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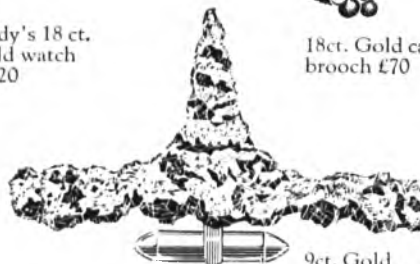
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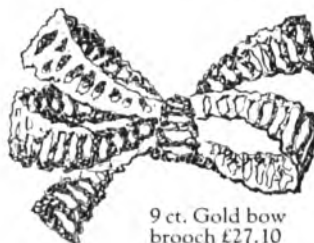
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Corporal Waldron, L/Cpl. Reid and Corporal Jack of Wightmans Regiment (17th Foot) wearing 18th Century uniform for an historic item at the Edinburgh Tattoo, reported on page 14.



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Major J. T. Dudley (Rtd.).

Pte. Angle

On Good News

On 12th September, at a Dinner given by the Lord Mayor of Leicester to celebrate the retention of the 4th Battalion at company strength and to cement relationships between the City, County and Regiment, the following message from The Duchess of Gloucester was read out by The Lord Mayor:

'Her Royal Highness, your Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, wishes me to tell you that she has heard with great relief that her 4th Battalion Royal Anglian Regiment (formerly Royal Leicestershire) has now been given a new lease of life.

She would like to join with the Lord Mayor and people of Leicester and Leicestershire in the great joy they must feel at this good news and sends her best wishes to all for an enjoyable Dinner.'

On One Thing or Another

It is one thing to say something is going to happen but quite another to be *sure* it will happen!

So it has been with the drama surrounding the future of the 4th Battalion. Now that Battalion is to remain at Company strength and to be employed as Demonstration Company for Sandhurst and Mons OCS...

LET US HOPE THAT THIS LATEST DECISION WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A PERIOD OF STABILITY.

Not only would this help recruiting, on which our very existence depends, even in three and one fifth Battalion form, but the Editor of CASTLE would not be left with plans to publicise the 'Disbandment Ceremonies' which never came off.

Officially we do not know yet by what title this Company will be known, but unofficially The Colonel of The Regiment has agreed it will be called 'Tiger' Company.

On New News

The 2nd Battalion has been ordered to Northern Ireland for a four month unaccompanied tour commencing 27th October. The families will remain in Colchester.

On Regimental Headquarters

The Regimental Secretaries are suffering from constant sniping at their Establishments. Most of them have lived long enough in good solid old buildings to weather the storm. You might say some are too old anyway—buildings and secretaries! It is however a fact that attendances at Old Comrades' Association Dinners and other functions, such as visitors to Regimental Museums, are increasing annually. We maintain, and we have the support of Headquarters, The Queen's Division, that a major role of RHQs in the present day infantry organisation is to foster the 'esprit de corps' and pride in the Regiment throughout our widespread territorial area. Regimental Headquarters and their small staffs are each a vital link in the Regimental chain.

Although these headquarters are no longer able to offer mess facilities please do not hesitate to call in when passing. RHQ in Bury can now offer you a drink and could provide a snack if you warn them. This applies to Private Angle as well as Colonel Angle.

On The Officers' Dinner Club

They will dine at the United Services Club on 11th December. The newly formed Dinner Club Committee met on Friday, 25th September, and amongst other things decided that the Dinner should be held on the second Friday in November annually.

On Sale

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1st Battalion

Lt.-Col. R. L. Jackson: Commanding.
WOI J. Nichols: RSM.
Station: Ebrington Barracks, Londonderry, N. Ireland.
Arms Plot: No change.

2nd Battalion

Lt.-Col. R. E. J. Gerrard-Wright, MBE: Commanding.
WOI A. D. Bird: RSM.
Station: Hyderabad Barracks, Colchester, Essex.
Arms Plot: To BAOR (Munster) in May 1971; to Northern Ireland 27 October, 1970, four months, unaccompanied.

3rd Battalion

Lt.-Col. K. Burch, MBE: Commanding.
WOI I. G. Ford: RSM.
Station: Normandy Barracks, Aldershot, Hants.
Arms plot: To BAOR in December 1970—Paderborn.

4th Battalion

Maj. M. L. A. Duffie: Commanding.
Capt. M. E. Romily: Commanding 'Tiger' Company.
Maj. J. C. D. Heggs: To Command in January 1971.
CSM D. Spalding.
Station: Gordon Barracks, Gillingham, Kent.
Arms Plot: To Demonstration Company for RMA Sandhurst and Mons OCS, early 1971. Accommodation probably Aldershot. Move dates not firm.

5th (Volunteer) Battalion

Lt.-Col. P. D. Blyth: Commanding.
WOI J. K. Duke: RSM.
Station: RHQ & HQ Coy, TAVR Centre, London Road, Peterborough.
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Major D. T. Hooton, TD
TAVR Centre, Clare Street, Northants.

On Apologies

For the sub-standard of the production of CASTLE last May, particularly the photographs. You will see by the 'Contents' page that we have changed our printers.



**Presentation Silver Tigers in front of the Colours of the 4th and 5th Battalions
The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.**

LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND HEADQUARTERS AND THE ROYAL TIGERS' ASSOCIATION

On 25th August Major General John Spurling wrote the following:

'You will have heard that the 4th Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment, formerly the 1st Battalion The Royal Leicestershire Regiment, has been given the opportunity of staying on at Company strength. After consultation with Lieutenant General Sir Richard Goodwin we have accepted the offer.

In view of this, I feel it wrong to go ahead with the arrangements made for the 12th September which were intended to mark the final disbandment of the 4th Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment.

I have therefore decided that we should not lay up the Colours of the 1st and 2nd Battalions The Royal Leicestershire Regiment on 12th September. The remainder of the day's programme is also inappropriate.

New Colours will probably be presented to battalions of The Royal Anglian Regiment in the next few years. In my view the Colours of The Royal Leicestershire Regiment should not be laid up in the Cathedral until then. Meanwhile, the representative "Tigers' Company" will have the 1st Battalion's Colours in its care.

I am sure you will agree that these decisions are in the best interests of both Regiments.'

This letter was sent to all guests invited and to all members of the Royal Tigers' Association. It is hoped everybody was given adequate warning.

On 10th September the Colonel of the Regiment sent the following letter to HRH The Duchess of Gloucester, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief.

'With humble duty and considerable pride I am able to inform Your Royal Highness that the 4th Battalion of my Regiment, in which you have always taken such intense interest, is to be retained in the Order of Battle for The Army at Company strength.

The problems relating to shortage of manpower within the Army as a whole, and the Infantry in particular, remain. Leicestershire has always been my Regiment's best recruiting area and so I am particularly glad that the Army Board has seen fit to retain a Company of my 4th Battalion which was until so recently the famous Royal Leicestershire Regiment—The 17th of Foot.

I am not yet in a position to inform Your Royal Highness regarding details of the formation and role of this Company. This is being studied at present. I have no doubt that it will play a most important part in enhancing the Regiment's reputation wherever it may serve.

I close by stressing once again how very proud and privileged we are to have Your Royal Highness as one of our Deputy Colonels and one who has taken such a particular interest in the 4th Battalion and in its connections with Leicestershire and Rutland.'

The Lord Mayor of Leicester gave a most enjoyable dinner in his rooms to celebrate the battalion's partial reprieve and at the same time honour The Royal Anglian Regiment. He read a message from the Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Gloucester, in which she said that she had heard the news with great relief. He said it was necessary now to forge ahead and work hard at the promotion of a similar relationship between the City and County and The Royal Anglian Regiment as was enjoyed between the City and County and The Royal Leicestershire Regiment over a long number of years.

Major General Spurling, who proposed the health of The Royal Anglian Regiment, supported what the Lord Mayor had said and confirmed what he had written in his letter, and Lieutenant General Sir Richard Goodwin, who replied, said that whatever the official title might be the new Company shall be known within the Regiment as the Tigers Company, and continued 'It's role is as yet undetermined, but I am convinced that it must be a worthwhile one and I will press for this strongly.' It was most appropriate that the 4th Battalion Band should play at the Lord Mayor's Dinner for the last time prior to disbandment. Both the Band and Drums will be very greatly missed.

Standing in front of the 1st and 2nd Bn Colours of The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

Lt.-Col. K. Burch, Lt.-Col. R. Gerrard-Wright, Major General John Spurling, The Lord Mayor of Leicester (Alderman George Baldwin), Lieutenant General Sir Richard Goodwin, Lt.-Col. T. Holloway, Brigadier J. A. C. Cowan. The 4th Battalion Centre-piece (formerly that of 2nd Bn The Royal Leicestershire Regiment) can be seen on the table.





C/Sgt. W. Moore, R. Leicesters Cadre; RSM P. Garman, 4 R. Anglian; WO.II D. Perry, R. Leicesters Cadre.

At the same time as the Lord Mayor's Dinner a Sergeants' Mess Dinner was being held

at Ulverscroft Road, which was attended by all RSMs and presided over by RSM Garman.

Back row:

WO.II McDonnell, 1 R. Anglian; WO.II R. Chapman, 3 R. Anglian; RSM J. Duke, 5 R. Anglian; Ex RQMS F. O'Sullivan, formerly 4 R. Anglian; RSM A. D. Bird, 2 R. Anglian; Ex RSM T. J. Marston, MBE, formerly 1 R. Leicesters; RSM P. Garman, 4 R. Anglian; RSM T. Bullock, 3 R. Anglian; ex RSM R. Sprason, formerly 4 R. Anglian; RSM J. Nicholls, 1 R. Anglian; WO.II J. Morris, MM, 4 R. Anglian; WO.II R. Leatherland, 2 R. Anglian; WO.II P. Jones, 4 R. Anglian; WO.II A. Hurst, 4 Coy 5 R. Anglian.

C/Sgt. W. Moore, R. Leicesters Cadre.



Front row:

Sgt. T. Freakley, 4 R. Anglian; C/Sgt. F. Baker, Depot; Capt. J. Tilley, 17 AYT; ex C/Sgt. B. Welch, formerly R. Anglian; CSM C. Murray, Depot; C/Sgt. J. Bloomfield, 4 Coy 5 R. Anglian; WO.II K. Cook, 4 Coy 5 R. Anglian; WO.II D. Edwards, No 2 Coy 5 R. Anglian; WO.II R. Swain, No. 1 Coy 5 R. Anglian.

When it was thought that the Tigers' battalion was to be disbanded, and as most of the Officers, Warrant Officers, Sergeants and men were being posted to the remaining battalions, it was decided to give a silver tiger to each of the Officers' and Sergeants' Messes of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Battalions of The Royal Anglian Regiment. At 7 p.m. on 12th September at a simple ceremony at the TAVR Centre, Ulverscroft Road, in the presence of the Lords Lieutenant of Leicestershire and Rutland, the Lord Bishop, the Lord Mayor of Leicester, Lieutenant General Sir Richard Goodwin, the Provost, Civic dignitaries and members of both our Officers' and Sergeants' Messes, Major General Spurling presented these tigers. All Regular and T & AVR Commanding Officers and RSMs of The Royal Anglian Regiment was present except Lt.-Col. Roy Jackson, Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion serving in Londonderry, who was unable to get away, but his Brigade Commander, Brigadier Alan Cowan, a former Tiger, received it for him.



As we had planned to make 12th September our big day this year, we did not have the usual Royal Tigers' Weekend in June. The Officers' Regimental Dinner was, however, held at the Army and Navy Club, London, on 26th June, with Major General Spurling in the chair. Sixty-eight serving and retired officers were present and Colonel T. C. S. Haywood, Lord Lieutenant of Rutland, Colonel 'Pen' Lloyd, Chairman of Leicestershire County Council, and Lt.-Col. Sir Kenneth Ruddle, retiring Chairman of Rutland County Council, were our guests.

The Annual General Meeting and Dinner of the Association took place on Saturday, 18th July. Unfortunately, General Spurling was unable to be present but Colonel Upcher took the chair at the meeting and Colonel Pallot, Deputy Colonel Designate for Leicestershire and Rutland, presided at the dinner.

The Association are most grateful to the Lords Lieutenant of Leicestershire and Rutland for agreeing to sponsor an Appeal for the Association and to those who have contributed so generously. The Appeal continues until 8th November and already over £3,000 has been contributed.



RSM J. Nicholls, 1 R. Anglian.



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Tiger Talk

It is such an unexpected pleasure to write a 'Birth Notice' instead of an 'Obituary', that it is difficult to find appropriate words.

Suffice it to say that we have already formed the new representative Company at Gillingham, yet to be officially christened. We had more volunteers than vacancies—an encouraging start! Indeed, a number of those who were buying themselves out have now opted to remain and are allowed to do so in the new company. Let's hear from some of you who have already gone!

We are naturally delighted at the selection of commander for the company—Major John Heggs when he finishes his staff tour early in the New Year. Equally enthusiastically we are looking forward to starting our new role as Demonstration Company for the RMA at Sandhurst and MONS OCS at Aldershot. This is a challenging responsibility from and through which we are pledged to re-build the 4th Battalion.



Going ashore from HMS 'Fearless'.

For the rest of us—we came back from Bahrain after a good military tour, concluded with an amphibious exercise from *HMS Fearless* in which we defeated an insurgent army in fine style despite the umpires' habit of resurrecting the enemy armour at a rate to gladden the heart of any production manager in a vehicle factory.

We have posted most of our men away now and the balance will leave soon—we wish them good fortune wherever they serve.

Last major 4th Battalion
Exercise at Bahrain



EXERCISE TIGERS STANDARD

by

Major J. Robinette, 4th Battalion

Exercise Tigers Standard was a vehicle borne patrol carried out in Muscat and Oman by a composite company group of the 4th Battalion in the period 1st-14th April, 1970.

The group was composed of A Company Headquarters, a platoon each from the three rifle companies, the Recce Platoon and the normal complement of signallers and cooks, etc., from Command and Administrative Companies. We also took along Command and Admin Company clerks to give them a rest from Bahrein. A small detachment of 255 Signal Squadron accompanied us from Bahrein to provide a rear link and communications on the Desert Guard net. Attached from Sharjah units were a detachment of 668 Army Aviation Squadron with one Sioux, drivers and vehicles of 90 Squadron RCT and a small repair team from 1 Infantry Workshop. The total strength of the patrol was 162 men with ten Landrovers, eleven 3 tonners, one Light Recovery vehicle, a 3 tonner modified to carry a water tank and a Sioux helicopter.

The patrol formed up in Sharjah on the 31st March and moved off at 0730 hrs., the 1st April. Apart from one occasion when we moved as one convoy the patrol was split into groups for movement. These groups were normally composed of a rifle platoon plus either a section of the Recce Platoon or a portion of the HQ group.

On the first day, once having motored East along the tarmac to Dayd and South through the gravel plain between Jebel Fayah and the main mountain range we passed into unfamiliar country. It was on the first day that we wondered how far we would manage to get anyway. Apart from several punctures, two of the 3 tonners burst their radiators and one suffered a cracked chassis. After some cannibalisation and repairs one 3 tonner was left behind to be recovered from Sharjah and the patrol continued.

Having spent the first night in the centre of the Wadi al Qawr, on the morning of the 2nd



April we passed over the border into Muscat and Oman at Aswad, where we picked up a guide from the Oman Gendarmerie. We were now driving South over the coastal plain towards Sohar, which we reached by early afternoon, leaving plenty of time for refuelling and stocking up with water. One realised how useful a helicopter can be in maintaining communications between widespread platoons, finding broken down vehicles and ferrying spares and fitters. The night was spent outside the wall of the Gendarmerie Fort and near enough to sea for everyone to wash off the dust of travelling. The local Gendarmerie Commander, Major John Edward-Collins, kindly invited the officers in for a shower and a drink and so, after dark, five officers groped their way round the perimeter wire towards the main gate. At first the whispered challenge of the sentry was not understood, but when there was heard the distinctive noise of a No. 4 rifle bolt pushing a round into the breech, five officers froze to a sudden halt; the author hurriedly handed over command to Captain Mike Peele, our only Arabic speaker, and peace was negotiated.

On the morning of the 3rd April rations and MT spares were flown into Sohar airstrip and the patrol moved up into the Wadi Jizi where two nights were spent camped beside a clear pool. As this was a possibly troublesome area picquets were put out on high ground surrounding the camp. On the day of the 4th, leaving 2 Platoon under Lt. Kevin Ryan to guard the camp, 7 and 9 Platoons under 2nd

Lt. Roland Thompson and Lt. John Walsh respectively carried out foot patrols to villages in the surrounding hills. Lt. David Daniels with the Recce Platoon also carried out vehicle and foot patrols. Altogether some nine villages were visited and various minor medical attention administered. The reception by the villagers was very amiable and in true Arab fashion a visit was not just a quick walk through but a question of taking tea and possibly some form of food with the Headman. The day was also spent on vehicle maintenance, bathing and clothes washing.

On the afternoon of the 5th April we were at Buraimi, camped by the Daudi airstrip just South of the large new 'Buraimi Hilton' Hotel. Here the soldiers had a chance to go into the town to look around, and vehicles were refuelled.

By the evening of the 6th the patrol was split up over a large area of the country. 2 Platoon and the Recce Platoon were patrolling in the Wadi Ajran—this was the only unfriendly area visited and fists and knives were waved. Company HQ and 7 Platoon were at the Fatah Gap with one 3 tonner with a broken spring, and 9 Platoon had remained at Buraimi for a gasket to be repaired. Most of the 7th was lost while vehicles were repaired and when everything was eventually ready at 1930 hrs. it was decided to carry out a night move. This was interesting. In the first place we trusted our local Gendarmerie 'guide' rather than our own sense and consequently went through miles of rough gravel plain against the grain of the country—having moved off a reasonable track. Secondly, once in the Wadi Dank we were in a narrow twisting wadi and at the top end the road had been washed out and we had to divert over a deep ditch on a narrow track through almost Malayan type jungle. A halt was called at 0330 hrs. on the 8th and we were back on our tight schedule, having covered 43 miles in eight hours.

By 0900 hrs. on the 8th we were moving again, northwards to Yahqul. This is a large village on the edge of a large plateau which at one time had been cultivated all over. Even today it has more cultivation and is more prosperous looking than many other areas. The local ruler, Sheikh Bin Amm Al Alawi, provided us with a guide for the Recce Platoon to go deep into the mountains to the isolated village of Wuqbah. At Wuqbah they were welcomed in the traditional way—shots were fired over their heads as they approached the

village. This we had read about had not met before. While this was going on the remainder of the patrol moved down to Ibri where we camped by the airstrip near the SAF Company camp.

We stayed two nights at Ibri where, thanks to the hospitality of Major Mike Ryan, everyone was able to get a shower and do some clothes washing. At Ibri some essential MT spares were flown in and also some REME reinforcements to help us with our vehicle repairs—six vehicles were promptly declared unroadworthy but were fortunately able to move again by mid-day on the 10th. At Ibri Sgt. Bradbury organised a soccer match against the SAF Company—this started half an hour late with us lending a player to the opposition to make up strength and ended, I believe, in a narrow victory for them with fifteen players on the field!

On the afternoon of the 10th we moved down to the Kubarah area and carried out patrols to the Wadis al Hiji and Al Ayn. This was a very poor area, with miserable, sick looking villages. From one of the villages an old man with a severely distended abdomen was evacuated by air to Nizwa. This act of mercy may have been appreciated by the locals but one got the impression that the authorities thought that nature should have been allowed to take its course.

We had now reached the furthestmost point of our patrol and it was now a question of flogging back to Sharjah to be there on the 14th. On the afternoon of the 11th we moved north to Dank in order to call in on the Wali, local civilian administrator, on the morning of the 12th. After the usual tea and coffee ceremony we moved up to Buraimi for our final refuelling stop. The 13th was a dull drive doing the 90 miles of dual carriageway from Buraimi to the coast and then up the coast on the salt flats to just South of Dubai.

By 1000 hrs. on the 14th we were back in Sharjah having covered just over 1,000 miles in 14 days—on paper not a tight schedule, but on the ground and with vehicle breakdowns it was doubtful at times if we would carry out all our tasks.

Administration was deliberately kept as simple as possible. No tentage or accommodation stores were taken and apart from one water jerrycan per man each platoon was allowed to take from Bahrein one No. 1 Burner and a box in which they could carry what they thought was necessary. The platoons were self sufficient for water and rations and did their

own cooking. This meant that the CQMS did not have to spend hours preparing meals but that the smaller groups could be eating a hot meal far more quickly. After the first day the HQ group split into two self-administering groups and later it was found more convenient to split it down even further.

Compo rations were used throughout the exercise with a proportion of 'bread in lieu of biscuits' and 'potatoes in lieu of bread in lieu of biscuits'. Five days' rations were taken initially and further supplies were flown in at Sohar, Buraimi and Ibri. Eggs were purchased from Sharjah and fresh fruit and vegetables were obtained by barter in the villages. Lemonade powder and biscuits are particularly liked by the locals. Provided that compo is supplemented by items like eggs, tomatoes and onions it is quite acceptable for 2-3 weeks. Some packs are more acceptable than others and long before the exercise Captain Mike Peele had run his anti 'sausage and beans' survey.

In addition to the spare fuel carried in cans on each vehicle, one of the 3 tonners carried a reservoir of ten 44 gallon drums of petrol. Resupply during the exercise was carried out from BP stations at Sohar and Buraimi, and at Ibri Field was flown in by the RAF. At Sohar the pumps were hand operated of the type that fills alternate glass bowls. It took about three hours to fill all our vehicles.

In spite of slight misgivings water never presented any real problem. Every vehicle carried one jerry can per passenger and in addition about half the patrol carried chuggals. As long as a chuggal has been properly seasoned it will carry a surprising amount of beautifully cool water. Containers were filled at every opportunity from tanks, wells and streams; the water bowser was used as a reserve and not often required.

Exercise Tigers Standard was a very interesting and worthwhile exercise which was enjoyed by everyone who took part. It took us far deeper into the country than previous training exercises. We were able to see the way of life of the people who live deep in the desert or mountains—in some cases it is a self-sufficient simplicity and in others it is miserable poverty. On the whole the people seem happy with their way of life because they know no other.

EX KON TIKI

On the 17th August A and B companies took to the field in the Hereford area. Kon Tiki

aptly described the exercise from our enemies point of view—they were set adrift on an 'island' of farmland of about 75 square miles. We took up a pose more akin to that of primordial man. We hunted our enemy on foot with the assistance of about a dozen dogs. The enemy we hunted were the Platoon Commanders Course of the School of Infantry.

The dogs belonged to the West Mercia Police Region. They were jolly fierce but well-trained in all the basic dog skills of tracking and seizing fleeing men. The police were most interested in the exercise and their enthusiasm made them good to work with. The dogs are trained to go in RAF choppers and the pilots are trained to let them. We had two Whirlwinds in support, which were most helpful. Regrettably they had no VHF radio—when will the RAF realise that SRT aircraft must have a capability to communicate with all arms in the Army down to the lowest level, i.e., they must be fitted with VHF radio.

The Special Air Service were responsible for simulating enemy methods of prisoner handling and interrogation.

We caught a few of our enemy but were surprised we didn't catch more. Eventually 'police enquiries' revealed that they had not understood their instructions and in many cases were not even in the same area as we were! Still fewer were actually trying to move through the exercise area to their escape rendezvous, thus exposing themselves. In spite of this we had an interesting time, and in particular we learnt what a pleasure it can be to exercise with the police in England.

THE WORLD CYCLING CHAMPIONSHIPS LEICESTER 1970

Half a century has now elapsed since the United Kingdom was privileged to stage a World Cycling Championship. The reasons were legion but a suitable track on which to hold the events presented a large stumbling block. Cycling today is a highly professional and organised business, especially on the Continent where prize money reaches incredible amounts.

Leicester had at last produced a track of high quality and it was agreed by an international

cycling federation—Cycliste Internationale—that Leicester was an ideal location to stage the 1970 Championships. Then of course who was more suited to herald the opening than the 4th Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment, the former Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

Of the eighty soldiers who volunteered to carry the national flags and nameboards of the thirty-eight countries involved, fifty were from Leicester or the county.

The grand opening was scheduled for the afternoon of the 6th August. The flag bearers were allowed less than fifteen minutes rehearsal the day before. Sgt. Lock, who was to conduct the March On, himself a Leicester man, would have liked to have had much more time, especially as the ceremony was to be televised internationally. However this was not to be.

Predictable English weather, a steady drizzle, greeted the morning of the 6th August as did also the sudden decision by the organising body that the march would have to be slightly changed to enable Sphinx Battery of the Royal Artillery to fire a salute without endangering the lives of the flag bearers. Once again only a very short rehearsal resulted, but by midday everyone was confident that they were prepared. At four minutes to two the television cameras, perched on towers, focused on the marchers as they paraded into the bowl of the stadium, flags flying high, albeit damply. So the official opening was underway and after a speech by the Prime Minister and a two gun salute, the bearers marched off and by 8 o'clock that evening were all back in Gillingham.

All in all a hectic two days, but a performance of which our soldiers and the Regiment could be well satisfied. Considering the meagre warning received, absence of useful rehearsal time, and the nerveracking eyes of the televi-

sion cameras being constantly upon them, the bearers produced a performance, agreed by all, to be second to none.



EDINBURGH TATTOO

An unprecedented scene at the end of the final dress rehearsal public performance at this year's 21st Edinburgh Military Tattoo was the sight of the 550 performers cheering 6,000 spectators for sitting through the 90-minute show in some of the worst weather ever endured at the now world famous Tattoo.

The floodlit castle back-drop was obscured, as was the castle guard provided by the Tigers of the 4th Battalion of the Royal Anglian Regiment, who are re-enacting in period uniform the ceremony of the installation of the governor of Edinburgh Castle in the reign of Queen Anne (1714).

The Tigers were invited to take part in this pageant after researchers discovered that the Castle Garrison at that time consisted of a detachment of Wightman's Regiment (17th Foot), predecessors of the Royal Leicestershire Regiment and the present day 4th Royal Anglians.

It was back to the days of keep-your-powder-dry musketry for the soldiers dressed in wigs (a few wolf whistles from the crowds), tricorn hats, scarlet frock coats, white breeches and buckle shoes.

Such words as: 'What comes the Lord Lyon King of Arms, to do at the gate of Edinburgh Castle?' spoken by the castle guard commander Lieutenant John Towns, were lost on the audience who never saw the Lord Lyon and his heralds as they went over the drawbridge!

Lt. John Towns, carrying the Keys on a cushion, plays the part of Castle Commander.



MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE



BRIGADIER C. M. PATON, CVO, CBE, DL

At the annual Civic Service at Warley on the 21st June, 1970, a presentation was made to Brigadier Charles Paton on his relinquishment of the appointment of Deputy Colonel, The Royal Anglian Regiment.

The presentation, a silver statuette of a soldier of the 44th Regiment of Foot 1742, and bearing the crests of The Essex Regiment, The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot) and The Royal Anglian Regiment, was made by the Colonel of the Regiment, Lieutenant General Sir Richard Goodwin.

Subscriptions and donations were received from 3rd Bn The Royal Anglian Regiment, The Essex Regiment Association, The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association, Association Branches and from Officers and Members of the Regiment and the former Regiments.

Brigadier Paton, who is continuing to act as Deputy Colonel until the return to UK of his successor, Major General Michael Holme, wishes to express his thanks and appreciation to all who contributed to the presentation.

The Colonel-in-Chief Honours 3rd Battalion

A reception given by 3rd Battalion Dining Club at the Drapers' Hall, London, on Friday, 12th June, was honoured by the presence of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment.

Her Majesty was received by the Colonel of the Regiment and Lady Goodwin, and the distinguished guests included the Lord Lieutenants

of Bedfordshire, Essex and Hertfordshire. Trumpeters of the Battalion sounded a fanfare on the arrival of Her Majesty and the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel K. Burch presented all Battalion Officers and their ladies. Brigadier Paton, the Deputy Colonel, made further presentations of members during the evening.

Congratulations to WO I Bandmaster Harper on his award of the MBE in this year's Birthday Honours



Congratulations to Major Peter Worthy on his selection to command the 4th Bn The Sultans Armed Forces, Muscat.

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Also to Major Jonathan Hall-Tipping on his selection to command the 3rd Battalion in December 1971.

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To Major John Wilson on his selection to command The Infantry Junior Leaders Battalion at Oswestry in January 1972.

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And to Major Derek Wilford on his selection to command the 1st Battalion The Parachute Regiment.

Also to Major Colin Gardiner on his promotion to Lieutenant Colonel and appointment to GSO I United States Chemical School in January next year.

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Congratulations to WO I Kinson and RQMS Downes on selection to Short Service Commissions.

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And to WOs I Bird, Duke and McColgan on their appointments as RSMs of the 2nd and 5th (V) Battalions, and Divisional Depot.

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And a warm welcome to WO I Ford, formerly Middlesex Regiment (4th Queens) on his appointment as RSM 3rd Battalion.

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On May 9th the Commanding Officer, Lt Col. J. B. Akehurst laid a wreath at the Commonwealth War Memorial at Kranji in Singapore.

The memorial commemorates some 25,000 members of the Commonwealth Forces who fell in the 2nd World War, or who died in Japanese prison camps.

The Corps of Drums sounded 'Last Post', the wreath was laid and the Chaplain, Rev. R. L. Hancock, said prayers.

The inscription on the wreath read:

"Laid on behalf of the Colonel of the Regiment and All Ranks The Royal Anglian Regiment in memory of those members of the Regiment and its forerunners who have given their lives in the Far East."

The ceremony was attended by officers and senior NCOs of the Battalion whilst in Malaysia on Exercise 'Bersatu Padu', and the Drill and Duties Cadre which had just finished their two week Cadre.

The Cadre then went on to visit the Changi Murals.

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Colonel Dick Randall has been selected for provisional promotion to Brigadier in 1971.

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Majors Jimmy Hughes, John Garnett and Michael Thorne have been provisionally selected for promotion to Lieutenant Colonel in 1971. Well done and good job-hunting!

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Lieut. J. C. B. Sutherell, 2nd Battalion, has been awarded the Bertrand Stewart 'Prize' Essay award for 1970—congratulations.



Lt.-Col. Holloway, Lt.-Col. Blyth and Brigadier Cowan. Serious talk before dinner in The Lord Mayor's Rooms, Leicester, 12th September.

An Old Soldier's Welcome

Perhaps the nicest welcome Lt. Col. Gerrard-Wright could have had on his arrival to command the 2nd Battalion was a letter which is quoted below from Mr. L. Renshaw, late of the 1st Bn The Lincolnshire Regiment.

'According to the local Press Reports I understand you are an ex-Officer of my old Regiment, the first Batt. Lincolnshire Regt.

I am a member of the local branch of the British Legion and read in last month's Journal of quite a lot of The Royal Lincolnshire Regt. activities over a long period of years and felt sure that you would like to hear from an old soldier. My present age is 75. I was serving with 1st Batt in 1914, and was severely wounded after the 1st Battle of Ypres on 31st October, 1914. Our casualties were rather heavy. After the battle was over we had a few days rest and went back again to the forward line at Ypres. I was caught up in the German search-lights when about six of us were on patrol between our lines and the German lines, and I lay in No Man's Land all night before being brought in by some of my comrades.

As one of the few survivors, representing the Old Contemptibles, by way of Service in the first Lincolnshire Regt, I am taking this opportunity of wishing yourself and wife and children, a very happy and prosperous time during your stay in the Colchester Garrison.

Yours sincerely, etc. . . .'



John King's painting of the 'Green Line' Ktimas, Cyprus, being admired by the Commanding Officer Lt.-Colonel Keith Burch and Brigadier Paton.

For any old friends who may like to get in touch, Mr. Renshaw's present address is:

16 Winsley Road,
Colchester,
Essex.

Meanwhile, the 2nd Battalion look forward to seeing a great deal of Mr. Renshaw during the rest of their time in Colchester. He will always be welcome at Hyderabad Barracks.

VISIT BY THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE GIBRALTAR REGIMENT

A party of 50 officers and men, all Reserve members of The Gibraltar Regiment, came to this country for two weeks bi-annual training.

The first week was spent at Bassingbourn and the second on the Stanford Training Area.

Lt.-Col. John Porrall, the Commanding Officer, Major Canessa and five soldiers with two Gibraltar Press representatives, called officially on The Mayor of Bury St. Edmunds on 1st September. Colonel Porrall presented a Regimental Plaque to the Borough and read an address from the Mayor of Gibraltar. The Mayor presented everyone with a copy of the new Official Guide Book to Bury St. Edmunds.

After the ceremonies in the Borough Offices, the Colonel of The Regiment entertained Colonel Porrall and his party with the Mayor and Mayoress to luncheon in the Suffolk Hotel. Brigadier Paton, Colonel Heal and Major Paul and their wives represented the Essex, Suffolk and Northamptonshire Regiments, all Gibraltar 'Siege' Regiments.

**Colonel Holloway accepts—
gold scabbarded Scimitar on
behalf of 'The Tigers' from
H.M. The Ruler of Bahrein.**



Sports Profiles



Athletic success has come to Neville Anthony in the four years he has been in the Army. Originally from Jamaica, this unmarried 22 years old athlete from Stoke Newington had little experience of running until joining up at Bury St. Edmunds in April 1966.

His running career started seriously in Berlin, where he was entered for the 200 metres 1967 BAOR championships by his unit, the 3rd Battalion. Taking every opportunity to train, he ran wherever possible, and even during the Battalion's tour in Aden, he represented the Army there against the Royal Navy.

Success came with experience, and Neville Anthony achieved second place in the 200 metres against the German Army in 1969, and also in the British Army Championships at Aldershot, both in 1969 and 1970. With a consistent time of 22.0 secs., Anthony is in top form, with an ambitious eye on next year's Army championships—good luck from us all!

Sport of a different kind, with a close affinity to a basic military skill. Corporal Richard Aves

is an Army 'shot' and among the very best of them. He has spent some eight years in the Army, serving in Berlin, Aden and Cyprus, and exercising with his Battalion, the 3rd Royal Anglian Regiment in Denmark, France, Germany and Kenya. Richard Aves shot his way into the Army 'Hundred' in 1964, 1969 and 1970, coming third in the Army Championships this year, and awarded the bronze jewel. As a member of the Army VIII his shooting future is assured, and we join his family in congratulating him in his fine performance, with very best wishes for the Army championships next year.



L/Cpl. Cheong, 4th Battalion, did equally well in becoming the Champion Young Soldier Shot at Bisley and is to be warmly congratulated.



The following officers have retired since last reporting in CASTLE:

Lt.-Cols. Fraser, Harvey, Norbury, Chambers.

Major Barnett.

Cpts. Amos and Light.



Before the next issue Lt.-Col. Haycraft, Major Farr and Lt. R. Wright will have retired.

1st Bn News from the Maiden City



Cpl. and Mrs. Plumb, one of the first families to arrive in Derry.

Why Londonderry is called the Maiden City will become clear after reading the rest of our contribution. The Battalion was complete in Derry on 30th July, some 281 years and 106 days after the Regiment first came to the city in 1689. In 1970 the orders to the Battalion for duties in and around the city almost fill a filing cabinet. In those good old days the Commanding Officer was simply told '... you are to land the said regiment and stores, and to take care that they be well quartered and disposed of in the said city, following such directions as you shall receive from the Governor in all things relating to our service. You are to make the best defence you can against all persons that shall attempt to besiege the said city.' Unfortunately the Commanding Officer did not carry out even these simple instructions and when he got home was put in the Gate House 'on suspicion of dangerous practice against the Government'. Eventually after a number of adventures the Regiment marched into the city on 31st July. The end of the story may be of interest to those who perhaps find the 'Loo' a little uncomfortable or the pet shop lousy. The Regiment marched to Dundalk . . . 'Where it suffered terrible privation, the weather being wet and the commissariat execrable and cor-

rupt'. It is also mentioned, as a matter of course, it seems, that the officers put most of the soldiers' pay in their own pocket, but we will not dwell on this.

But back to 1970. Transition from mech. to foot started at Sennybridge, where it rained and rained; but in spite of this the battles were fought with great determination judging by the arguments with the umpires. We managed to fit in a battalion rifle meeting, which 'A' Coy won, an athletics match which 'B' Coy won, and a Triathlon competition which 'C' Coy won. While the 'Playtimes' were slapping on green and aluminium paint the remainder of the battalion searched the spiders, stopped surprised citizens going about their lawful occasion at road blocks, and charged riotous Figure 11 targets. At the end of it all the Mortar platoon won the inter-platoon IS competition.

Finally before you read on, a farewell to Major Hall-Tipping who has gone off to the War Box. (Stop press: OC Admin Coy, who has not yet written his notes, has just read the editorial and remarked that I have forgotten to mention that the Battalion Rugby Seven-a-side got through to the semi-final of the Northumbrian District Competition.)



Big Red 'A' Still Red and Still Big

'Disperse or we fire smoke,' coughs one of the workable loud-hailers. 'Yous disperse or we'll flatten yus with bricks,' cries a member of the opposition. 'Flip me,' said Cpl. Bert Blowers, 'the Figure 11 targets at Catterick never said that,' as he nimbly side-steps a piece of Londonderry pavement travelling through the air with remarkable accuracy.

So it was that after a concentrated training programme in Catterick that we found ourselves as resident battalion in Londonderry. The Catterick local (not to mention the RMP) must have been pleased to see the back of us as we had spent two weeks blocking off roads, searching cars and generally putting the place under seige. Shaking off five years of APC mobility wasn't as bad as we had first thought and the final preparations for the handover of the APCs must have cured even L/Cpl. George Tyers of any lingering doubts about hanging on to them.

Prior to departing for Derry, Major John Wilson relinquished, reluctantly we feel sure, his grip on the Company and handed over the reins to Major Paul Young.

C/Sgt. Tony Thompson took over the obvious problems, bearing in mind in particular the new Army pay scheme, having had it pretty cushy in Southern Command as a recruiter.

Lt. Bob Day has now joined the Company as 2IC having successfully despatched all the baggage from Catterick. We hope to find out where it went by the next issue.

On arrival at Belfast we received a rousing cheer from the outgoing Cheshire (we now know why) and saw on the quayside Pte. Tom Newton's $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton which, although it had sprouted a lot of queer gadgets, still had the old red triangle flying. We were met by the OC with the news that we were Brigade Reserve and hurry up off the boat because we were at two hours notice to move. He must have forgotten to tell Ulsterbus because it took nearly three hours to get to Londonderry.

The first night in Derry 1 Platoon was put on standby just in case 'The UDR fail to turn up for a night guard which is very unlikely and has only happened once in the last four months'. —An hour later. 'Turn out 1 Pl. and establish a night guard at . . .' It was too good to be true but being a flexible Company there was no problem, just an almighty flap. The pattern in Derry, as County battalion anyway, was established and we haven't looked back. We haven't looked forward a great deal either, come to think of it!

They told us there was no shortage of talent in Derry. Fairly true as the young female population of the city outnumber the young male population by three to one. I can't vouch for the old female population. Mind you about 17 per cent of the young male blood sleep

during the day leaving the tender sex to do most of the work. Thus leaving their men folk free for . . . activities at night—which is where we come in. Being fairly near to one of the many shirt factories the Abercorn Road sanger has the disadvantage, according to Cpl. Danny Wright, of lying slap bang in the middle of the route taken by the girls going to and from the factory. This makes it difficult to keep them out of the sanger and concentrate on the task of observation. Also it doesn't take a genius to realise that from the CP adjacent to the bottom tier at the west end of the bridge that there are compensations to be had during 'rush hour' and I think the highest score for one particular stag had been four white, three red, two blue, and one pink. A good example of Anglian logic might be to call the top tier the bottom tier or possibly the draw bridge.

Pte. Dave (Tweedle) Goude seems very much at home in the old prison and Pte. Tapper Hamer is longing for a tour in the All Cash Stores, L/Cpl. Steve Miller has been dying to take up residence in the Embassy Ballroom but forgets that his task is to observe from the OP at the top of the building and not to attempt to cause a riot a couple of floors below. A suggestion from Sgt. Mel Spauls is that Pte. Trevor Gedge be sent to the ballroom on a course where lady luck might reward him for continued persistence. Counter suggestion from 1 and 2 Platoon that 3 Platoon should be con-



1 Pl 'A' Coy about to go into action on 12th August against a crowd in William Street.

fined permanently to the Pet Shop, with their pets, have not been well received.

We are now drawing a deep breath after our first full round as County and City Battalion. Likes and dislikes for locations have been formed and hitherto unlikely expressions are now commonplace. A day at 4 hours standby sounds like a week's leave as we settle down to our job with the red pennant fluttering above us always.



'A' Coy shooting team, which won the Battalion Rifle Meeting.



Sgts. Parsons and Hempstead with Lt. Slater outside the Diamond CP.

'B' COY

Here I sit splendidly enthroned in the CP in Waterloo Place, Londonderry. Unfortunately the location is not one conducive to the production of literary pearls (or verbal one hopes). Jokes about a penny for your thoughts, here I sit broken hearted, etc., flush the events of the last six months too easily from one's mind. The CP is directly above a public lavatory!

Sennybridge in April certainly did its best to flush us off the mountain side. With regular monotony, as we set off on the various exercises the heavens opened. In retrospect, however, the period did us a lot of good and certainly showed up the weaknesses brought about by five years in APCs.

May saw the Company in East Anglia for a fortnight's KAPE tour of the area. We were based at Stanford PTA in Thorpe camp which made an excellent base to travel to points as far apart as Holt and Luton. The weather was perfect, we were very well received wherever we went and all five of the company's 432's went like clockwork for the entire period. Attached to us over the period were the Band, Drums, Recce Platoon and Mortar and Anti-tank detachments. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their great assistance.

The highlights of the tour were the parade through Bury St. Edmunds complete with 432's and Stalwarts, the visit to Greshams School and the very high mileage covered by the 432's without any serious mishap. Many old acquaintances were renewed and much good ale sunk all in the cause of recruiting.

In June we were stirred by the sudden dawning of the fact that Londonderry could no longer be pushed to the back of one's mind and that something was going to have to be done to get ourselves IS orientated. Tales of the Radfan, Malaya, Cyprus, etc., were told to the new boys, some of whom were familiar with IS situations in Ipswich and Notting Hill, and who had some ideas of their own on the subject. Two very good exercises based on Somme Barracks and the Catterick area soon had us thinking right. We did not shine in the Inter-platoon IS competition, due, we were told, to the strong 'colonial' tendencies shown by all platoons. Having now gained some experience of the real thing this may not prove to be a bad thing.

We have been over here nearly six weeks now. None of us have any doubts as to the frustrations and complexities of the task ahead of us. The thought of two years of this does at times seem a little daunting, but already the situation is showing signs of improvement and the quiet season is almost with us. With more time to appreciate it Londonderry has a lot to offer.

We close where we started, 'on the loo in Waterloo'.

'C' COY

Apart from our usual busy routine, we have managed to achieve quite a lot these past months.

Our Sergeant-Major left us, to give his services to the Depot, at Christmas and has since moved to the 3rd Battalion. We all hope CSM Curson has the same success with the 'Pompadours' as he did with 'C' Coy.

Cpl. Kent went off to Warminster in March to do the Skill at Arms course, whilst L/Cpl. Allen thought he would have a bash at the Air Gunners selection course. Sgt. Parsons came back from the NBC School wearing his respirator and complaining of nerve twitches.

Sgt. Ken Bishop, Cpl. Paddy Dempsey, Cpl. Pat Canavan and Cpl. Ginger Conway all left us to try labours of 'civvie street'. We wish them the best of luck.

Sportwise 'C' Coy have done well lately. After our main success in winning the Battalion orienteering competition, we went on to further gladiatorial feats. In April, sixteen teams from units in Northern Command took part in the first Command Triathlon competition. This

The scene of 'C' Coy's first riot after one of the buses used for a barricade had burnt out.



comprised of swimming 300 metres in under five minutes, running 3,000 metres cross-country and a skill at arms competition. The Battalion entered eight teams of which 'C' Coy provided two—an 'A' and a 'B' team. In the shooting part of the competition the 'C' Coy teams emerged 1st and 2nd. The swimming was a gruesome battle with the Royal Signals 'A' pipping 'C' Coy's 'A' team into second place and our 'B' team was pushed into 3rd place by just beating 7 Fld Sqn RE.

The deciding factor was the cross-country run in which Sgt. Parsons finished second, thus clinching victory for the 'A' team which also included Pte. Smith 19, and Pte. Studd. To add to all this our 'B' team finished second overall. Sgt. Parsons won the individual trophy and Pte. Smith 19 was runner up. So 'C' Coy won the Northern Command Triathlon competition, both team and individual.

After all this excitement we packed our bags and left for IS Training at Sennybridge, where the only thing that kept dry was L/Cpl. Jasinski's typewriter.

On 27th July the Company packed up and with the assistance of British Rail made its way to Londonderry.

We arrived in a shower of rain to find there was no room for us in Ebrington Barracks with the rest of the Battalion. This was soon remedied. The North Irish Horse TA graciously consented to take us in at Duncreggan camp. Last used as a regular camp way back in 1935, one can imagine our first impressions. However, after loads of 'spit and polish' Duncreggan camp is now looking quite posh.

The Company had barely unpacked its bags when the balloon went up. On the night of 8th August at 2200 hrs. 'C' Coy were put on im-

mediate standby, ten minutes later we were deployed in the Bogside.

With two Saracens in support from the 17/21st Lancers and 9 Platoon up, we had to crash through a blazing barricade made up of cars, vans and debris, etc., with the rioters throwing missiles from the other side. Permission from the CO was given to use CS gas. We fired 35 rounds, broke through the blazing inferno and drove the rioters back into Bogside.

So 'Charlie' Coy were the first into action in Northern Ireland. We have also seen action in the County at Strabane, Ballykelly, Coleraine and Dungiven.

Things are rather quiet at the moment, and needless to say, we are all hoping it stays that way.



COMMAND COMPANY

After a period of turbulence we seem to have ended up with a mini-Kremlin that seems to be more or less permanent. Major Bradshaw, CSM Fletcher and CQMS Gaffer. The new OC and CSM took over in the same week. C/Sgt. Gaffer took over a little earlier than them. Cpl. Moore continues to slave over a hot typewriter and has acted as continuity man. Capt. Keep hasn't left, he just seems to have got a better job—he now calls himself PRO and spends most of his time in civvies. Cpl. Turner is his left hand man. The PRO's right hand man and Derry Expert is Cpl. McCafferty who is to be congratulated on his wise decision to transfer into the Battalion.

The Kremlin proper all seem to be churning out as much bumph as ever—needless to say they live in splendid luxury in Horton block. The stairs have already been re-carpeted having been worn out by a succession of assorted persons bearing steaming cups of coffee up to the Adjutant who cruises well on three cups to the hour—consumption goes up under stress. Acorn and his minions live in the basement of Horton with Cpl. Bacon and an overworked duplicator. Acorn and Sgt. Ben Turner seem to have taken the threat to Intelligence seriously and dwell in the largest safe I've ever seen. L/Cpl. Vessey is a new addition to the Int Section.

The Defence Platoon have just received five new reinforcements at the time of writing—a fine bit of Empire building by Drummy May. They also boast a Platoon Sgt. in Sgt. Taylor.

The Recce Platoon are to be congratulated, they seem to have a greater hold on Capt. Pearce than any other part of the battalion has managed to date. It took them time to pin him down but since being in Ulster the poor chap seems to be well and truly under their thumb. Whilst in the city the Recce Platoon dwell in a not too solubrious residence on the Strand known as 'All Cash Stores', easily recognised by the prominent sign 'Wanted 24 female cleaners—daily'.

The Signal Platoon are rather standoffish these days and dwell away from the rest of the Company in their own splendid complex of stores and offices. They boast two loos, one marked 'Officers' and the other 'Gentlemen'—the Navy are definitely different in their ideas. I'm not saying inaccurate, just different! WOII Shanks is to be congratulated on his new

title—ARSO. The RSO is to be congratulated on his Empire building having incorporated the REME tels experts into his set up—welcome aboard Sgt. Parsons and L/Cpl. Hallsworth. Sgt. Wagge has a chart some 10 ft long by 5 ft wide showing what every member of the Signal Platoon is doing day by day for the month. It seems a lot of work to prove what is already known. A lot of work is being done...

The Medical section are doing a grand job and practice stitching on bananas—whatever turns you on? Cpl. Elliott is to be congratulated on his marriage (the anti-pad section suffered a heavy blow that day) and Stanhope has also joined the Doctor's set up as a change from the armoury.

The Provost Section have a fascinating guard room with electrically operated barriers on the main gate—what a super toy. It was some days before the guard were allowed to operate them. Cpl. Barrell had an unfortunate experience on the Provost motor-bike. Fortunately both seem to be making a satisfactory recovery.

The Ops Trg Department seem to have failed miserably in the Empire Building Stakes. They made a flashy start with four sergeants in the team but have now settled down to CSM Gay, Sgt. Harper and Cpl. Anker. Sooner or later they must get a dog.

There has been no attempt to tell readers what we do as it would take far too long. I've dwelt mainly on Northern Ireland where every-



The rescue party from the Recce Platoon and MT after pulling out one of Recce Platoon's landrovers when the River Denny burst its banks.



Minden Day 1970. In spite of operational commitments, the Drums beat reveille on the morning of Minden Day against the background of Derry.

one is working very hard indeed, long thankless hours being put in by the highest to the lowest, but as always we are surviving and keeping cheerful. Catterick seems a long way away now. We did however have our moments there—the Signal Platoon winning the Inter-Platoon Football and coming second in the SMG competition at the Battalion Rifle Meeting, all the platoons doing well in the inter-platoon competition. Out here there has been no time for sport to date. The Drums have drummed once and very effective it was when they beat reveille on Minden Day. On the social side we shared a very successful dance with Sp Coy. Ladies of all shapes and sizes were there in strength and a good time was had by all. We plan another hooly next time we are County battalion.

ADMIN COMPANY 1st BN

The last few months have certainly been busy ones for the Company. Sennybridge in April, a KAPE Tour in May, IS exercises, painting, polishing, handing over, drawing up, there seems to have been no end to it. Yet in our traditionally cheerful way we appear to have weathered the various crises that have arisen, of which incidentally these notes are yet another example. However we like to feel that we have continued to provide our customers with a satisfactory service.

The Quartermaster's department has during the past few months suffered a mass outbreak of dispepsia and ulcers caused by the usual amount of overwork, solving the problems heaped upon them by the remainder of the

Battalion. A direct result of which was the resignation to the civvy street brigade of Cpl. Bycroft and L/Cpl. Peck, both of whom were considered beyond any further help by the Army Medical Corps and the Local Victuallers' Association. We wish them well in civilian life and may they carry on the grand traditions of the Quartermaster's department with full glasses.

Congratulations to WOII (RQMS) McColgan on his forthcoming promotion to RSM and subsequent posting to the Depot at Basingstoke. A substantial decrease in the number of applications for Depot postings is forecast. We also congratulate TQMS Stan Bullock on his forthcoming appointment as RQMS. Black coffee and Benzidrine have been indented for on a 05 Indent.

For the Band April began relatively quietly although there were the usual Passing Out Parades for the Royal Signals, Sappers and 9/12 Lancers with, as an added extra, the odd evening as rioters for Company IS training.

We were in Norfolk in late April playing for the Education Authorities. A jolly good time was had by all, especially in the mixed Secondary Schools! I'm sure the girls were never like that when were at school, or were they?

We moved from RAF Coltishall to Stanford PTA and a fortnight's KAPE with 'B' Company. We performed before enthusiastic audiences in Bury St. Edmunds, Bourne and in Norwich, where we also Beat Retreat for the Old Comrades. Then to the 29th May. When we repeated almost to the day an event of forty years ago. In June 1930 the Band of the 2nd



The Band on board HMS 'Norfolk' during her commissioning ceremony on 29 May, 1970, at Portsmouth.

Bn The Royal Norfolk Regiment played at the commissioning of *HMS Norfolk*. We were privileged to play on this day for the commissioning of the latest *HMS Norfolk*, a guided missile destroyer. After the ceremony we spliced the main brace. Since May we have been in Leicester, Colchester, Ipswich and Chelmsford, and have performed in Hyde Park in between times. Since we have been in Derry it has been away with the Instruments and out with the First Aid Packs. However, with October almost upon us Tac Floor 1 will soon be resounding to the crotchets and quavers again.

With the MT it has been away with the APC and the LAD. We have said farewell to our leader Lt. B. B. Day (initials standing for Battalion Baggage) who has fled to 'A' Company and of course Sgt. Pop Murray and those of the REME who have left us for the 3rd Battalion. We have received in their stead Sgt. Prince and his six willing helpers. Personalities to the fore at present are L/Cpl. Billy (Telegraph pole) Caie, who appears to have a vested interest in the telephones, or is it the operators? L/Cpl. Mitch Michel has joined the ranks of the marrieds and should now have recovered from the well-wisher telegrams he received on the great day. Having now settled in to our new surroundings it seems that, OPs permitting, our stay here should be an enjoyable one. There are hopes that we may even be able to improve the social education of Pte. Daisy Gray, with luck that is.

Apart from their normal duties our ACC and Regimental Cooks have represented us very well at the various Army Catering Competitions in Catterick before we left. It is worth noting that Pte. Buckingham, who has only been a Regimental Cook for four years, won a first prize with his Gammon in Chaudfroid, beating in the process a number of ACC WO's entered in the same class. We have left C/Sgt. Harry Gault behind us in Catterick as he leaves the Army in December, and of course Sgt. Hardman leaves shortly to attend an RCB Course.

The Officers' and Sergeants' Mess staff have as always continued to do a sterling service. The Officers' Mess has lost Cpl. Freddy Baines to civilian life. Sad to say we have had to come down to our establishment and in the process lost some of our compliment to the rifle companies. We wish them well at the sharp end. Incidentally, L/Cpl. Paddy Rice would like it known that he has passed his PE test this year.

Uncle Bert's department too has seen some changes with the arrival of S/Sgt. (Pete) Murray and the departure of S/Sgt. Jimmy Jones who has joined another lot and is still to be seen in and about the mess.

As for sport, we didn't win the Battalion Athletics this year but we gave the others a good run for their money and if they hadn't cancelled the swimming we would certainly have won it. We have high hopes for football here in Derry. If the game against the ladies



Admin Coy football team with the Ladies from the Wilkinsons Shirt Factory. Admin Coy lost the match 8-7. Perhaps the time has come to recruit women into the battalion!

of the local Penthouse club was anything to go by there is considerable potential!

MORTAR PLATOON 1st BN

It was a cool cloudy morning on the Craig-avon bridge as the Mortar Platoon rose from their scratches at the ridiculous hour of half past . . . er, half past . . . half past . . . er. Well, the breakfast had arrived. Shaking the sleep from our eyes and with astonished, almost unbelieving gasps, we watched the most extraordinary sight. It was the Colour Sergeant running to his 4 tonner with his thumb in his mouth. 'There must be a kid throwing a stone,' 'It's the rain,' 'I knew we were working too hard' were the various printable comments. Now and again we caught a bit of gibberish coming from behind the thumb. 'Chest of drawers,' 'Chest of drawers,' seemed to be the general interpretation. Those of us who were closer, however, thought it could have been 'Chest and drawers'. It remains a mystery to this day, except to those with more powerful binoculars.

By this time, of course, we were old hats at the IS game. We'd chucked out of the window all thoughts of 'one round rapid fire' or 'drop 'er 1,000'. Instead we were relearning the jargon of stags, standbys and sitreps every sixty seconds ('not forgetting spinning for salmon'). We

have also become the Battalion experts at stoning, swearing, and shin pads. Our old rivals, the anti-tanks, have now become experts at saluting. But, we're really all beginners and fervently hope that we remain that way over the next two years, Paisley, the weather and divorce court proceedings permitting.

ANTI-TANK PLATOON 1st BN

'Crash Action' . . . The company order is given as our new CONBATS rumble along in line astern up W Street. We carry cannister as our quarry is no longer the T54 or T10 but a fast moving multiple weapons system fuelled by potatoes and Guinness.

One round clears our area of visible targets but many lurk unseen, the MFC travelling with us peers over the kerbstones to observe, before beginning 'Fire Mission . . .'

'The Lip' Lambert shakes my shoulder, 'Wake up, it is 0345, time to go on stag.' The happy dream fades to reveal the reality of the job. We no longer have the moors of Catterick with the promise of Sennybridge and Reinzellen. Horizons are limited, food patrols pound their beat and sanger men sweep up sand and collect sweet papers, while Sunray and Sunray Minor huddle in turn over the radio listening to such thrilling words as 'Streets deserted, everything seems normal', or on a really exciting night 'I

heard a bottle thrown round the corner, am moving to investigate'. L/Cpl. Meen was even lucky enough to find a hole in a wire fence one night—really thrilling stuff!

The morale problem is eased by day by the visions of mini-skirted thighs fitting along the pavement, and by night kind folk giving sentries tea until it comes out of their ears. The promise of a day off sometimes next month is always present to raise a smile. The CO was greeted in the small hours of one morning by Ptes. 'Sas' Sayle and Cooper, each munching buttered toast in the sanger—all in the cause of Public Relations. 'Tommo' however preferred to indulge in what must be one of the most expensive kisses on record. 'Charlie' Shropshire received a brick on the back, and 'Matt' Rumbol had another attack of Sennybridge knee induced by half a paving stone.

Our Wombats are no more, our Conbats not yet drawn up, so we make do with batons which were wielded on the 12th August. Nobody actually connected, as the speed of a terrified hooligan is surprisingly fast for someone whose principle exercise is a weekly stroll to collect his brew. It should be noted, however, that the English tax-payer provides the salaries of both parties to the conflict.

Company dances have provided an opportunity to fraternise with the female natives: threats by extremists to shave the heads of friendly girls have been notably unsuccessful.

Since the last edition L/Cpl. Hornby and L/Cpl. Wood have departed with promises to look out for our pictures in newspapers and television, which we all hope will not be released.

WO's and SERGEANTS' MESS

The first event which springs to the mind of the author when reporting the period to be covered must of course be the annual pilgrimage to the pastoral wonders of Sennybridge PTA and the dubious delights of Brecon.

Mess members on arrival dutifully attended the tedious lecture on range safety at which we were exhorted to spare the lives of the training area sheep and prolong our own as long as possible. But problems of far greater moment were over the horizon, for the weather, not at its best in that part of the world anyway, became, as they say—inclement.

The weather did not prevent the systematic torture of 'yogi Youngs and Brian Cocksedge' and their cronies by the 'march back to camp routine'. This continued unabated despite both

the elements and the blisters on those well known landmarks, the unspeakable feet of John Watson. Some of the APC members, unaccustomed to this mode of travel, still bear the scars to this day. After the final exercise carried out in various combinations of rain, sleet, mist and wind all members conceded that perhaps the weather at Catterick was not so bad after all and so by various means, and despite the Movements staff we returned there.

After this the delights of the Mess accounts at audit paled into insignificance, but a word of thanks must be extended for the efforts of John Fletcher who, despite an honest face, effectively and neatly juggled the figures to the satisfaction of both the Board and Bert.

In between festivities the 'mechanised' members by bribes and coercion prepared the APCs for handover and a mountain of 'buckshee' gear, sufficient to build at least two 432s, was taken for bartering with the Irish Rangers. Rumour has it that Ken Stevens has a surplus land rover as a result.

Our move to Ireland was preceded by various lectures warning against various types of Irishmen, something we knew before, with injunctions to smile, and grim prophecies in default thereof, whilst Ben Turner waxed eloquent on the benefits of chinagraph economy. All of which was not in vain, although at times the smiles wore thin and the importance of chinagraph diminished in favour of CS.

The odd riot apart, life has not been overwhelmingly exciting but nevertheless exacting, particularly for the ladies who have to endure—or is it enjoy—a little separation which they have passed happily enough by baiting Bob Huxtable and the UFO with hair raising stories of hovels and muttering anti-naval slogans. Iris James is reputed to have invested in a genuine antique mantrap and lies patiently in wait for a little blue Austin.

Work has not precluded an active social life with our compatriots in 8 Brigade in Derry. The latest event—a Ladies' Night—was something of an achievement. The density of seating at dinner would have not shamed the black hole of Calcutta and Jennie Bullock, pressed between two of the more substantial Warrant Officers who shall be nameless, claims the effect far superior to the latest development in girdles and infinitely more enjoyable. Whether there will be repeat performance of this particular activity will doubtless be up to the censor. We all wait in anticipation.

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AROUND THE BRANCHES

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE REGIMENT COMRADES' ASSOCIATION

The Annual Reunion was held on Saturday and Sunday, 4th and 5th July, 1970, and followed the usual programme.

On the Saturday morning the Management Committee met and this was followed by the Annual General Meeting of the Comrades' Association. In the evening the dinner was held at Clare Street Drill Hall.

On Sunday the Church Parade took place and at it we were honoured by the presence of Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Gloucester, Deputy Colonel in Chief The Royal Anglian Regiment, and this was followed by a gathering at the Northampton Branch Club and the Officers entertained their guests to Sherry and a Buffet Luncheon, Her Royal Highness gracing the occasion.

The Annual General Meeting was attended by 22 members and at it the Secretary reported on the Benevolent Fund Account. There had been an increase in payments from the Benevolent Fund and last year £1,990 had been paid out to deserving cases. This was not because there had been a sudden increase in demand but because the amount of the average grant had been increased to be consistent with the general increase in the cost of living. Again this year some of our help was possible because of assistance from the Royal Anglian Regiment Benevolent Fund and the Army Benevolent Fund and we are extremely grateful to them. The dinner was attended by 265 which was only a decrease of five on 1969. During the year Branches had been consulted about the ladies attending and they were unanimously in favour. They now add grace and colour to the occasion. The Band of the 5th (Volunteer) Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment played during dinner and their Dance Band played for us afterwards. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. It was most pleasant to see old faces once again that had been absent for a few years.

On Sunday one hundred attended the Church Parade under the command of Lt.-Col. O. K. Parker, MC, DL, and we were delighted to have our two In-Pensioners with us from the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, T. Garvey and C. G. Arnall, Arnall having recently become an In-Pensioner. The wreath at the Memorial was laid by Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Gloucester and the service was conducted by Lt.-Col. Rev. W. B. Spencer.

During the service at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre the sermon was preached by the Rt. Rev. Bishop G. F. Townley who was a Combatant Officer with 4 Northamptons in Gallipoli and Palestine during the 1st World War.

Her Royal Highness took the salute at the March Past after the service and the parade dismissed in Gibraltar Barracks as is customary.

We were delighted to have with us for the Church Service and afterwards for lunch the Mayor and Mayoress of Northampton, and Lt.-Col. J. Chandos Pole, the Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire, and Mrs. Chandos Pole.

Corby Branch

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

Our second year as a branch commenced on 1st April this year. To date we have 85 paid up branch members—in addition five of our members have become life members of the Association.

A successful social was held on 15th May, and we were very pleased to welcome the contingent from Northampton.

Due to the extended holiday period in Corby, no branch meetings were held during July and August. Our next meeting will be on 22nd September, when we hope to plan our activities for the months ahead.

We are hoping to hold our next branch social sometime during November. (With all

the activities taking place in the Drill Hall here at Corby, this will be the earliest date available.)

Fund raising is going ahead steadily and with activities starting up again, we hope the pace will accelerate.

Finally, we offer our condolences to one of our members, Mr. A. W. Flatman on the recent loss of his wife.

Huntingdon Branch

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

The past year has been fairly uneventful although the Branch has met at regular intervals with a dozen or so attending meetings.

The Committee has been re-elected 'en bloc' for the year with the exception of Captain Bob Copley who has been forced to relinquish the post of Chairman. Captain Ted Overall has succeeded him. Captain Copley has become a Vice President of the Branch as a token of appreciation for his enthusiasm and hard work for the five years he spent as Founder Chairman.

Financially the Branch is sound with enough funds to meet its obligations. The Committee has still to decide whether it can afford a contribution to the Association Benevolent Fund. This decision will be taken at the next meeting.

Eddie Lees has been working hard on the welfare side but thankfully there have been no cases of hardship and just one or two of sickness.

The Bench Seat to perpetuate the memory of Bill Cunnington is now outside the County Hospital, having been handed over to Huntingdon Borough Council. Thanks to efforts on the part of the Branch the Borough Council have now seen fit to allocate an aged persons flat to Mrs. Cunnington.

The 1970 Reunion Dinner is being held on 26th September and will be reported upon in the next issue. Sir David Renton, MP, and Lady Renton have accepted an invitation to attend and once again it is being held at the George Hotel, Huntingdon.

Major H. H. Pallash, the Branch Secretary, has been appointed a Justice of the Peace for the Division of Huntingdon and Leightonstone. Doubtless this honour connects in some measure with his work for the Territorial Army and Comrades Association over the past twenty-five years.

London Branch

Secretary: Mr. M. Lomas, 30 Townsend Street, London, SE17.

Ron Tindall has had to resign as Secretary and has been succeeded by the son of the Chairman. The Branch owes much to Ron Tindall for stepping in to the breach on the untimely death of his father, and for all his hard work.

Much of the last year has been spent in sorting out membership and this has now been reduced to sixty who are all active workers.

An Annual General Meeting was held at the Wellington Hotel and more than usual attended it.

The Branch is running a Buffet Dance on 14th November, 1970, and it is hoped that all Branches of the Association will give it their support.

The Branch now has a reasonable balance in hand in the funds as a result of the Cesarewitch Draw.

Northampton Branch

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

The Branch has had a good year, there are two hundred and forty-five members on the books and it is in a good financial position.

The Annual Branch Dinner and Dance took place at Overstone Solarium on 25th April, 1970, and was a great success. Some one hundred and sixty-five people attended with the Mayor and Mayoress of Northampton as our guests and a very enjoyable evening was spent by everyone.

We were delighted to be able to look after many visitors during the Reunion on 4th and 5th July and it is quite certain that they all enjoyed themselves.

Peterborough Branch

Secretary: Mr. J. C. Ferreday, 13 Stukeley Close, Southfields Estate, Stanground, Peterborough, Northamptonshire.

A new Secretary has now been found to succeed Harry Tompkins who had to resign because of his health. Harry has been magnificent and no praise was too high for all he had done for the Branch. In appreciation of his hard work a new office of Deputy President had been made and he has accepted it.

The alarm that there would not be a Peterborough Reunion this year is ill founded. It is to be held and will take place on Saturday, 24th October, at London Road Drill Hall, Peterborough.

THE ROYAL NORFOLK REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

The highlight of recent months was the celebration to mark the association between the County of Norfolk and the fifth ship of Her Majesty's Navy to bear the name of Norfolk.

The link between The Royal Norfolk Regiment and *HMS Norfolk* began in 1930 at Devonport when the Regiment presented a silver figure of Britannia to the ship together with a parchment declaring that as long as a ship bearing this name shall be part of Her Majesty's Navy the figure shall be its property. Unfortunately no trace of this piece of silver can now be found.

However, when the new ship called at Great Yarmouth during July the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Brigadier F. P. Barclay, DSO, MC, DL, accompanied by officers and soldiers of the Regimental Cadre went on board and handed over to the ship's Captain a silver cup engraved with the badge of Britannia to mark the link between the Regiment and the ship.

On the following day the ship's company marched through the city of Norwich and attended a service in Norwich Cathedral. Afterwards they were guests of the county at a luncheon in the County Hall where a silver salver engraved with the ship's crest and words 'Presented to *HMS Norfolk* by the people of the County' was handed over by the Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk, Colonel Sir Edmund Bacon, Bart., KG, KBE, TD.

The crest and bell from the fourth *HMS Norfolk* which was broken up in 1950 are now displayed in the Royal Norfolk Regiment Museum at Norwich.

With the enthusiastic co-operation of the 1st Battalion we have continued to maintain the strong link between the Royal Anglian Regiment and the county. A lunch time concert given in glorious sunshine by the Battalion Band in the Garden of Remembrance at the City Hall, Norwich, on Friday, 15th May, was very much appreciated, the more so because no previous concert had been given in similar surroundings.

In the evening Beating Retreat by the Band and Drums took place on what turned out to be the coldest evening in May on record. However, a sterling performance by the musicians earned the warm applause of a good crowd.

The Regimental Tent at the Royal Norfolk Show was well patronised and we are grateful for the help given by the Regimental Cadre,

with help from the Norfolk Army Cadet Force for making this much appreciated amenity possible.

Plans are well in hand for the Regimental Week-end at the end of September. The Reunion Dinner at Norwich looks like being a 'sell out' once again.



Silver Cup presented to *HMS 'Norfolk'* by The Royal Norfolk Regiment to mark the close association between the Ship and the Regiment.

THE SUFFOLK REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

We would like to place on record our deep appreciation of the great assistance we receive from the Army Benevolent Fund. This help comes from either the Central Fund or from the Day's Pay Scheme of the serving soldiers which is given to us by the Royal Anglian Regiment on their behalf.

We deal with over two hundred cases a year and the requests for our aid come from ex-soldiers (and their dependants) whose service covers a period of time of over seventy years—from before the Boer War to the present day. Thanks to the help of the Fund, we are able to make life easier by means of grants for such things as coal and clothing, help with holidays,

weekly allowances for those whose special circumstances make it necessary for their incomes from State benefits to be supplemented and with help towards house repairs.

Our files contain numerous thank-you letters from Old Comrades or their dependants who have been helped and there is no doubt that this assistance contributes much towards the building up of tremendous goodwill for the Army.

The existence of the Army Benevolent Fund and the wide range of support it gives to charities which help both the serving and the ex-soldier is not so widely known as it should be; hence this short note to express our gratitude.

THE ESSEX REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

The Warley scene has witnessed a high level of activities during the summer months.

The Annual Civic Service on 21st June, when the Officers of the Regiment entertain the civic and military guests of Bedfordshire, Essex and Hertfordshire, was also the occasion of the presentation to Brigadier Charles Paton on his relinquishment of the appointment of Deputy Colonel of the Regiment. Presentation details are reported in 'Mainly About People'.

The Annual Service of Remembrance and Reunion on 28th June was as popular and well attended as always, and on this occasion a presentation was made to Mr. T. L. Wilson, the Regimental Chapel Lay Reader for some 20 years, and to Mrs. Wilson. The presentation was in the form of a carved Eagle of the Essex

Regiment suitably inscribed, together with a monetary gift. Some 400 members and their friends attended the Reunion and the Band and Corps of Drums of the 3rd Battalion entertained both at the Civic and Reunion functions.

A new venture in September (11th-14th) was a Festival of Flowers and Military History in the Regimental Chapel. Proceeds went to Friends of Essex YMCA and this impressive display was visited by almost 4,000 people.

Branch activities continue to flourish and the major forthcoming events are given in the diary dates. In 1971 the Association is to hold a Dinner/Dance at the Civic Centre, Chelmsford, on Saturday, 24th April. Details are given in the 16th/44th Newsletter.

The Association of Sergeants (Past and Present) All Battalions, The Essex Regiment, which as previously reported has closed, has kindly donated the balance of its funds to the Essex Regiment Association Memorial Homes Fund.

Diary Dates

7th November, 1970

Chelmsford Branch, The Essex Regiment Association Dinner/Dance, County Hotel, Chelmsford.

24th April, 1971

The Essex Regiment Association Dinner and Dance, Civic Centre, Chelmsford.

27th June, 1971

The Essex Regiment Service of Remembrance and Reunion at Warley.

Reunion, Warley—June 1970
'March Past'. The Salute was taken by Brigadier Paton. He is accompanied by the Archdeacon of West Ham and Colonel Franklin, President of the Essex Regiment Association.





In-Pensioner T. F. Munson with members of Bedford Branch at the Association Dinner in London on Saturday, 9th May, 1970.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE AND HERTFORDSHIRE REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

The Annual Dinner and Dance was held at the Tavistock Rooms, Charing Cross Road, on Saturday, 9th May. Brigadier C. M. Paton presided and the toast of the Regiment was proposed by Major C. M. F. Randall, then Second-in-Command of the 3rd Battalion, who was able to give us an up-to-date picture of soldiering as part of a peace-keeping force in Cyprus. This was the third of these annual functions to be held in conjunction with The Essex Regiment Association and although they have proved to be successful and most enjoyable occasions it may be necessary to modify arrangements in the future. The Essex Regiment Association will be unable to give their support as they will be holding their own dinner within their county from next year; ever-increasing prices make it difficult for some of our members to attend functions on this scale. Branches are being consulted about the future form of this Reunion.

The forming of the Depot, The Queen's Division at Bassingbourn, has brought it within reasonable distance of our Branches. Not surprisingly therefore, we were well represented during the 'Open Day' held there on 1st August. We were most impressed with all that we saw and welcomed the opportunity it provided for a get-together with old friends. We very much hope that we shall be given similar facilities in the future.

Diary dates

- 15th November, 1970
Wreath-laying Ceremony at Regimental Memorial, Kempston.
- 21st November, 1970
Officers 2nd Bn 16th Foot (1939-45) Annual Dinner, Victory Services Club, Seymour Street, London.
- 20th December, 1970
The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (Territorial) Luncheon.
- 27th March, 1971
Officers 1st Bn 16th Foot (1939-45) Annual Dinner, The Horseshoe, Tottenham Court Road, London.

10th FOOT ROYAL LINCOLNSHIRE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

We bring the total of our Royal Hospital, Chelsea In-Pensioners to three with 4792434 ex-Sgt. W. J. Law, aged 79, who has joined ex-Sgt. J. P. Leonard, aged 78, and ex-Pte H. S. Palmer, aged 65. Our best wishes to all of them.

With the change of time it is sad that yet another local firm's generous support to our Association over a long period of years has ceased with the Ruston & Hornsby Charitable Trust being wound up.

Branches continue with their many activities of annual events, including general meetings, dinners and social functions.

Lincoln Branch

The events and happenings of the Branch have been numerous, too numerous in fact to mention every one. Some of course stand out as highlights. One of these was the visit of Grimsby Branch on the occasion of the Draw in aid of the Annual Reunion at Humberstone, which was held on the 23rd August at the Lincoln Branch Club, Sobraon Barracks. Over forty members with their wives and friends from Grimsby attended, and the actual draw was made by the ladies. We were pleased to welcome Major and Mrs. Jessup, Major Macklam and Major and Mrs. Beard. Major Jessup did us the honour of presenting the Annual Angling Trophy to no less than the son of our Chairman, Ray Woodthorpe, who incidentally was the winner last year. The evening was rounded off by our friends from the Green Room Club, who are members of the Amateur Operatic Society. They gave us some lively entertainment.

Another highlight which is worth a mention is the event in which one of our senior members and his good wife, Mr. Jack Whitlock, were chosen to appear on the ITV programme 'Bygones' which was televised on 10th June. Both are over the age of eighty and both regular attenders at the Branch. During this programme a Captain Hanson, VC (later Brigadier) was mentioned, as Mr. Whitlock was with Captain Hanson when he won the award.

The Lincoln Branch continues to flourish. The Annual General Meeting on the 1st September, 1970, was very well attended, and last year's Executive Committee was returned in office for another year with Ray Woodthorpe—Chairman, Frank Abbott—Vice Chairman, Captain Wilf Lewin—Secretary, and Charles Howlett—Assistant Secretary.

The Regimental Museum

Mr. G. W. H. Hadfield and Miss K. M. Hadfield of Alford, have kindly presented to our Museum the 'F' Company, 5th Bn Lincolnshire Regiment Silver Challenge Cup—1911 which was last won in 1920 by their father, Major J. H. Hadfield, T.D. (who served—5th Bn 1900-1924—died 1960 in his 92nd year).

THE ROYAL ANGLIAN

YOUR Association

The General Committee assembled on the 25th September under its new Chairman, Colonel Reggie Denny, who most members know well as the first 'Regimental Colonel' of The Royal Anglian Regiment. Colonel Denny succeeded Brigadier Ralph Oulton to whom all members are indebted for his loyal and most conscientious work in organising and building up our Association since its formation on the 26th November, 1964. After lunch the Colonel of the Regiment, President of the Association, took the Chair at the Annual General Meeting. The Annual Report and Accounts were approved.

As the income and expenditure account below shows, £541 was expended in Case Grant work and this was divided between eighteen applicants, fifteen at an average of £24 and three at twice that amount. £2,150 was made in grants to the Associations of our Former Regiments, which today is where the main need for benevolence lies. The Army Benevolent Fund provided eleven interest free loans totalling £4,925 to assist serving soldiers in settling into civilian life where a case of need or potential need had been shown. Since the end of the year covered by the Annual Report the Benevolent Fund has made a further ten grants totalling £129. The next of kin of two soldiers who were accidentally killed in a car crash, whilst off duty, each received £100 compensation through the insurance policy taken out on behalf of all members by the Association. Unfortunately there were three soldiers killed in this accident, one who did not become a member of the Association. Likewise, two of the three had subscribed to the Single Soldiers Dependents Funds and their next of kin have each received through the Army Benevolent Fund immediate cheques for £600.

The Regimental Reunion this year was held in conjunction with the Queen's Division Depot 'Open Day' held at Bassingbourn Barracks on the 1st August. There were over 300 of our members present, mostly of course, from Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire. The Beating of

Retreat by the massed Bands of the Queen's Division was most impressive. It has not been decided where we shall hold the Association Reunion next year but it is hoped that we shall be able to make better arrangements for our Old Comrades to meet than we were able to do this year.

The Day's Pay Scheme and the Army Benevolent Fund

Eighty-two per cent of serving officers and 71 per cent of serving soldiers voluntarily give a Day's Pay to the Regimental Benevolent Fund. This generous gesture enables our Fund to provide assistance to all members past and present where cases of need have been established At

the same time we are able to build up our capital funds and so look to the future with confidence.

The Army Benevolent Fund has set itself a target of £750,000 annually to enable it to meet its large and ever increasing commitments. It is of interest to note that in 1969 the Fund dispersed £665,000 in Benevolent Grants. The Army Benevolent Fund carry the burden of all the major rehabilitation grants, as well as the resettlement loans for serving soldiers, and we owe them a great deal. The Fund and the Regiment work in close co-operation and it is important that we raise the percentage of subscribers to the Day's Pay Scheme considerably above what it is today. We must stop at nothing short of 100 per cent.

Extracts from Balance Sheets for the Royal Anglian Regiment Association and Benevolent Fund Accounts (Year 1st January—31st December, 1969) Audited by Messrs. Larking & Partner, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

INCOME				EXPENDITURE			
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
Association Fees ...	...	...	460 0 0	Administrative Charges ...	...	63 14 5	
Unit Subscriptions ...	...	...	100 0 0	Case Grants (Individuals) ...	...	541 6 11	
Donations ...	...	...	3 0 0	Case Grants (Regt. Outstations)	...	2150 0 0	
Day's Pay Scheme				Regt. Weekend (Old Comrades)	...	70 2 6	
Officers ...	...	...	1498 17 9	Accident Insurance Premiums ...	...	208 18 3	
Other Ranks ...	...	...	3619 7 8	Wreaths (Armistice Day and			
Interest on Investments ...	...	...	788 14 4	Funerals) ...	...	7 6 0	
Sales of Badges, Diaries, etc.				Grant to Castle Magazine ...	...	62 1 5	
(profit)	6 10 9	Grant to Army Benevolent Fund	...	100 0 0	
				TOTAL	£3203 9 6	
TOTAL	£6476 10 6	Excess of Income over Expendi-			
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Pompadours at Work



Into action the Jet-set way.

GO MODERN!

Men of C Company, the Pompadours, together with some mortarmen, had the privilege in July this year of exercising with the new hovercraft, the CC 7-001 which has undergone intensive trials in the Tundra Regions, the Congo and in the Lee-on-Solent area. Under the Interservice Hovercraft Unit, this versatile vehicle has a promising future, opening up great possibilities particularly in the reconnaissance field.

Part of the trials involved the transfer, at sea, of men and equipment between a conventional landing craft and the CC7-001, both travelling at 8 knots across choppy water. This proved an exciting if hair-raising experience, and much to Lieutenant Julian Lacy's surprise, the water-proofing qualities of our new camouflaged combat kit was not tested in the open sea. What this exercise did show was that quick and precise drills for such a transfer are essential if accidents and losses are to be avoided. There was no doubt, however, in the minds of all those men taking part in this particular trial

GO HOVERCRAFT!

that the hovercraft has come to stay, and may become from an exciting innovation a commonplace vehicle of the Services in the future.



Most of us enjoy Army life for generally similar reasons: these are not easy to express in simple terms, but include the challenge of diversity—the opportunity of travel combined with the constant problems of change in job or role. Never before have these factors been more apparent than of late in the Pompadours, faced with a swift mechanisation programme after a six month sojourn under the UN flag in Cyprus, and with another move scheduled, this time to BAOR, before Christmas.

On reflection, the UNFICYP tour was a quiet and orderly interlude, where problems, once learnt, were relatively constant. At least, the successful completion of the tour induced a sense of satisfaction that a task for peace must always give. Most of us look back with faint



From landing craft to Hovercraft at 8 knots—Private Kenneth Starbuck being urged to take the leap by Corporal Raymond Baker and Lance Corporal Richard Carpenter.

nostalgia for the scent of orange blossom and goats, the taste of grapes and sunlight, and more particularly for some, the bibulous pleasures of Keo brandy.

More practically, the Cyprus tour gave a large number of junior NCO's, who were lucky enough to do a round of the outposts, a measure of responsibility which will stand them in very good stead in their new, mechanized, role,

The interim period of adjustment in UK created certain pressures and uncertainties, inevitable in the pangs of drastic reorganisation, making participation in competitive team sports and other communal activities well-nigh impossible. Individually, however, we have had two outstanding successes in Cpl. Aves at Bisley and Pte. Anthony in the Army Athletic championships, details of which are given elsewhere in this issue. It is hoped that Cpl. Nelson's knee will have recovered completely by next season, in order that he too may continue his outstanding athletic career.

The major issue in mechanisation has of course been the vast number of courses required to train sufficient APC drivers, commanders and radio operators; it was rather like a three-dimensional crossword puzzle for second-in-command Mike Randall, while priorities vied with each other amid bizarre requirements for NBC or water-proofing experts, PTI training and clerical courses.

Despite this apparent random dispersal of soldiers, and consequent bewildering lack of manpower for the simplest of tasks or the most basic aspects of individual training, so gradually

Poised for action: Corporal 'Gary' Garrett of 'A' Company, the Pompadours, holds his APC in readiness.





Infantryman George Loveday mounts his APC at the double.

the concept of a mechanised force grew into a practical entity. The horrors of one's first introduction to a 'J' box forgotten, training progressed from the individual level through Platoon and Company stages to culminate in Battalion training on Salisbury Plain in late August. 432's by then had become a way of life, a part of the Battalion's very existence.

Despite our recent total absorption with mechanised conversion, memories of Cyprus will be recalled both in the Officers' and in the Sergeants' Messes by the paintings by John King, commissioned by the Battalion to commemorate our successful UNFICYP tour. John King, the well-known artist who normally specialises in equestrian paintings, came out to Cyprus to sketch scenes from life. Returning to England with his water colour sketches and colour photographs, he completed his paintings of the Ktima 'Green Line' and our UN Post in Polis in time for display in the respective Messes for their social functions in July.

Notwithstanding the Battalion's urgent programme imposed by the change of role, the band, together with the Corps of Drums on

occasions, embarked on an ambitious programme throughout the South of England during the summer months; playing at local shows and carnivals, at the Aldershot Army show, with perhaps the highlights being its appearances in the London Parks. Under Pompadour bandmaster Bob Bowness-Smith, the band played in St. James on 19th July, in Kensington Gardens on 30th August, and in Hyde Park on August Bank Holiday Monday, all of which performances were well attended by large and appreciative audiences.

The Band of the 3rd Battalion will surely be well known in London by the end of 1970, with performances scheduled for the World Speedway championships at Wembley during September, and at the Lord Mayor's show on November 7th.

It is with pleasure that, in this way, one can combine the magnificent pomp and military display of former generations with the technological revolution and efficient deployment of our modern weaponry and equipment in a mechanised battalion.



On return from Cyprus the Commanding Officer was invited to present the Battalion's UN Role with UNFICYP to the Staff College students in August. The speakers, apart from the Commanding Officer, were to be Captain Trevor Veitch and Captain Brian Harrington-Speir, both Ops Officers in Cyprus. The younger officer's early enthusiasm, however, was somewhat tarnished by predictions that this was to be the nearest they would ever get to the Staff College during their military career.

The presentation was rehearsed in great detail. The Battalion film was edited, slides were projected until they were nearly all the right way up, and the participants discussed how best to put over the often controversial subject to a multi-racial audience, including one Greek officer.

The lecture, covering the geography, political background, local forces, and operational aspects of the Battalion's role went satisfactorily. Question time was handled so smoothly by the Commanding Officer that the others could only drink from their decanters and nod wisely. The presentation lasted nearly two hours, and the hard work, seemingly well received, was rewarded by luncheon with the Commandant.



Corporals John Plumb and Martin Arnold, Private King, Lance Corporal John Berry and Corporal Rennie Phare display their talents.



A Cento gathering: GPMG pair Corporal Paul Ruszczyk and Lance Corporal Frank Wakeman comparing notes with an Iranian Sergeant, an American Sergeant, and a Turkish Rifleman.

CENTO TEAM SHOOTING

A brain-child of some worthy military man, the NISHAN annual shoot between member nations of CENTO was instituted in 1964. Particularly to Iran and Turkey, this competition represents the ultimate goal in shooting, and their respective teams are always of the highest standard.

The United Kingdom provides a Battalion team, hard pressed to compete in the rifle, LMG and particularly in the pistol matches against such competition. This year the 3rd Battalion was nominated to provide the team, and much effort was made to weld together the best team available during months of concentrated practice under team captain Major Brian Cridland and coaches QMSI Fearnley and QMSI Taylor.

The competition was shot in ideal conditions in late August on the Bisley ranges, with teams from Iran, Turkey, the United States and ourselves—Pakistan did not provide a team this

year. The standard was predictably high, the competition keen, and the results very satisfactory. Helped by a magnificent winning shoot by GPMG pair L/Cpl. Graham Sayers and Pte. Peter Elliot, our United Kingdom team came a good second with 3,150 points to Iran's 3,268, beating the United States into third place with 3,101 points, and Turkey trailing with 3,043. As this is the highest the United Kingdom team has ever come (previous best was third) we naturally feel well pleased with ourselves.

Much credit must go to the Young Soldier element, to their perseverance and to their coaches, for their part in producing the highest UK team score to date in this competition. We wish next year's representatives, the 1st Bn The Queen's Own Highlanders, every success, and hope that they enjoy the competition as much as we did.



General Sir John Mogg inspecting the 3rd Royal Anglian Contingent in the Nishan Parade.



US Army General Milford presenting trophies to the champion GPMG pair, Lance Corporal Graham Sayers and Private Peter Elliot.

ARMY CADETS

LINCOLNSHIRE ACF

It occurred to some of the Cadets and Adult Staff that this was possibly a little too near home. It became more apparent in the first two days with the visit by GOC Northern Command, Lt.-Gen. Sir Cecil Blacker. The weather was most unkind with heavy rain from Reveille. None-the-less the demonstrations of a Company Assault, Platoon Digging-in, and other realistic training were enthusiastically carried out.

Cadres for Adult Training by 13 CTT under Major John Churchill, MC (Royal Anglian), together with WO Blackburn, Sgt. Ellis and Sgt. Jones have been most effective, and this



Lincolnshire Cadets Map Reading.

will show itself more and more when the SIs return to their Detachments for the Winter Training periods. Cadres of Senior Cadets have been training under our own County Cadet Training Team led by Major Potter. It will be particularly useful throughout the year for training of Recruits and Part I Cadets. A further Cadre, Gun Training on 25 pounders kindly loaned by the South Notts Hussars under Lt. A. Daley, an ex Royal Artillery man, has been most successful, even including the partial loss of the end of an inquisitive Cadet's thumb. He is now a much wiser cadet! All cadres have produced good material from Cadets and Adults and exceedingly good work has been organised by all Officers and NCOs in charge.

It was possible through the kind permission of the Headmaster of Welbeck College to use the lake in the grounds. Instruction was provided in watermanship and the use of assault craft and inshore rescue craft throughout the week by NCOs of the Royal Engineers. In addition the art of building rafts was eagerly learned by all. There were a number of 'soakings' in the lake but with the proceeding excellent hot and sunny days cadets were not deterred.

Amongst the many other activities throughout the two weeks' camp, was a visit to the Depot The Queen's Division at Bassingbourn—visits to Nottingham and a demonstration by 50th Missile Regt., Royal Artillery. With the



Norfolk Army Cadets have had a successful year and an excellent summer camp assisted as always by No. 1 Cadet Training Team. They would like to say 'thank you' to this cheerful team which includes two well-known Royal Anglians, Sgt.-Major Ted Hiscock and Sgt. Ken Allright, shown in our photograph with the OC Major Jeremy Wilcocks.

nearness of the County's own WETC at Beckingham it was also possible on one of the hottest days of the summer to hold the Annual Rifle Meeting at The Range. An orienteering exercise was arranged by the 5th (Volunteer) Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment resulting in a win for the Gainsborough Detachment under Cpl. Walker, who recently competed in the Cadet Games at Harrogate. Exercise 'Drop-Out' was successfully concluded by all sections and a number of 24 and 48 hour schemes were held in the various training areas surrounding the Camp.

A most successful Camp in excellent weather, spent alongside the Kent ACF under Command of the County Commandant (Col. A. J. Bennett, MBE) in 1970 will be remembered by all. In conclusion let us not forget the excellent work done by the Chaplains (all five of them) and also by Sgts. Crawshaw, Grigas and Lloyd from the Regular Battalions of The Royal Anglian Regiment, who were attached as instructor.

SUFFOLK ARMY CADETS

Over 200 boys, members of the Suffolk Army Cadet Force, spent their annual two-week camp at Okehampton, in Devon. The camp is situated on the edge of Dartmoor and provided the cadets with a first class change of adventure training, in rough country. The first two days of the camp were spent in thick mist as low clour covered the top of the Dartmoor hills, and the training camp was sited at 1,500 feet, just high enough for the cloud base to cause the reprogramming of some training activities for the early part of the week.

When the mist cleared the cadets, who came from all over Suffolk as far apart as Lowestoft, Beccles, Halesworth, Leiston, Bungay, Woodbridge, Ipswich, Stowmarket, Hadleigh, Sudbury and Felixstowe had more than a fair chance to see the wonderful countryside around the Dartmoor National Park. A night exercise gave the boys a chance to sleep on the Moor for one night in bivvies, undertaking a simulated attack at dawn. During the middle of the first week's training the cadets were visited by General Sir Michael Carver, GOC-in-C Southern Command, who arrived at the camp by helicopter and then toured the training areas. During the visit the General saw most aspects of cadet training and had a chance to speak personally with many of the adults and cadets learning at first hand the role played by the Army Cadet Force as a Youth Organisation.



Lincolnshire Cadets man the 25 pounder.

Orienteering exercises, organised by the Army Youth Team, tested the cadets' knowledge of map reading, not to mention the stamina of both cadets and adults as they climbed Tor after Tor seeking the control markers. Initiative tests were also set for the cadets and some of the problems they had to solve often landed them in one of the many streams which criss-cross the moors.

All work and no play was not the theme of this year's camp; swimming facilities were laid on and each night parties of cadets made use of transport on visits to Plymouth, Exeter and Torquay. This is one of the few camps held in recent years when almost every cadet's desire for adventure training was fully satisfied, and when they returned to Suffolk they were tired but not complaining.



General Carver learns from a Suffolk Cadet.



The period covered by this edition of the CASTLE means for us Exercise 'BERSATU PADU', the Five Nation Land, Sea and Air Exercise designed to demonstrate the effectiveness of a multi-national force in a Far East counter-revolutionary setting. As part of 19 Infantry Brigade the Battalion represented a major part of the United Kingdom component. We enjoyed it, but it was nice when it stopped.

Lieutenant Colonel John Akehurst handed over command on 4th September after an eventful and very happy tour to become an Assistant Instructor at the Imperial Defence College. We wish him every success in the future.

In his place we welcome Lieutenant Colonel

Dick Gerrard-Wright who takes over the Battalion as we settle ourselves back in Colchester after our four months in the Far East, ready to train for our new European role.

Or at least this is what we thought! Within a week of taking over Colonel Dick received a signal warning the Battalion for a four month Northern Ireland tour from October. Our 'new European role' will have to wait, as will our conversion to a mechanised role in preparation for our move to Munster in May 1971. We shall be in Northern Ireland when you read this.

Once again we learn from practical experience the meaning of overstretch—a peacetime record of sixteen unaccompanied months in two years. Perhaps it is a record . . .

BERSATU PADU

They went that a way



Major General McMeekin, the Divisional Commander, gets the word from Pte. Paul McHugh of 'C' Company during his visit to the Battalion Exercise Anak Selasa.

To be woken up at two in the morning in the middle of an eighteen hour air trip and asked how one is going to deal with the VD problem is not everyones idea of a journey out to Singapore, and not least the CO's. This was his experience though, when the Battalion accompanied by a formidable press corps flew out to RAF Changi in April this year to take part in Exercise Bersatu Padu (Malay for 'Complete Unity').

In a matter of twenty days over 4,000 troops and their vehicles were airlifted to the Far East as the United Kingdom contingent of the Five Nation Force that was to battle against the dreaded 'Penganas' (evil ones), as our enemy were to be called.

Our permanent base and 'Home from Home' for our three and a half month stay was Burma Camp which adjoins the Jungle Warfare School at Ulu Tiram in South Johore. We shared the camp very happily with our firm friends, 7th Parachute Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery, while the remainder of the 19 (UK) Infantry Brigade lived either at the School or in the otherwise deserted Vehicle Depot at Tebrau.

In spite of the misgivings of our still attentive pressmen, we began our training immediately, and the rifle companies quickly progressed from straightforward jungle walks to more sophisticated jungle warfare techniques. Meanwhile the other elements of the Battalion as well as acquiring basic jungle experience, quickly adapted their specialist skills to the new environment.

Exercise 'Anak Selasa' (Tuesdays Child) was the first of the work-up exercises to prepare us for the final Exercise 'Granada', which is described in another article. Fire support bases were dug and fortified, ambushes mounted, and air drops received, while the final assault by the remainder of the Battalion on B Company's simulated Viet Cong Base Camp was supported by Australian Mirages.

In Exercise 'Spring Handicap' which followed, 19 Brigade, now with the 5th Bn The Singapore Infantry Regiment under command, went through the motions of seizing and defending an Airhead before launching out to defeat a very effective Gurkha enemy.

But life wasn't all jungle bashing. Football, cricket, swimming, badminton, volley ball, and basket ball competitions were held in the Bat-



Cpl. Vic Arnold and Pte. Sanderson crossing a river in the dense jungle.



Looks like another Kangorillapig!

An interruption to a briefing by Major Richard Kitchin, OC 'B' Coy, to three of his NCOs, Sgt. Tony Crane, Cpl. Paddy McClean and Sgt. George O'Hara.

talion, and between units. Several people got up to Penang and Kuala Lumpur, a B Company party adventure trained by longboat, and most platoons had a few days camping on the beautiful beaches of Mersing. Most weekends saw a mass exodus to Singapore.

All in all, the weeks passed quickly but in spite of all the delights the Far East had to offer we were very glad to get back to Brize Norton and home with our Chinese umbrellas, cameras, watches, tape recorders and the familiar discussions on how the Customs battle was won or lost.

True to form, it was raining as we climbed into the buses for the last leg of our journey home to Colchester!



CSM Jeff Hewitt and Cpl. Paddy McClean of 'B' Company bale out of a Wessex at a forward LS, covered by Pte. Boots Hooton on the gun.



Ptes. Benny Hill, Mac McClory and Speedy Ireson go straight in during a 'B' Company assault.

"GRANADA"

Cpls. Pete Staines and Monty Montgomery of 'B' Company on a recce patrol with gunner, Pte. John Storey.



The setting of the exercise took us forward to 1975 after the projected British withdrawal. It imagined Malaysia being attacked by an unfriendly northern neighbour—Ganasia.

Malaysia, unable to cope, duly asked her Commonwealth allies to help, and a five nation force (United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore and Malaysia) was assembled. We of 19 Infantry Brigade were part of the British contingent. The exercise was divided into a counter insurgent and a limited war phase.

On the 16th June the multi-national force began its move into the exercise area in the Dungun-Marang area of Trengganu in the north east corner of Malaya. The Battalion flew from Changi to Penarek airstrip by Hercules and Bristol Freighter, and very soon was actively involved. Our initial task, taken over from 40 Commando Royal Marines, was to guard the airhead.

Our attention was then focussed south, into a low lying scrubby area dominated by hilly jungle features. Soon, all three rifle companies were involved in trying to bring to battle an elusive enemy.

One incident of note was when the umpire of an enemy patrol started bargaining for water. True to its reputation, C Company demanded surrender before water, but this was too much for the enemy who left the scene of battle thirsty, dejected, and threatening dire vengeance. Otherwise, this part of the exercise

was relatively quiet; perhaps the enemy had heard about 'that excellent Battalion' (to quote *The Economist*).

A two day break followed while the exercise setting moved forward three months in time. The rifle companies were pulled back onto the beach where swimming and quenching one's thirst seemed the order of the day. Another attraction was watching the giant turtles coming in from the sea at night to lay their eggs. These turtles which are five feet wide, swim in with the tide and painfully crawl up above the high water mark. They could be heard grunting and goaning from afar. With tremendous speed and skill they soon dig a hole and start to lay up to two hundred eggs before flopping back into the sea. The sad part about it was that no sooner had the eggs been laid that they were gathered up by little Malay boys. These eggs are a great delicacy in the Far East.

The final phase of the exercise started on 23 June with all the rifle companies moving north of the airstrip towards the Sungei Marang.



Sgt. Bomber Brown and RSM Dickie Bird resting.

After three days it was clear that the enemy were firmly entrenched and dug in on the top of a long, thin, steep heavily jungled feature to the north of the river. The Brigade Commander decided that it was a brigade task and on the morning of the 28th June the attack began.

B and C Companies moved forward in the early hours, guided by flares dropped by helicopters, and by dawn had crossed the start line. After a few minutes they had seized their objectives and were soon joined by Tac HQ which had been moved up the river by assault boat during the night. Meanwhile the 2nd Light Infantry had moved up to the enemy's rear.

The general battle seemed to be slowing up when the CO unleashed A and C Companies to charge on into the thick jungle. The situation was confused and to this day remains confused, but the attack by A and C Companies caught the enemy unbalanced, and by keeping moving, and bullying the umpires, we managed to convince them that we had captured the final feature and to everybody's relief 'Exercise End' was soon passed round.

In the 19 Airportable Brigade Skill at Arms Meeting, our three platoon entries took the first three places, in the order 5 pl. B Coy, 9 pl C Coy and 1 pl A Coy.

On the second day of the meeting the company GPMG pairs teams came near to sweeping the board again by being placed 2nd (equal), A and B Companies, and 4th C Company.

C Company 1st team completed our triumph by winning the Open Falling Plate Competition after all three companies were represented in the semi-finals.



Cpl. Chris Brindal and Pte. Mac McClory of the winning 5 Platoon team fire their 84 mm Carl Gustav Anti-Tank weapon.



A tense moment during the 100 metre 'Dolly' phase of the platoon competition. (L. to R.) Ptes. Jim Fullthorpe and David Colley, L/Cpl. Billy Kayes and Pte. John Ellingford of 1 platoon.



Ptes. Collin Bufam, Sandy Sanderson, Trevor Morrison, Peter Thorpe, Reg Staines and Tom Liddeth of 9 platoon prepare for the No. 94 anti-tank grenade.

A Trip Home

by Lance-Corporal Wilson



'A few weeks relaxing on a Commando Carrier,' those were the thoughts that ran through my head as I sweated and toiled through the jungle of Northern Malaysia.

It had been three months earlier that we landed at RAF Changi to start the mammoth Bersatu Padu, and now, having just about reached the climax, we were offered the chance of going back home on HMS Bulwark. Many people leapt at the offer but, after being told that they would lose some of their leave the number gradually whittled down to fourteen. I was one of them.

We embarked during the morning of Sunday, 5th July, and having been shown to our mess and all over the ship by the Royal Marine Ship Sgt Major we were told we were to be the guides and general information agents for the other fifty odd members of the "embarked force", due to arrive later in the day.

The rest started to come on board about two hours later, 2nd Light Infantry, 7th Royal Horse Artillery, Royal Corps of Transport, Royal Signals, Royal Army Medical Corps and (Oh, Gawd!) the Royal Military Police. After a free-for-all in the mess where everyone managed to find a bed, I conducted each little group up to my personal domain, the arms cage. The way there consisted of several tricky manoeuvres along gangways, up stairs and through air locks, and it was only after the third trip I decided to dispense with my "pressganged" Royal Marine Guide. To be honest, after eight hours on board the only way to anywhere I knew for certain was the return trip to the arms cage and the cookhouse. Sorry, galley!

Next afternoon we were initiated into a rather complicated Naval Drill movement called 'Procedure A'. This is designed so that the ship's company can line the flight deck in an organised form. It dates back to the days of sail, when on entering and leaving harbour, the ship's company was mustered on deck to show that there was nobody manning the guns and that the ship should arrive and depart in peace. The orders were given through a loudspeaker of dubious vintage, possibly from the days of sail, which made a noise like a two tone motor horn. The fact that there were three differing ideas on drill, Army, Navy and Light Infantry, didn't add elegance to the confusion either. Eventually, when everything sorted itself out and everyone was in the right place, the ship was allowed to leave harbour—first stop Djakarta.

This first leg was uneventful apart from seeing a ship following us. We learnt that this was our supply ship RFA Olmeda. We were also allotted our 'Jobs'. These varied from spud bashing, to standing watch on the bridge. There were the usual moans and groans about the work but it got us out of our sardine can of a mess.

Three days out from Singapore we docked in Djakarta to the sound of a twenty-one gun salute with everyone on 'Procedure A' again.

The performance on the quay at Djakarta was something to see. The Indonesian Navy Band was playing, a guard of honour from the Indonesian Army was drawn up and all the dignitaries were waiting to come aboard to pay their respects to the Admiral. Everything was set for a big ceremonial occasion, but the crane which was to have lifted the gangplank aboard refused to work. Many suggestions were put to

the crane operator by gold braided and be-medalled gentlemen from the Indonesian Navy, but to no avail. The crane refused to work. Meanwhile the Band and Guard of Honour got fed up and wandered off, heading for home. After about thirty minutes someone decided to plug the crane into a different socket and, lo and behold! it worked. It took a further five minutes before the gangplank could be secured and the ceremony could proceed.

Djakarta is not a very inspiring place to say the least. It is thronged with tri-shaws and hawkers selling anything from butterflies in boxes to carvings of Barlinese Maidens in traditional dress. One good thing about our visit was the Djakarta Fair, a sort of Expo '70 in miniature. It was in full swing and although small compared to the Trade Fairs held in Britain it was interesting, and everyone made us very welcome. We left after three days, heading south for Fremantle and Australia, four days away.

When the great day dawned everyone was at the rails of the ship very early to get their first glimpse of 'Down Under' before going on deck for 'Procedure A' once more, this time with a helicopter fly-past.

The welcome we had in Fremantle was tremendous. As soon as we stepped ashore we were talking to the locals about the old country. I don't think I met an Australian who admitted to have actually been born in Australia. The usual cry was, 'Hello mate, where d'ya come from?' Having been told, you normally found that the Aussie originally came from very near to your home town. However, wherever they came from they had certainly picked up Australian hospitality.

A Ship's Company Dance had been arranged at a dance hall nearby for the second night of our stay and a local radio station had been advertising for several days for A THOUSAND GIRLS to turn up. Surprise, surprise, when we arrived we found that we were outnumbered about two to one. Very nice odds! The rest of our week's visit was taken up officially by open days on board, children's parties, and various trips to see the Aussie countryside, and unofficially by having a great time in Perth and Fremantle.

We had a very uneventful trip across the Indian Ocean. No islands to see, only water, water and more water. The only thing that broke the monotony was the refuelling by RFA Pearleaf, hastily dispatched to us just off Madagascar when Olmeda broke down.

The morning of Thursday, 30th July, dawned very cold compared to what we were used to in South East Asia and for some reasons 'Procedure A' was called off. Instead, we had an excellent view of Durban as we approached. What a beautiful sight, green hills in the distance and the city stretched along the beach as far as the eye could see. After docking we found to our dismay that the city centre was seven miles from the dock but the Navy had things organised with a bus and two liberty boats to take anyone who wanted (and this included most of the ship's company) to the city.

Durban is one of the biggest ports in South Africa and the biggest city in Natal Province. It is very modern, with a skyline not unlike New York, with any number of beaches and it is one of the main holiday centres of South Africa and Rhodesia.

My first impression of Durban and therefore South Africa was one of wealthy and not so wealthy, the not so wealthy included most of the coloured population, but nowhere did I see the poverty as I have seen in places such as Indonesia, Kenya, Cyprus and a few other places. The coloured people seem to be very happy, well housed and most have good jobs. The fact that they are separated from the whites doesn't seem to worry them, in fact I got the impression that they prefer it.

After four days enjoying ourselves and making a lot of friends we had to leave, this time full speed ahead for Gibraltar where we berthed on the morning of Sunday, 16th August, unloading some ammunition and taking on a few more passengers. With only six hours ashore most of us set about renewing friendships we had made when the 2nd Battalion did a tour there last year.

On the night of 19th August we anchored just off Plymouth to typical English weather, fog and rain. Next morning we went into Devonport Dockyard and after spending most of the day going through customs we boarded buses for Colchester and home.

The members of the Battalion who made the trip were:

Lt. Jackson	Pte. Hooton
Cpl. Kettle	Pte. Ireson
L/Cpl. Edmonds	Pte. Murray
L/Cpl. Lodge (ACC)	Pte. Bumstead
L/Cpl. Hayton	Pte. Spencer
L/Cpl. Wilson	Pte. Keetley
Pte. Masters	Pte. Evans (5th Bn)

DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Change of Colonels Commandant The Queen's Division

On the 21st September, 1970, Major-General Forrester handed over as Colonel Commandant The Queen's Division to Major-General Dye on his retirement from the Army. General Forrester became the first Colonel Commandant on 1st January, 1968, on the formation of The Queen's Division. From the outset his shrewd guidance, sound advice and understanding during the Division's formative period have been invaluable and we all owe him a considerable debt of gratitude. No-one could have done more in getting the Division launched and the Divisional Depot at Bassingbourn, the first of its kind in the Infantry, stands as one example of his far-sighted planning. He carries the good wishes of all of us in his retirement which, knowing him as we do, is unlikely to be an inactive one!

We extend a warm welcome to the new Colonel Commandant, Major General Dye, who assumes his new appointment in addition to that of GOC Eastern District. General Dye is well known to the Regiment. He was commissioned into The Royal Norfolk Regiment in 1940. He commanded the 1st Battalion from 1962-1965 and later the South Arabian Army in Aden.

Move of Divisional Headquarters from Colchester to Bassingbourn

On 14th July, 1970, Divisional Headquarters said goodbye to 4 Napier Road, Colchester, which had been its home since its inauguration in January 1968. On 15th July, 1970, having pushed past carpenters and painters who were desperately trying to meet their deadline, the Headquarters opened in its new offices in the East Wing of the Officers' Mess at Bassingbourn Barracks, where it is co-located with Depot The Queen's Division.

Army Rifle Association (ARA) and National Rifle Association (NRA) Meetings, Bisley 1970

Teams from a number of battalions of our three Regiments entered for the Army Rifle Association Meeting at Bisley in July and produced some very creditable results. Cpl. Aves, 3 Royal Anglian, came third in the Army Championship and was awarded the ARA

Bronze Jewel. L/Cpl. Cheong, 4 Royal Anglian, was the Champion Young Soldier Shot. In the Methuen Cup Competition, the Divisional team considerably improved on its 1969 position by coming seventh out of 27 entries in a very close competition.

The Divisional Team was also seventh in the NRA Inter Unit Championship (Africa Cup).

CENTO Small Arms Competition (Nishan)

The Nishan Competition is held annually between teams from Iran, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the USA. The competition this year was held on the Bisley Ranges between 25-27 August. The British Army team, based on 3 Royal Anglian, but which included firers from all three Regiments of the Division, were runners-up to Iran in this competition. This is the highest position ever attained by a British team since the start of the competition, and our congratulations go to all members of the team. The overall result was:

1st	Iran	3,268
2nd	United Kingdom	3,150
3rd	United States	3,101
4th	Turkey	3,043

The previous highest UK team score was 2,962 obtained by 3 PARA in 1969.

L/Cpl. Sayers and Pte. Eliot were the individual winners of the Machine Gun Pairs Competition, and Pte. Kirby and Pte Ivory were runners-up.

Notification of Provisional Selection for Promotion to Lieutenant-Colonel in 1971

The Majors listed below have been provisionally selected for promotion to the substantive rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in the promotion year 1971:

Queens	RRF
R. H. Chappell	C. H. Gaw
D. P. Cronin	J. C. Reilly
M. V. Hayward	K. Scragg
N. B. Knocker	
J. B. Ray	R. Anglian
C. T. F. West	See 'Mainly about People'

DEPOT, THE QUEEN'S DIVISION

The original RAF Bassingbourn airfield is being 'landscaped' by a troop of Royal Engineers from Maidstone who, apart from gaining valuable experience in the use of explosives and plant equipment, are helping to convert a flat airfield into a worthwhile military training area. Even the Forestry Commission are assisting with the provision of young trees and several copses are planted already. One wonders what the previous occupants of Bassingbourn would feel about all this!

On 18th June the Depot Officers had the very great pleasure of entertaining the Colonels of the three Regiments and the Divisional Colonel Commandant, to dinner in Mess. This was perhaps a unique occasion which was arranged several weeks before Mr. Wilson selected that date. For everyone here it was the night of the Generals' Selection rather than the night of the General Election!

During the last week of June as many RSMS of the Division who could be spared by the Battalions visited Bassingbourn. This proved a most useful meeting and gave all Senior Warrent Officers the opportunity of meeting one another and seeing every aspect of the new Depot.

Amongst the many historic items of Regi-

mental property loaned to the Divisional Depot, a six-pounder anti-tank gun made famous at the Mendenine action by 1/7 Bn The Queen's Royal Regiment and a Japanese anti-tank and anti-personnel gun captured by 'C' Company 4th Bn The Queen's Own Royal West Kents, in Burma, are now positioned in front of the Depot HQ building facing the main entrance to the Barracks. These two guns have been joined now by Field-Marshal Lord Montgomery's World War II Command Tank, which had been brought from Sutton Coldfield, where the former Depot The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers was located. It is remarkable to record that Lord Montgomery's tank 'Monty', which took part in the Victory Parade, was driven under its own power onto the plinth at the entrance to this Depot on 23rd June by the Field Marshal's war-time driver. The same NCO who gave his own Royal Tank Regiment's black beret to Lord Montgomery, who from that time on wore that Regiment's beret with the famous two badges.

The Junior Soldiers Company provided the Marshalls, Maintenance and Arena parties for the successful Suffolk Tattoo, in Ipswich. They then travelled to the Isle of Man where, during the fortnight's summer camp, they mounted a Guard of Honour for the Opening of the Manx

Massed Bands and Corps of Drums of The Queen's Division Beat Retreat at the Divisional Depot Open Day, 1st August, 1970.



Parliament. Judging from the letters received these young soldiers brought great credit to the Division on both occasions.

In addition to the Depot's primary role, training assistance is also given to the Volunteer Battalions of the Division. In July, a two week T & AVR Recruits Cadre was held at Bassingbourn, which was attended by 66 recruits from 5 Queens and 5 R Anglian. Two similar cadres are planned and are to be held this autumn, one in October and the other in November. 5 Queens are to sponsor the latter cadre and are to run a T & AVR Junior NCOs course here at the same time.

Advertising the Regiments in the Division is an important part of recruitment and throughout this period there have been many visitors. Parties of schoolboys and members of their teaching staff appear quite regularly at the Depot. In July thirty Officer Cadet Undergraduates from the Northumbrian Universities who were attending their annual camp at Stanford, and several boys hopeful of gaining entrance to Sandhurst or to Mons OCS, have stayed for varying periods in the Depot Officers' Mess and were able to view their future careers from close quarters.

On 23rd July the Depot was visited for the first time by the Army Commander, General Sir Michael Carver, GCB, CBE, DSO, MC, ADC, when we were pleased for him to see the recruits making good use of the many facilities here.

At the end of July, when preparations were in full swing for the Depot first 'Open Day', the Divisional Drums Competition was held at Bassingbourn. Corps of Drums from 2 Queens, 3 R Anglian, 4 R Anglian and the Depot's

Junior Soldiers Company competed. The standard of performances was very high indeed and after some deliberation, 2 Queens were declared the winners by a Board of Judges.

Blessed by fine weather, the first Divisional Depot 'Open Day' was held on Saturday, 1st August. Attended by some 6,000 to 7,000 persons, it was with some pride that our soldiers were able to show these Barracks to their families and to so many retired and serving members of the Regiments. Bassingbourn Barracks had been taken-over from the RAF only eleven months before and, although there is still much to be done, a great deal has been achieved in the creation of the new Divisional military home.

The Arena events and static displays were viewed with great interest throughout the afternoon, and the 'Open Day' came to a close with the ceremony of Beating Retreat by Massed Bands of The Regiments of The Queens Division which was, by any standards, a most impressive parade. After the ceremonial came time for refreshment. The Junior Ranks dance was well supported, the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess held an excellent Dinner Dance and over 400 serving and retired Officers and their guests attended the Cocktail Party held in the Depot Officers' Mess.

The following morning the Bands and Drums moved southward to Colchester to appear as the highlight of this year's Colchester Military Tattoo. Against this background of activity the Depot has continued throughout with its primary role—that of training soldiers for the Regiments of the Division. No doubt the Recruit Platoon, starting its final exercise at Battle Camp on the 1st August, wished that the weather could have been cooler.

A section of the Junior Drummers of the Divisional Depot march on to parade for the Ceremony of Beating Retreat, Divisional Depot Open Day, 1st August, 1970.



5th Battalion

The Volunteers

In June the Battalion, less 1 and 5 Companies, had a very busy fortnight in brilliant sunshine at Otterburn. We all arrived on the Saturday afternoon and by 0830 Sunday morning the Battalion had been re-organised. 3 Company HQ was to run a Subalterns' and Sergeants Cadre; 4 Company HQ to train forty-five Junior NCOs; PSIs to run anti-tank, mortar, signals and MT Cadres; the RMO to instruct stretcher bearers and 2 Company to become a Training Company keeping all those not on Cadres busy on the excellent field firing ranges. The next eight days were spent, often bared to the waist to take advantage of the sun, being brought up to date in our respective duties. The hot thirsty volunteers were sustained throughout this period by an excellent 'Bun Run' mobile canteen organised by the Royal Norfolk Cadre who also managed the PRI account during Camp.

On the first Friday many friends of the Battalion visited training and dined in the Officers' Mess. They included Major Generals Dye and Toler, the Chairman of TAVRA East Anglia Colonel Dicker, the Lord Mayor of Leicester and many friends from our Association, Military Headquarters and the Press. During the second week General Sir Michael Carver spent a day visiting training and Brigadier Ray and our TAVR Colonels, Wilkes and Davey, joined us for our Battalion Exercise.

On completion of the Cadres we had a day's break when there was a mass exodus to Newcastle, Edinburgh and neighbouring villages. Then came a Battalion exercise directed by the Essex Cadre and designed to put into practice the lessons learnt during the week; it was consequently mainly fought at platoon level. Some of us will remember the ups and downs of Otterburn for a long time! The inter-platoon competition set by the Royal Lincolnshire Cadre was based on the Regular Army Competition and provided a gruelling climax to camp. The results were close and 3 Company are to be congratulated on winning. Simultaneously the

Northamptonshire Cadre were running an MT Rally which was won by HQ Coy after a testing cross-country section.

One of the major factors contributing to the success of the Camp was the presence of six of our seven affiliated Regimental Cadres. They took over responsibility for much of the administration and the setting and running of the competitions and exercises which allowed the Battalion to concentrate on training. We are grateful for the very professional help they gave.

Camp over, companies embarked on a series of weekends all over England. Among them were two highly popular adventure training weekends of four days each organised by the Adjutant, Captain Tom Thomas. They took



The Mortar Cadre.

**The Subalterns and
Sergeants Cadres
disagree!**



place in the Welsh mountains and in the Peak district and included instruction and practice in rock climbing, potholing, abseiling, fell walking and the art of survival. The major problem was to limit the number of volunteers as both weekends were heavily over-subscribed and only sixty men could be accepted on each. Sgt. John Burgess successfully proved that a pint will not go into a half pint pot by getting well and truly wedged in a pot hole!

1 Company held a successful Skill at Arms Meeting at Pakefield Range in July when Colonel John Davey presented Efficiency Decorations to C/Sgt. Reynolds, Sgt. Garrod, Cpl. Bailey and L/Cpl. Flory. In August they made a sea landing in heavy seas and thick mist off Bawdsey, and we hear it was only luck which prevented a certain signaller from joining Davy Jones! More recently the Company have made a clean sweep of the Eastern District TAVR Orienteering. As well as winning the team prize, L/Cpl. Pittam, L/Cpl. Reynolds and Captain James taking the first three places in the individual. They are now looking forward to training with 1 D & D in December.

2 Company have been busy with anti-terrorist exercises, a gruelling 24 hours spent on the Lyke Wake Walk from Osmotherly to Ravenscar; winning the Champion Company Award at the Battalion Skill at Arms as well as Major Hayton taking the Officers' Cup and CSM Graves and L/Cpl. Whitworth winning the GPMG pairs. In September an exercise was

held on the River Trent which culminated in a river crossing and Lt. Burn disappearing rapidly down stream (oh! very funny), while two assault boats attempted to rescue him! Changes in the Company include Lt. David Harris taking over the Mortar platoon and being replaced at Gainsborough by 2Lt. Nick Kelsey.

3 Company are now well established at Colchester and have received all the new kit that goes with their role of being a reserve company for 3 Division. Re-organisation is complete and they are concentrating on recruiting to reach their new establishment. The Company held a parade at Chelmsford at which the Lord Lieutenant of Essex presented his certificate to CSM Attridge and C/Sgt. Pitts. On another occasion the Lord Lieutenant presented Major Tomkins



Anti-Tank Platoon in action.

and WOII Halls of the Essex Cadre with Efficiency Decorations at a special ceremony in the City Hall. Ptes. Terry Rampton, Alan Horsefall and David Evans were lucky enough to join the 2nd Battalion on Exercise 'Bersatu Padu' in Malaysia. They worked with the Recce Platoon and are full of 'warries' after three months seeing how the regulars live. Pte. David Evans has subsequently left the 5th Battalion and joined the 2nd permanently!

Three hundred visitors attended 4 Company families' day at Kibworth. After an early scare that none of the companies' teams would match the Old Comrades, the Falling Plate was narrowly won by the Loughborough Platoon. The Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire presented Territorial Decorations to the Company Commander Major Bill Wallace and to Majors Bream and Pickford who have now retired. The Efficiency Medal was presented to Sgt. Whitehead (RAPC), Sgt. Housby (ACC), and to Cpl. Pryor. The Lord Lieutenant presented his certificate to the CSM, WOII Hurst. On the 12th September our Drill Hall at Ulverscroft Road, Leicester, saw a unique gathering when the Colonel of the Regiment, the Deputy Colonel, the Honorary Colonel of the Cadre, the COs and RSMs of the five Royal Anglian Battalions, the Lord Lieutenants, the Lord Mayor of Leicester and many others gathered for the presentation of Silver 'Tigers' to the regular battalions. (Imagine the feelings of the mini-bus driver, hair 'fashionably' cut, when told he would be driving five RSMs!)

5 Company are busy working up for camp in Malta in December. Weekend training has



General Carver and CSM Graves.

been varied and has included a Section Competition (won by Cpl. Edwards and No. 1 Section) and a company in defence exercise. The biggest success was to win the Section Competition, by a handsome margin, at the Battalion Skill at Arms Competition. The companies' strength is slowly increasing thanks to everyone's recruiting efforts, and appearances at the County Shows and Hawker Siddeley Show at Hatfield.

HQ Company have held various training weekends for their specialists, including a watermanship exercise on the Nene and a patrolling exercise with SRY at Proteus. The MT excelled themselves by winning the Alvis Trophy for night driving against all comers, Regular and TAVR, in the Southern Command Driving Championship.

Once again space precludes mentioning names but we welcome all new arrivals, say farewell to old friends and congratulate everyone on promotion, engagements, marriages and births.



Triumphant members of 3 Company (Chelmsford) with the tankards they received after winning the Inter-Platoon competition.



**Winners of the Alvis
Trophy.**

Congratulations to the following on the
award of:

The first clasp to the Territorial Efficiency
Medal:

C/Sgt. Capstaff.
C/Sgt. Pitts.

The Territorial Efficiency Medal:

WOII Kavanagh.
Sgts. Jefferies and Dover.
Cpls. Martin and Maxted.
Pte. Pitches (ACC) and
Bandsman Clarkson.

TAIL PIECE !



**Relaxing at Quickening
Cote.**

SPORT 1st Bn... the only report!

FOOTBALL

The last notes ended with the Battalion team successfully reaching the semi-finals of the Northumbrian District Championship. It is good to be able to start this edition with the news that we successfully defeated 24 Signal Regiment in the final and are at present Northumbrian District Champions.

Football during the summer was centred on the Inter-Platoon League. This competition proved very popular and produced much spectacular and amusing football. The Signal Platoon (with considerable outside assistance we hear) finally headed the table with 5 Platoon a worthy second. The league proved so successful that it had to be extended twice and finally ended in June.

We are fortunate in Londonderry to own five first class football pitches. In an area where there is a shortage of any kind of football pitch this endears us to the public quite regardless of our football prowess. But for the constant battles to find time and players we could play local teams every day of the week. At the moment the battalion team is top of the North West Football League, having so far not lost a match.

With luck the next edition of the Castle should report our continued success. In the meantime with the football season proper about to start, all the signs of a good season are evident and should remain that way so long as the amount of football being played at company and platoon level continues.

SQUASH NOTES

The 1969/70 season saw a major change to Army Squash in general and to the Battalion Squash in particular. The Army decided that *all unit team should have at least one soldier playing for it*. A propaganda programme created a surge of interest in the game resulting in some ten or twelve members of the Sergeants' mess deciding to try and beat the officers at 'their own game'. The Battalion entered two teams in the Northumbrian District League and two teams in the Northern Command League. The 'B' team consisted completely of members of the Sergeants' mess. Every man who had ever touched a racquet in anger was entered in the various individual open and handicap competitions held in Catterick. RSM Day managed to get as far as the semi-finals in the open competition where he was eliminated by the

eventual winner of the competition. The most surprising result, however, was that WOII Noble succeeded in winning the 'plate' competition in a hard battle against Sgt. Boon. Both of these players qualified as novices, having played for a few months only.

Once again we entered every possible competition: The Army Cup, The Northern Command Cup, The Northumbrian District League in which we entered two teams. It was then at the eleventh hour that the team was reinforced by the posting into the battalion of Major Charles Lucas. Recently returned from Hong Kong where he had been playing a lot of squash, he proves to be a very difficult No. 1 to beat. He together with Lt. Bob Day, S/Sgt. Eldridge, Major Mike Thorne (happily returned from USA) and CSM John Watson formed the nucleus of an 'A' team which represented the Battalion in the first round of the Army Cup played against the Army Apprentices' College at Harrogate. In a super hot court, we lost 3-2 in a very tight match which was virtually lost on the final point of the final game of the final match. This lost match seemed to provoke the players into training twice as hard and so commenced what proved to be a most successful season.

Played concurrently with this competition were the various matches in the Northumbrian District League. The battalion fared better in this competition winning all ten matches in a row... and the competition.

Interwoven with the above competitions were a series of competitions played in the battalion. A handicap competition reduced fifty competitors down to two. The competition was finally won by Lt. Bob Day struggling with a handicap of 25 points per game in a three game match. Cpl. Hill, a novice player of one season, played well to reach this final.

The season was concluded with the Inter Company Match. Teams consisting of a minimum of three soldiers and two officers engaged in battle with 'B' and 'Sp' Companies winning through to the finals. Here, once again, in what is now established as a tradition, a very tight match was fought and won by 'Sp' Coy 3 games to 2.

There is no reason to suppose that the game will cease to flourish in Londonderry. Indeed, I'm told that baton whirling improves the forehand drive so we look forward to the 1971 season, when perhaps yours truly can retire.

MARRIAGES

- ADCOCK-HUGHES**—On 6th June, 1970, at Leicester, L/Cpl. W. Adcock to Shirley Ann Hughes.
- ALLEN-GRAY**—On 11th July, 1970, at East-hamstead, Berks., Pte. B. Allen to Janet Gray.
- ALLIS-WRIGHT**—On 29th July, 1970, at Samford Register Office, Ipswich, Pte. Allis to Ann Wright.
- BARRATT-BACHELOR**—On 1st August, 1970, at Hitchin, Herts., Pte. R. Barratt to Angela Batchelor.
- BASKETT-CARTER**—On 1st August, 1970, at Aldeburgh, L/Cpl. R. Baskett to Ann Brenda Carter.
- BEADLE-JONES**—On 12th September, 1970, at the Register Office, Barking, Pte. Beadle to Jennifer Patricia Jones.
- BINGHAM-HUDSON**—On 30th June, 1970, at Andover, Hants., Sgt. R. Bingham to Valerie Hudson.
- BLOOMFIELD-PITCHFORD**—On 4th April, 1970, at Colchester Register Office, Pte. Bloomfield to Wendy Joyce Pitchford.
- BLOWERS-GODBOLD**—On 6th June, 1970, at Cattrick, Cpl. B. Blowers to Diane Godbold.
- BODDY-KIS**—On 28th March, 1970, at St. Oswald's Church, Peterborough, L/Cpl. Boddy to Marlene Valerie Kis.
- BOWDEN-HAASE**—On 27th June, 1970, at Cherry Hinton, Sgt. J. Bowden, to Janet Shirley Haase.
- BROWNLOW-GRIFFITHS**—On 6th June, 1970, at Birmingham, Pte. H. Brownlow to Kathleen Griffiths.
- BUCKLEY-CADWELL**—On 20th June, 1970, at Frimley, L/Cpl. D. Buckley to Mary Cadwell.
- CHEONG-ARCHARD**—On 20th June, 1970, at Birkenhead, Cheshire, L/Cpl. D. Cheong to Irene Archard.
- CLEMENTS-SIMPSON**—On 27th August, 1970, at Bromley, L/Cpl. B. Clements to Carol Ann Simpson.
- CHRISTIE-WOOD**—On 14th April, 1970, at Ipswich, L/Cpl. C. Christie to Carol Ann Wood.
- DAWES-FIELD**—On 4th July, 1970, at Romford, Pte. J. Dawes to Alison Jane Field.
- DAY-DAY**—On 3rd August, 1970, at The Parish Church of St. James' the Great, Clacton-on-Sea, Pte Day to Debrah Jean Day.
- DOLAN-HALL**—On 9th May, 1970, at Bethnal Green, London, E2, Pte. P. Dolan to Patricia Hall.
- DREWRY-DAY**—On 18th July, 1970, at Wortley, Pte. P. Drewry to Barbara Lynn Day.
- EDIE-JOSEPH**—On 4th April, 1970, at Colchester Register Office, Pte. Edie to Thela Ann Joseph.
- ELLIOTT-SHARATT**—On 1st July, 1970, at Norwich, Cpl. P. Elliott to Mary Joan Sharatt.
- EVERITT-COWDREY**—On 8th August, 1970, at Haverhill, Cpl. D. Everitt to Patricia Ann Cowdrey.
- FOSTER-BLAND**—On 8th August, 1970, at Hockwold, Norfolk, Pte. R. Foster to Rosemary Bland.
- FOX-BALDWIN**—On 25th April, 1970, at Aldershot Registry Office, Aldershot, Hants., L/Cpl. D. Fox to Joyce Baldwin.
- FRANCIS-DAVIES**—On 4th July, 1970, at Basildon, Essex, L/Cpl. J. Francis to Glennies Davies.
- FRASER-WELCH**—On 27th June, 1970, at Northallerton, Pte. W. Fraser to Marion Welch.
- FRY-SPITZ**—On 25th July, 1970, at Aldershot Registry Office, Aldershot, Hants., Pte. W. Fry to Cherylyn Spitz.
- FURNISS-BALLANCE**—On 22nd August, at Bucklow, Pte. J. Furniss to Linda Eleanor Ballance.
- FURNISS-TILT**—On 8th April, 1970, at Colchester Register Office, Pte. Furniss to Patricia Irene Joyce Ann Tilt.
- GARDNER-CLARIDGE**—On 13th June, 1970, at Luton, Pte. F. Gardner to Dillys Rosemary Claridge.
- GARNER-O'ROURKE**—On 7th March, 1970, at Dyserth, Flintshire, Pte. Garner to Patricia Ann O'Rourke.
- GAY-BURTON**—On 11th January, 1970, at Aldershot Registry Office, Aldershot, Hants., Cpl. P. Gay to Hildegard Burton.
- GOURLAY-MURPHY**—On 25th July, 1970, at Aldershot Registry Office, Aldershot, Hants., Pte. W. Gourlay to Ann Murphy.

- HALEWOOD-ROBERTSON—On 8th August, 1970, at Parish Church, Carnei, Scotland, Scotland, Cpl. Halewood to Isabella Pearl Robertson.
- HAZAN-MARRINER—On 19th September, 1970, at Garrison Church, Colchester, Captain R. L. Hazan to Jennifer Marriner.
- HIPKIN-KINCAID—On 25th July, 1970, at St. Michael's Church, Crieff, Perthshire, Scotland, Captain G. W. M. Hipkin to Thea Kincaid.
- HOBSON-LAST—On 25th June, 1970, at Armagh, Pte. D. Hobson to Pauline Mary Last.
- HOLT-PORTER—On 28th March, 1970, at Parish Church, Great Yarmouth, Cpl. Holt to Agnes Mary Lillian Porter.
- HOOKS-O'KANE—On 6th June, 1970, at Annan Parish Church, Annan, Scotland, Pte. D. Hooks to Bridget O'Kane.
- KETTLE-DOUGHERTY—On 14th May, 1970, at Colchester, Essex, Pte. T. Kettle to Florence Dougherty.
- L'AMOUR-TOLHURST—On 6th June, 1970, at Richmond, Yorks., Pte. R. L'amour to Jill May Tolhurst.
- LEAMAN-LYNSKEY—On 20th June, 1970, at Merthyr Tydfil, Sgt. J. Leaman to Mary Patricia Lynskey.
- LOCK-WILLIAMSON—On 29th August, 1970, at Leicester, L/Cpl. F. Lock to Carol Williamson.
- LUNN-BELL—On 27th June, 1970, at Tyne-mouth, L/Cpl. J. Lunn to Evelyn Bell.
- MABBOTT-CREES—On 4th July, 1970, at Halstead, Essex, Cpl. S. Mabbott to Alison Crees.
- MANN-HILL—On 4th April, 1970, at Felixstowe, Suffolk, L/Cpl. Pinker to Lynda Ann Hill.
- MANNING-YATES—On 27th June, 1970, at Wainfleet St. Mary, Cpl. D. Manning to Sandra Joyce Yates.
- MARSHALL-BIRMINGHAM—On 27th June, 1970, at Richmond, Cpl. J. Marshall to Kathleen Margaret Birmingham.
- MICHEL-ALLISON—On 25th July, 1970, at Shildon, L/Cpl. M. Michel to Sheila Allison.
- MILLER-COOPER—On 20th June, 1970, at Beccles Parish Church, Beccles, Suffolk, L/Cpl. B. Miller to Vivien Cooper.
- MORRIS-PLEDGER—On 25th July, 1970, at Southend-on-Sea, Essex, L/Cpl. J. Morris to Ann Pledger.
- NEWSON-MILLER—On 4th July, 1970, at Richmond, Pte. D. Newson to Christine Miller.
- O'DONOVAN-WAITE—On 6th June, 1970, at Aldershot Registry Office, Aldershot, Hants., L/Cpl. B. O'Donovan to Evelyn Waite.
- PATEL-JOHNSON—On 16th June, 1970, at Richmond, Pte. G. Patel to Brenda Maria Johnson.
- PERRY-POTTER—On 27th June, 1970, at Wymondham, Cpl. D. Perry to Megan Potter.
- PIESSE-SIMS—On 2nd May, 1970, at Ickleford, Pte. P. Piesse to Patricia Sims.
- PINKER-McELHINNEY—On 31st March, 1970, at Felixstowe, Suffolk, L/Cpl. Pinker to Margaret Elizabeth McElhinney.
- POWELL-WHITE—On 20th June, 1970, at Richmond, Sgt. I. Powell to Katherine Alison Walker White.
- RAYNER-MARSHALL—On 21st March, 1970, at Sedgfield, L/Cpl. Rayner to Diane Marshall.
- REID-JACKSON—On 27th June, 1970, at Welton, Cpl. R. Reid to Ann Jackson.
- RICKEY-CLYNCH—On 1st August, 1970, at Christ's Church, Eltham, S.E.9, L/Cpl. Rickey to Elizabeth Josephine Clynch.
- ROMILY-BYRNE—On 25th September, 1970, at The Church of Our Most Holy Redeemer and St. Thomas Moore, Cheyne Row, London, SW3, Captain M. E. Romilly to Rena Byrne.
- SAYLE-TEAL—On 3rd July, 1970, at Cheltenham, Pte. M. Sayle to Carol Ann Teal.
- SEEKINGS-KNIGHT—On 13th June, 1970, at Ely, Pte. I. Seekings to Brenda Patricia Knight.
- SEERS-SALMON—On 14th February, 1970, at Walton, Suffolk, L/Cpl. Seers to Rita Ann Salmon.
- SENDALL-BURDETT—On 4th July, 1970, at Northrepps, L/Cpl. M. Sendall to Carol Ann Burdett.
- SMITH-SMITH—On 24th April, 1970, at Chatham, Kent, Pte. V. Smith to Lyane Smith.
- SMITH-WAKEFIELD—On 11th July, 1970, at Hindolveston, Norfolk, Pte. W. Smith to Thelma Wakefield.

STEEL-WAUGH—On 27th June, 1970, at Andover, Hants., L/Cpl. R. Steel to Moira Waugh.

STEVENS-COOPER—On 29th August, 1970, at The Parish Church of St. Patrick at Barking, Pte. Stevens to Barbara Georgina Cooper.

STORR-WILLIAMS—On 18th March, 1970, at Luccombe, Somerset, Pte Storr to Ann Williams.

THORPE-STEVENSON—On 27th June, 1970, at Northampton, Cpt. P. Thorpe to Judith Stevenson.

THURSTON-ISBELL—On 9th May, 1970, at Barney Parish Church, Barney, Norfolk, L/Cpl. P. Thurston to Sylvia Isbell.

TORTICE-OSBORNE—On 6th June, 1970, at Norwich, Pte. G. Tortice to Ann Sarah Osborne.

TURNER-CAIN-THOMPSON — On 22nd August, 1970, at The British Empire Chapel, St. Paul's Cathedral, Captain M. G. Turner-Cain to Charlotte Thompson.

UNDERWOOD-HAWTHORN—On 11th July, 1970, at St. Stephen's Church, Dulwich, Lt. S. R. H. Underwood to Barbara Jane Hawthorn.

WHITE-BALDWIN—On 1st May, 1970, at Bexley, Kent, L/Cpl. N. White to Margaret Baldwin.

WITHRINGTON-LEWIS—On 4th July, 1970, at Hertford, Cpl. R. Withrington to Maureen Lewis.

WOOLER-SMITH—On 18th June, 1970, at Rainham, Pte. G. Wooler to Elizabeth Smith.

WRIGHT-CONSTABLE—On 27th June, 1970, at Harwich, Pte. D. Wright to Christine Constable.

YOUNG-NEEVES—On 9th May, 1970, at Whitten, Pte. A. Young to Lesley Neeves.

ATTFIELD—On 14th March, 1970, at Louise Margaret Maternity Hospital, Aldershot, to Ann, wife of Cpl. J. Attfield, a son, Richard Stuart.

BLUNDELL—On 10th June, 1970, at Louise Margaret Maternity Hospital, Aldershot, to Ruth, wife of L/Cpl. W. Blundell, a daughter, Penny Ann.

BLYTHE—On 1st May, 1970, at Nunthorpe Hospital, Grimsby, to Dorothy, wife of L/Cpl. W. Blythe, a daughter, Sophia.

BROWN—On 21st July, 1970, at Rothbury Hospital, Morpeth, to Mrs. Brown, wife of Pte. Brown, a daughter, Lorraine.

BROWN—On 29th July, 1970, at Catterick, to Mrs. T. Brown, wife of Pte. J. Brown, a son, Matthew Allan.

BYRNE—On 13th August, 1970, at MH Colchester, to Mrs. Byrne, wife of Pte. Byrne, a daughter, Katrine Jane.

COLLINS—On 3rd April, 1970, at Richmond, to Mrs. W. Collins, wife of Pte. M. Collins, a son, Alexander James.

CULSHAW—On 26th March, 1970, at Louise Margaret Maternity Hospital, Aldershot, to Mavis, wife of Sgt. D. Culshaw, a son, John Richard.

D'ARCY—On 6th August, 1970, at Wyberton West Hospital, Boston, to Mrs. D'Arcy, wife of Cpl. D'Arcy, a daughter, Karen Sarah.

DODDS—On 1st October, 1970, at MH Colchester, to Dawn, wife of Cpl. M. E. Dodds, a daughter, Sharon Dawn.

DORKS—On 29th May, 1970, at Corby, Northants, to Mrs. Dorks, wife of Pte. Dorks, a son, Mark Edward.

GRAHAM—On 10th July, 1970, at Louise Margaret Maternity Hospital, Aldershot, to Janet, wife of Sgt. B. Graham, a son, Calvin David.

GRAVESTOCK—On 1st August, 1970, at Harpenden Memorial Hospital, Harpenden, to Mrs. Gravestock, wife of Pte. Gravestock, a son, Paul Anthony.

GREENFIELD—On 18th March, 1970, at Wyberton West Hospital, Boston, Lincs., to Phyllis, wife of Pte. G. Greenfield, a daughter Stella.

GREENFIELD—On 5th August, 1970, at MH Colchester, to Mrs. Greenfield, wife of WO.II Greenfield, a son, Guy Donald.

BIRTHS

ALLEN—On 1st May, 1970, at MH Colchester, to Mrs. Allen, wife of Sgt. Allen, a son, Karl Geoffrey.

ALLEN—On 4th April, 1970, at MH Colchester, to Mrs. Allen, wife of Pte. Allen, a son, Tony Ian.

ARNOLD—On 27th July, 1970, at MH Colchester, to Mrs. Arnold, wife of Pte Arnold, a daughter, Stella.

HUMPHRYS—On 15th March, 1970, at Downpatrick Hospital, N. Ireland, to wife of Cpl. A. Humphrys, a son, Mark Anthony.

JEFFERY—On 28th June, 1969, at Louise Margaret Maternity Hospital, Aldershot, to Jean, wife of L/Cpl. E. Jeffery, a son, Nevil Charles.

JONES—On 16th June, 1970, at MH Colchester, to Mrs. Jones, wife of Cpl. Jones, a son, Sheridan Francis.

LYNN—On 12th May, 1970, at Catterick, to Mrs. B. Lynn, wife of L/Cpl. D. Lynn, a son, Marcus.

MASON—On 27th March, 1970, at Roundhills Maternity Hospital, Leicester, to Sheila, wife of Cpl. J. Mason, a son, Gary.

McCLUSKEY—On 8th May, 1970, at Richmond, to Mrs. E. McCluskey, wife of Pte. P. McCluskey, a son, Garry Paul.

MOLDON—On 11th May, 1970, at Chatham, Kent, to Shirley, wife of Pte. C. Molden, a son, Lee.

ROBERTS—On 7th April, 1970, at MH Colchester, to Mrs. Roberts, wife of Cpl. Roberts, a daughter, Tracey Ann.

SIMONS—On 13th June, 1970, at the William Smellie Hospital, Lanark, to Sheila, wife of Pte. J. Simons, a daughter, Mandy Miller.

SLINEY—On 21st March, 1970, at MH Colchester, to Mrs. Sliney, wife of Pte. Sliney, a daughter, Christina Louise.

SMEE—On 29th April, 1970, at Chelmsford, to Mrs. S. Sme, wife of Pte. A. Sme, a son, Robert Anthony.

STUMP—On 24th March, 1970, at Louise Margaret Maternity Hospital, Aldershot, to Lynn, wife of Pte. M. Stump, a son, Jason.

SYKES—On 19th April, 1970, at Catterick, to Mrs. L. Sykes, wife of Cpl. S. Sykes, a daughter, Debra Michelle Jane.

TAYLOR—On 29th April, 1970, at MH Colchester, to Mrs. Taylor, wife of Cpl. Taylor, a daughter, Julie Anne.

TWEEDIE—On 8th April, 1970, at MH Colchester, to Mrs. Tweedie, wife of Pte. Tweedie, a son, Peter John.

WILLEY—On 29th May, 1970, at West Somerset Hospital, Minehead, to Mrs. Willey, wife of Pte. Willey, a son, David Idris.

WORTHY—On 8th August, 1970, to Major and Mrs. P. Worthy, a daughter, Emily Jane.

YOXALL—On 25th May, 1970, at Catterick, to Mrs. M. Yoxall, wife of Cpl. B. Yoxall, a daughter, Hayley Jane.

OBITUARIES

MAJOR VICTOR JAMES GEE

Victor Gee's sudden death at the age of 32 during an exercise with the 3rd Battalion on Salisbury Plain in August was a great tragedy. Victor was a conscientious and able officer who was immensely popular with all ranks of the battalion. He took great pains always in safeguarding the interests and welfare of his men and was a man of great charm and integrity.

Victor was commissioned in 1959 and served with 3rd Bn The East Anglian Regiment in Malaya and Berlin before going to Mons OCS in 1966/67. He rejoined the battalion in early 1968 and served as a Company Commander throughout its 1969/70 UNFICYP tour, being responsible for the important Limassol District. On return to UK in May 1970 he threw himself wholeheartedly into converting his company into the mechanised role and it was during the battalion's first major exercise with APCs that Victor met his tragic death.

Victor is greatly missed in the battalion and we extend our deepest sympathy to his mother and brother in their loss.

COLONEL E. P. LLOYD, CBE, DSO

Edward Prince Lloyd joined The Lincolnshire Regiment in 1906. He served in the 1914-18 War, was wounded three times and awarded the DSO and Bar. After this War he became Adjutant and later Commanded the 2nd Battalion from 1933 to '37.

After various appointments as Colonel GS, he retired in 1944 and was awarded the CBE in the same year.

In the Regiment he was affectionately known as 'Bong' by his equals, and as 'The Little Man' by his juniors. Generally of a quiet and unassuming demeanour he could be quite the opposite when roused. He was kind and helpful to junior officers and was held in high regard by all who knew him. A keen supporter of The Regiment and the Regimental Association, he will be much missed.

R.H.L.

LT. COLONEL D. P. ST. C. ROISSIER, OBE

The early death of Ronald Roissier came as a sad blow to his many friends.

He was commissioned and joined the 2nd Battalion The Lincolnshire Regiment in August 1930 and served with them in England until posted to the 1st Battalion in Hong Kong and subsequently India.

He was reposted to the 2nd Battalion in time to take part in the 1940 operations in France and the evacuation from Dunkirk.

In 1944 he again joined the 1st Battalion as second-in-command in the Arakan, and in March 1945 he assumed command of the Battalion in time for the capture of Rangoon. In 1946 the Battalion formed part of the occupation force in Sumatra and for these operations he was awarded the OBE. Towards the end of the year he returned to England, and after various staff appointments he assumed command of the newly amalgamated 4/6 Territorial Battalion in 1950. His last appointment before retirement in December 1958 was Commander of 45 Group BAOR.

His comparatively short time of retirement was spent in Little Bealings, near Woodbridge, where he made many friends and took a great interest in the village and his shooting and golf.

He will be sadly missed and our very deepest sympathy goes to his widow.

P.H.G.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL S. G. L. PEPYS

Lieutenant Colonel Samuel Pepys died on 16th June, 1970. He was 54 years of age.

The sudden death of Sam Pepys was a great shock to his many friends, who since his retirement in 1960, had been a most staunch supporter of all matters regimental. His wise counsel at Regimental Committee Meetings will be sadly missed.

Commissioned in The Essex Regiment in 1935, he served with 1st Essex and in 1938, because of the great need for trained observers, he accepted a temporary commission as Flying Officer in the Royal Air Force. Whilst on aerial reconnaissance over France in 1940 his plane was shot down and he was taken prisoner. He rejoined his Regiment in 1946, and served in India, Far East, Korea and BAOR before taking command of the Regimental Depot at Warley in 1956. In 1957 he was appointed to command 4th Bn The Essex Regiment (TA). On his retirement he first became Area Manager of a large commercial concern in London and after

suffering a setback in health, he held an executive post with the Harlow Development Corporation.

A simple Memorial Service at Abbess Roding Church was attended by very many of his friends from military and civil life. Our deep sympathy goes to his widow Peta.

LT.-COL. R. R. YALLAND, DSO

The Leicestershire Regiment



Robert Rennie Yalland, who died on the 17th June at the age of 84, came to us from the Gloucestershire Militia in January 1907, serving with the 1st Bn at Shorncliffe and Aldershot. A good all-round athlete and sportsman, he was an exceptionally fine forward and was a leading member of the pack in the team that won the Army Rugby Cup in 1908/9 and was runner-up in 1910. He served with the 2nd Bn in Madras and Ranikhet, returning to the 1st Bn at Fermoy on promotion to captain in November 1913. On mobilization he was sent to the Depot, but went to France in July 1915 as second-in-command of the 6th (Service) Battalion of the Regiment and was promoted T/Lt.-Col. to command the 9th (S) Bn in August 1917. After its disbandment on reorganisation he commanded the 52nd (Young Soldiers) Bn of the Welch Regiment and, later, the 1st/4th Bn The Gloucestershire Regiment in Italy. He

was an outstanding example of that valuable link between the old Regular Army and the TA and Service Battalions that made those the formidable fighting machines that they so quickly became.

After the war, Captain Yalland, who had been twice mentioned in despatches and awarded the DSO, was adjutant at the Depot for four years under Colonel Joe Brock (of happy memory), returning to the 2nd Bn at Jhansi in 1923. He was present with it throughout the mutiny at Khartoum in 1924 and came home with it to Colchester in the following year, being transferred to the 1st Bn on promotion to major in 1926. He retired in December 1935.

Such are the dry bones of Colonel Yalland's service in our Regiment. They convey nothing of the charm of the best-loved officer in the Regiment in those now distant years. That charm is not easy to assess; it rested perhaps chiefly on a quiet exceptional simplicity and sweetness of character that won the immediate and complete confidence of all who served with or under him. It never occurred to anyone to doubt his absolute sincerity on everything he said or did, or to look behind it for any motive not immediately apparent; he was quick to feel confidence and to show that he felt it, and he was rewarded with affection and trust to an exceptional degree. As straight as men are made, kind-hearted almost to a fault, of a peculiarly even and unexcitable temperament, yet tough-willed when once he had made up his mind, of such were the best infantry commanders in that bloody war. The writer well remembers visiting him in the line during the first Somme Battle, and finding him strikingly the most unshaken feature in that tortured landscape. The few of his contemporaries who survive him remember him with great affection as the embodiment of much that has been best in the traditional character of the British regimental officer. When 'I summon up remembrance of things past . . . for precious friends hid in death's dateless night' (it was many years before I discovered that he was a lover of Shakespeare) the words that come to my mind are staunchness, integrity, and good-humour.

Nor can those of us left to remember 'Tough' think of him without thinking also of his wife Bunty, whose restfulness, dignity, and warm friendliness were so large a part of the very long and happy marriage that was a delight to their friends.

Our sympathy and good wishes go out to their daughters.

M.W.

MAJOR P. D. TAUNTON

The sudden, tragic death of Major Peter Doidge Taunton in Belfast on Monday, 26th October, at the age of 35, came as a shock to his many friends. He had only just moved to Belfast with his company in the 2nd Battalion for a four month spell of duty in the Springfield Road area.

Peter Taunton was a kind, mild-mannered man with a ready wit and a dry, whimsical sense of humour. Always friendly, he was universally popular but fair, painstaking and thorough in his work. On duty or off, nothing was ever too much trouble.

Particularly keen on equestrian pursuits, he rode to hounds with great enthusiasm and loved horses and dogs, but not to the exclusion of other sports for he was a good cricketer and hockey player. While at Oxford he was awarded a Blue when he boxed against Cambridge.

Educated at Cheltenham, Peter followed his father, Brigadier D. E. Taunton, into the Northamptonshire Regiment for his National Service in 1954 and served with the 1st Battalion in Germany, Korea and Hong Kong before going to Oxford to read Modern Languages in 1955. While at University he held a TA Commission in 5th Northampton (TA) and was an active member of that Battalion. On obtaining his degree in 1958 he returned to the regular Battalion, then in Watchet, Somerset, for a short time before leaving with it for Aden. Here he was ADC to Major General (now General Sir) Robert Bray.

In 1962 he became an instructor at Mons Officer Cadet School and during this tour, on 20th April, 1963, married Joanna Richardson.

In 1964 he became Adjutant of the 2nd Battalion in Cyprus, where he was also a leading member of the Saddle Club at Dhekelia. After attending the Staff College, Camberley, in 1967, he had a brief tour in Gibraltar followed by an appointment as GSO2 in the Inspectorate of Establishments, Ministry of Defence (Army). He left this job only three months before his death.

We offer our deepest sympathy to Joanna and her sons William and Edward.

DEATHS

- ABNEY HASTINGS**—In May, 1970, of 17 Denbigh Drive, Fareham, Major R. Abney Hastings, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.
- ADAMS**—On 18th June, 1970, in Northampton, (CSM) Sydney Adams, late The Northamptonshire Regiment.
- ARNOLD**—On 13th April, 1970, at Lee on the Solent, Captain J. F. Arnold, aged 82, late 6th (S) Bn The Northamptonshire Regiment.
- BAILEY**—On 18th May, 1970, Ernest Bailey, late 1st, 2nd Battalions The Essex Regiment (27 years' service).
- BALL**—On 8th May, 1970, at Welwyn, Herts., Mr. Alwyne Horace Ball, DCM, late 5th Bn The Bedfordshire Regiment.
- BAUSOR**—On 24th April, 1970, at Warley, Essex, Harry P. Bausor, ex RQMS The Essex Regiment for 22 years, Home Guard 1939-45, Chairman Brentwood Old Comptibles.
- BOND**—On 15th May, 1970, at Rushden, Major S. Bond, late The Northamptonshire Regiment.
- BOWTLE**—On 2nd August, 1970, at Chelmsford, Essex, Basil Bowtle, aged 96, ex WO, 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th Battalions, The Essex Regiment, 1893-1918.
- BREWSTER**—In November, 1969, Mr. E. G. Brewster, late 7th Battalion The Essex Regiment.
- BUTLER**—On 7th April, 1970, of 39 Linden Drive, Leicester, Lt. E. H. Butler, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.
- CURTIS**—On 22nd July, 1969, at Rayleigh, Essex, Captain T. J. Curtis, late The Essex Regiment.
- DANBY**—On 20th May, 1970, at Milford on Sea, Lt.-Col. G. A. C. Danby, MBE, late The Northamptonshire Regiment.
- DAVEY**—In August, 1970, at Dunmow, Essex, Major Norman G. Davey, MC, late The Essex Regiment.
- DENBY**—On 6th September, 1970, of The Royal Hospital, Chelsea, ex Cpl. Alfred Denby, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.
- DENTON**—On 29th August, 1970, at Milton Ernest, Beds., Mr. Albert Edward Denton, aged 52, late 5th Bn The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment.
- DORRELL**—On 9th June, 1970, at Northolt, Mr. F. R. Dorrell, late 6th Bn The Bedfordshire Regiment.
- DRANE**—On 26th May, 1970, at Sawston, Cambs., Mr. J. H. Drane, late The Essex Regiment.
- EDWARDS**—Recently at Torremolinos, Spain, Captain James L. Edwards, DSO, MC, late 7th Battalion The Essex Regiment, 1914-1918, wounded and gassed on 6th April, 1915.
- ESSOM**—On 26th July, 1970, at Northampton, Alan John Essom, aged 31 years, late The Northamptonshire Regiment.
- FIELD**—On 1st September, 1970, Francis Peter Field, aged 36, formerly Captain The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (suddenly).
- FRICKER**—On 18th April, 1970, of 9 Waverley Way, Worksop, ex A/Sgt. W. Fricker, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.
- GEE**—In August, 1970, at Salisbury Plain, Major Victor Gee, aged 32, whilst serving with the 3rd Battalion, during an exercise.
- GIBBS**—On 13th April, 1970, at Luton, Frederick Arthur Gibbs, MM, aged 72, late The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment.
- GOODALL**—On 8th August, 1970, at Luton, Mr. F. J. Goodall, aged 67, late The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment.
- GREAVES**—On 15th May, 1970, at Port Isaac, Cornwall, Major R. R. Greaves, late The Northamptonshire Regiment.
- HALSEY**—On 22nd June, 1970, at Rochford Hospital, Essex, Stanley Halsey, late 7th and 30th Bns The Essex Regiment, 1939-46.
- HARRIS**—On 30th March, 1970, of 16 Tickford Street, Newport Pagnell, Mr. Bernard Harris, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.
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- LINDFIELD—On 24th July, 1970, at Legrave, Mr. Harold Lindfield, aged 93, late The Bedfordshire Regiment.
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- MALPAS—On 13th September, 1970, Major Edward Daniel Malpas, aged 65, late of The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment.
- MANN—On 28th August, 1970, at The Star & Garter Home, Richmond, Alfred William Mann, late Essex Regiment, 1903-1919.
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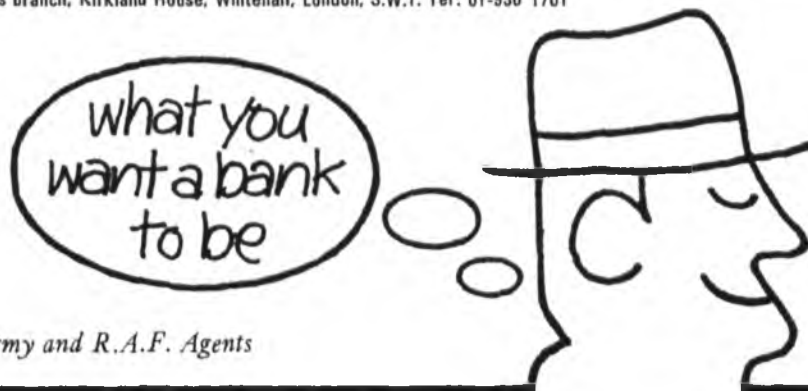
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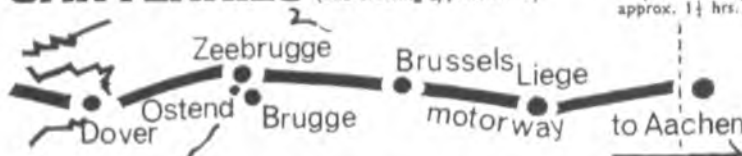


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