as missing some of the English winter. The rest of the battalion, less the Band, will be revisiting Otterburn during the first two weeks of June. The Band are doing a pilgrimage to Kneller Hall and we wish them luck when they play in the Summer

Concert.

So many changes take place in our moving population that we can only generally welcome new arrivals, say farewell to all our friends and congratulate everyone on promotions, engagements, marriages and births. We must however congratulate those who have been awarded TDs or TEMs for long and valuable service—their names may be found in 'Mainly about People' pages.



**Soltau Training.  
Pte. Brooks, C/Sgt. Hornsey.  
Pte. O'Boyle, Cpl. Hemp-  
sall, Cpl. Woods.**

# AROUND THE BRANCHES

## LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND HEADQUARTERS AND THE ROYAL TIGERS' ASSOCIATION

The Colours of both the 1st Battalion and the 2nd Battalion The Royal Leicestershire Regiment are to be laid up in Leicester Cathedral on the morning of Saturday, 12 September. It is hoped that as many Tigers as possible and their wives will be present. Details of the Programme, together with a proforma, which members will be asked to complete, will be sent out in late July or early August.

There will be NO Royal Tigers' Week End in June this year. The Annual General Meeting of The Royal Tigers' Association will be held at the T&AVR Centre, Ulverscroft Road, Leicester, at 6.15 p.m. on Saturday, 18th July. This will be followed by a Dinner for men only. The Band of the 4th Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment will play.

The death of Captain G. Day Adams on 6th February, 1970, was a great and sad shock to us all. His outstanding work for the Regiment as its Honorary Solicitor for over fifty years, and most helpful work for the Association in so many ways will be remembered by many Tigers. All will be glad to know that Brigadier Pinder presented him with a silver tiger from The Royal Leicestershire Regiment on 10th October, 1969.

The Tombola at the Officers' Ball of The Cadre The Royal Leicestershire Regiment and 4th (Leicestershire) Company 5th (Volunteer) Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment made a round £155 profit. A Sweepstake was again

run on the Grand National and a profit of £525 was made. The General Committee of The Royal Tigers' Association are most grateful to the very many Tigers who helped so much.

It is hard to believe that the next issue will show the Final Parades of 4th Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment. Colonel Mark Wardle in the final paragraph of his obituary of that great Tiger, Colonel 'Tweaks' Weyman, sums up so very well what all Tigers are feeling, when he wrote: 'Napier said that a British regiment had this much in common with the gods, 'immortality and perpetual youth'. And now, on the eve of the dissolution of our particular stream of youth and immortality, the passing of so true a Tiger as "Tweaks" Weyman has for his oldest friends a special poignancy. We say Hail and Farewell not only to him but to the entity, until now undying, whether the 17th Foot, The Leicestershire Regiment, The Royal Leicestershire Regiment, or the 4th Battalion of The Royal Anglian Regiment.'

## LIFE IN THE TIGER YET!

Mr. George Eato who fought with the Tigers at Ladysmith photographed with his wife on his wedding day on 31st December 1969, when he was aged 93.

(By courtesy of The Leicester Mercury)





**THREE GREAT TIGERS**

Major J. W. E. Mosse, MC, Lt.-Col. A. Weyman, MC, Lt.-Col. H. Barrington Brown, DSO. This photograph was taken whilst they were serving with 1st Battalion The Leicestershire Regiment in World War I. Obituaries of Colonels Barrington Brown and Weyman can be read elsewhere. Major J. W. E. Mosse was the father of Major John Mosse, now serving in the Regiment.

## **THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE REGIMENT COMRADES ASSOCIATION**

### **Corby**

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

The Branch has now been in existence for one year and membership stands at 84 full members and 15 honorary members. Apart from August 1969, Branch meetings have been held monthly in the TAVR Centre, Corby. We are most grateful to the Officer in charge, the staff and club members for giving us a home and for all the other assistance they have rendered during the past year.

The Branch is striving to fulfil and amplify the Association's Aims and to this end our main priority has been to persuade Branch members to become Life Members of the Association. We have succeeded with 24 so far.

In addition, we wish to provide facilities for our own members to meet each other and members of other Branches socially and we also wish to make some contribution to the town of Corby.

Two successful Branch socials were held in 1969, and on 16th January 1970 a further social was held to which we were very pleased to receive a goodly contingent from Northampton and representatives from Huntingdon and Peterborough— from all accounts the evening was a great success. We have found greater difficulty in arranging visits away. Most of the officials and the most stalwart of our members are deeply committed in other activities and it is very difficult to find any date when we can ensure a good turn out.

As a contribution to the town of Corby on 20th February 1970, the residents of Marlow Court, a home for senior citizens as yet unsponsored by any other organisation, were invited to a social evening. A coach was provided to bring and return 29 of these residents. The evening started with six hands of Bingo, plenty of prizes, a slap up meal, free drinks all evening and then singing and dancing to midnight (1½ hours later than originally planned!). On their return home all residents were given a substantial parcel of groceries. There is no doubt that the evening went well,

was thoroughly appreciated by the old folk, and the word has gone round Corby. We have received many offers from outsiders of assistance (financial and in other forms) for any future activities in this direction.

### **Huntingdon**

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

After five years as Chairman of Huntingdon Branch, Captain Bob Copley has had to resign due to pressure of work. The vacancy was filled at The Branch Annual General Meeting on 27th February by Major E. (Ted) Overall. Our Branch will be ever grateful to Bob Copley for his good work and constant interest in our affairs, and for his unflagging enthusiasm for the spirit of comradeship and good will which his presence in the Chair always inspired. To Bob we say 'thank you very much for your capable advice and fine example', and we hope that occasionally you will find time to join us again at the odd meeting.

The change of venue for our Annual Reunion last November proved a resounding success and there is no doubt that The George at Huntingdon will become our regular centre for this event.

In welfare matters it has been a quiet period since our last journal notes and we don't complain about this of course! Eddie Lees handles these affairs in expert manner and the few cases which we have on hand are in regular contact with him.

Our hopes during 1969 to obtain independent accommodation for our Branch Meetings did not materialise, and it is doubtful if they ever will, since we could never hope to have the funds to organise ourselves in premises that are not allied to some other organisation. Our last remaining hope in this connection is the opening of our old TA Centre at Huntingdon by Charles Wells Ltd., of Bedford, as a Public House, aptly to be named 'The Territorial'. We are in touch with them on the question of obtaining some history of the original Huntingdonshire Territorial or Militia Units (prints, etc.) for display in the Bars and if any reader can assist in this direction we will be most pleased to hear from them. As in past years, the Branch laid a wreath at The War Memorial at Huntingdon on Remembrance Sunday and Christmas Day. It's rather a pity that members won't turn out in force to support these ceremonies, in consequence the numbers grow less every year.

We extend a hearty welcome to the following new members who have joined the Branch recently and we sincerely hope their association with our activities will prove interesting and happy: Messrs. W. Carter, Tony Hall, Gerry Button, N. S. Burley, Albert Clark, Harry Measures, Mr. Hibbert and Mr. Howlett. At the same time we extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Edith Day, wife of Cecil Day, who died on 15th November 1969, after a long period of failing health.

At the early part of this year we made a determined effort to 'kit out' all our members with a Regimental tie (price 17/6d. from our friend and comforter, Major Donald Baxter). We've sold a dozen so far and other orders are pending so we have every hope of achieving our target, so long as the price of ties stay within reasonable limits!!

### **London Branch**

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

Since the last issue of the CASTLE the major effort was made to boost the Branch funds and an ambitious Sweepstake was held on the Cesarewitch Stakes. £269 was offered in prizes and there was no little concern when a week before the draw the prize money had not been covered. The Chairman then showed his determination and he alone sold £180 of tickets and the result was that there was a handsome profit of £52 for the Branch—a very welcome boost to Branch funds.

The Branch Annual General Meeting has been held, this year at the Wellington Hotel just adjacent to the usual meeting place, the

### **Northampton Branch**

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

The Branch has continued to flourish and is in a very sound position.

At Christmas time we had the usual festivities, the highlight possibly being the Christmas Draw. This year the total increased by £75, which made it bigger and better than ever. The Children's Party was again popular and there was the customary large attendance.

On 16th January a party of us went to Corby and had a most enjoyable evening with their Branch. They are very difficult to entice away and despite numerous invitations, acceptances and consequent cancellations they

have still to accept our hospitality. Saturday, 5th May, 1970, has been decided upon as a definite date.

The Annual General Meeting was held on 10th April, 1970, and the Annual Branch Dinner and Dance took place at Overstone Solarium on 25th April, 1970. These will be reported in the next issue of the Journal.

Please remember that any member of the Regiment is welcome to call when they are in Northampton. To hear of an excuse such as was heard the other day that there was something going on, so I did not want to butt in, is not acceptable!

#### **Peterborough Branch**

*Secretary:* Mr. H. G. Tompkins, Holmleigh, 181 St. Pauls Road, Peterborough.

The Branch Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday, 18th March, 1970. At this meeting the subject of the Peterborough Reunion was discussed and it was the unanimous decision that the Branch would not sponsor the Dinner owing to financial losses on previous occasions and the depleting numbers attending each year.

It was proposed and passed that a Branch Dinner would be held in 1970 to which guests would be invited.

The matter of the Peterborough Reunion has been passed to the Regimental Secretary for his action.

The meeting was perturbed by the Secretary's report that he did not wish to be re-elected in the office of Secretary, on health grounds. A successor is being sought.

A Draw will be held for Branch funds on the Derby and it is hoped that a special effort will be made by members to dispose of tickets.

It is with regret that we announce that one of our stalwart Branch members, Mr. W. Houseman, has died. The Branch was represented at the funeral and a floral tribute was sent.

The Northamptonshire Regiment Annual Reunion will be held in Northampton on Saturday and Sunday, 4th and 5th July, 1970. Circulars are being distributed in May but if anyone wishes for details will they please contact Major D. Baxter, Gibraltar Barracks, Barrack Road, Northampton.

### **10th FOOT ROYAL LINCOLNSHIRE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION**

#### **Annual Reunion—1970**

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

#### **Saturday 26th September, 1970**

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

Dinner 7 for 7.30 p.m.

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

Full details and dinner tickets can be obtained from Mr. B. Brittain, Secretary, Grimsby Branch, 176 Connamore Road, Grimsby.

#### **Sunday, 27th September, 1970**

Divine Service will be held at the Beacholme details to be issued later.

#### **Annual Reunion—1969**

The Annual Reunion was held at the 'Beacholme', on Saturday and Sunday, 27th and 28th September, 1969.

On Saturday afternoon the General Committee met, followed by the Annual General Meeting, with the Annual Reunion Dinner in the evening.

At the General Committee Meeting the President confirmed that the change of 'Trustees Deed' was completed and the Trustees are now as follows:

Major General Sir Christopher Welby-Everard, KBE, CB, DL (President and Trustee); Brigadier R. H. L. Oulton, CBE, Vice-President and Trustee; Colonel G. M. Sanders, TD, DL, Lt. Colonel F. W. Young, MBE, Colonel B. S. Foster, TD, Trustees.

He also stated that the Lincoln Executive Committee, under the Chairmanship of Major C. H. Macklam, MBE, was functioning and dealing with the day to day running of the Association, and he thanked them for their services.

The Hon. General Secretary and Treasurer presented the accounts, together with his report. He also reported on the activities of the Association during the past year. He stated that the Benevolent Fund had paid out £918 to 89 deserving cases during the year. He expressed thanks for the grants received from the Royal Anglian Regimental Benevolent Fund, the Army Benevolent Fund, and also for donations from the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (T), Lincoln, Grimsby and Gran-

tham Branches, donations in memory of Brigadier E. F. O. Richards, MC, DL, and Lt. Colonel A. H. Wenham, and the legacy from the late Lt. Colonel R. L. De Brisay.

The General Committee agreed that the Annual Reunion would be held at the 'Beacholme', Humberstone, on the last weekend in September each year.

The General Meeting followed when the Minutes of the 1968 Meeting were approved and confirmed. The President welcomed all those present and gave a resumé of the business transacted at the General Committee Meeting. The accounts were approved by all those present.

Once again the 'Beacholme' served us well for the Dinner, when nearly 400 members and their ladies sat down in the 'Starlight Room' and enjoyed an excellent dinner. Our President presided and Brigadier P. W. P. Green, Deputy Colonel The Royal Anglian Regiment, was our guest (or perhaps we should now say a member of the family!). After Dinner followed the usual Toasts and then—the 'short and sweet' speech making, which to the delight of many old soldiers gave them a 'quick off the mark' to the Bar. Time passed all too quickly with dancing, cabaret turns, raffles and the usual chatter of the good old Tenth of Foot and those happy days, thus yet another excellent Reunion and support for the General Committee's decision to make the 'Beacholme' our 'Headquarters' in future years.

Unfortunately Reunions cannot be fun for all and the organisers have a busy time making the arrangements, and our thanks and appreciations are given to Colonel Mike Sanders, Percy Halls and members of the Grantham Branch for an excellent show.

#### **HRH THE DUCHESS OF GLOUCESTER ATTENDS CHURCH PARADE SERVICE**

Sunday, the 28th September, 1969, will be a day that many will remember when Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Gloucester graced the day with her presence at our Divine Service at St. Peter's Church, Cleethorpes. Her Royal Highness arrived by helicopter and was received by The Earl of Yarborough, Vice-Lieutenant of Lincolnshire, who presented Major General Sir Christopher Welby-Everard and Brigadier P. W. P. Green. The Right Reverend Colin, Bishop of Grimsby received Her Royal Highness at St. Peter's Church and presented The Reverend Crooks, Vicar of St. Peter's, and Councillor A. Murfin, Mayor of Cleethorpes.

A good 'turn out' of members under command of Colonel G. M. Sanders, paraded in the Corporation Car Park and headed by the Band of the 1st Battalion Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, with Standard Bearers leading, they marched to St. Peter's Church. At the conclusion of the Service with Standards flying and to the strains of our Regimental March, 'The Poachers', we were honoured to March Past Her Royal Highness, who took the Salute. After the March Past our President presented to Her Royal Highness members of all our Branches.

Her Royal Highness was entertained at a Regimental Luncheon at the Kingsway Hotel, Cleethorpes, before her departure by helicopter.

#### **Stamford Branch**

It was a sad day—6th March, 1970—when at the Branch Annual Meeting it was decided that they could no longer remain an active Branch and it should go into a state of 'suspended animation'. The Chairman, Mr. Seamer, stated: 'It did not mean its termination as it might come active again in later years, and they can be proud of their activities and their achievements during the last 34 years.' A caretaker committee under his chairmanship had been formed.

The run down of the Branch started with the sale of the TA Centre in 1968, which had been their meeting place for more than 25 years. Some twenty-four members have decided to join the Grantham Branch and retain their link with our Association.

Sadder still, our Branch Secretary for over 25 years, Mr. C. W. M. Sylvester, feels, at the age of 75 years, that he must give it up—to him we say: 'Well done thou good and faithful servant—keep fit as you are now are.' On behalf of the Branch, the Chairman made a presentation in their appreciation of his loyal service. Mr. Sylvester returned thanks and gave a summary of the Branch activities since 1937.

Following the business meeting, a cheese and wine party was held and members had a get-together, talking of past experiences in their serving days.

#### **Grimsby Branch**

The Branch AGM was well attended and all the officials and the Committee were re-elected followed by some words of wisdom from Brigadier H. W. Clarke, MC. 'He saw no reason why a winning team should be altered.'

It has been a very active year with Branch

meetings and social functions, and in particular our social events with the local Burma Star and Royal Tigers' Association, and we are indebted to our Ladies' Section—if they are not working with their needles, the cake mixing bowls are in use.

Thanks are due to all Branches who co-operated in making our Branch Lincoln Handicap Draw a success.

The Annual Dinner was held in February and attended by some 125 members and their ladies when we were pleased to welcome the Mayor of Cleethorpes, Vice-President Burma Star Association, our President and Lady Welby-Everard and Honorary Secretary.

Since the New Year commenced we have sounded the 'Last Post' five times and not only for World War I veterans, or are we overlooking the fact that none of us are 'young 'uns' any longer.

Our Branch had good representation at the 1969 Reunion and we were delighted to be able to give assistance to the organisers with the arrangements for Divine Service and the visit of Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Gloucester. With a change of plans it is our turn again in '1970' to run the Show so do not treat us too unkindly.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE AND HERTFORDSHIRE REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

During the winter months nearly all of our Branches hold their Annual General Meeting at which officials for the coming year are elected. Generally speaking, the names of the Chairmen, Secretaries, Social Committee and Benevolent Visitors show little change over the years and perhaps we sometimes take for granted their willingness to continue in office. Let us therefore put on record this expression of our appreciation for all that they do throughout the year on behalf of their former comrades and for the Association.

This is also the season when some of the Branches hold their main social function of the year.

**London Branch** held their Annual Dinner and Dance at the Euston Tavern on 25th October, 1969, and were delighted to have Brigadier and Mrs. Paton as their guests for the evening. Amongst the eighty attending this function there were a number of the younger generation whose enthusiasm in the dancing which took place after dinner was an entertainment in itself.

The Annual Dinner and Dance of **Hertford Branch** at Hertingfordbury on 8th November 1969, was another well-attended function. Major Jo Townsend presided; to the delight of us all he has returned to settle in Hatfield. The continuing link between the Branch and the Borough was evident in the presence of

**The 50th and Final Reunion  
Dinner of the 1914 'B' Com-  
pany The Hertfordshire  
Regiment.**



**The Aldermen and Councillors of St. Albans City Council in Civic Robes provided a Guard of Honour for the members of the original 'B' Company The Hertfordshire Regiment whom they entertained to Dinner 5th November 1969.**

*(By courtesy of the Herts. Advertiser)*

the Mayor, Councillor Stoten, who replied to the Toast of the Guests.

The close ties between a County Regiment and its Civic Authorities was well illustrated at a unique function held in St. Albans in November. The survivors of the original **'B' Company The Hertfordshire Regiment** which sailed for France on 5th November, 1914, have held a Reunion Dinner annually since the First World War. On hearing that this was to be their last Dinner (but not the last Reunion), St. Albans City Council marked the occasion by acting as hosts and also by forming a Guard of Honour in Civic Robes as these veterans entered the Dining Room at Batchwood Hall. Of the 105 who sailed in 1914, 21 were able to attend this final Dinner, their average age being 76.

Since the closing of the TA Centre at Tolpits Lane, **Watford Branch** have had to suffer great inconvenience at times in organising their Annual Reunion. All the more credit therefore for their perseverance which resulted in a most successful Buffet Dance at the Hertford Arms on 21st March 1970.

An opportunity for members of the Association to get together was provided after the **Wreath-Laying Ceremony at the Regimental Memorial** on 16th November 1969. The reduction of the TAVR has still further reduced our uniformed representation for the ceremony. However, we once again had the support of Bedfordshire Army Cadet Force and the Bedford British Legion Corps of Drums as well as that of Old Comrade. The Deputy Colonel, Brigadier Paton was able to be with us to lay the first of the wreaths. The parade also provided an opportunity for Mrs. O'Bryan to present, in the presence of his former comrades, the Distinguished Conduct Medal of her husband, the late Mr. Pat O'Bryan, together with that of his brother. Afterwards everyone adjourned to the TAVR Centre, Ashburnham Road, where the Social Club Bar was soon doing a brisk trade. We are most grateful to the Girls' Venture Corps who produced an excellent buffet for us.

Gentle persuasion by 1st Essex.

## THE ESSEX REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

### Annual Reunion 1970

The 'Warley Day' this year will be on Sunday, 28th June, and at this moment some hundreds of members will already have ordered, and probably received their tickets for admittance to the Regimental Chapel for the Service of Remembrance and for the tea meal in the Regimental Gardens.

The Chapel, seating capacity 350, will no doubt manage to accommodate the '400 plus members' who wish to be there, and we can manage 400 for tea. Members who have not yet applied for tickets should waste no time in doing so.

The Band and Drums of our 3rd Battalion will be on parade (Beating of Retreat is planned after the tea meal) and at the Service this year the address will be given by The Venerable John Denis Wakeling, MC, MA, Archdeacon of West Ham.

### The Regimental Chapel

A festival of History and Flowers is to be held at the Chapel from 11th-14th September inclusive. Floral arrangements are being undertaken by the Malden Borough Council and proceeds will be given to the funds of the County of Essex YMCA.

The History depicted will of course mainly relate to the old County Regiment, and members are asked to note this date and, if at all possible, to lend their support.

### Branches

Local branch activities have continued to flourish throughout the winter months. Chelmsford's Annual Dinner and Dance was, as





always a 'sell-out' and a great success, and in addition, monthly dances, socials, etc., have been most popular. Saffron Walden Annual Social and Dance at their Town Hall was a very happy affair and Southend get together regularly at the 'Nelson' Hotel, Prittlewell. The Thurrock Branch Annual Dinner was a huge success, and Dinners/Reunions of the old 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th Battalions were again very well supported by the 'old and bold'.

#### DIARY DATES

28th June	The Essex Regiment Association Annual Service of Remembrance and Reunion, Warley.
11th-14th September	Festival of History and Flowers, The Regimental Chapel, Warley.
26th September	Saffron Walden Branch, The Essex Regiment Association Annual Social and Dance, Town Hall, Saffron Walden.
7th November	Chelmsford Branch, The Essex Regiment Association Annual Dinner and Dance, County Hotel, Chelmsford.

#### THE ROYAL NORFOLK REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

The Regimental Sweepstake for 1969 raised £259 for the Benevolent Fund and the organisers are most grateful for this generous response. The Regimental Association won the first prize of £20 with a ticket given by one of its supporters. Our target for 1970 is £300, so rally round and endeavour to beat ex RSM (Winkie) Fitt who disposed of more than 1,200 tickets last year. Decimalisation of our currency is causing some concern since the organisers have not yet decided how much to charge in 1971 for a hitherto sixpenny ticket. Perhaps this problem is another very good reason for retaining the 'tanner'!

Relieving distress among our less fortunate comrades during 1969 cost £1,352, the highest amount ever recorded. This was again made

possible by the support of the Army and the Royal Anglian Regiment Benevolent Funds. We are most grateful for this practical support.

At the 25th Annual Dinner of the DV Club, attended by officers of the 1st Battalion who served between 'D' and 'VE' Days, the main guest was Lt. Commander T. Gottlieb, RN, who was second in command of the LCT, which carried the Battalion to Normandy.

Please make a note of the more important of our annual fixtures and, if you can, come and join us. You can be sure of a warm welcome.

15th May—Beating Retreat by Band and Drums of 1st Royal Anglian Regiment at Britannia Barracks, at 6.30 p.m.

7th June—Cenotaph Parade. Assemble on Horse Guards Parade at 11.45 a.m.

26th September—Reunion Dinner at Norwich—Tickets 10/- from the Regimental Secretary at Britannia Barracks.

17th October—London Branch Dinner Dance at the Victory Club, Marble Arch. Tickets 30/- from the Regimental Secretary.

30th October—King's Lynn Branch Dinner.

11th November—Remembrance Service at the Regimental War Memorial Cottages, Norwich, at 10.45 a.m.

#### SUFFOLK REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

The Annual Reunion will be held on Sunday, 2nd August, in Gibraltar Barracks, Bury St. Edmunds. The proceedings will begin with a church service at 11.30 a.m. and end with a Beating of Retreat at 5 p.m. Lunch and tea, and a bar, will be available.

A window in memory of Lieutenant Colonel R. E. B. Moriarty will shortly be placed in the Regimental chapel. It is being given by his widow.

We regret to record the recent death of ex-Sergeant V. Gilbert, who served for thirty-four years in the Suffolk Regiment. He became Sergeants' Mess Caterer of the East Anglian Brigade (later Royal Anglian Regiment) Depot in 1960 and remained there until ill-health forced him to leave in 1968.

# TIGERS IN THE GULF



Now, as we near the end of our tour in the Gulf, we can look back on a most varied period of training, sport and even social activity. Few if any of our men will have spent less than three months away from the island by the end of our tour, and we have become as used to catching aircraft, ships and helicopters as most people are to catching buses.

The titles of our exercises—Tigers Triumph, Tigers' Claw, Hawking Tiger, Tidy Tiger I, II, III, Tramping Tiger and Tigers' Standard, to name but a few, have left little doubt in the minds of even the most Corps minded of the Staff, as to who is doing what out here!

We have left our mark in sport too, with highly successful boxing, hockey and football teams. Final games are yet to be played, but we look like being runners up in the hockey and winners, represented by Command Company, in the football league (Company teams only out here).

As a finale to our tour we are to take part in a major amphibious exercise in late April and early May in which we will bid farewell to the harsh mountains of Oman.





## WELCOME GUESTS

We, the Tigers, have had many welcome visitors during our tour in the Gulf, but an extra warm welcome was reserved for a visit by the Lord Mayor of Leicester, Alderman Edward Marston, the Deputy Lord Mayor, Alderman Kenneth Bowder, OBE, and Mr. Sidney Smith, the Lord Mayor's Secretary, who came to stay with us from the 14th-19th January. The visit was doubly welcome since not only did we renew our ties with the City of Leicester, but Major General John Spurling, our Deputy Colonel, chose the occasion to visit us and help entertain our guests.

Mr. David Partridge of the *Leicester Mercury*

was also present throughout the Mayoral visit.

The very full programme included a Battalion Parade, many opportunities to watch training and sport and to meet soldiers, a large number of whom are Leicester men, formal dinners in the Officers and Sergeants Messes and a constant round of visits to people of importance and places of interest in Bahrain.

On the only free evening we allowed him, the Lord Mayor very kindly entertained HM Political Resident, HM Political Agent Bahrain, General Spurling, the Officers and the RSM to dinner at the Delmon Hotel in Manama Town.

The non-regimental highlight of the visit was



a call on the Ruler of Bahrain, Sheikh Isa bin Sulman al Khalifa, who presented Arab costume and solid gold Omega Seamaster watches to the Lord Mayor, Deputy Lord Mayor and General Spurling, as mementos of their visit to Bahrain.

### PASSAGE TO THE MYSTIC EAST

By L/Cpl Steve Grundy, 4th Battalion

When I got back all my mates were asking me 'What was it like?' 'Did you see much of Karachi? Well! as I told them, it is just like Birmingham.

It all started one Friday morning. I was on late shift so I was legitimately in bed when Captain Holben, the Messing Officer sent for me. He told me that the company commander had selected me to go on a trip with half the minesweeper squadron to Karachi. The mine-sweeper left the next day. As I packed my kit I wondered what was in store for me.

Late Saturday afternoon I reported to HMS *Brinton*, and when I awoke the next morning I was at sea. You may be thinking that being 'at sea' has a double meaning. Well! . . . it doesn't. Of course living in the after deck of a mine hunter is different from living at 'Much Binding in the Sand' at Hamala. But the matelots are OK and I was soon made to feel at home. On board ship you not only live and sleep in your mess deck—on a mine hunter there are two, each accommodating 12 sailors—you eat there as well. Each man has a bunk, and two drawers to keep his kit in. There is also some hanging space in the hold for clothes. At meal times we went to the Galley—that's the cookhouse for those who don't know—collected our food and brought it back to the mess deck to eat. The food was quite good but there were only two choices—take it or leave it!

The passage—that is the nautical term for journey—to Karachi took four days. It wasn't as you might be thinking a cruising holiday in the Indian Ocean. I had to stand my watch with the rest of the crew. There are seven watches in a day; five 4-hour watches, and two 2-hour watches. The latter are called dog watches. I was employed as one of the helmsmen. There are two on duty on each watch. They alternate with half an hour at the wheel, and half an hour on look out duty. When you are not on watch you have to help with the general running of the ship. I polished the 'bright work' and peeled the 'tatties'.

When we arrived at Karachi there was a reception for the whole ship's company given by



the British Consul. Then during our week in port we were invited out to several English households for supper. There were rugby, football, and cricket games against the Consul staff. Each game was followed by a good 'jug-up'. One day some of us hired a boat and went fishing. We were successful and our diet for the day was fish grilled on the boat by the Pakistani boatman. There was also sufficient fish to feed the crew when we returned.

Karachi certainly isn't any jewel, nor is there anything very mystic about its smell. In the centre of the city there are modern sky scraper blocks and flat roofed houses. Around the city centre are large areas occupied by the poor people. They live in 'Kutchas' type huts made of straw and mud. There are many bazaars; each one has its performing monkeys and snake charmers. Prices are very expensive by our standards, and some things, like coffee, are difficult to obtain. The only public transport is trams; they always seemed to have more people hanging on the outside than travelling inside. For one chip—1s. 9d.—you could almost go anywhere. For the tourists there were horse drawn gharries. Everybody else seemed to have Lambretta scooters. There were very few lorries and freight was moved about on camel carts.

On the return passage we diverted to Muscat to refuel. This detour took an extra two days. Coming into Bahrain we passed the other four ships of the squadron on their way to Bombay. As we passed the usual naval courtesies were exchanged.

For me this was a good break from Bahrain, it gave me my second wind for the last four months of the tour. It was interesting to live with another Service and also visit the Indian continent. I think there should be more exchanges of this sort.

## OMAN PATROL OMEX 616

The sky at Fort Sayq is a perfect blue with high grey green mountains reaching up. High above the camp Egyptian eagles wheel round and round in their constant search for food.

Above our camp on slightly higher ground is the Ford itself, a dazzling white against the blue and yellow background. The round brown face of the Baluch sentry is plainly visible between the battlements, where he is leaning lazily on his machine gun as he keeps his eyes open for possible dissidents. The red flag of Muscat flaps gently in a beautifully cooling breeze. Sayq is at a height of 6,400 feet surrounded by mountains up to 8,000 ft. This means that the temperature, just by virtue of its altitude, is 22°F lower than it is in the Empty Quarter, clearly seen in the distance through a gap in the mountains.

The patrol arrived in the Oman at the Firq Oasis by RAF Argosy on 1st October. Our stomachs were upside down because in his approach the pilot cut his engines too early and we dropped onto the runway rather than landed on it. A crashed Hawker Hunter at one end of the strip and a shattered Dakota at the other certainly didn't help. No sooner were we off the aircraft there were two Wessex helicopters prepositioned from Sharjah ready to lift us up to Sayq. It took them fifteen shuddering minutes up the side of the Jabal before we dropped down near the Fort.



Our patrolling in the subsequent two weeks took us through most of the villages in the area. Each of these could be found precariously terraced on the sides of huge cliffs in the manner of the villages of Tibet. At each of the villages we would be offered coffee (etiquette demands three cups) and dates (right hand only). We in turn would give them medical treatment and allow them to handle our weapons. One little girl we treated came up to us with an eye which was covered with flies and black with blood. The medical orderly, L/Cpl. Byron, RAMC, cleared away the mess and was horrified to find nothing underneath at all. With the help of our SAF guide, Omayah, we established that she was more worried about her cut finger than her eye. She had already accepted that as one of the facts of her life.

The people of the area are almost untouched by the modern world outside, though regrettably this is now beginning to change. The Arab here is basically very simple, a farmer, devout in his religion and overpowering in his hospitality. He



7th Platoon v 3rd Company  
Desert Regiment, SAF,  
Donkey Polo.

knows nothing of the world beyond the Jabal Akhdar (Green mountain) and the Sultan.

On one of our patrols we came across a British Sea Venom. The pilot's body was buried in the mountain side near the shattered frame of his aircraft. He was shot down by the rebels by rifle fire during the Muscat Jabal war in 1959.

During our stay with 3 Company, The Desert Regiment, the Sultans Armed Forces we got to know the Baluch Arab soldiers very well. We played them at orthodox sport, football, volley ball and softball as well as the unorthodox — Donkey Polo with hockey sticks, which, for us, was a question of either disappearing over the horizon in a cloud of dust or simply sitting unsuccessfully urging the donkey forward. We were beaten 45-0.

Under the fort is a system of subterranean tunnels which were occupied by the rebels during the Jebel war as their headquarters after they had been driven out of the plains of the Oman. In the final battle for the caves, surrounded by SAF and SAS, the rebels held out for some time before being overrun. One of the caves was thought to be the treasury containing one hundred thousand pounds worth of Maria Theresa Dollars. None of this could have got out of the Royalist net, and yet has never been found—we spent a complete morning excavating but only found one half anna piece! The caves go on and on, at times only two feet high and in others completely blocked up. No one has ever been down all the passages. We wish further Omex patrols luck . . . The bones you'll find in the caves certainly didn't belong to us.

All too soon our time in Sayq was at an end and our Argosy was waiting for us at Firq.

Looking back there were many amusing incidents—like the time Cpl. Hargreaves dressed as an Arab and served drinks in the officers mess and nobody noticed. . . . Nobody ought to be allowed to go as brown as he does—And the forty-five gallon drum bath in which fifteen of us washed not only once but fourteen times without a water change. Despite our daily sterilization it began to look like cheese in the end.

A bump, a jolt, a race down the runway, the roar of reverse thrust and Omex 616 were back where it all started sixteen days before in the Passenger Lounge at RAF Muharraq.

The following took part in the patrol, Lt Pepper, Sgt. Dutton, Cpls. Harper, Hargreaves, Hawksley, L/Cpl. Byron, RAMC, Pte.'s Cross, Kavanagh, Byrne, Kindleysides, Trowell, Clarke, Metcalfe, Cole and Gee.

## IN THE LAND OF THE ABOMINABLE DOG

Sergeant Major Phillips climbs the knoll and stands like Mohammed surveying the wilderness. He sees in all directions the eye stretching panorama of the desert. Near to him a few tents with soldiers in PT shorts show the limits of his home.

Geography would show the Sergeant Major to be standing seventy kilometres East of Dubai, once a prominent haunt of pirates on this pirate coast, now a centre for the lucrative gold trade with India, unofficial perhaps. He is standing amongst hills at the northern end of the Hajar mountain range. The Hajar extends from the Trucial Oman through Oman proper towards Dhofar where the Hadramaut mountains come in from Aden. Not a well known part of the world. To the Sergeant Major and his men it is unknown. This is one reason why they are here.

It is December. More a season for wind than sun. On days when the wind blows the Sergeant Major's knoll is above the sand which blasts along close to the ground. When the wind stops the knoll is above the airspace most favoured by the flies. This is why our Sergeant Major stands on the knoll. Experience has produced the art of ensuring immunity from the hazards of unknown places. He is not however indifferent to his location. Experience has shown that an active interest pays. He is constantly appraising this new country and its effect on his soldiers. Thus he decides what needs to be done.

He is thinking. Three nights ago one of his hessian screens was removed. Arabs in this part of the world don't steal as the Koran forbids it and the penalties from the Sheikh are harsh. Secretly the Sergeant Major has his doubts about this. He knows that the peoples of unknown places always pinch your kit.

The next night another screen went. This was a screen he used himself. The situation is serious. Close by this screen area were the tracks of an enormous dog-like beast. Unearthly noises had been heard during the night.

Dog, wolf, jackal, hyena? and why latrine screens?

The next night a party of volunteers consisting of three officers and a sergeant set out to ambush the abominable dog as it moved in for the screens. Trip flares were linked to screen poles. A landrover was positioned so that its

headlights could be used. A large piece of meat was obtained. The Sergeant Major issued ammunition, three rounds per man, except one of the officers had six so the others had two each! At the last moment our Company Commander, Major Robinette, ruled that abominable dogs were out of season. That night another screen went.

Why was this company here? Not easy to deduce from observation of the area where these bedouin people had pitched their tents and screens. Soon after dawn each day platoons tramped off to adjacent valleys. There they indulged themselves with close quarter battle ranges galore, energas, grenades, light mortars and the platoon's latest but not least toy—the Charlie Gustav.

Once they stayed out for 96 hours and walked a long way up and down considerable heights. Resupplied by Wessex they did not fully appreciate these whirlybirds until one of the soldiers became very ill in the middle of the night. A Beaver arrived to drop flares and the Wessex snatched the man from the very heart of the mountains. A feat of skill by Royal Air Force pilots.

The final 72 hours of our stay in this region was taken up by Exercise Hawking Tiger. Battalion HQ arrived to take command and we in 'A' Company provided the infantry. We had a Wessex Squadron and an Army Air Corps Squadron in direct support. By the end of the exercise we had satisfied ourselves that helicopters could be successfully controlled to the maximum advantage of both services.

We returned to Bahrain in time for Christmas and in the mood for Christmas.

## **BRAVO COMPANY DEFECTS TO THE EAST**

### **After a Course at The School of Wadi Warfare**

Impressed with snippets of news filtering across from the mainland Bravo Company left the island, ostensibly for an exercise in the Trucial States. We had heard that the State of Gharbi was revolting and the Gharbi Armed Forces were engaged in hitherto unpractised phases of war—'land grabbing', 'intimidation of helpless peasants', 'R & P' (Rape and Pillage)—so we joined them.

The freshly indoctrinated and politically motivated warriors of Bravo Company quickly adopted Gharbi camouflaged jackets and red-starred peaked caps. Pin-ups were discarded and replaced with photographs of Che Guevara and

Uncle Ho—we continued the movement with more cowardly attacks on imperialist oil camps, passing arabs and unsuspecting camels.

Her Britannic Majesty's Government acted with remarkable speed and imagination and provided the 1st Bn. The Queen's Own Highlanders to restore law and order to the sands.

The Gharbi Armed Forces (GAF) massed under their second-in-command, Lt. Pepper, and awaited the arrival of their Commander, Major Dick Robinson—who arrived by helicopter and was seen hastily scratching Hanoi and Peking luggage labels from his brief case.

Despite the presence of a United Nations Peace Keeping Force—a handful of British Troops flown in from the HQs in Bahrain and Sharjah—equipped solely with the inevitable white armband, we harassed and worried the sweating and shiny Jocks up and down the Wadis and Jebels.

When sufficient earth had been scorched we withdrew swiftly in accordance with principles taught at the School of Wadi Warfare, and took refuge in our own peace loving country high in the hills; once again the 'Tigers' had overcome the 'Paper Tigers'.

The British then did a totally unexpected thing . . . they actually authorised the use of armed and aggressive aircraft and combat troops on our peace loving soil. Harassed by cowardly Hunters and punished by craven British mortars we were finally over-run in body whilst defending to the last our beautiful Wadi Jizi. Over-run in body only, for the Spirit of Teaching of the Glorious Gharbi Armed Forces lives on in the hearts of the soldiers and officers of Bravo Company!



**Gharbi Prontos being instructed on Bravo's 'White man's speaking machine'.**

# SPORTS REPORT



Lt. J. Browne in action  
against RAF Akrotiri Argonauts.

## 3rd Battalion

A tour with the United Nations Force in Cyprus has given the battalion a varied sports programme. Apart from the normal football, hockey, cross-country, rugby and shooting competitions, the battalion has participated in a Finnish Obstacle Race at Nicosia and a Swedish Town Race at Famagusta. It has even been rumoured that the Canadian Contingent plan to invite the battalion hockey team to play ice hockey if only they could find some ice!

The Finnish Obstacle Race will long be remembered by those who participated. It was a gruelling race involving ten obstacles, all designed to test individual stamina. The battalion team did extremely well and were placed third after which they were invited to sample the delights of a Finnish Sauna!

The Town Race organised by the Swedish battalion took place at Famagusta. It consisted of a relay of ten distances varying between 200 metres and 1,400 metres. Although the team were placed only fifth, all agreed that it was a thoroughly worthwhile and exciting event, which the local population look forward to yearly.

The UNFICYP Shooting competition was organised by the battalion at Limassol and was on the lines of a falling plate competition. Each Contingent provided a team of six firers and a non-firing team captain. During the day

teams were eliminated, leaving the battalion team and Irish Contingent team in the final. After a reshoot because of a tie the Irish team won a thrilling competition in 21.7 secs, the battalion team having set a record of 21.2 secs in a previous round.

The battalion football team has competed in the UNFICYP league and has played a number of friendly matches against local Greek and Turkish teams as well as against other Army and RAF sides.

Being so spread out in the various camps and OPs in the zone it has not been possible for the team to train regularly together and because of this some of the results have been a little disappointing. Nevertheless, all the games have been evenly contested and thoroughly enjoyed by all, especially the socializing after the game!

The other contingents have had strong sides, particularly the Danish team, which contained two international trialists. To date the battalion, captained by Jeff Peck, has won one game (3—2) against the Finns, drawn (1—1) against the Irish and lost two games, 4—3 against the Swedes and 5—3 against the Danes. The game against the Canadians has still to be played.

Hockey was not played in the UN Force so the battalion entered the Western Sovereign Base Area league. This was an extremely keen



and well supported league of Army and Royal Air Force teams from Akrotiri and Episkopi. After some very close and hard fought matches the battalion won the competition. League results:

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
14	11	2	1	38	11	24

In addition to the league the team has played numerous friendly matches and won the Sovereign Base Area Boxing Day Six-a-side competition in Dhekelia. Leading goal scorers: Captain Styles (17), Lieutenant Sher-vington, Lt. Browne (4) SSgt. Smith, Pte. Reid (3), Lcpl. DeCunha. Pte. Billimore (2).

During November, December and January the Cross-country team took part in weekly races organised in the Sovereign Base Area. Cpl. Nelson showed good form and won four of the races.

## 4th Battalion

### BOXING IN BAHRAIN

The Tigers, although very sport minded, could not in recent years be accused of having great fervour for the noble art of fisticuffs. However, in Bahrain a revival took place, inspired by Sgt. Fleming, REME.

Apart from one or two old hands, most of the team had never struck a blow before, but nothing daunted a rigorous training programme was started. The hard work bore fruit for in the Army Individual/Team Boxing Championships the team won 5 out of the 9 bouts and also secured the team prize by a handsome margin.



Back row, left to right: Cpl. White, L/Cpl. Jephcote, Sgt. Fleming, L/Cpl. Reid, Pte. Hopson, Sgt. Delaney (Coach).

Front row, left to right: L/Cpl. Bate, Pte. Brome, Pte. Cripps, Pte. Alderman.



**L/Cpl. Holman and Cpl. Twilley come 1st and 2nd in the 100 metres.**



**Pte. Wells putting the shot.**



#### **TOP OF THE LEAGUES**

**Admin. Company 4 Royal Anglian sports team which at the time of writing have won or are leading in the Inter Company football, basketball, cross country, swimming and water polo competitions.**

# 1st Battalion

## Cross Country

Due to inspections and leave dates clashing with many of the meetings in the Catterick Garrison Cross Country League the team only competed twice throughout the season. They managed to enter for the Northern Command Cross Country Championships, which were held at the end of January as a finale to the season, and were placed fourth out of the ten competing teams. Very creditable performances were achieved by all who ran despite the training difficulties experienced and through which Cpl. Plumb persevered to get the team fit.

It is to be hoped that the non-season we had this year is not repeated and that next season will give more scope to the several promising runners in the Battalion to show their mettle.

## Basket Ball

Basket Ball training got underway in the summer of 1969 and continued on our return from Germany in November.

On 8th December 1969, we played our first game for over a year and narrowly defeated by 11 Signal Regiment 32 points to 30. On the following day against 8 Signal Regiment we lost 35—25. On return from Christmas leave we played the 9th/12th Lancers, and not surprisingly, were beaten, as they are the Army champions. This game was very useful to the team and on 20th January we played our second match against 8 Signal Regiment and were defeated 41—28.

We have recently entered a Northern Command Knockout Competition where we were fortunate enough to reverse the tables and defeat 11 Signal Regiment 35—30.

Although starting off with a series of defeats our game is now improving and having made a good start in the Northern Command Competition we look forward to greater things in the future.

## Athletics

The season opened with an Athletics Standards Competition which was run in April and May. This resulted in a great deal of training and activity and was eventually won by 'B' Company with 'C' Company second.

The Battalion Athletics Meeting was held on 20th-21st May. This again produced a victory for 'B' Company with Pte. Haniver

again winning the Victor Ludorum Cup. 'A' Company were the runners up with 'C' Company the victors in the Tug-O-War.

The Unit entered the Northern Command Championships on 2nd July and were placed second in the team competition. Three members of the Unit team competed as individuals in the Army Championships.

## Hockey

Since the Battalion's return from BAOR in November the Hockey Team have played eight matches, six in the Catterick League and two in the Army Cup. We allowed ourselves to be knocked out of the Army Cup. After leading 4—0 at half time we let 38 Engineer Regiment draw level 4—4 and then lost 1—0 on the replay.

Since Christmas there have been troubles in raising a full strength side due to intensive training and Cadres, but every Wednesday afternoon has seen a side in action, weather permitting.

It is good to see some of the younger soldiers playing in the team, notably Ptes. Caulfield, Polston and Atten, all ex Juniors from Shorncliffe. Sgt. Thompson and Pte. Caulfield play for Catterick Services, a weekend side which plays civilian clubs, and Capt. Voy plays regularly for the Infantry XI and the Army.

We now await an improvement in the weather in order to play off the remaining twelve league games at present outstanding.

# 2nd Battalion

## FOOTBALL

The Poachers have had a mixed season and the results have not always justified the effort and training done by the team. However, the squad has enjoyed its football immensely and all the players are looking forward to games in Malaysia and to the next season in UK.

## Army Cup

We did reasonably well in this competition whilst still in the process of sorting out a firm team and tactics after the return from Gibraltar. In the first round the Army Apprentices College, Aborfield, were soundly beaten 5—2 and in the second round 1st Bn. Irish Guards were beaten 1—0 in a most thrilling game. In the third round, however, the Poachers lost in extra time

to 3rd Training Regiment RE after leading until the 89th minute!

### Other Cup News

In the Eastern District Cup early rounds were won fairly comfortably but in the semi-final the Poachers lost to 1st Bn. The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire (our old enemies on the football pitch) having once again led for the majority of the game.

In the Infantry Cup the team successfully defeated 1st Bn. The Cheshire Regiment 5-3 at Blackpool but in the quarter finals 1st Bn. The Lancashire Regiment (PWV) proved too strong for us in the second half and won 5-1.



Pte. Holt punches clear from the line. Guarding the goalmouth, left, Pte. Watt, right L/Cpl. Moore.

### SPORTS FOOTNOTE—Boxing

Just as we dispersed for Easter Leave we heard the good news from Bulford that Ptes. Kirkpatrick and Dowland had won their weights in the 3rd Division Individual Boxing Championships.

## MARRIAGES

**ALLEN-WRIGHT**—On 20th September, 1969 at Grays, Essex, Pte. C. Allen to Miss Susan Ann Wright.

**AMBROSE-WALMSLEY**—On 20th December, 1969, at Leicester, Pte. D. Ambrose to Miss Juliet Ann Walmsley.

**ARNOLD-GOMEZ**—On 12 June, 1969, at Gibraltar, Pte. K. Arnold, to Miss Maria Isobel Padilla Gomez.

**ASHWORTH-JONES**—On 21st February, 1970, at Grimsby, Cpl. Ashworth to Jackqueline Jones.

**BANHAM-FORMAN**—On 3rd January, 1970, at Northallerton, Pte. Banham to Linda Forman.

**BEADMAN-BROOKS**—On 4th October, 1969, at Leicester, Pte. H. Beadman to Caroline Jean Brooks.

**BEARDSMORE-PYATT**—On 2nd August, 1969 at Braunstone, Leics., Pte. J. Beardsmore to Jean Ann Pyatt.

**BEHAGG-McINTYRE**—On 28th March, 1970, at St. Mary's Parish Church, Chigwell, Essex, Lt. Alan Behagg to Rosalind McIntyre, only daughter of Capt. and Mrs. McIntyre.

**BILL-RICHARDS**—On 14th December, 1969, at Colchester, Cpl. M. Bill to Miss Gloria Andorsa Richards.

**BLACKADDER-BROWN**—On 16th August, 1969, at Tunstall, Cpl. Blackadder to Christine Elizabeth Brown.

**BLUNDELL-BARRITT**—On 16th August, 1969, at Barking, Pte. W. Blundell to Rita Renee Barritt.

**BRITCHFORD-GILBERT**—On 20 December, 1969, at Whittlesey, Pte. Britchford to Janet Suesan Gilbert.

**BROWN-CAIRNS**—On 14 June, 1969, at Rothbury, Northumberland, Pte. M. Brown to Miss Margaret Jane Cairns.

**CANAVAN-FORTUNE**—On 27th December, 1969, at Arklow, Cpl. Canavan to Mary Fortune.

**CHADWICK-ARKLEY**—On 15th November, 1969 at Darlington. Cpl. Chadwick to Violet Arkley.

**CHILD-PERRATON**—On 13th December, 1969, at Colchester Garrison Church, Capt. P. J. S. Child to Helen Sian Perraton.

DIXON-MacINTOSH—On 25th October, 1969, at Ipswich, L/Cpl. B. Dixon to Miss Yvonne MacIntosh.

FOWLER-BELL—On 20th December, 1969, at Tynemouth, Pte. Fowler to Ann Bell.

FULLTHORPE-FLYNN—On 11th October, 1969, at Samford, Suffolk, Pte. J. Fullthorpe to Miss Gail Flynn.

GARWOOD-MANCE—On 2nd August, 1969, at Woking, Cpl. D. Garwood to Jennifer Ann Mance.

GILMORE-BAYLY—On 28th March, 1970, Kingswear, Devon, Major A. H. V. Gilmore to Miss J. M. Bayly.

GOLDSMITH-CARR—On 20th December, 1969, at Downham, Pte. Goldsmith to Sandra Carr.

GROVES-WATERHOUSE—On 10th September, 1969, Lt. C. Groves to Susan Waterhouse.

GRAVESTOCK-BANDY—On 14th February, 1970, at Harpenden, Herts., Pte. D. Gravestock to Miss Margaret Ann Bandy.

GUY-OTON—On 23rd December, 1969, at Gibraltar, Pte. P. Guy to Miss Marie Carmen Oton.

HALL-GRIFFITHS—On 2nd August, 1969, at Ampthill, Beds. Pte. Hall to Jean Margaret Griffiths.

HANSON-KING—On 1st November, 1969, at Colchester, Pte. M. Hanson to Miss Carol King.

HARDY-CUNNINGHAM—On 14th February, 1970, at Boulton, Derbyshire, Cpl. J. Hardy to Miss Kathleen Sheila Cunningham.

HARRINGTON-GORE—On 2nd October, 1969, at Ipswich, Pte. P. Harrington to Miss Marilyn Jean Gore.

HEFFORD-STEWART—On 6th September, 1969, at Kettering, Northants., Pte. B. Hefford to Miss Linda Jean Stewart.

HOLLIDAY-THOMPSON—On 11th August, 1969, at Dunstable, Beds., Pte. M. Holliday to Janette Agnes Thompson.

HOPWOOD-SHERRELL—On 25th October, 1969, at Samford, Suffolk, Pte. M. Hopwood to Miss Jacqueline Lillian Sherrell.

JENNER-BRUCE—On 9th August, 1969, at Kings Lynn, L/Cpl. Jenner to Irene Bruce.

JOHNSON-PALMON—On 15th October, 1969, at Harrow, Pte. D. Johnson to Patricia Anne Palmon.

JOSEY-LORDON—On 15th November, 1969, at Samford, Suffolk, L/Cpl. E. Josey to Miss Carole Phylis Lordon.

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

LAWRENCE-ROBERTS—On 20th December, 1969, at Samford, Suffolk, Pte. P. Lawrence to Miss Pamela Jean Roberts.

LENNEY-FINCH—On 20th December, 1969, at Bury St. Edmunds, Bdsm. Lenney to Ann Finch.

LYONS-COCKER—On 20th December, 1969, at Newmarket, L/Cpl. Lyons to Irene Cocker.

MARSHALL-WOLSTENHOLME—On 20th December, 1969, at Gainsborough, Pte. P. Marshall to Miss Mary Lillian Wolstenholme.

McANALLY-PRIESTMAN—On 3 January, 1970, at Ballymena, Pte. McAnally to Mary Priestman.

McCABE-RAND—On 18th October, 1969, at Bury St. Edmunds, Pte. J. McCabe to Miss Annella Mary Rand.

McCARTIN-ROOK—On 23rd August, 1969, at Deal, Kent, Cpl. J. McCartin to Miss Christine Mary Rook.

MEHMED-GIDDINGS—On 13th September, 1969, at Ipswich, Pte. D. Mehmed to Hilary Ann Giddings.

MUNCEY-READ—On 14th February, 1970, at Brentwood, Essex, L/Cpl. T. Muncey to Miss Joan Evelyn Read.

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

NEWELL-ARCHER—On 27th December, 1969, at Dagenham, Essex, Pte. Newell to Pauline Archer.

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

OAKS-GORE—On 21st June, 1969, at Kings Lynn, Pte. J. Oaks to Linda Gore.

PAGE-REVELL—On 18th August, 1969, at Chelmsford, Pte. D. Page to Christine Mary Revell.

PARSONS-MANGHAM—On 27th September, 1969, at Leicester, Pte. A. Parsons to Beverley Jean Mangham.

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

POLLARD-SMITH—On 26th April, 1969, at Ipswich, Pte. J. Pollard to Miss Sandra Ann Smith.

POWLEY-RICHARDS—On 15th February, 1970, at Grimsby, Lincs., L/Cpl. D. Powley to Miss Joan Lesley Richards.

RAY-GOODWIN—On 5th April, 1970, at Samford, Suffolk, Cpl. A. Ray to Miss Valerie Rose Goodwin.

ROBSON-BLENCH—On 27th December, 1969, at Spalding, Pte. Robson to Jane Bernadette Blench.

ROCHESTER-HUDSON—On 27th September, 1969, at Romford, Pte. S. Rochester to Janet Hudson.

SAYERS-SLOAN—On 26th August, 1969, at Chelmsford, L/Cpl. C. Sayers to Karen Joy Sloan.

SEDGEWICK-BARRACK—On 16th August, 1969, at Hampstead, L/Cpl. Sedgewick to Alice Louise Claudette Barrack.

SHARP-KRITH—On 3rd January, 1970, at Sudbury, Pte. Sharp to Jane Anne Krith.

SHORT-BENNETT—On 11th October, 1969, at Croyland, Northants., L/Cpl. Short to Valerie Ann Bennett.

SMITH-RUTHERFORD—On 9th August, 1969, at Richmond, Pte. Smith to Elizabeth Jean Rutherford.

SPOONER-WEBSTER—On 9th August, 1969, at Woodbridge, Pte. Spooner to Christine Webster.

STAFFORD-STANNARD—On 14th February, 1970, at Trimley, Suffolk, L/Cpl. A. Stafford to Miss Susan Theresa Stannard.

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

STOCK-EMMS—On 14th February, 1970, at Lambeth, London, Pte. Stock to Jacqueline Ann Emms.

STRAW-CUSHNAHAN—On 29th November, 1969, at Ipswich, Pte. B. Straw to Miss Anne Catherine Cushnahan.

TAYLOR-HOLLOWAY—On 11th October, 1969, at Samford, Suffolk, Cpl. M. Taylor to Miss Susan Holloway.

TURNER-KILLAN—On 14th February, 1970, at Stockton-on-Tees, Cpl. Turner to Maureen Ann Killan.

WALKER-BUTTIGIES—On 29th April, 1969, at Gibraltar, Pte. C. Walker to Miss Mercedes Buttigies.

WHITEHEAD-ANDERSON—On 13th September, 1969, at Bishops Stortford, Herts., 2nd Lt. C. A. Whitehead to Gillian Vera Anderson.

WHYATT-OLDFIELD—On 23rd August, 1969, at Kings Lynn, Pte. C. Whyatt to Ursula Elizabeth Rosa Oldfield.

WILLEY-EVANS—On 6th December, 1969, at Williton, Somerset, Pte. V. Willey to Miss Valerie Francis Evans.

WINGFIELD-MURPHY—On 21st June, 1969, at Leicester, Pte. J. Wingfield to Catherine Elizabeth Murphy.

YOUNG-COOK—On 16th August, 1969, at Hemel Hempstead, Pte. P. Young to Stephenie Margery Cook.

## BIRTHS

ATTERBURY—On 9th June, 1969, at Louise Margaret Hospital, Aldershot, to Janet, wife of Pte. S. A. Atterbury, a son, Kevin Richard.

BANTHORPE—On 23rd November, 1969, at Teeside, to Pte. and Mrs. P. Banthorpe, a son, Jason Dean.

BARNES—On 6th April, 1969, at Lincoln, to L/Cpl. and Mrs. B. Barnes, a son, Martin Newell.

BLACKWELL—On 10th February, 1970, at St. Hillier Hospital, Sutton, to Audrey, wife of Cpl. John Blackwell, a daughter, Samantha Audrey.

BRIZAN—On 9th July, 1969, at Paddington Green, London, to Gwenyth, wife of L/Cpl. D. A. Brizan, a son, Phillip Anthony.

BYOTT—On 14th November, 1969, at Hemel Hempstead, to Janet Rose, wife of Pte. Byott, a daughter, Angela Mary.

COE—On 6th November, 1969, at Catterick Camp, to Sgt. and Mrs. D. Coe, a daughter, Sharon Jane.

COWEN—On 2nd November, 1969, at Catterick Camp, to Pte. and Mrs. D. Cowen, a daughter, Tracy Jayne.

CROSS—On 26th November, 1969, at Samford, Suffolk, to Pte. and Mrs. G. Cross, a son, Danny Ivan.

CROSS—On 12th November, 1969, at Downpatrick, N. Ireland, to Noreen, wife of Capt. R. S. Cross, a daughter, Camilla Jane.

DRAPER—On 2nd July, 1969, at Ipswich, to Cpl. and Mrs. M. Draper, a son, Darren John.

EGGETT—On 28th January, 1970, at Catterick Camp, to Pte. and Mrs. R. Eggett, a son, Carl William.

ELSTON—On 25th March, 1970, to Pte. and Mrs. J. Elston, a daughter, Deborah Michelle.

EVERETT—On 31st May, 1969, at Louise Margaret Hospital, Aldershot, to Christine, wife of Pte. V. Everett, a daughter, Paula Jean.

FROST—On 16th October, 1969, at Aldershot, to Gloria, wife of Pte. S. Frost, a son, Steven.

GILBERT—On 22nd January, 1970, at Aldershot, to Yvonne Jean, wife of Cpl. M. Gilbert, a son, Jason Nicholas Asa.

GILL—On 2nd June, 1969, to Adriana, wife of Major P. H. Gill, at Farnham General Hospital, a daughter, Clare Adrianna.

GUNFIELD—On 14th January, 1970, at Clacton, to Linda, wife of Pte. P. Gunfield, a daughter, Tracy Jane.

HAWKINS—On 26th August, 1969, at Aldershot, to Linda, wife of L/Cpl. R. Hawkins, a son, Lee David.

HAYES—On 16th July, 1968, at Ipswich, to Pte. and Mrs. D. Hayes, twins, a daughter, Mandy, and a son, David.

HICKS—On 13th September, 1969, at Spalding, to Pte. and Mrs. B. Hicks, a son, David John.

HOWELL—On 13th September, 1969, at Aldershot, to Linda, wife of L/Cpl. H. Howell, a son, Lee Thomas.

HURLOCK—On 24th October, 1969, at Aldershot, to Mary, wife of Cpl. R. Hurlock, a daughter, Anita Marie.

JOLLEY—On 11th August, 1969, at Samford, Suffolk, to L/Cpl. and Mrs. K. Jolley, a daughter, Amanda.

KELLY—On 10th May, 1969, at Ipswich, to Bds. and Mrs. P. Kelly, a son, Martin Lee.

KENNEDY—On 29th July, 1969, at Aldershot, to Margaret, wife of Cpl. R. Kennedy, a son, Michael Aldrin.

KNIGHT—On 25th February, 1970, at Catterick Camp, to Pte. and Mrs. W. Knight, a son, William George.

LAMBE—On 10th November, 1969, at Ipswich, to L/Cpl. and Mrs. B. Lambe, daughter, Donna Monica.

LAMMIN—On 29th December, 1969, at North Wing, Bedford, to Irene, wife of Pte. D. Lammin, a daughter, Justina Ann.

LEWIS—On 12th November, 1969, at Aldershot, to Jennifer, wife of Bds. M. Lewis, a son, Graham John.

LINES—On 4th December, 1969, at Aldershot, to Linda, wife of Cpl. P. Lines, a daughter, Louise Jane.

LONGLAND—On 16th October, 1969, at Gillingham, to Pamela, wife of Cpl. Longland, a son, Mark Roger.

LOUGHLIN—On 11th September, 1969, at Norwich, to Pte. and Mrs. I. Loughlin, a daughter, Jayne Ruth.

MAKIN—On 9th October, 1969, at Ipswich, to L/Cpl. and Mrs. C. Makin, a daughter, Donna Marie.

MALLEY—On 1st November, 1969, at Durham, to Avril, wife of Cpl. J. Malley, a daughter, Cheryl Mary.

MARLOW—On 3rd January, 1970, at Colchester, to L/Cpl. and Mrs. A. Marlow, a daughter, Natasha Ann.

MASON—On 16th August, 1969, at Aldershot, to Pauline, wife of L/Cpl. K. Mason, a daughter, Susanne Michelle.

MCCONNELL—On 26th September, 1969, at Aldershot, to Nancy, wife of L/Cpl. P. McConnell, a daughter, Louise Margaret.

McGOWAN—On 6th October, 1969, at Aldershot, to Maureen, wife of Cpl. M. McGowan, a daughter, Jane.

MOGER—On 31st December, 1969, at King's Lynn, to Joyce, wife of Cpl. J. Moger, a son, Graham John.

MOORE—On 20th November, 1969, at Gainsborough, to Cpl. and Mrs. D. Moore, a son, Steven John.

NEWSTEAD—On 9th February, 1970, at Aldershot, to Anita, wife of Pte. D. Newstead (deceased), a son, David.

NOBLE—On 25th February, 1970, at Catterick Camp, to the wife of WOII J. Noble, a son, Richard Anthony.

NORTHWOOD—On 2nd January, 1970, at Wisbech, Cambs., to Rosaleen, wife of Pte. D. Northwood, a son, Andrew David.

PAYNE—On 13th August, 1969, at Ipswich, to Pte. and Mrs. W. Payne, a daughter, Sally Ann.

PAYNE—On 20th September, 1969, at Greenwich, to Jean, wife to Pte. Payne, a son, Ian Colin.

PECK—On 27th September, 1969, at Catterick Camp, to the wife of L/Cpl. J. Peck, a daughter, Dawn Amber Tracey.

PEPLOW—On 27th June, 1968, at Felixstowe, to Cpl. and Mrs. M. Peplow, a son, Care William.

PIKE—On 11th November, 1969, to Libby, wife of Major W. R. W. Pike, a son, Ashley Charles William.

PLUMB—On 23rd February, 1970, at Glamorgan, S. Wales, to Gail, wife of L/Cpl. J. Plumb, a son, Stephen, John.

QUINTON—On 30th January 1970, at Edmonton, London, to Patricia, wife of Pte. M. Quinton, a son, Shane Mark.

ROBINSON—On 23rd December, 1969, at Nocton Hall, Linc., to Betty, wife of Major R. H. Robinson, a son, Timothy Edward.

SEARLE—On 25th September, 1969, at Ipswich, to Cpl. and Mrs. R. Searle, a son, Mark Richard.

SHERVINGTON—On 6th March, 1970, at Louise Margaret Hospital, Aldershot, to Victoria, wife of Lt. P. F. Shervington, a daughter, Susannah Jean.

SHORT—On 2nd January, 1970, at Peterborough, to L/Cpl. and Mrs. R. Short, a son, Craig Anthony.

SIMPSON—On 16th May, 1968, at Trimley St. Martin, Suffolk, to Sgt. and Mrs. M. Simpson, a son, Andrew.

SMITH—On 30th September, 1969, at Aldershot, to Marion, wife of L/Cpl. D. B. Smith, a daughter, Lucy Tanyanna.

SMITH—On 23rd February, 1970, at Colchester, to Pamela, wife of L/Cpl. P. Smith, a son, Julian Lawrence.

STARR—On 7th October, 1969, at Aldershot, to Iris, wife of Pte. W. Starr, a son, Brian Paul.

TAGG—On 1st November, 1969, at Colchester, to Maria, wife of L/Cpl. Tagg, a son, Wayne Anthony.

TOSELAND—On 29th January, 1970, at Kettering, to Mary, wife of Pte. Toseland, a son, Sean Peter.

TOWERS—On 19th July, 1969, at Melton, Suffolk, to C/Sgt. and Mrs. R. Towers, a son, Warren Mark.

WADE—On 29th December, 1969, at Colchester, to Cpl. and Mrs. A. Wade, a daughter, Carie Michelle.

WALKER—On 23rd January, 1970, at Lincoln, to Patricia, wife of Pte. B. Walker, a daughter, Teresa Michelle.

WALKER—On 3rd September, 1969, at Gibraltar, to Pte. and Mrs. C. Walker, a son, Alistair.

WATT—On 9th November, 1969, at Ipswich, to Pte. and Mrs. T. Watt, a daughter, Tresa Elizabeth.

WILES—On 13th November, 1969, at Ipswich, to Pte. and Mrs. M. Wiles, a daughter Tracy Jane.

WILLOUGHBY—21st November, 1969, at Louth, Lincs., to Cpl. and Mrs. B. Willoughby, a daughter, Helen Carol.

## OBITUARY

### Colonel A. W. Innes, OBE, MC

The sudden death of Colonel Tony Innes at his home on the 11th January, 1970, came as a great shock to all his friends. He was always full of life and energy and we all looked forward to his further promotion and many years of his friendship.

He was educated at Pangbourne and commissioned into The Lincolnshire Regiment in 1936 and was posted to the 1st Battalion in India in 1937. The War brought him rapid promotion to Captain in 1939 and Major in 1941. He commanded a company first on the North West Frontier and subsequently in Burma during the Arakan Campaigns. He was awarded the Military Cross for gallantry and leadership in his first battle at Donbaik in 1943, and a Bar in 1944.

He returned to England on repatriation in 1944 and early 1945 joined the British Army Staff in Washington, where he met his wife. From then he served with the 6th Battalion as 2.i/c and the Royal Leicesters, after which his service was mostly staff, including duty as Instructor at the School of Infantry, and as a member of the Directing Staff at the Staff College, Camberley.

In 1953 he rejoined the 1st Battalion, later becoming 2.i/c taking part in the Battalion initial operations in Malaya.

After a further staff appointment as GSOI (Intelligence) he took command of the 1st Battalion in September 1957, and was responsible for a series of successful jungle operations and was awarded the OBE in 1958. He took the Battalion to Germany via UK with an unexpected tour en-route in Aden during the Jordan crisis. He was the last CO of the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment and Trooped the Colour for the last time in a memorable parade in Minden in August 1959. After command he was promoted Colonel in May 1960, and intelligence became his main concern and after three years at the War Office he was selected for the appointment of Military Attache in Moscow. This entailed for him a year of grinding toil to become proficient in Russian before taking



up the appointment. On leaving Moscow he returned to duty at HQ BAOR and finally at the MOD Operational Analysis Establishment at Byfleet, from where he hoped to retire.

Tony Innes was a fine soldier both in the field and as an instructor and staff officer. His many friends looked forward to seeing him go far and his death is a sad loss to the Army as well as to his many friends.

Our very deep sympathy goes to his family.

#### LIEUT.-COL. A. WEYMAN, MC

Arthur Weyman, affectionately known to all his friends as 'Tweaks', a nickname acquired at Oxford that persisted throughout his life, was gazetted to the then Leicestershire Regiment in 1912 and posted to the 1st Battalion at Aldershot, just prior to its move to Fermoy. During the battles of the Aisne and Hooge, Weyman was Battalion Machine Gun Officer, and in June 1915 when the battalion moved into Ypres Salient he became Adjutant, and Brigade Major two years later. He served throughout the whole war on the Western Front, with never, as happened to nearly all of us, any break through wound or sickness. We came to think of him as untouchable. His services in the Great War were signalled by the award of the Military Cross, Legion of Honour and Croix de Guerre.

After the war his vast wartime infantry experience, sense of humour and kindness made him a most successful and popular Adjutant of our 5th TA Battalion from 1923-1926. Then followed eight years with the 1st Battalion in India and two with the 2nd in Londonderry. He took command of the Depot in 1936, and the Regiment was very lucky to have him there to arrange the most successful 250th Anniversary Celebrations. He had just retired on to the Reserve of Officers when the outbreak of World War II recalled him.

After the war he settled in North Wales near the home of his uncle, that prince of storytellers to my generation, Stanley Weyman. Like several of his brother officers he had had the good sense to seek a wife in Ireland and the good fortune to find a winner in Joyce Pack Beresford, one of the prettiest and most charming of the girls in West Meath. It proved an ideal marriage, rounded off with two sons and a daughter, all happily married. 'Tweaks' life ran on very pleasant lines, and no one deserved it more.

He entered very fully into his new life, churchwarden, president of the Ruthin Football Club and of the Ruthin Branch of the British Legion, governor of two schools, and in 1958 was High Sheriff of the County of Denbighshire, in short a very devoted and useful life both in the Army and in retirement.

In the Regiment he is remembered as an outstanding and most popular officer. The friendship of 'Tweaks' and Joyce will always be cherished by the many who enjoyed it, but at this time my mind goes back most of all to the trenches in the Ypres Salient where I first knew him. There were about half-a-dozen of us, 'Tweaks', Esmond Morrison, Eric Mosse, Willy Adie (about the best RMO there ever was), the two McIntyres and I, were the 'regulars' of a little band of brothers who spent every afternoon that we could get away when the battalion was in brigade reserve, at the Poperinghe house of five sisters of a lace-making family, refugees from Ypres. In their welcoming hospitality we could forget for an hour or two the dirt, blood and losses of the trenches. I can still taste that strong tea and hear the laughter and chatter of those five great-hearted and courageous girls. They helped us to remember that we were young—those were the days. Many other memories of 'Tweaks' crowd in, but always I see him most clearly in the sparkling gaiety of those snatched Poperinghe tea-parties.

This memoir would have been more properly written by Eric Mosse or Esmond Morrison, alas that I should be the only survivor of that little band of brothers, the rest of whom will have given an uproarious welcome to 'Tweaks' in Valhalla. Napier said that a British regiment had this much in common with the gods, immortality and perpetual youth. And now, on the eve of the dissolution of our particular stream of youth and immortality, the passing of so true a Tiger as 'Tweaks' Weyman has for his oldest friends a special poignancy. We say Hail and Farewell not only to him but to the entity, until now undying, whether the 17th Foot, The Leicestershire Regiment, The Royal Leicestershire Regiment, or the 4th Battalion of The Royal Anglian Regiment.

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**LIEUT.-COL. H. BARRINGTON BROWN,  
DSO**

Hugh Barrington Brown was educated at St. Paul's School and served in the 3rd (Militia) Battalion of The Suffolk Regiment from 1905 to 1909. He joined 1st Battalion The Leicestershire Regiment in May 1909, and from Fermoy in Ireland in 1914 went to France with them. He took part in the fighting at the Marne and the Aisne and was promoted Captain during the first battle of Ypres. In May 1915 he was Battalion Grenade Officer and was awarded the DSO 'For conspicuous gallantry and good service in the trenches at Hooze between August 2nd and 5th 1915 when in charge of a Brigade bombing party'. He was in action for three days under intense shell fire and his party was several times buried and had to be dug out. After being promoted to Lieut.-Colonel he commanded the battalion in a successful assault on enemy trenches during the battle of Cambrai. He was given the Brevet rank of Major in 1918 and three times mentioned in despatches. After serving in Germany as a Staff Officer during the post-war period, he returned to the Regiment and was Adjutant at the Regimental Depot from 1922 to 1925, later serving with the 1st Battalion in Egypt until he retired in 1926.

In 1939 he became a Special Constable in Wiltshire and in the second world war rejoined the Army, serving as a General Staff Officer in Southern Command from 1940-1941 and as Adjutant of the 25th (Civil Service) Home Guard in London.

Rejoining the Wiltshire Constabulary as a Special Constable after the war, he was promoted Sergeant in 1952, and Inspector in 1960. When he died in October 1969, he was probably the oldest Police Inspector in the country.

I knew Hugh Barrington Brown, 'Bruno' to his many friends, since he joined the Regiment. He was a first-class officer with a keen sense of duty and of a very kindly nature. He was universally liked and respected, and after leaving the Army he carried on his work with the Special Constabulary, and was actively engaged in local voluntary work and was also a churchwarden. In 1950 he married Mrs. Dorothy Willcox. They were both keen gardeners and lived happily at Warminster.

H.S.P.

## DEATHS

**AVERY**—On 19th December, 1969, in London, John Edward Avery, late The Northamptonshire Regiment.

**BALE**—On 27th October, 1969, of 44 Drinkstone Street, Leicester, ex-Pte. F. C. Bale, late of The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

**BARRINGTON-BROWN**—On 15th October, 1969, of 80 Boreham Road, Littlehurst, Warminster, Wiltshire, Lieut.-Colonel H. Barrington-Brown, DSO, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

**BEAL**—On 22nd February, 1970, at Brockenhurst, Hampshire, Major Leonard Frank Beal, MC, aged 80 years, late the 2nd Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment.

**BIRCH**—On 11th December, 1969, Mr. Ellis Birch, late 1st/5th Bn. The Essex Regiment, TA.

**CHIRNSIDE**—On 21st November, 1969, at Bedford, Lieut.-Colonel W. S. Chirnside, MC, aged 84 years, late 16th Foot.

**CLARKE**—In October, 1969, in Star & Garter Home, Mr. Alfred Clarke, aged 80, late The Essex Regiment.

**COLEMAN**—On 7th November, 1969, in London, Major J. D. Coleman, late The Northamptonshire Regiment, as a result of an accident.

**COOK**—On 27th February, 1970, at Brentwood, Mr. A. W. Cook, aged 80 years, late The Essex Regiment.

**COOPER**—In February, 1969, Lieut.-Colonel K. E. Cooper, late The Essex Regiment.

**CORDERY**—On 5th December, 1969, at Bedford, A/Major William R. Cordery, aged 57, late RE, serving with Bedfordshire ACF as Quartermaster.

**CRAIGIE**—On 28th September, 1969, at Napsbury Hospital, Mr. Edward Charles Craigie, late The Essex Regiment.

**DAVEY**—On 9th December, 1969, at Northampton, Ernest William Davey, late Sgt., The Northamptonshire Regiment.

**DAWKS**—On 19th December, 1969, at Bedford, Mr. Sidney Charles Dawks, aged 79 years, late The Bedfordshire Regiment.

**DAY-ADAMS**—On 6th February, 1970, of Knighton Close, Ratcliffe Road, Leicester, Captain G. Day-Adams, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

- DENNIS—In October, 1969, Mr. W. Dennis, late 2nd Bn. The Essex Regiment.
- DENSHAM—On 20th March, 1970, at East Croydon, John William Densham, aged 70, late 2nd Bn. Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (suddenly).
- DINES—On 20th February, 1970, at Prittlewell, Mr. P. G. Dines, aged 57, late The Essex Regiment.
- DITE—On 17th March, 1970, Mr. Norman F. Dite, late 1st Bn. The Essex Regiment.
- DOCKRELL—On 4th January, 1970, at Northampton, Alderman Thomas Hayes Dockrell, FRCSI, late RMO to 4th Bn. The Northamptonshire Regiment.
- DUNN—In January, 1970, at Grimsby, J. Dunn, MM, aged 74, late 2nd/5th Bn. The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (suddenly).
- DURRELL—On 9th October, 1969, ex-Sgt. Ted Durrell, aged 62, late The Essex Regiment.
- GOODEY—On 15th March, 1970, of 68 Winstanley Drive, Braunstone, Leicester, Mr. C. Goodey, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.
- GOTCH—On 29th November, 1969, at St. Leonards-on-Sea, Major Davis Ingle Gotch, MBE, MC, TD, late 6th (S) Bn. The Northamptonshire Regiment.
- GRAY—On 4th January, 1970, at Clare Hall Hospital, South Mimms, Mr. T. Gray of Letchworth, aged 48 years, late The Hertfordshire Regiment.
- HAMP—In December 1969, at Harts Hospital, Mr. George A. Hamp, late The Essex Regiment.
- HARRIS—On 3rd March, 1970, at Northampton, Joseph (Chuck) Ernest Harris, late The Northamptonshire Regiment.
- HARVEY—In June 1969, Mr. A. Harvey, late 8th and 9th Bns. The Essex Regiment.
- HEARD—On 20th September, 1969, at Colchester Military Hospital, Lieut.-Colonel Hugh Eric Heard, TD, aged 73, late 4th Bn. The Essex Regiment TA.
- HERBERG—In April, 1969, ex CSM Herberg late 8th Bn. The Essex Regiment.
- HILL—On 24th December, 1969, Mr. T. Hill, late 1st/7th Bn. The Essex Regiment.
- HOLMES—On 4th November, 1969, at Northampton, Percy Holmes, late The Northamptonshire Regiment.
- HUGHES—On 15th December, 1969, in London, Mr. W. T. Hughes, late the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment.
- INNES—On 11th January, 1970, at Duncan House, Dolphin Square, London S.W.1. Colonel Anthony Walter Innes, OBE, MC, aged 53, late Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (suddenly).
- JEPSON—In January, 1970, at Grimsby, James, aged 72, late 10th Battalion (Chums) The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (after a long illness).
- KIRBY—On 10th December, 1969, at Brentwood after a long illness, Mr. Bert Kirby, late 1st and 2nd Bns. The Essex Regiment.
- LAMBLEY—In January, 1970, at Grimsby, Herbert Lambley, BEM, aged 63, late 1st and 2nd Bn. The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (suddenly).
- LAURENCE—On 22nd October, 1969, Mr. D. L. Laurence, late 1st/7th Bn. The Essex Regiment.
- LOVETT—On 30th January, 1970, of 5 Pawley Green, Eyres Monsell Estate, Leicester, ex-Pte J. Lovett, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.
- MARJORAM—On 31st December, 1969, ex CQMS F. Marjoram, late The Essex Regiment.
- MURDIN—On 6th March, 1970, at Northampton General Hospital, George Henry Murdin, late The Northamptonshire Regiment.
- NEALE—On 13th February, 1970, of 24 Methuan Avenue, Thurmaston, Leicester, ex-Bandmaster A. E. Neale, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.
- NELSON-DUNN—On 18th January, 1970, of Wild Goose Cottage, Burnham Overy Staithe, King's Lynn, Norfolk, Lieut.-Colonel W. Nelson-Dunn, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.
- NEWSTEAD—On 11th February, 1970, in Cyprus, David Newstead, aged 26, The 3rd Bn. The Royal Anglian Regiment, as a result of a traffic accident.
- NORFOLK—On 15th March, 1970, ex-Sgt. A. C. Norfolk, late Pompadours.
- O'BRYAN—On 24th June, 1969, at Bedford, Mr. Charles William (Pat) O'Bryan, DCM, aged 71 years, late 16th Foot.
- OVERY—On 15th November, 1969, at Bishop's Stortford, Sgt. W. Overy, late Band Sergeant, 2nd Bn. The Northamptonshire Regiment.
- PALMER—On 6th January, 1970, at Glapthorn, Northamptonshire, John William Palmer, aged 79 years, late 6th (S) Bn., The Northamptonshire Regiment.

PERDEAUX—On 17th March, 1970, Mr. A. S. M. Perdeaux, late The Essex Regiment.  
 RANKIN—On 11th March, 1970, in St. Peter's Hospital, Maldon, Mr. D. Rankin, late The Essex Regiment.  
 REEVES—On 24th January, 1970, at Grimsby, George Reeves, aged 59, late 4/6th Bn. The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (suddenly).  
 RIGGALL—On 26th January, 1970, at Lincoln, Lieut.-Colonel Harold Riggall, OBE, DL, JP, aged 75, late 5th Bn. Lincolnshire Regiment.  
 ROBSON—On 22nd March, 1970, at Guildford, Charles Robson, ex-RSM, Lincolnshire Regiment.  
 SAVILLE—In June, 1969, Mr. G. H. Saville, who served with the Pompadours 1919-1926.  
 SWAN—In December, 1969, Mr. T. Swan, late 1st Bn. The Essex Regiment.

TURNER—In October, 1969, Mr. A. Turner, late 6th and 10th Bns. The Essex Regiment.  
 WARD—In May, 1969, in Ontario, Canada, Mr. F. M. Ward, aged 87 years, former Sgt. The Bedfordshire Regiment.  
 WATSON—In February, 1970, Mr. Charles Watson, late 6th Bn. The Essex Regiment.  
 WESTALL—In February, 1970, Mr. Bernard C. Westall, CBE., late 6th Bn. (Cedars) The Essex Regiment.  
 WHALLEY—On 12th March, 1970, Mr. Thomas W. Whalley, aged 85, late The Essex Regiment.  
 WINDMILL—On 22nd February, 1970, at St. Albans, Hertfordshire, Mr. George Windmill, aged 75 years, late 6th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment.  
 WOODCOCK—On 25th December, 1969, of 11 Oak Street, Leicester, Mr. E. Woodcock, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

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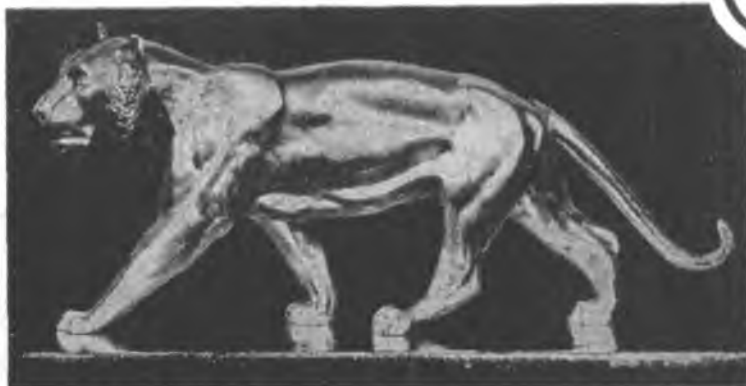


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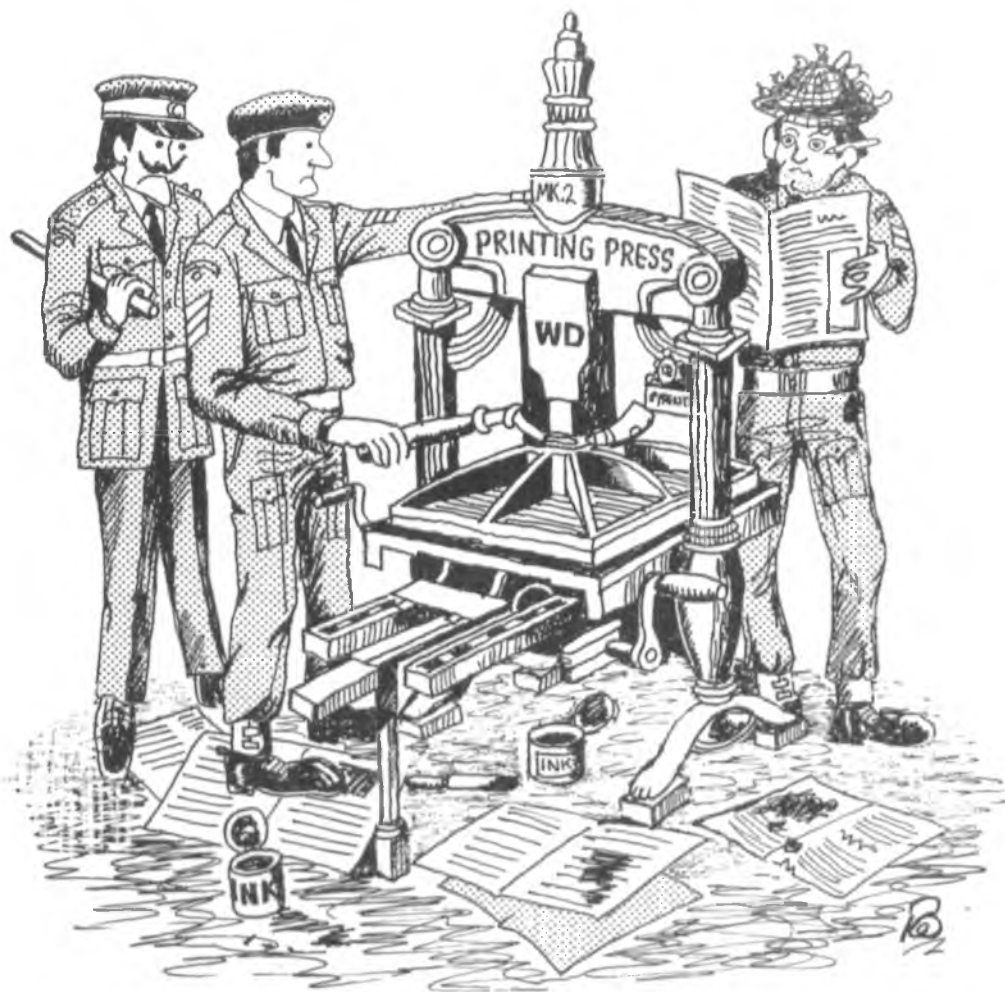
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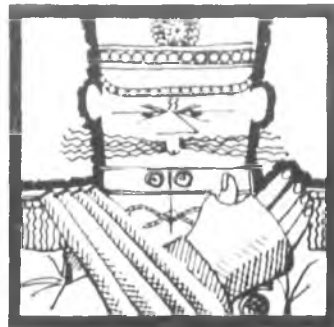
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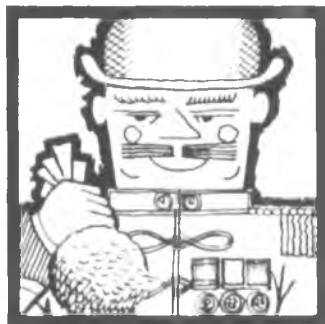
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