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Major J. T. Dudley (retd.)

Pte Angle

On Northern Ireland

Signal: '1st Battalion to 2nd Battalion.

The summer's gone and all the flowers are dying.

'Tis you, 'This you must go and I must bide.

But come ye back when summer's in the meadow,

Or when the valley's hushed and white with snow,

For I'll be there in sunshine and in shadow,

Oh Danny Boy, Oh Danny Boy, I love you so.

Well! if it's not the 2nd Battalion it'll be the 3rd.'



A nice idea. Reproduced by courtesy of "Punch".

'We know, if we couldn't stand a joke we shouldn't have joined—the trouble is, at times this becomes a bloody pantomime.' (Command Company 1st Bn.)

(With apologies to DANA)

Explosions and petrol bombs,
Things of the night,
Fenians and Protestants
Join in the fight,
U.V.F., I.R.A., British Army too,
All kinds of everything remind me of you.

Paisley and Gerry Fitt,
Bernadette too,
Stones that go whistling by,
Bars blazing too;
Tri-colour, Union Jack,
Red, White and Blue,
All kinds of everything remind me of you.

Falls Road, Shankill Road,
Ballymurphy too,
Policemen and Army
Separate the two,
Catapults, C.S Gas, Guns sniping too,
All kinds of everything remind me of you.

On Three New Angles

6th (VOLUNTEER) BATTALION THE ROYAL ANGLIAN REGIMENT

Commanding Officer: Lt. Col. P. W. Raywood, TD

Training Major: Major W. J. B. Peat

Companies

A (Royal Norfolk) Company—Dereham

B (Bedfordshire) Company—Bedford

C (Essex) Company—Braintree

D (Cambridgeshire) Company—Cambridge

7th (VOLUNTEER) BATTALION THE ROYAL ANGLIAN REGIMENT

Commanding Officer: Lt. Col. W. G. Wallace, TD

Training Major: Major M. K. D. Gunton

Companies

Leicestershire and Derbyshire (Prince Albert's Own Yeomanry Squadron
—Melton Mowbray

A (Royal Lincolnshire) Company—Scunthorpe

B (Royal Leicestershire) Company—Leicester

C (Northamptonshire) Company—Northampton

D (Northamptonshire) Company—Wellingborough

I quoted from a Territorial unit in October 1968, 'The death throes of T&AVR units have been so protracted and now, with successive rays of hope of a reprieve fading, one feels that a sudden "coupe de grâce" might have been less painful'. A good thing it never came!

In November the Government announced plans to expand the Reserve Forces. We benefit by two new Volunteer Battalions, the 6th with Headquarters in Blenheim Camp, Bury St. Edmunds, and the 7th with Headquarters in Clare Street, Northampton.

A great many matters of Regimental importance were discussed at a meeting called by the Colonel of the Regiment. Considering that the companies of the new battalions are based upon the Cadres of the former Territorial Regiments where strong county and former regimental connections thrive, there was a gratifying measure of agreement. All are to wear the Royal

Anglian Regiment cap badge, except the Squadron of The Leicestershire and Derbyshire Yeomanry, who are a sub-unit of the 7th Battalion with a normal infantry role. Each new company will wear the badge of their former Territorial Regiment as collar badges. To bring the companies of the 5th Volunteers into line it was agreed that they too should wear the former badges as collar badges. This was the Regimental decision, but it has yet to be approved by the Ministry. The position of Honorary Colonels has yet to be resolved. They continue in office at present and are doing a sterling job in helping to promote recruiting for the new companies.

We should not steal the thunder from these two new 'Angles', who will want to speak for themselves in the October 'Castle'. Congratulations on your birth, and on the obvious success you are both having in getting recruits.

And the third . . .

On 14th November, 1970, the Bury Branch of the Association was born. Mr. Blackburn kindly agreed to be Chairman, supported by Mr. Collison and Mr. Keeble as Secretary and Treasurer. Already there are over fifty members.

The Club Room (the old Depot Sergeants Mess) is open on Wednesday and Saturday evenings and at lunch-time on Sundays. A very successful Dance and Draw was held at Christmas.

Come along and join.

On Good Reading

An interesting article on The Army Cadet Force on page 24.

A Cushy Life Indeed, by the Pay Corps NCO with Tiger Company, on page 48.

The Infantry Junior Leaders Battalion on page 11.

On Two Letters with a meaning

The Northamptonshire Regiment Museum is to be re-opened in Abington Park as part of the Northampton Civic Museum on 28th May, by the Marquis of Exeter. The following letter published locally under the heading "Amazed by the Regiment's Museum" reads:

As a senior citizen, I have often passed by Gibraltar Barracks, Northampton, and read the notice on the wall inviting people to visit the Regimental Museum.

A few weeks ago, accompanied by my nine-year-old grandson, I decided to accept the invitation. We were made very welcome.

I was amazed by the wonderful display of the glorious trophies which have been won by our Northamptonshire Regiment. I stood with pride as I looked at the pictures of the gallant men who served in the Regiment, the battle honours and medals they won and the uniforms they wore.

I could visualise the bandsmen who proudly led the church parades I used to watch, with hundreds of other people, as the Regiment marched to Sunday morning services.

One could spend a whole day browsing around the museum and admiring the exhibits.

Now it is all to be moved to the Abington Park museum. I hope that many more townspeople will view the collection. There is, of course, still time to see it in its present setting.
—"PROUD OF THEM".

Another letter which caught the editor's eye at the time of the forming of Cadres of the former Territorial Regiments is worth reading

BADGES TO HONOUR

Sir—We have had postage stamps in honour of the Norman Conquest, the Concorde, great anniversaries, the T.U.C., British birds and British ships, British flowers and British cathedrals and much else.

Could we now honour an institution whose sacrifices for 300 years have kept foreign heads off British postage stamps? I mean the British Army. Now is the time to commemorate the disbanded regiments and the regiments whose names have been obliterated in the "modernisation" (*sic*) of our Armed Forces. "Hold up your heads and let the bastards see your cap badges!"

Let us see once again those famous crests and give them a pat of affection on our letters—the "Young & Lovelies" (York and Lancaster Regt.), the "Die-hards" (Middlesex Regt.), the "Faithfuls" (Durham Light Infantry), the "Hell's let in" (the Highland Light Infantry), the "Staunch Beloved" (the Cameronians—Scottish Rifles) and alas, many more.

The 4p stamp is not included in recent commemorative issues. Why not—since this stamp is still the one in greatest daily use?

MARGARET PRATT,

West Horsley, Surrey.

Editor's Note: Much water has passed under the bridge since that T.A. Re-organisation. It is the sentiments expressed here that were echoed at the meeting held by the Colonel of the Regiment with all Territorial Honorary Colonels which is more fully reported on page 4. Indeed there is now a Series of First Day Covers being issued which include "Famous Regiments". The Royal Anglian Regiment's cover depicts all our former crests and is due for release to the public in aid of the National Army Museum on 1st July, 1971. See page 6.

On the Regimental Gathering

Date: 31st July.

Place: Ampton Cricket Ground, Nr. Ingham, Bury St. Edmunds.

Function: 1130 Cricket Match versus Gentlemen of Suffolk and Bury and West Suffolk CC. Cricketers wishing to play contact RHQ. P.M. Tea Tent for all, cash basis. 1830 Officers Cocktail Party. Old Comrades Bar.

The Band of the 1st Battalion will be in attendance. Regrettably there is no Regimental Corps of Drums available. It may therefore not be possible to Beat Retreat.

You will be surprised at the location. Our intention was to have the Regimental Cricket Match as background to the afternoon when all ranks can meet and have tea (and watch the cricket!). It had been intended to have this at Gibraltar Barrocks, but vandals have cut off the water to the square and generally spoil the idea. Bless them!

Ampton, if fine, will provide a magnificent setting and we are most grateful to the members of the Ampton Cricket Club. If wet, it will be no different to anywhere else. So please support our efforts to keep the 'Reunion' going. Our hope is to move North for a function next summer and so cover our regimental area more thoroughly.

On Leaders Comments on Visit to Depot

1. "I had no real idea how the Army works before—the comedy films were more my picture."

2. "I had no idea of the opportunities the Army offers—it's fantastic."

3. "I wish someone had been around to tell me the facts—I was quite keen as a boy but my father completely put me off."

4. "I shall definitely encourage any boy who shows an interest in the Army after today."

5. "We really were most impressed, we had no idea what career opportunities are offered by the Army."

6. "It may sound strange but the same night a boy asked me how much he should give his

mother from his wages. We used the Army information as a basis for working this out and it was most helpful. This led on to a discussion of what I'd learnt at Bassingbourne which involved about eight boys for over an hour. One of the best discussions we've ever had, our lads were most impressed."

7. "I was horrified to discover how much things have changed and how outdated my opinions were. I'm really glad we went."

8. "The Army TV adverts are always good for a laugh in my club and I've always considered them as hilarious as the kids do, prejudice from National Service I guess. It was incredible to learn just how much truth there is in them. I was only talking to the lads about it last night."

On Stamps

From The National Army Museum

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QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS

Lieut.-General Sir Ian Freeland has been singularly honoured by the award of the GBE for his work as GOC Northern Ireland.

In February Lieut.-General Sir Ian Freeland completed his tour of duty as GOC Northern Ireland. This post had become regarded as a quiet pasture for generals on the brink of retirement. By the time he arrived on 19th July, 1969, however, the situation had altered drastically. Instead of a military sinecure, General Freeland, at 56, was moving into the hottest job in the British Army.

To General and Lady Freeland the Regiment will wish a happy and richly deserved retirement after the exacting last two years.

Lt.-Col. R. E. J. Gerrard-Wright received the OBE, as did Lt.-Cols. E. Turnill and W. C. Deller. The former two for the manner in which they commanded their Battalions under operational conditions and Colonel Deller for his work in the formation of the Queen's Division Depot.

Congratulations

Bravery Award

'Lt. Col. Turnill commanded The Desert Regiment Group in Dhofar from Early April 1970 until the end of January 1971. The responsibilities which he has borne, and the demands on his personal qualities of leadership, robustness, judgment and courage have been exceptionally heavy. His achievements during the past year have been of a very high order: they reflect above all his unremitting devoting to his officers and soldiers and to the good of the Sultanate.' So reads the citation on which Colonel Turnill was awarded the Sultan's Bravery Medal last March. This is equivalent to the DSO.

Our heartiest congratulations.

Major General John Spurling handed over the duties of Deputy Colonel for Leicestershire and Rutland to Colonel Mike Pallot, to whom we bid a warm welcome. General Spurling has fought unceasingly for the survival of the 4th Battalion and all that meant to The Tigers.

Colonel Pallot joined the Royal Leicesters in 1936. His most recent appointment was Colonel AQ Headquarters, Yorkshire District. He was 'Mentioned in Despatches' twice, latterly when second in command of his Battalion in Cyprus.



Lieut. Colonel Peter Upcher hands over to Major Dudley as Regimental Secretary for Leicestershire and Rutland on 30th June. No one has worked harder over the last thirty-nine years' unbroken service with the Regiment. He richly deserves a long and happy retirement. We hope to see him often at the golf meetings.



Another Regimental Secretary change. This time in Norfolk, last November, when, after fifty-one—yes, FIFTY-ONE—years of unbroken service, Major George Cripps handed over the reins of office to Lt. Col. Jo Joanny. This is a wonderful record of service which any regiment will find hard to beat. He was commissioned Quartermaster in 1941 and for the last eleven years has been Regimental Secretary in Norwich.



Major General Jack Dye is now working in the MOD as Director, Territorial Army and Cadets.



Cpl. Allen with cup. L/Cpl. Morton going to receive his medal.



Congratulations to Corporal Allen, who captained the victorious 3rd Battalion football team in the Infantry Challenge Cup Final. See page 57.



Also to Junior Private Shields at the Infantry Junior Leaders Battalion, who won his weight in the Army Junior Boxing, 8-8½ stone.

"KIPPER"—AN APPRECIATION

On 28th January, 1971, after a brief ceremony in the Officers' Mess, Ebrington Barracks, Londonderry, Colour Sergeant "Kipper" Place retired from the Army after 31 years' service. His departure marked the end of an era for the Mess during which his name had become synonymous with courtesy and service of a type rarely found these days.

One must be careful not to couch this brief note of appreciation in the terms of an obituary. When last seen he was fit and well!

Colour Sergeant Place joined the Suffolk



Regiment. He was captured by the Japanese in Malaya at the beginning of the war and spent the war years working on the Burma-Siam railway and in the infamous Changi Prison. After repatriation he rejoined his Regiment at Bury St. Edmunds and served with the first Battalion through its various transition stages of 1st East Anglian to Royal Anglian.

One has thought of him as always serving in the Officers' Mess, but it was not until 1957 whilst serving in Cyprus that he started his long and successful period as Mess Sergeant. I do not intend to dwell further on his past as there

are many past and present members of the Mess with a far more intimate knowledge of this period than I, and I am certain his own memories require no embellishment.

I shall always remember the Mess with Kipper in it. He was the great fixer, friend of subalterns and source of advice on a thousand subjects. He seemed always available and whether one was asking for a late lunch or for an extra twenty guests to be fitted in for the guest night that evening, he seldom threatened resignation and never said it was impossible.

Many PMC's and Mess Secretaries went grey until they were used to his methods. These appeared to involve disguising whatever he was doing until the last possible minute, when like a conjuror producing the proverbial rabbit he would produce the perfect Guest Night, Cocktail Party or Ball. On several occasions as Mess Secretary I have reached the stage of producing my reasons in writing only to see the miracle performed.

Well, "Kipper" has gone. In this era of the economist and planner with the threat of District and Brigade Messes hanging over our heads and an ever increasing tendency towards an Officers' Club rather than a Mess, I'm not sure whether he has not chosen the right time. His presence in a motel orientated District Mess would have been catastrophic.

We shall miss him, his services were sought by Generals and his advice by Subalterns. Good luck for the future, we owe him a lot.



Lt.-Col. Jimmy Hughes, whose provisional promotion to Lieutenant Colonel was reported in October, is GSO 1 HQ Gibraltar, Major Mike Thorne is to be GSO 1 (DS) at the Staff College in September, and Major John Garnett to be MA in Addis Ababa after completing his language course.



Rhine Army Swimmers. The Rev. W. A. J. Sayer has joined the RAChD and James Moore is joining the RAEC. Both were NS subalterns in the 1st Royal Norfolk and both broke Army Swimming Records, the former in the breast stroke and the latter freestyle. Bill Sayer is posted to Bulford and James Moore is at present at Cambridge. A good couple for Basingbourn?



BANDMASTER E. RAPER, ARCM

All members of Bands of The Royal Anglian Regiment will wish Ted Raper every success as a parachutist extraordinary and bandmaster on his advancement to Warrant Officer Class I with appointment as Bandmaster to 2nd Battalion The Parachute Regiment. From the age of eight years he played a cornet and joined The Royal Norfolk Regiment as a band boy at Britannia Barracks, Norwich, in June, 1952. At that time Bandmaster Dan Harvey made him learn to play the euphonium. On reaching man's service Raper joined the Band of 1st Bn The Royal Norfolk Regiment in Hong Kong where he was a member of the Norfolk Chamber Group. In April 1968 Raper was sent to Kneller Hall for a three-year course as a Student Bandmaster. He commanded the champion company of the School over two years, and has gained the Ministry of Defence certificate of Bandmastership and the diploma as an Associate of the Royal College of Music.

ARDUOUS CADET TRAINING AT STANFORD

(Extracts from a letter from the Commandant Norfolk ACF to Lt.-Col. Deller, Commanding The Depot, The Queen's Division.)

"The county of Norfolk ACF wishes you to know how much we appreciate what Captain Rupert Gowing and his team have done for us. The seven 'Cadet Weekends' at Stanford were of great value and enjoyed enormously.

"Our cadet strength has continued to increase and is now about 700. This is because the lads enjoy the activities of which your 'arduous weekends' have been such a feature."

Capt. Gowing leaves the Army in June.



Congratulations to Captains Cross, Turner-Cain and Wright on passing the Staff College and Promotion to Major Exams.



To 2nd Lieutenants Stallard (omitted in the last number), Palmer, Willdridge and Otter on Commissioning from Sandhurst. And to 2nd Lieutenants Hull and Monk from Mons. Also to 2nd Lieutenant Wells on transfer from The Parachute Regiment.



A large batch of Short Service Commissions from the ranks deserve our warmest congratulations to Lieutenants Bullock, James, Smith, Parker, Nash and Rigley.



Pickings from 1st Battalion Sergeant Mess notes! Max Sennett bought the Editor's 180 who wonders what he is driving now. The latter's 190 is eleven years old and still going strong. And the name of Ex-RSM Paddy Duffy was recently reported by the Regular Forces Employment Agency as having taken a job as Chief Commissionaire in February. But where?



Since last reporting in 'Castle' the following officers have retired. Colonels Denny and Cole. Lt.-Col. Marriott, Major Frere, Lieutenants Edwards, Haylock, Veitch J. W. A., and Whitehead.

Before the next issue Lt.-Col. Goldschmidt, Major Duffie and 2Lt. Cursley will have retired.

INFANTRY JUNIOR LEADERS BATTALION

It has been felt for some time by those Royal Anglians at Oswestry that few in our parent battalions know what we do here. The forgotten army of Park Hall Camp is raising its voice at last.

"The aim of all Junior Leaders Units is to develop character and to give Junior Soldiers that training which will equip them for promotion to non-commissioned and warrant rank within their arms or corps in due course."

In 1952 the Boys Battalion was formed at Harrogate and Tuxford, moving two years later to Plymouth where in 1956 it was given its present title. Eleven years ago it moved to its present location.

Each year is divided into three fourteen-week terms, four weeks leave being granted at the end of the Summer Term and three weeks at the end of both the Christmas and Easter Terms. A Junior Leader normally spends seven terms with the Battalion, where his training is carried out in two Divisions, Military and Academic.

Almost every weekend you find Junior Leaders out of camp on voluntary but supervised activities, including camping, caving, canoeing, sailing and hiking. Hobby facilities include aero modelling, archery, art, badminton, basket ball, beagling, boxing, canoeing, caving, climbing, cycling, go-karting, gymnastics, hiking, judo, life saving, model making, motor maintenance, orienteering, pottery, riding, sailing, shooting (.22), squash, tennis, tetrathlon, photography, war games, weapons, weight lifting, Welsh 3000 and woodwork.

The Government announcement that the school-leaving age is to be raised to sixteen in September 1972 has led to considerable discussion about the future of all Junior Soldier Units. A decision as to whether the length of training is to be reduced to one year is expected soon. In the meantime the strength of the Battalion is almost 600.

In January 1970 a survey was carried out on ex-Junior Leaders who left the Battalion in 1965 to compare progress with that of ordinary adult entrants of the same standard of intelligence who joined the Army in the same year. The figures are very revealing:

	Sgt	Cpl	LCpl	Pte
Ex IJLB	18.1%	50.7%	20.8%	10.4%
Adult Entrants	1.0%	18.0%	32.6%	48.4%

The results speak for themselves and those of

us from the Regiment can feel rewarded for the enormous amount of time and trouble we put into our work here. Boys' units provide the Army with one-third of its adult soldiers. This Regiment has the largest number of boys under training.

For a Royal Anglian Junior Leader his home after one term in the Recruit Company is in D Company. Some of them, such as J/Sgt. Rogerson from Leicester, have distinguished themselves on the basketball pitch. J/Pte. Shields has found fame in the boxing ring, becoming Junior Army Individual Champion, also Western Command Champion for his weight. J/LCpl. Dexter plays in Bn. 1st XV and has had a very good season, being amongst the top scorer. He has just been awarded a Junior Army Rugger Cap. J/Ptes. Grenfell and Norman (son of Major Vic Norman) play Battalion hockey. J/Ptes. McNulty and Anderson play for the soccer team. J/Drum Major Scott also plays Battalian soccer as well as doing his Drum Major duties. J/Pte. Thomas got through to the semi-finals in Army Junior Boxing Championships.

The visit to Queen's Division Depot, Basingstoun, in February by 36 Juniors was a great success. For the record the results of various games played were:

Football	IJLB	Lost	5—1
Rugby	"	Won	17—3
Basketball	"	Won	57—19
Hockey	"	Won	3—1
Volleyball	"	Won	all matches

Major Pat King is an ex-OC Boys at the old Depot, Bury St. Edmunds, and a very keen sportsman. Liaison with the Juniors of Queen's Division Depot will be maintained. There are fifteen of us on the permanent staff.

It is appreciated that newsletters and photographs take a fairly low priority when the petrol bombs are flying, but the fantastic interest shown by the Junior Soldier in his Regiment needs to be continually fed with this type of regimental information.

So as we put on our Minden Day rose on 1st August, remember that tradition is maintained at Oswestry by a very keen lot of Junior Leaders and an even keener group of Officers and NCOs proud to wear the regimental cap badge.

VIKINGS IN DERRY

During the last six months the Battalion has continued to soldier on in Londonderry. Privilege leave and a short period in Belfast however made a change from 'City' and 'County' duties.

After our arrival the whole situation changed. We would like to claim this as the result of our own efforts, but we must give full recognition to the work of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, the Royal Military Police, 5th Light Regiment Royal Artillery, 42nd Medium Regiment Royal Artillery and the 1st Battalion the Coldstream Guards, who have been carrying out the arduous task of keeping the peace alongside the Battalion at one time or another.

The revulsion of the local residents to the continuing violence and wanton destruction is apparent to all observers of the Londonderry scene. This has led to the withering away of the mass riots of early 1970 until, now, only a handful of miscontents indulge in the jolly sport of stoning or petrol bombing the Security Forces. The Bogside and Creggan are policed by the RUC, who are unarmed and on foot, and have been opened up for members of the Battalion off-duty, many of whom are courting local girls.

The Battalion managed to have twenty days leave prior to or over the Christmas season. Those who remained on duty over Christmas experienced the traditional 'gunfire' at dawn and the usual bun-fight following lunch, while the Sergeants' Mess thrashed the Officers' Mess in a game of 'soccer'. But our peace was short-lived!

Shortly after returning from leave, trouble started to brew in Belfast and the Battalion was deployed in the Clonard. During the few days there we quickly adjusted to the different style of peace-keeping. Unfortunately 'B' Company sustained two casualties. We wish Cpls. Cremer and Hodgson a continued speedy recovery. While in Belfast we had a great deal of contact with the 2nd Battalion and temporarily swapped companies with them from time

to time. The return from Belfast was hastened by a bit of trouble in Londonderry. 'A' and Support Companies, hardly pausing to change their socks, went straight into action and pinched the bud out of the trouble with twenty-two arrests.

We were delighted to be visited by a platoon from the Tiger Company under 2nd Lieutenant Peter Field. Especially welcome, as they allowed some of the hard-pressed members of the Battalion to take a bit of relaxation. *HMS Norfolk* also sent a party to visit the Battalion; we hope that they were not too disillusioned by operations on dry land. *HMS Norfolk* later was kind enough to look after a party of seasick landlubbers who greatly enjoyed their rest and the way in which they were entertained from England to Malta.

We have seen much of Lieutenant-General Sir Ian Freeland and his frequent visits reminded us that the Battalion, though at one of the extremities of the Kingdom, is far from forgotten. We hope that he has a very happy retirement.

Perhaps one of the major land marks in the Battalion in the last six months has been the retirement of Colour-Sergeant 'Kipper' Place, after 31 years' service. We are all sorry to see him leave and trust that he will enjoy his 'retirement'.

Looking ahead we have somewhat mixed feelings. Easter can hardly be entirely happy since we will have to join in celebrating the Easter Rising—or at any rate policing it. Then there is another twenty days of glorious leave followed quickly by the traditional marching season. The events of this Easter will be history by the time this reaches the public and we hope that, although we will not celebrate it in the traditional manner with our families, our presence has maintained the peace—a policeman's lot is not a happy one—happy one!

On top of all the normal work involved, it was recently decided at a meeting of the Minden Club that a Social Centre of sorts should

be provided, where soldiers who were on standby could meet and entertain their wives and girlfriends. Approved by the Commanding Officer, it fell to the lot of the Quartermaster to site and produce this amenity. In the short space of eight weeks, the new Social Centre, which is known as 'The Viking Club', was ready to be opened, entirely due to the hard work of the Quartermaster, members of the Quartermaster's staff, volunteers from the Companies, several civilian member of The Department of Environment (without whose professional advice and help, we would have been lost) and several of their wives. The majority of this work was carried out in their own time, and the Battalion as a whole is very grateful for the end product.

The Viking Club was due to be opened on Wednesday, 24th February, 1971, by Harry Secombe, but unfortunately he was taken ill at the last moment. The opening ceremony was therefore carried out by Anne Shelton, who had earlier in the evening starred in a show staged for the Troops in Londonderry. It is now open for private soldiers, their wives, girlfriends and guests on three nights of the week—Tuesdays, Thursday and Sundays. The remaining nights are available for the booking of private parties, etc., and it reflects the overall success of the venture in that the club is booked solid for some weeks in advance.

The Battalion Skill at Arms meeting was held at Magilligan Ranges on 9th March, and on

the whole the weather was kind; by Northern Ireland standards that is, because we had rain, hail, stiff cross wind and sunny intervals. Visibility was good and the bad weather limited to two showers around lunch time.

A cursory glance at the results below and you'd be excused for saying 'Aye aye, the Gladiators Big Red A scooped the board again', but there was little in it and up until the last moment when the pistol results came in Sp Coy were in the lead. It was a good day away from Derry enjoyed by all except possibly TQMS Finn who never fired a round from his GPMG in the GPMG Pairs contest.

The Drums are to be complimented in the way they set up the meeting, manned the flags, assisted Sp Coy (who were Ops Coy) run their range and cleaned up at the end.

Falling Tile Competition: 'A' Coy.

Best 8 Rifle Shots

Lt. Domeison, 'A' Coy	...	...	97
L/Cpl. Cheong, 'A' Coy	...	...	96
WO.I Nichols, Comd. Coy	...	...	89
WO.II Bullock, Admin Coy	...	...	89
Spt. Spauls, 'A' Coy	...	...	83
L/Cpl. May, Admin Coy.	...	...	82
Cpl. Elba-Porter, Sp Coy	...	...	81
Cpl. Smith, 02, Sp Coy	...	...	79

Champion GPMG Pair: L/Cpls. Denny and Fowler (Sp Coy).

Best SMG Shot: L/Cpl. McAnally ('A' Coy).

Best Pistol Shot: 2Lt. Meredith ('B' Coy).



Battalion Skill-at-Arms Meeting. The winning "A" Company team.

Opening the Viking Club

Anne Shelton with Capt.
John Bedford and WO.II
and Mrs. Finn.



SERGEANTS' MESS

The Mess New Year's Ball was an enjoyable beginning to another year; the greedy young single members taking indecent advantage of the traditional New Year kisses; but the seduction of the Adjutant, planned with great delicacy by Iris, ground to a halt in a lurid discussion of the merits of twin carburation, or some such matter. It was a pleasure to welcome Eva King amongst our visitors, unfortunately without Brian who remained in Berkshire.

The field sports devotees have continued to thrash the waters of the northern coastline into a foam, cursing the irregularity of the Paddy boatman who only comes when he's sober, which evidently isn't often, and even then takes care to anchor his customers only in areas completely devoid of sea-life. Despite the use of a great deal of very expensive tackle and crans of herring for bait, they have only managed to lure about five bobs' worth of fish. The ratio of fish to miles travelled in Tom Gaffer's car in search of the elusive quarry is astronomical. Trevor Gay, however, gained his revenge on a large and unwary 'snow goose' which, when engaged by his shotgun, fell in a 'kami-kaze' dive onto Stan Bullock, who recoiled several paces in horror at this unwarranted onslaught and rightly decided it was time to retire for tea.

Guns and rods were hastily shelved and off we went to Belfast, assuming that it would be

like Derry but larger. Unfortunately they made the relatively tame Paddies on our patch look like Sunday School teachers.

'How tall are you,' said the tiny mite.

'Six foot two,' said John Watson.

'Mmm—I didn't know they piled—that high,' was the reply.

It was a pleasure to get back to the relatively comforting atmosphere of Derry where most of the threats come from the corridors of power in Horton Block. Prior to the Belfast departure the air-cooled typewriters of the Kremlin clacked in a perfect frenzy the glad-some tidings that there were to be not *one* but *two* RSM's drill parades. The first was not too agonizing, but prolonged supplication to the rain gods will be needed to divert the second.

The Warrant Officers were regally entertained by the officers at a guest night, lulled into a sense of false security by the generous application of good food and strong liquor and then subjected to savage attacks upon their persons on the pretext of playing what might kindly be called all-in wrestling *en masse*. All members were grateful, however, for the opportunity of sitting on the Divisional Brigadier.

Max Sennett paid us a couple of fleeting visits from his duties in Belfast and is shortly being posted to Dusseldorf. Good fortune to him and his father-in-law, Ex-RSM Paddy Duffy of Suffolk fame.

The period under review finishes with our guest night, enjoyed by all—Tony Thompson

even went to the trouble of importing an exotic bird called Norah from Ipswich for the occasion, which seems rather promising for the young single members who want his luxury batchelor bunk.

(Adjutant's note: 'I thought IRIS was an Infra-Red Intruder Sentry.')

NOSEGAY.

LADIES' SHOOTING CLUB

The .22 Rifle Shooting Club, which started in Catterick, but died a natural death, has recently been revived here in Londonderry. We have only a small team, consisting of Mrs. Bedford, Mrs. Day, Mrs. McCullum, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Gaffer, Mrs. Anker and Mrs. Thompson. Our keenness makes up for our lack of numbers and we are soon going to be able to go in for a bit of competition. The local university which has a mixed team, and 'C' Company, have promised to take us on when we feel we are ready. Of the team members, only three of us have ever used a rifle before, so we will need a bit more practice.

Cpls. Anker and Eaglen have taken on the dangerous task of the supervision of the team who attend every Friday evening. They are coping with us very well. It isn't every man who wants to risk laying down on a rifle range next to a woman armed with a .22 rifle! We hope that Capt. Calder will come along sometimes to give us the benefit of his really expert advice.

At present we are shooting for a badge,

which we are going to make ourselves, consisting of crossed rifles, a Royal Anglian badge and backed with red and yellow felt. Later, we hope to fire for a small trophy.

'A' COMPANY

Looking back over the last six months it is possible to see a pattern to most events. Whilst the weather was warm and the evenings light, it could be almost guaranteed that as soon as the local pubs shut or dances were over there would be a spate of stone, bottle and eventually petrol bomb throwing. Usually by 0230-0300 hrs. all was quiet. It wasn't often that arrests were made during these sorties as the youths involved invariably knew the ground, were lightly clad and used hit and run tactics. For us, task number one was to get to know the ground, particularly in Bogside and Creggan. So started regular patrols, during the small hours, into areas that hadn't seen a policeman for over twenty years. A few stones here, a few caustic comments there; we got to know the ground.

The ingredients that seem to produce a riot form a pattern; a meeting, jeers and ribald remarks, a few stones, a petrol bomb or two and troops deployed to disperse them. We become the target for the crowd which may build up to 500 or more. Once with 'B' Coy, Sp Coy and a Bty of 42 Med Regt infiltrated by well recced routes into position where the crowd is cordoned on three sides in Rossville Street and



Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Moore and Mrs. McCallum watched by Mrs. Day and Mrs. Bedford, with their instructor Cpl. Eaglen.

Fahan Street in Bogside, 'A' Coy whipped through side alleys round the walled city, down via 'Free Derry Corner' into Rossville Street, with the task of pushing down Rossville Street, to disperse the crowd. It's amazing how little time this takes. Within minutes and seven arrests later, all is comparatively quiet. This set piece has now been carried out twice.

Despite the irregular hours, enthusiasm for the odd game of football or hockey against one of the other Companies or the Signal Squadron, seems unchanged. Pte. Bob George and 'Links' Lincoln seem to have staked a claim to a place in the Battalion football team, C/Sgt. Tony Thompson and L/Cpl. Ronny Caulfield in the hockey team and when he's not asleep or eating, Lt. Tony Domieson seems to be co-opting Ptes. Bill Henderson and Jim Dawes into his basketball team.

It was during one of our 'county' periods that an urgent call from Brigade resulted in Cpl. 'Jonah' Jones and his section tackling a problem in community relations that taxed all of his native country cunning and knowhow. A speedy stand-to, applied map-reading, a Euclidean approach with ropes, pulleys, levers, a near nautical knowledge of knots and lashings, an acknowledgement of Archimedes first principle, and a cow was plucked out by the horns from a local bog, much to the delight of its owner. There was a report in the local press that a giraffe was subsequently seen grazing nearby.

A numbers of crews for a water cannon, specially imported from Germany, have been trained. This very sleep looking Mercedes vehicle, weighing some 7 tons laden, is cared for and cherished by Ptes. Nobby Clarke and Bernard King. Its commanders, L/Cpls. Dave Cheong and Trevor Gage, are keen to see it used in its proper role but, so far, have not been satisfied. They have been given the opportunities by being detached to Belfast on a couple of occasions, and to the Guards in Londonderry on yet more likely occasions, but 'alas, no joy'.

We had just taken over the County role when things really hotted up in Belfast. Tac HQ, 'B' and 'C' Coys were despatched post haste under command of 39 Bde with 'A' and Sp following on the next night. 'A' Company was almost immediately deployed along the 'Berlin Wall' style peace line in Cuper Street. Atmosphere was immediately apparent. The attitudes between the two civil factions was so much more intense. Our modest share in the few days we were there was an eruption of bricks, bottles and a few bombs when a



Pte. "Snowball" Goring, Alan Evans and "Mick" Bullard with one of the fabled pigs!

local factory released its workers for their lunch break. It was all over in an hour. We were eventually withdrawn and rushed back to Londonderry to cover a meeting there which culminated in what proved to be the Company's second 'Rossville Rush'.

Despite internal security duties, we are still required to carry out the Annual Range Classifications, a bugbear at the best of times. On ranges at Omagh, Magilligan and Eglinton some of the best weather we've had for some time was reflected in the fact that we managed to successfully classify some 75 per cent of the Company on both SLR and GPMG and produce shooting teams to take part in the Annual Skill at Arms meeting of which our successes are reported elsewhere.

As always, we have had to say goodbye to yet more of the company stalwarts—Sgt. Mac Fenn to his appointment as Acorn Mini Minor (complaining about all that time he has to himself), Sgt. Len Bowman to his appointment as C/Sgt. of 'B' Company, Cpl. Musty Durrant who had to shave off his sideboards or go out (he elected to do the latter), Cpl. Bert Blowers who felt that as a newly married man, he ought to see his wife occasionally (we feel that in a few more months he may yet return), and to Cpl. Danny Wright who has disappeared to sort out Admin Company.

There have been replacements of course, amongst them Lt. Kit Stallard who has taken over 2 Pl (Sandhurst was never like this); CSM Eddie Davies from the Fourth battalion who has replaced CSM Mick Finn (appointed to manage the Bn Pub and act as TQMS), and Sgt. 'Contacts' Watkin also from the Fourth battalion. They are now all well established in

the Company and will no doubt be with us for some time to come.

Finally we congratulate Pte. Paul Jackson on his delayed leave to England from whence he returned much subdued and married and to Pte. Bill Henderson whose lady arrived un-announced in Ireland and in the space of some 24 hours produced the special permission, the various documents, the wedding garments, Jim Dawes as best man and a bewildered Cpl. Jonah Jones to give the bride away in an instant wedding in the Garrison Church.

Now on the eve of 'Paddy's' day, sitting in the Carpark Ops Room, confident that the rest of this tour in Northern Ireland will go as well as the last seven or eight months have done, its pretty certain that the locals will manage to empty a few bottles tomorrow and possibly find other uses for them. 'Paddy's' Day just cannot be a 'Non-event'.

"B" COMPANY

After the last issue complaints were aimed in the Company that our exploits in Northern Ireland had not been given justice and on re-reading the lurid accounts of close run actions, submitted by those to the right and left hand of us, they were not without justification. To put this to rights these notes are a combined effort (much to the dismay of the Platoon Commanders who should have kept their mouths shut in the first place) and our readers will at last have a chance to read about the exploits of 'Black Morty' in the Carribean and 'Camel Hawkins' romance at first hand.

We continue our proud record of involvement in every major outbreak of trouble in Londonderry. Our complaint at the moment is that there is not enough of it, which is no doubt



good for the Province, but bad for soldiers as confined as we are. We have in addition done our stuff in Belfast with the 2nd Bn who made us very welcome and soon got used to our 'Derry' methods! Belfast is a very different kettle of fish to our own little parish, as we discovered on receiving thirty-one nail bombs and numerous petrol bombs on our first night there. Kashmir Road, Cupar Street, Clonard Avenue, Falls Road are names indelibly engraved on our memories.

The above may give the impression that it is all action out here. This is far from the truth although I have no doubt this point will be lost in the sands of time and in the retelling of each insignificant little scrap with the local. (Remember Aden, anyone? Did we really spend all that time with our heads down?) Our main problems are the long hours of inaction and the incredibly restricted life we lead.

Our cross country team got eight places in the first thirteen in the Battalion Cross Country, including first and second. Five members have since represented the Battalion.

We obtained first place in the L/Cpl. to Cpl. Cadre and the first four places in the Pte. to L/Cpl. Cadre.

We have five regular members of the Battalion Football Team and at times have played up to seven in the team. (Howls of protest from other Coys!) At the moment we head the Battalion Football League. (Further howls of protest!)

We came equal second in the Battalion Rifle Meeting, one point behind the winners. We must admit the scoring system favoured us!

FIVE PLATOON

Five Platoon, under the leadership of C/Sgt. Smith, is still showing 'B' the way. We proved this in the inter-section competition where we gained first, second and fifth places. We also formed the front line in the battle of William Street where, despite the severe pelting we got, we managed to make three arrests. Whilst executing these arrests 'gentle Jock McClag' made headlines in the propaganda press complete with first aid pack, red cross and all.

Despite the losses through courses and postings of Cpls. Butler, Jones and Horton, the young blood in the Platoon are proving efficient and capable of taking over the reins. This is an ideal opportunity to congratulate Cpls. Smith and Cowdrey and L/Cpls. Allen and Wickens on their promotion.

With the coming of Spring so romance has

blossomed out and at the moment romances and engagements increase every week. Our confirmed bachelors Wilkinson (who is P7 and excused everything!) and 'Camel Hawkins' whose girl friend has just got married, are busy decrying any increase in the 'pads'!

SIX PLATOON

The name of 'Rock Platoon' is now ours, taken from the time when we adopted a Rock Formation—gunner slang for the old British Square—in 'Derry on Apprentice Boys Day last year.

The problem we have here is the difficulty in telling our friends from our enemies. Women and the bottle have proved at times to be the best of friends, but the worst of enemies especially when the women wield hurley sticks and the bottles contain petrol.

Personalitywise the following did the following things—M went away but came back, having learnt the Warminster way to be a platoon commander—'Saaarge' Camfield, having cudgelled and cajouled the platoon throughout the last year, has left for J.I.B. Shorncliffe—Sgt. Foran, a fellow Tiger of 'Blackie' Blackbourne, the resident rustic, has taken over and seems to be settling in well—'Black Mort' Mortimer returned to us from Bermuda with lots of excellent but unrepeatable stories of life out there—Alf Tierney, Dave Manning and Dave Reynolds have all married—Geordie Hodgson was seriously wounded by a bomb which went off beneath him when we were in Belfast, but is making excellent progress recovering. George Simmonds 'stags on' in the platoon CP at least 20 hours a day, complains and is coming round to making a good cup of coffee one day—'Six-foot' Crofts sleeps anywhere he is static for more than 15 minutes—Stumpy Matthews and Mason have temporarily been shelved for being too young—Birch managed to stay out or gaol for a month (but is back there now!) and Saunders managed to get himself put in gaol for a month—Denham continues to grovel—Robbo (well never mind what he does!) is still hoping for better things, like 44 A.Y.T.—and thus lives the Rock Platoon, not sounding too steady.

SEVEN PLATOON

Our last piece of action took place in the Springfield and Falls Road areas, where we were bombed and shot at repeatedly. (No comment—Coy Comd.) A lot of hearts worked overtime, including the Platoon Commander's, who



"B" Coy William St., 10th
October.

The Second Rorke's Drift.

was in England during this period getting engaged. This will no doubt remind Cpl. Marshall that it is a long time since we have seen any 'lover' and isn't it time the platoon commander went away again as this seems to guarantee something.

We managed to beat Five Platoon at football for the first time in a long while. L/Cpl. Polston and Pte. Jones have played football for the Battalion and L/Cpl. Haniver, Pte. Jones, Pte. Williamson and no less than our Platoon Commander, Lt. Mooring, have run in the Battalion Cross Country team.

Whilst gaining Cpl. Poole back from the horrors of civy life, and the return of Cpl. Yoxall, we have lost Cpl. Smith and Cpl. Mortimer. We welcomed Sgt. Saddler to the Platoon and wish Sgt. Davies all the best in Coy HQ. Where did Sgt. Warren feature in all this?

Our resident artist has drawn us as we like to see each other. We can at least recognise some of ourselves.

'C' COMPANY

Events of interest include block leave last November and the cleaver inclusion in the handover programme of a couple of nights' riot busting on Falls Road at the junction of Clonard and Leeson Street—of News at Nine fame. Our first attempt, with only a Platoon, was repulsed but we made up for it later in the day and stayed under command 2nd Battalion

for the whole period, gathering in our area the very effective mobile snatch squads of the 2nd Battalion, and a medium wheeled tractor—promptly named Scooby-Doo—which had to be seen to be believed. The sapper driver (pilot?) at one time charged the crowd which promptly withdrew out of brick bat/petrol bomb range. An effective and much respected machine, well handled. The only note of complaint was the Heavy Recovery Vehicle crew (commanded by a Captain) who felt that having been sent to clear the six lorries that had created the blockade, they shouldn't have been kept waiting an hour before being used. Sympathy, when the Company had been on the go for twenty-two hours, was rather hard to come by. Many arrests were made and successful convictions followed in the Belfast Magistrate's Court which evened out the several who were struck by bottle, bricks and slates.

Having a 1-ton armoured vehicle is an asset, and having been told we are to have two more, and therefore a sabre platoon, has produced all the old APC stories and jokes.

Our return to Derry produced many stand-to's but few commitments. Either they are 'windy' or we are so good that we get there before they can whip-up support. Major Green retired at the end of last year to enjoy a second career and we all wish him every success. Capt. Keep held the reins of the Company pending the arrival from Belgium of Major Jones. The gallant Captain having handed over

the Company has also handed over Second-in-Command to Captain Tilley, who joins us from 17 Army Youth Team. Capt. Keep, CSM Callaghan and C/Sgt. Phillips are off to join the 5th and 6th Battalions. Command Company has surrendered CSM Fletcher—acquiring CSM Aldridge from 11 Platoon in his place—and C/Sgt. (Fablon) Turner.

9 Platoon has soldiered on valiantly, letting Lt. Ferrard go off on a PT Course for a month. 10 Platoon said farewell to Lt. Slater who has gone to the Depot and been replaced by Lt. Huxford, Intelligence Corps, who is with us for six months—between RMA Sandhurst and Manchester University—to find how it is really done!

Pte. Wharton, luckier than others, had a ten day cruise to Malta in *HMS Norfolk* and returned by air. 11 Platoon bade farewell to C/Sgt. Aldridge on promotion and appointment to Command Company, who in turn gave us Sgt. Ross from Recce Platoon to assist Sgt. Leaman.

We acquired—regrettably for only a short time—12 Platoon commanded by Sgt. Hill on promotion from the Mortar Platoon and consisting of all the under 18 year olds in the Battalion. The Platoon, guarding Duncreggan Camp, will disperse on postings, or for the lucky few on attaining the age of majority, stay in the Battalion. We have our specialist Mercedes water cannon now modified to only one jet. Rumour has it that Cpl. Childs and L/Cpl. Simpson, the respective crew commanders, would like to see it armoured.

We sent L/Cpls. Ling, Kingsley and Smith 98 off on a Battle PT Course and now the platoons ring to the sound of Karate chops on door post (which are near collapse anyway) and the cries of the less fleet of foot.

ADMINISTRATION COMPANY

The summer's gone and all the flowers are dying

'Tis you, 'Tis you must go and I must bide.
(*Danny Boy*)

The Companies come and go on their various tasks with our cooks and drivers; their needs large and small catered for in our usual efficient and helpful way, so long as there is a signature of course. When their long day's work is done and they return home we guard them while they rest.

During their spare moments an ever increas-

ing number of Company Headquarters, and a very senior member of another department, appear to spend their time on the river banks. Little of consequence has been caught to date apart from some very heavy colds. Even L/Cpl. Ronnie Gill, now on his feet again after his operation, was seen heading off for the River Faughan (pronounce it if you dare!) rod in hand. Cpl. Danny Wright will have to be persuaded to take up the sport if he continues with his atrocious puns. When he was accused of being related to some herrings—he denied being his brother's kipper. Well, you try it!

The departure of Cpl. Basher Bailey from Uncle Bert's Department was 'celebrated' in the Viking Club on the occasion of the Company Dance there. He was presented with various 'goodies' to see him on his way.

In the Officers' Mess the impossible has happened. Kipper Place has been lost! A full report follows. L/Cpl. 'Pablo' Rice reports for a short tour with UNFICYP, reliably reported to be making nesting noises. Sgt. 'Chalky' White has arrived to take over Mess Steward.

We have lost the services of L/Cpl. 'Norman' Ball to the Medical Centre. In his place we welcome Pte. 'Charlie' Loveday (a most apt name for his rather strange nocturnal habits). Cpl. 'F—' Allison had a good four day unaccompanied tour of Belfast and returned very much a veteran. Pte. Roy Bradly and Pte. 'Slim' Harvey are still to be seen dashing around the Mess, muttering uncomplimentary remarks about the caterers.

The MT Platoon have had a few changes. C/Sgt. 'Chick' Fowler and Pte. Frost have arrived. A fond farewell to Pte. 'Bob' Seaman who has joined the ranks of civilian life. WO.II 'Lofty' Ferrier is to take over the reins at the end of April, having had a break of two years, but once you get hooked to the aroma of fuel and oil you can't keep away. As the MTWO said to his men before he left, 'Oil be seeing you.'

With the coming of 1971 the families office have seen the move out of all the families at Omagh to be rehoused nearer and more securely in RAF Ballykelly. To be in an Omagh Mobile Home in windy weather was like being at sea. The last two Omagh families to move were L/Cpl. 'Nobby' Clarke of the Signal Platoon, and Mrs. Hodgson who had the bad luck of celebrating her wedding anniversary sitting at her husband's bedside in the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast. Mrs. Hodgson has been staying at the hospital and Cpl. Hodgson is mending fast and should be soon out and about. We

still have families spread far out in Portrush and Coleraine but it is expected that they will be concentrated in by the end of April. Ballykelly is our largest concentration of families and will soon number up to about a hundred and ten. The Wives' Club is going well and the Thrift Shop is very well supported. In the future transport is being provided so the families from Ballykelly may also come and join in. Mrs. Jackson has done many miles visiting but with the coming of summer and the moving in of families this burden of travelling will be lessened. C/Sgt. Bob Huxtable has gone and we wish him the best of luck in his new job. Cpl. 'Len' Eaglen, the reliable linkman, continues as he watches the others come and go and it will be up to him to show County Londonderry to Major 'Daddy' Ingle when he comes in April.

THE BAND

We welcome from the 4th Bn Band Sgt. 'Dougie' Stewart and Bds. 'Steve' Raines. We say farewell to Cpls. Cole, Albrow and Marsh, L/Cpls. Lenny, Stanley, Ford and Grimmer and Bds. Cooke, Hunter and Whines. Bds. Doyle was so taken with the First Aid Training he received last year that he left us and went to join the Medical Room as an Orderly. From October we settled down into Band routine once more and worked for a Public Relations tour of Secondary Schools in Londonderry. That we were well received is shown by the fact that the girls at a very 'Republican' school sang the words to the Regimental March, much to our surprise (and relief). We performed in Oud Folks' Homes, Convents and in front of the Guildhall where we collected £34 for the Orphanages. The climax of Christmas was the carol concert in Gransha Hospital where we performed with members of the Londonderry Operatic Society to the delight of nearly three hundred people. On 23rd February we had our five-yearly inspection by Kneller Hall and received a 'Very good'. Shortly before the inspection we were re-joined by L/Cpl. 'Bob' Ship who came back from his employment as Admin Company COS. All in all this has been a busy but certainly enjoyable period, with enough music to keep everybody happy.

So who knows, 5 Lt Regt RA are with us again and we may still be able to welcome the Poachers back or even the Pompadours may come.

And so we end as we began, to the strains of Danny Boy:

'But come ye back when summers in the meadow,

Or when the valleys hushed and white with snow,

For I'll be here in sunshine and in shadow,

Oh Danny Boy, Oh Danny Boy I love you so.'

The Quartermasters Department have, as usual, been kept very busy seeing to the 1,001 needs of a Battalion, actively deployed in the IS role. The RQMS (WO.II Bullock) is now firmly entrenched in his new job and WO.II Finn, the former CSM of 'A' Company, has taken over the unenviable and complicated job of Accommodation WO from WO.II Leach, who has left us for a sunnier climate as Garrison Officers Mess Steward in Sharjah.

A new department, within the Quartermaster's Complex, has been created due to the situation we find ourselves in. Known as the IS Store, it has blossomed from nothing to a very busy and complex job during the short time we have been here. The department is being very efficiently run by Sgt. Greenhalgh, formerly a Platoon Sergeant with 'B' Company, who, after a few 'Mind Boggling' days, taking in the details of Loan Stores, Camp Stores, IS Packs and all the other stores involved, was very soon in complete control.

COMMAND COMPANY

What can one say? We don't operate as a Company, we make it possible for everyone else to do so. The OC has gone sleuthing in Belfast, almost everyone else seems to have gone to 'C' Coy—Capt. Keen and C/Sgt. Ben Turner went sometime ago, followed in March by CSM Fletcher. C/Sgt. Gaffer left us for the world of Rats and in his place as Molar C/Sgt. Tony Sprason is ably assisted by L/Cpl. Burdett and 'Hoppy' Hopkins. CSM Aldridge from 'C' Coy—a direct swap for CSM Fletcher who becomes Seagull c/s 3. Captain Halcrow has taken over from Major Bradshaw, with Cpl. Moore remaining to give a bit of continuity in the mini-Kremlin. Sgt. Fenn and Cpl. Revell at the Acornery replace C/Sgt. Ben Turner and

Some natives are very friendly.

Recce Platoon receiving tea and wads!

Pte. Ware, Sgt. Ross, Pte. Whales, Pte. Barraclough, Cpl. Damant.



assist the harrassed old timers of the Int, Captain Conder, L/Cpls. Bill Vessey and Aussie Austin.

On the Ops Trg side WO.II Gay is now assisted by Sgt. Ken Persons, late of 'C' Coy (the traffic hasn't all been one way to 'C' Coy).

The RSO has gone on the Junior Staff Course (for a rest!) and handed over the reins to Lt. Mike Walker recently back from the grunTERS course at Warminster. L/Cpl. Ernie Gibbs went off to caretake as pronto for Big Red A until Nobby Clarke returned from his course.

On the boil squeezing front all is well with the Doctors Emporium. Cpl. Elliott departed to the 2nd Battalion, but we gained Pte. Alan Doyle and L/Cpl. Norman Ball. We must congratulate Dr. Stanhope on obtaining a B on his course at Aldershot—a tremendous effort.

The Recce Platoon comings and goings are really too numerous to mention in detail. C/Sgt. Paul Denny departed for Blighty prior to Christmas and C/Sgts. Chris Kett joined us in the New Year, Sgt. John Ross acted as caretaker and continuity man and then transferred to 'C' Coy.

Mays Marauders sometimes known as the Defence Pl have shrunk somewhat, but what they lack in numbers they make up for in spirit. Cpl. Tim Dockerill and Marty Wild departed for the Depot, and L/Cpl. Jimmy (Hendrix) Keywood to civvy street. They are to be replaced by Cpl. Keith Woolfe, Sgt. Perry

and Dmrs. Manning, Lay, McHugh, Moore, Cole and Wagg. The Pl hope to be allowed to Drum just occasionally in the near future. They keep trying to have a go but every time the Drum Store is unlocked something happens to make them hurriently pack up their kit, grab their shields and hot foot it off to the aid of an IS Coy.

Flexibility—that I'm afraid is the story of our lives. As soon as we look forward to some respite some Irishman will produce something real or imaginary to make us deploy. Yes, we know, if we couldn't stand a joke we shouldn't have joined—the trouble is at times this becomes a bloody pantomime!

MORTAR PLATOON

Undoubtedly the highlight of the last few months has been our trip to Warcop, where we spent a week live firing with the rest of Support Comapny. It was a very successful week during which we proved that our skill with the mortars has suffered very little since we have been in Londonderry.

Our Irish highspit has been our short spell of duty in Belfast, where we spent 24 hours on the corner of Kashmir Road and Springfield Road. We had practically every sort of projectile directed at us from stones to gelignite bombs, and including nuts and bolts, an old steel helmet and even a rubber bullet that had

been captured from another regiment.

Our other great moment was a baton charge into the Bogside, during which we made nine arrests out of a total of fourteen by the Company. So we now stake our claim as Stingray's leading arresters.

ANTI TANK PLATOON

The baton charge down Blighs Lane was the first excitement since August. We subsequently spent a night in a ladies' underwear factory, where the watchman, an old Inniskillen Fusilier, made us tea and the platoon gazed rapturously at the flimsy garments which filled the building.

Later that month when in the Car Park location two bombs livened us up, Sgt. Bodenham was blown from his bed, and Lt. Hoyle's concentration was broken, along with many windows, so L/Cpl. Lambert won a game of chess. The only casualty was a drunk who was hit by a bottle thrown at him by his friends who were stirred up by the bang.

Everything then reverted to the tedious sound of 'SITREP NOTHING TO REPORT'. L/Cpl. Shropshire got married in November and had a 36 hour honeymoon, and Cpl. Revell went across to the Intelligence Section.

On the morning before we went on leave there was a dramatic arms search for which the escort group was provided by us and a very dead dog was unearthed by the Assault Pioneers Search Team!

Three weeks leave at Christmas proved in-

valuable to us all. Pte. Hearn married during the leave, the first victim of the Irish Kitchen.

We returned from leave to begin frantic Anti Tank Training ready for our shoot at Warcop. Training was disrupted by a trip to Belfast where we were subjected to nail bombs, and foul language from the native women. We returned to Londonderry for a night in bed, followed by a return match in the Bogside, when regrettably we came bottom in the Company arrests table with only one prisoner, who subsequently got six months.

The shoot at Warcop followed in February, which proved that we can still handle our guns in a professional manner—despite our demonstration HESH for the CO. We believe that the target ducked!

Among our new gun numbers Pte. Bilner particularly proved himself, and Ptes. Rosenthal, Jarvis, Parr and Baker did well for young soldiers on their first shoot.

L/Cpl. Denny shot very well in the Bn Skill at Arms meeting, and aided by L/Cpl. Fowler from the Mortar Platoon won the GPMG match.

ASSAULT PIONEER PLATOON

'Goodbye' to Pte. Bob Short who has gone to work, or should we say 'strike' for the Post Office. We welcome to the Platoon Ptes. Daniels and Noakes who have just arrived from the Depot.

Leaving 'Derry for ten days to carry out specialist training at Warcop was of tremendous



The Anti-tank Platoon at Warcop.

value to all of us, with plenty of bangs. Big 'Herby' was found to be very 'Cabby', but was carefully watched by a 'certain person'! Had two junior NCOs had their way, the range would have been deficient one 'Pig' personnel carrier. The cry was 'Come on Sarge, let's put an improvised mine under it.' Needless to say, all good things come to an end and we returned to 'Derry, to find ourselves in the city on the next day with our Provost friends at Blighs Lane. We have recently been concentrating on the Battalion Skill at Arms meeting. Four Assault Pioneers participated in the meeting. Ptes 'Gappy' Turner, Fowler and the Platoon Commander formed half of the winning Support Company GPMG team. Pte. Scholes was a member of the Company SMG team who were the runners-up in the competition.



Sgt. Slinn prepares a demolition . . . -

ARMY CADET FORCE

A comprehensive review of the ACF has been completed. The report indicates that the financial cost of this voluntary youth organisation is money well spent; it makes fourteen recommendations, most of which will cost more money. All except one of these recommendations have been accepted and the money will be provided. The revised charter of the ACF will read:

The Army Cadet Force is a voluntary youth organisation, sponsored by the Army, and taking part in both military and community activities. Its purpose is to develop among its members the qualities of good citizenship and the spirit of service to Queen and country. It will seek to achieve this aim:

- (a) by providing adventurous and challenging activities, designed to develop powers of leadership and qualities of character valuable alike to the civilian and the soldier;
- (b) by stimulating interest in the Army, its achievements and skills and its part in the national life;
- (c) by giving encouragement and training to those considering a career in the Regular Army or service in the Reserve Forces.



RSM John Moore, Norfolk ACF and late R. Norfolks, receives a certificate of merit from the Lord Lieutenant.



Signals training at the Hilary Avenue headquarters, with cadets learning radio procedure on portable sets.

NORFOLK

(Extracts from an article printed in the *Eastern Daily Press*)

Take four lads and what have you got? Four lively and independent spirits heading aimlessly to all points of the compass.

But take the same four and throw them into a boat drifting in the middle of a lake and it is a different story.

Suddenly their unseen talents will emerge—initiative, responsibility and the ability to pull together to steer themselves clear of danger.

Too cosy?

That briefly is what the Norfolk Army Cadet Force is all about—teaching lads to live as responsible members of society and to keep their heads when everyone around them are losing theirs.

Today there are nearly 700 Army cadets in Norfolk, mostly aged between 14 and 15. They are not necessarily the soldiers of the future but tomorrow's citizens able to stand on their own feet.

"Life at home and school can be too cosy," explained the Commandant of the Norfolk ACF, Brigadier Derick Mellor. "Too much home and school life can produce a bay who is not ready to go out into the world."

It is now false to describe the ACF as a pre-military service organisation as was the case in wartime. But the military environment remains—it is the force's own personal teaching technique.

What is this technique? Quite simply it is teaching the lads to accept discipline, to deal out discipline themselves, accept responsibility and use their initiative—all in an outdoor setting.

Moved fast

A shining example of these aims put to good use was when two cadets from the Downham Market cadet detachment were at a swimming pool recently and spotted a body lying motionless at the bottom.

They did not pass the buck and go to ring for help. They knew action had to be taken that minute. They dived in, pulled the youngster from the bottom and brought him round with the kiss of life and artificial respiration.

Its aims

"The Army Cadet Force exists for the benefit of the boy who join it and not vice-versa," he said. "It is a voluntary organisation drawing its inspiration and some support from the Army.

"The boys who join have changed in the last ten years and the activities of the ACF have had to alter to keep pace with these changes. But the main aim does not change.

"It is to turn out the sort of man who is a responsible person with a sense of duty both to the nation to which he belongs and to the community of which he is a member.

"Our youngsters are offered an opportunity of service in a military environment. There is no compulsion for a boy to join and he may leave at any time.

The rules

"However, by joining and taking his Cadet Promise, he does accept the rules of conduct of his unit and the Force and he is expected to keep them. On parade he is required to do what he is told and do it smartly.



Colour Sgt. Ralph, of the Mousehold detachment, teaches a party of new recruits how to look after their uniforms.

"The Force is in no way limited to boys who intend to follow a career in the Armed Forces. It is, of course, hoped that the ACF produces a normal proportion of voluntary recruits and if any future crisis requires that the Army be expanded then ex-cadets may be of use in one way or another."

What is the attraction for the 700 Norfolk cadets? It is the different life. Instead of quiet weekends at home in front of the television it is braving the elements by camping out in all weathers.

It is marching across the Yorkshire moors, trips abroad to see the British Army at work, climbing mountains and crossing rivers in military assault craft.

Local link

It is the uniform they wear—normal Army battledress—and the Britannia cap badge they wear, proudly showing their links with the former Royal Norfolk Regiment. They feel part of something when they don their part-time identity.

But in the end it is the cadets' achievements which must either prove or disprove the value of any such organisation. And the Norfolk A.C.F. have earned themselves a fine record.

Volunteers

Another example of the Force's value is the number of voluntary adults—mostly ex-cadets—who turn out once a week and one weekend a month to organise the cadets. Norfolk ACF can never have enough of these leaders.

A few might criticise the cadets for playing soldiers and learning to use guns. But it would be hard to find someone within the Force who would agree.

The first task of the Army Cadet Force has been and will be to teach lads to stand on their own feet and then help others to do the same.

P.O.



Shooting

Our team of six ACF officers was second to Kent among teams from all UK. Lt.-Col. C. L. Carter was second and Captain A. W. C. Shephard sixth in the individual competition for CCF and ACF officers.

At the county stage of the *News of the World* competition, which is the premier small-bore competition for cadets, Norfolk is again second for all UK.

Sport

Norfolk cadets were placed first in both senior and junior Cross Country in the Eastern Region. The junior team was also first. The senior team gained top points but was unplaced because two cadets were *under* the minimum age of sixteen. Tetrathlon and Five-a-side football are going well.

The ACF athletics meeting is at Lakenham sports ground, Norwich, on 6th June. The prizes are to be distributed by Mr. John Hayden, who served in Norfolk ACF.

Chaplains

Our Senior Chaplain is now the Rev. Jonathan Boston, who was a cadet in the Norfolk ACF, and is now Vicar of Horsford and St Faiths, Rev. Denis Rider (Bishop's Youth Chaplain) is with 3rd Bn. Rev. George Adams has joined 2nd Bn from Bedfordshire ACF, and Rev Bill Sayer leaves us in April to join the Regular Forces.

Training

Seven parties of cadets have spent winter weekends or Arduous Training in the Stanford Battle Area. Parties leave this Spring for the Lake District (led by Major Tim Chatting) and for BAOR. Individual cadets join the Norfolk Youth Service expedition to Spain. There is a one-week Whitsun camp under Major Dennis Drane at Weybread, and summer camp at Okehampton from 25th July.

Cadets of the All Saints' Green detachment at drill.

Assault Boat training for young Norfolk cadets.



THE ESSEX ARMY CADET FORCE

Athletics

Two Essex Cadets who were members of the Eastern Region Swimming team won their individual events at the National Swimming Championships.

Cadet David Moore of Chelmsford won the senior butterfly event, and Cadet Sgt. Michael Mullis of Upminster the senior backstroke. Both boys also represented the Army in the Services Inter-Cadet Championships, in which David Moore again won and Michael Mullis was placed second. A number of other Essex swimmers did well at both championship meetings.

Cadet Sergeants Mullis and Fisher have been selected as the Lord Lieutenants Cadets for 1971.

County Cadet Commandant

Colonel A. R. Kiggins, TD, DL, JP, the County Cadet Commandant, retired on 31st March, ending 32 years continuous service with the Army and the Cadet Force. A farewell dinner in his honour was held on 23rd April.

The new Colonel Commandant is Colonel D. G. Flindall, TD.

EMERGENCY TOUR

POACHERS IN BELFAST

On our return from Ex BERSATU PADU in July we settled down to a period of two months steady soldiering in UK, working up to our arrival in Munster ready for our mechanised role. Alas, our dreams were soon shattered. Within a week of Colonel Dick Gerrard-Wright taking over we were warned for a four month emergency tour in Belfast.

On the 14th October the Battalion moved to Belfast and was initially responsible for the southern part of the city. In early November the force level in the city was reduced from five to three Battalions and as a result of this the Battalion also assumed responsibility for the eastern part of the city, including the West Peace Line.

Companies were deployed in strategic positions throughout the operational area as follows:

Tac HQ—Springfield Road RUC Station.

A Coy—Highfield/Springmartin area. This is predominantly Protestant.

B Coy—Ballymurphy and Turf Lodge. Almost entirely Roman Catholic.

C Coy—Clonard. West Peace Line. Almost entirely Roman Catholic.

SP Coy—Andersontown. A large area on the southern outskirts of the city and covered mainly by mobile patrols.

Echelon—Situated in a recently built factory outside the city boundary to the north.

Our main role was the maintenance of law and order in support of the RUC. This was a continual and very tiring task but from the military point of view very rewarding. In addition from time to time companies were deployed in the country on specific search and ambush operations and these made a welcome change from operations in the city.

Ballymurphy—the responsibility of 'B' Company—proved to be the most serious and continual problem. The factors of a high crime rate, high unemployment rate, and an inborne hatred of RUC and military alike, resulted in a volatile approach to all manner of civil authority and restraint in that area. There were two



Major Chichester-Clark, the former Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, inspecting the Guard of Honour provided by Support Company.

particularly vicious and violent outbursts in Ballymurphy, probably inspired by subversive elements in the city. One occurred in late October shortly after arrival and the second in January after the relative calm of Christmas. The presence of a Protestant Church in the Roman Catholic area was used as an overt reason for both outbursts.

Some of the more interesting statistics compiled at the 1st February—with 10 days still to go, were:

Cars searched: 11,460.
Petrol bombs thrown: 241.
Arrests made: 198.
Acid bombs thrown: 6.

Not bad all in four months.



MAXIMUM SUPPORT

The Padre, 1/2 Tp 14/20 Hussars and a soldier from 3 Para help L/Cpl. Boddy read the newspaper.

Much time and effort was spent by the Bn in fostering relations with the civil population in its area. Community Relations was a most important part of the everyday life, and varied from helping people in the problems of living to providing football pitches, youth clubs, and play areas. The Bn was responsible for fostering the following projects:

- Dismantling, transporting and re-erecting five huts as youth centres or changing huts.

- Building two stages in local theatres.

- Giving instruction to youth clubs in map reading and morse.

- Assisting youth clubs in judo, badminton, volleyball and swimming.

- Providing instructors and referees at football and basketball.

- Organising innumerable parties at Christmas for Old Age Pensioners and children.

- Holding carol services at Christmas time on the Peace Line and in the hospital wards.

With only two weeks of the tour left a large number of searches were carried out in the Clonard. This is a well-known IRA area and as a result of these searches rioting broke out both in that area and in the Springfield and the Falls Road area. For the first time in the tour, weapons were used against our soldiers and as a result operations took on a completely different slant. Violence broke out at the same time in North Belfast, again actuated by extremists, and the situation was still tense and 'bubbling' when we returned to Colchester on the 10/11th February, having handed over to 3 Para.

'A' COMPANY

It was somewhat of a coincidence that we happened to be going home on 'Sobraon Day' and the officers and sergeants celebrated in style with a dinner on the boat which many will remember. So the tour ended and really it didn't seem all that long. Many lessons have been learnt both by the Indians and the Chiefs. To end with, some of the things which had come to mind:

During Exercise Bersatu Padu in Malaya last year we learnt of an old Malayan proverb—'Yesterday has gone, today is here and to hell with tomorrow.' Well, Malaya is yesterday and so too is Gibraltar and Kenya; all memories of our period of service in 19 Bde. But what of Belfast and Munster? Writing this in February Belfast is 'today' but reading this in May Munster is 'today'. Confound it. Today, that is 1st February, is today and to the devil with Munster and the second-in-command's ever increasing amount of paper on the subject.

On arrival in Northern Ireland the Company went straight to the Ballymacarret district of East Belfast, where it was engaged in OPs, Patrols and road blocks. The only incident of note was a shot fired at Pte. Peacock when on sentry duty in Seaford Street. It fortunately missed him.

In mid-November the Company moved to West Belfast. Company HQ (Maj. Edwards, Capt. Casciaro, seconded from the Gibraltar Regt., and CSM Greenfield) and 3 PI (Sgt. Taylor and Sgt. Underwood) were deployed in Mackies sports and social club at Paisley Park, whilst 1 PI (Lt. Jackson and Sgt. Smith) took over an old Victorian house in the Springfield Road. 2PI under Lt. Rawlins and Sgt. Brown found accommodation in the Royal Victoria Hospital. 1 and 2 Platoons kept surveillance over the Catholic areas either side of the Springfield and Falls roads and 3 Platoon kept a watching brief on the Catholic-Protestant boundary at Springmartin Road. All was peace and quiet up to and over Christmas and the New Year. We went individually, or in small groups, to the seaside town of Bangor for rest and recuperation—nearly everyone who went needed further rest and recuperation on return! Some, Sgt. Taylor, L/Cpl. Needle, L/Cpl. Panter, Privates Williams, Robley, Trollope, Edwards, Miller and Cranwell started to think about marrying pretty Irish colleens! A look at the 'announcements' further on in the magazine will tell you the results.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

At Christmas 50 invitations to a Christmas party were sent out to local children; the little horrors however passed them around amongst themselves and 130 appeared! The sentries were overrun, the Company Sergeant Major pushed aside until in no time at all the hall was full of hungry shouting kids. Sgt. Underwood, L/Cpl. Barry and the rest of the heavy snatch squad were completely outclassed and only Colour



Community Relations. Sgt. Yates and Pte. Clarke at a Christmas Party.

Sergeant Wilson remained calm. Somehow he and Santa Claus (Pte. Savage), clad in scarlet and white beard, were equal to the task and food and presents for all were found. Pte. Savage eventually beat a hasty retreat covered in bruises about the shins and his beard stripped off.

At the Royal Victoria Hospital Privates Hopwood, Grigas, Schlechter and Cook helped other members of 2 PI give a Christmas party for 40 handicapped children from Fulton School. Father Christmas, alias Pte. Ponting, gave away the presents and the afternoon ended with games and a film show.

On Sunday, 10th January, the Ballymurphy Catholics became restless and took to throwing stones and petrol bombs at anything military. Paisley Park was invaded from time to time by Cavalry, Gunners, Sappers, Welshmen, Parachutists, Fusiliers, Drums and Mortars as the CO deployed the force given him to subdue the 'Murph'.

3 Platoon (now under Lt. Marshall) and Sgt. Underwood and his snatch squad, were blooded in the 'Murph' on 11th January and the Company under Major Edwards were at full stretch preventing inter-communal strife between the Protestants of Springmartin and the Catholics of Ballymurphy and Springhill Avenue the following day. This was Major Edwards' swan song for he left the next day for leave and 5 R Anglian, handing over to Major Barnes, fresh from the Ministry of Defence but in time to

see it all start. Sporadic outbursts of disorder continued right up until we left for Colchester, forcing us to maintain a permanent standing patrol at the boundary between the two sides. Constant patrolling, the manning of observation posts, house searches, dismantling barriers put up by rioters, and the breaking up of disorderly crowds kept us fully occupied. Our only casualties during the time were Cpl. Tapp, now fit after being hit in the mouth by a rock, and Pte. Hall injured in the leg by a nail bomb. Pte. Hall has since been seen on the national TV talking to VIPs and we understand that we shall be seeing him again fairly soon.

Capt. Casciaro, seconded from the Gibraltar Regiment, and Pte. Ley—'I wonder if General Franco would prefer Belfast to Gibraltar?'

'B' COMPANY

'There will be prolonged showers of bricks and bottles, with occasional outbursts of rioting'; a fitting forecast for the Company's stay in N. Ireland. The day was dull and the mood apprehensive as we moved into the Vere Foster Primary School on the edge of the Ballymurphy Estate. We were hardly given a chance to settle into our accommodation before the local children invited us out to a bottle party in order to prove us. Luckily we were 100 per cent proof.

Considerable effort was put into Community Relations, from the small every day acts of kindness by mobile patrols, to major projects undertaken at a high level. The climax came at Christmas time when parties were held both for the young and old, and the band gave two concerts in the school hall. But under the guise of objecting to discotheques and as a result of some search operations, during which arms and ammunition were found, the latter half of January found the Company combating a week of rioting during which time over sixty arrests were made, over one hundred petrol bombs thrown and one person from another unit shot in the leg. So the situation seemed to revert back to square one. It was hard work but most of the Company got away at least twice on R and R (rack and ruin) to Bangor and to the discotheque held in the more peaceful echelon location. Some even accepted dinner dates to some of the more friendly locals.

The frustration and ridicule of the whole situation is perhaps summed up in the reply of a youngster when apprehended at 2 o'clock in the morning, with an empty milk bottle in his hand, 'I was going blackberrying.'



'C' COMPANY

On 19th October the advance party, consisting of Capt. John Hart, Lt. Tom Prior, 2Lt. Barnes, Sgt. Missen and the CQMS set off.

Everyone expected to see palls of smoke hanging over the town and troops on every corner. Alas there was no such sights. It seemed like any other city in the UK. Life was normal, the streets in the city centre were clean and orderly—perhaps we were in the wrong place, we all thought. However, our views soon changed as we moved away from the city centre across the Albert Bridge. The wide streets gave way to smaller, less attractive Coronation Street type complexes, all of which we were to get to know better in the future.

Our destination, Sunnyside TAVR Centre, was happily for us all in a less depressing area just west of the River Lorgan. The camp, as far as we were concerned, consisted of a long hangar and a mobile home. The hangar housed the company cookhouse while the home was used as the OPs room and officers' quarters. We were greeted on arrival by 16 Light Regt, RA, who took us under their wing from the very start.



An unpleasant situation. "C" Company cover squad faces a taunting group of teenage girls during a search operation in the Clonard. The debris on the road and the dustbin lid show the sort of ammunition used regularly by women against troops.

Three days after our arrival Major Tony Swallow, the DQ from 19 Bde, took over command of 'C' Company. With the arrival of the main body we set about training in earnest and were soon to be tested. At 1700 hrs every evening we were put on state one which gave us ten minutes' notice to move.

We did not have to wait long, the second night after being established we were on our way, the whole Company, less six men, raced in convoy to the Whiterock cross roads which we soon realised was a stones throw from Sunnyside.

It seemed the locals were 'testing us out', as one small boy soon informed us. He approached us asking if we were the 2nd Bn The Royal Anglians. 'Yes,' came the reply. 'Good,' he said, 'cos your going to get a pasting on Saturday night.' War had been declared. Almost every night for the next two weeks we were employed with 'B' Company helping out in Ballymurphy. As quickly as it had begun, the troubles started to die down and 'C' Company found itself about to change role.

Major Swallow had to return to 19 Bde and 'C' Company had to move to another part of the city. Major Bill Peat came to command the Company.

Our new surroundings and role were totally different. The area of the Peace Line is a de-

pressing slum area full of dirty children, stray dogs and littered with barbed wire barricades dividing Catholic and Protestants. It was our job to man sentry posts along the Peace Line and glean as much information as possible about either side. To do this the Company HQ,



7 and 9 Platoons were stationed in a disused mill to look after the Protestants to the north and 8 Platoon was stationed in its own house, 240 Cupar Steret, to patrol the Catholic stronghold of the 'Clonard'.

We soon found ourselves the 'Big Daddy' for the locals who looked to us for all the social help they required. The giving however was not totally one-sided, the Irish people are extremely generous and kept a constant supply of tea and buns to the boys on duty. To help amuse ourselves when not on duty a superb 'Disco' was organised by Sgt. Missen and his boys and Paul

Clonard area to search three likely arms caches. This sparked off riots, the like we had not seen before. The Catholics resorted to everything from bottle to gelignite bombs, and shots were exchanged by both sides. After two days of solid rioting we were happy to receive 'a little help from our friends', namely 'B' Company 1 Royal Anglian and 'Z' Company 1 RRF, and a section from Tiger Company under 2Lt. Peter Field. We cannot forget the wonderful assistance given by the advance party of our relief namely Bulls Troop 7 RHA and 'C' Company 3 Para.



Surveying the Clonard. L/Cpl. Adcock, Pte. Puplett and L/Cpl. Blanchard on the roof of North Howard Hill.

Garman, the 21C, ran a canteen and film show to be proud of.

We had another change in Commanders. Major Peat returned to his normal job at the Depot and was succeeded by Major Ray (The Fastest Gun in Town) Conningham, the Staffordshire Regt.

Early in the New Year we had our first taste of rioting since our early days. The Shankill Mob took up arms against the military and we waited for them to attack the Catholics in the Clonard. Throughout January we were plagued with a series of incidents from tarring and feathering to suspected murder in our area, but the real crunch came on the 3rd February.

After our early morning 'O' group a cordon and search op was mounted in the Catholic

SUPPORT COMPANY

We were minding our own business down on Salisbury Plain firing our Mortars and Anti-tank guns when we were recalled to Colchester. Reorganisation took place. The Assault Pioneers were distributed throughout the battalion. In exchange the Corps of Drums joined the Company. Also a Signal detachment headed by Cpl. Wagairoba, a medic, Pte. Kirk, an Int man, Pte. Hall 66, numerous drivers—too many to mention by name.

We arrived in Belfast on 29th October and were operational by 1030 a.m.

Our area of responsibility was Andersontown, Dunmurry and all areas east to the River Lagan. During the tour this area was extended to include all areas east of the river.

The trouble spot of Andersonstown in August was very quiet until January, although we did the odd stone and bottle thrown at our mobiles. After a few house searches for arms, in the company of the local dustbin lid women band, things began to happen. A petrol bomb factory somewhere in the area was quite evident. The Company Commander was angry at receiving two bombs on the bonnet of 'Concorde 59'. Pte. Mann, the pilot, did well to drive flat out, not being able to see through the wall of flames, and not hit anything. Nail bombs and shots rounded off our tour.

Being a somewhat peaceful area, the Company was used as the Bn reserve and we, Company HQ Mor and Drums spent many a long day, evening and night sitting in other Company locations waiting to be used. The Drums in their pigs C/S 53, Agro, Boffer, Ciller, were often used. They operated in every Company location. During car fire fighting in the Springfield Road, Sgt. Higgins received a brick on the angle which put him off the road. Dmr. Davy, whilst clearing a barricade in the 'Murph', received a couple of rocks which sent him reeling, but not LOB. Pte. Pears was hit on the head by a rock whilst operating C/S 59 set. Luckily the pressel switch was not depressed or the Bn would have learnt a few words.

Pts. Allan of the Anti-tanks deserves a mention for arresting a Paddy, almost twice his size,

who attempted to steal his rifle. The gentleman is now enjoying eight months inside.

Now what? Back in Colchester everyone seems to be on courses, driving, signalling you name it and we are doing it. These are to prepare us for the next job. Mechanised Support Company in BAOR—maybe a settled period? WHO KNOWS!

ANTI-TANK PLATOON

We found ourselves in the Falls Road bus station, a good bit of real estate that houses some 120 double-decker buses, 'Good barricade material'. Why spare the cost at something around £10,000 a time. Once at the depot we moved into a family house although our family was somewhat larger than normal, even by Irish standards.

Our task consisted of guarding the bus station, patrolling the area in our Land Rovers, helping out with searches, or in fact to give a helping hand whenever required. We even started a community relations project teaching boy scouts map reading and the like.

Although as a platoon we have't been involved in "AGRO", indirectly most of the lads have been in the thick of it at some time or another by re-enforcing the Mortar platoon and at times the Drum platoon.

One of the pastimes of the mobiles were car



Joke in the "Murph". Pte. Pidgen, L/Cpl. McLory, Cpl. Powlet and Pte. Court.

checks or to give it its proper title VCPs (Vehicle Check Points). We feel the platoon could rightly claim the majority of cars stopped in Support Company.

MORTAR PLATOON

The scene is routine Muster Parade on frost covered square. 'No Sir, Cpl. Bones is not absent, he is on a projectionist course, sir.' Must stand still. Where is the rest of the platoon? They can't all be absent. So we will be back to the barrack room shortly. What did the CSM say the other day on drill? Oh yes, 'Stand still you, two more presentes and we are off.' He can be funny! So go the thoughts of No. 2 in the rear rank as we settle down to UK based peace time soldiering after four months of quite hectic work in Northern Ireland. While it was a difficult and tiresome job, it was enjoyable and it did foster individual and communal trust, thereby bonding us together as a full platoon. I think we are the only platoon which had all its members act in the heavy snatch squad, at one time or other. Even though 5 ft. 0 in. and eight stone are not the exact qualifications, this was a case of speed and agility taking the place of brawn. Wives and girlfriends had to listen to some 'hairy tales of exploits on the streets of Belfast as we enjoyed a well deserved leave.

DRUMS PLATOON

Having just got over Malaya where we were acting as a rifle platoon, the Drums were once more formed into a rifle platoon, and with NCOs from the A/Tanks and Mortars and with drivers from the MT, we started our IS training for Belfast.

As Bn reserve we were always at the scene of any trouble or at least 'stood-by' for it. This mad dashing round the city earned us our nickname Flying Troop or 'F Troop'.

In mid-November there was a reorganisation of the Battalion boundary and we moved down to Musgrave Park Hospital where we were joined by the Mortar Platoon. This was luckily the beginning of quite a quiet period and we were able to start a few arrangements for Christmas.

Christmas came and went without many of us really noticing it, and we were on the final stretch. All was still relatively calm in the city and we were even beginning to do a little bit of training for Germany. This peace did not last long and the city erupted again early in the new year. We found ourselves once more Ballymurphy, Springmartin, Springfield Road, Falls

Road and the Clonard. There was no time for training now and many people hardly found time to cross the next day off their 'Chuff Charts'.

We have a new Drum Major and we hope that now we really will be able to get back to our instruments again!

ECHELON (ADMIN COMPANY)

Off goes Captain 'Tim' Young and returns at 1730 with the news that the CO will talk to the Battalion in the morning.

The next few weeks after the CO's talk were rather hectic to say the least; what with the reorganisation of the Battalion and with rifle Companies and Support Company carrying out IS training. Over the last two years we had helped three other major units in the principles of riot control and IS work; now it was our turn.

Eventually by road, rail and ferry we arrived in Northern Ireland to be greeted by the Advance Party and to disperse and take up our locations in a Government sponsored factory situated on the outskirts of Belfast, which had been lying idle for the past ten months or so. The factory floor had sprouted rooms with soft board walls and no ceiling. Contractors junk was everywhere mived up with our own stores which were now arriving. Everyone vanished into their own little areas, QM's Staff into the Stores from where under the leadership of Sgt. Bullock and Sgt. Cooper produced all sorts of things from candles to 750 watt bulbs, Berets to Flack Jackets, 9 mm. rounds to rubber bullets and CS gas.

The depth of the QM's bag was never so limitless. During the first three or four weeks L/Cpl. Smith and L/Cpl. Pearson could be seen vanishing at all hours of the day and night, to produce stores from the Ord Depot at Kinnegar.

All this could not have been possible without the untiring efforts of the MTO and his staff, Sgt. Watson and his REME fitter repairing vehicles as quickly as the companies could put them on the road, and Cpl. Jones and Cpl. Ogle scrounging anything from a complete gearbox to nuts and bolts. The hottest typewriter without doubt was that of Pte. Wiles, the MT clerk. If he didn't know how to complete an accident report before he certainly does now. The drivers, often tired, drove over 250,000 miles in the four months of the tour.

Captain Pond, our QM2, juggled with the cooks. SQMS Atkinson got ulcers and had to be shipped home and Sgt. McElhone, who had

done it all before with the RHA, came to join us here and with his ever changing crew kept us all well fed in spite of all the rude remarks that were made.

The Domestic Pioneers produced all that was asked of them. Shelves for the Company locations, a stage for a Community Relations Centre and an engine for the local school for handicapped children, all capably carried out by Cpl. Stratford, Pte. Todd, Pte. Gravestock, L/Cpl. Atkins and Cpl. Cook under the benevolent gaze of Sgt. McKenzie. Cpl. Stratford had his moment of glory when he found a Thompson sub-machine gun in a bed during a house search.

A BANDSMAN'S VIEW OF BELFAST

by WO.I O'Connell

It would seem that the days when a Bn remained together as one great family for any length of time have passed. Instead this is the time of either short spells overseas for exercises and training or emergency tours to trouble spots. It is no surprise therefore that little is seen by the companies of the Regimental Band.

'Out of sight out of mind' is the saying but whilst this may at times be true the Band, in its own field, is performing a valuable job, by keeping the flag flying, travelling hundreds of miles, encouraging, recruiting and generally keeping the Regiment in the public eye.

Consequently when opportunity arose of a visit to the Battalion in Belfast it was eagerly seized upon both by the Battalion and the Band.

'C' Company, with whom we stayed, made us feel most welcome at North Howard Street Mill off the Falls Road, and we realise the trouble they went to in order to make us comfortable as possible. The story was the same at each Company

What struck us most was the tremendous spirit. The effect of this week on the Band was tremendous. Many wished to stay longer and there was a general feeling of satisfaction—of doing something tangible to help the Battalion. It's the job we are trained for. Just as the cooks or the clerks have a particular function, so we have a particular function to provide music and entertainment. Circumstances over the last three years have denied us the opportunity to play a full part so our stint in Belfast was all the more memorable.



The domestic Pioneers and their masterpiece. Cpl. Stratford, Cpl. Cook, Pte. Gravestock, Sgt. McKenzie and Pte. Todd.

Band concert in the Ulster Hall. Sgt. Skayman and Bdsm. Germany, Grunill, Thompson and Mullet-Merick with an admirer.



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THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE REGIMENTAL COMRADES' ASSOCIATION

Corby Branch

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

The second year of our existence has seen a small turnover in membership, mainly through people leaving the town. New members have brought us up to just over the "ton" and on 31st March, 1971, we had 83 full members and 18 honorary.

During the year we have held three socials at the TAVR Centre, and have been pleased to welcome members of other branches. On 29th January, 1971, we again entertained the residents of Marlow Court, the evening's activities following the same pattern as the previous year. All present enjoyed themselves.

With the reactivation of the TAVR, and the establishment of a detachment of the 7th Bn Royal Anglian Regiment (V) at the TAVR Centre, accommodation wise things are very "tight round the collar". We have had to curtail our activities during the past couple of months, and cannot make any firm plans for the immediate future, until the initial upheaval is over, and the routine life of Corby TAVR Centre has settled down. We wish to thank the Association for financial aid given to two of our Branch Members during the past twelve months.

Finally we wish to record our thanks to the Chairman of the Volunteer Club, and the staff of the TAVR Centre for all the assistance they have given us during the past year.

Huntingdon Branch

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

Nothing of great moment has happened with the Huntingdon Branch since the October issue of our Journal, nevertheless we are still very

active, and happy to report again that the Branch is in good heart. We were delighted at Christmas to have news and good wishes from all other Branches and also from Majors Leslie Sandy, George Somerwill and John Boe, who all served with Support Company at Huntingdon between 1950 and 1960. We had news too from ex RQMS (Dick) May who left RAF Wyton about eighteen months ago and is at present Station Warden at RAF Lincoln. He sends his good wishes to all his friends who served with him in the Regiment.

The past months have included our very successful 4th Reunion Dinner at Huntingdon when we were pleased to have the Mayor and Mayoress of Huntingdon and Sir David Renton, QC, MP, as our special guests.

Christmas time brought its usual round of activities and a bumper Draw which boosted our funds to meet the Welfare Officers expenses in the distribution of gifts to our aged and infirm members.

The AGM in February was again a pleasant occasion with a reasonably good attendance. Major Bill Marshall (our President) was in charge of the proceedings and it was nice to have our ex-Chairman, now Vice-President, Captain Bob Copley, with us. As was expected, the Committee was re-elected en bloc and Major Ted Overall has again consented to fill the Chair for another year.

Eddie Lees, our Welfare Officer, has managed his affairs well during the past year, and thankfully we have had only one or two cases of real hardship. In one instance the ready assistance of Association Headquarters has made life a great deal more bearable for a comrade in distress and he is deeply grateful.

For those who may be interested, and we hope there may be a few, our Reunion Dinner this year will take place on Saturday, 9th October, again in the cosy old world surroundings of The George Hotel at Huntingdon. We can promise anyone who cares to come a most enjoyable evening.

London Branch

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

In the past few months under review we have had to overcome many difficulties. What with the postal strike and the cancellation of our Buffet Dance, things have not been going too well for the London Branch.

We have also been informed that no further meetings can take place at the Union Jack Club. They are fully committed for 1971 so we have moved to an old venue, The Victory Club near Marble Arch.

We are looking forward to a good attendance for our Annual General Meeting to be held on 24th April.

We are pleased to welcome back our President, Major Fred Mumford, after his long illness.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking the Social Committee for their good work and co-operation during the past few months.

In future Branch meeting will be held bi-monthly. Please give us your support.

Northampton Branch

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

Northampton Branch are active and always pleased to see any member of the Royal Anglian Regiment. The Club in Gibraltar Barracks is open in the evenings of Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday and also at lunch time on Sundays. Please drop in.

At the moment the Secretary is very occupied with the organisation of the Annual Dinner Dance to be held at Overstone Solarium on 24th April so more detailed news will be given next time.

Peterborough Branch

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

Peterborough Branch is active and interested in the affairs of the Regiment and the members of it and are always pleased to see new faces. Any member will be welcome to call.

The Annual Reunion and Dinner of the 5th Bn, the 4th/5th Bn and the Peterborough Branch of The Northamptonshire Regiment will be held in Peterborough on Saturday, 16th October, 1971.

Annual Reunion and Dinner of the Northamptonshire Regiment

The Annual Reunion will be held on Saturday and Sunday, 3rd and 4th July, 1971. The Dinner will be on Saturday, 3rd July, with the Church Parade on Sunday, 4th July. Details may be obtained from the Regimental Secretary at Northampton, Major D. Baxter, Gibraltar Barracks, Barrack Road, Northampton NN1 3RE.

10th FOOT ROYAL LINCOLNSHIRE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

With the death of Lt.-Colonel Walter Young we have lost a worthy Trustee and a staunch supporter of our Association and regimental activities. His vast knowledge of our history and his advice on regimental matters will be greatly missed by us all.

Again our "Roll Call" of Royal Hospital Chelsea In-Pensioners has changed with the passing of ex-Sgt. J. P. Leonard, aged 79, and the admission of ex-4798785 S/Sgt S. Edwards, aged 61.

Regimental Pensioner J. E. Atter passed away in January in his 90th year.

Our congratulations to Lt.-Colonel Dick Gerrard-Wright on assuming command of the 2nd Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment with promotion to Lt.-Colonel—good to know that a 10th Foot officer is once again "In Command".

Annual Reunion, 1971

The Annual Reunion will again be held at the "Beacholme" Humberstone, Near Cleethorpes, Lincs., as follows:—

Saturday, 25th September, 1971.

Annual General Committee Meeting at 2.30 p.m. followed by

Annual Meeting at 4.00 p.m.

Dinner—7 for 7.30 p.m.

Dancing and other entertainments will follow the Dinner.

Delightful chalet accommodation, meals, etc., are available for those wishing to stay at the "Beacholme", which is a first class holiday centre.

Full details and Dinner Tickets can be obtained from the Spalding Branch, Mr. N. Dalton, 200 Winsover Road, Spalding, Lincs.

Sunday, 26th September, 1971

Divine Service will be held at the "Beacholme" at 9.45 a.m.

Annual Reunion, 1970

The Annual Reunion was held at the "Beacholme" on Saturday and Sunday, 26th and 27th September, 1970. On Saturday afternoon the General Committee met followed by the Annual General Meeting with the Annual Reunion Dinner in the evening. On Sunday morning Divine Service was held in the Centre.

At the General Meeting, after a welcome from our President, Major General Sir Christopher Welby-Everard, the "Ode to the Fallen" was recited by the Secretary. Major C. H. Macklam, Chairman of our Executive Committee, reported on the activities for the year and stated they had met forty-seven times and investigated all applications for assistance. The Benevolent Fund had paid out £1,422 9s. 11d. to 130 deserving cases.

Major E. Jessup, Hon. General Secretary and Treasurer, reported on the activities of the Association and presented the accounts. Our Funds were in a good financial position and the Trustees had carried out a review of our Investments. With sales and purchase of new stocks we were now receiving an additional annual income which is needed to give increased assistance to our benevolent cases. He expressed thanks for the grants received from the Army Benevolent Fund, the Royal Anglian Regimental Benevolent Fund, donations from Lincoln, Grimsby and Grantham Branches and subscriptions from all members, and, indeed, for the assistance given by the many voluntary organisations in investigating the benevolent cases.

The Committee approved new Bye-Laws which have been published and distributed.

The General Meeting followed and our President welcomed all those present and gave a resumé of the business transacted at the General Committee Meeting. The Minutes of the previous meeting and the accounts were approved. Each year the attendance at the Annual Reunion Dinner at the "Beacholme" has increased and for the first time over 400 sat down to an excellent dinner. We entertained a guest of a somewhat different nature, Mr. Vincent Kehoe, who lives in Massachusetts, USA. He originally wrote to say that he was forming "A Ceremonial Unit of the Society for the Preservation of Colonial Culture" which would be taking part in the Bi-centennial Celebration



Royal Lincolnshire Regiment Luncheon. Left to right—Mrs. P. W. P. Green, Maj.-Gen. Sir C. E. Welby-Everard, Mr. Vincent Kehoe (in uniform of an officer of the 10th Foot of 1775), Brig. P. W. P. Green, Lady Welby-Everard and Colonel B. S. Foster.

of the American Revolutionary War in 1775. He asked for and was granted permission to form a Light Company of the 10th Foot to represent the Regiment during this celebration. As members will know, the 10th Foot saw service from 1774-1778 in Massachusetts and took part in the engagements at Lexington and Concord and also at the Battle of Bunker's Hill. The intention is that these actions should be reproduced in some detail during the Bi-centennial Celebrations.

Mr. Kehoe, in response to the introduction and welcome made by our President, stated he was delighted with the hospitality given and he was proud and honoured to represent the Regiment. Mrs. Vincent Kehoe also came to the Dinner and we found them a very delightful and charming couple. (Mr. Vincent Kehoe wore the uniform of an officer of the 10th Foot of 1775 at the Regimental Luncheon on the following Sunday).

Dinner was followed by the usual festivities with "Old Comrades" really enjoying themselves which makes our Reunions so worthwhile. Great credit, and our many thanks, to Colonel Walt Disney and all his Branch members for the excellent arrangements which produce yet another reunion we will all long remember.

"Old Contemptibles"

Major-General Welby-Everard was the Ex-Services Escort to the Lincoln Branch of the Old Contemptibles' Association Branch Standard which was laid up at St. Peter-at-Gowts Church, Lincoln, on Sunday, 11th October.

1970. The Regiment was also represented by Colonels Sanders and Bennett, Majors Macklam and Jessup and Regimental "Chums".

The Regimental Museum

The Trustees purchased a "Campaign Box" which had belonged to Major-General Sir Thomas Franks who, as Lt.-Colonel Franks, commanded the 10th Foot at the Battle of Sobraon. The box contains parchment of his various commissions and some personal correspondence. Brigadier P. A. Wood (not 10th Foot) presented an old parchment of 1780 relating to Brownlow, Duke of Ancaster's Commission—John Flayer—Ensign in the Royal Northern Regiment of Militia in the County of Lincoln. Brigadier R. H. L. Oulton presented a copy of a diary written by Lt. C. C. Holmes, 1st Battalion The Lincolnshire Regiment, covering period 1.8.1914 to his death at Mons 22.8.1914, together with a more detailed account of his brother's history from Major-General Sir N. G. Holmes, KBE, CB, MC.

4th Bn Reunion

On 19th September, 1970, at the County Hotel, Skegness, The Battalion once again had a very successful "unofficial gathering" of their war-time members which as usual was distin-

guished by its informality. No invitations—just a postcard, dispatched by Tom Hunter, brought all the old friends together and with no speeches a good time was had by all with many battles refought. Harry Pierrepont, with his guide dog, was again the central figure.

Royal Tigers Association

Major-General John Spurling handed over as President of The Royal Tigers' Association on 1st January, 1971, after five difficult years when many important regimental changes took place. All Tigers are very grateful to him.

Fanfare Trumpets

The Silver Fanfare Trumpets which were presented to The Regiment by the City of Leicester and the County of Leicestershire in 1952, are loaned to The Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst.

The following account was written by Major-



Fanfare of Trumpets presented to the Royal Leicestershire Regiment in 1952 by the County and City being played by trumpeters of the 4th Battalion at the opening of the Regimental Museum in Leicester in 1969. The Royal Anglian Regiment banners were presented by Alderman Mrs. Monica Trotter, Lord Mayor of Leicester, on behalf of the City when she visited the 4th (Leicestershire) Battalion in Malta in 1966.

General John Spurling:

"There is always something nostalgic about a Sovereign's Parade at Sandhurst.

"It is designed to emphasise that the Senior Officer Cadets are parading for the last time before receiving their Sovereign's Commission. At the end of the parade they march up the steps of the Grand Entrance to the tune 'For Auld Lang Syne', followed by the Adjutant on his charger.

"The parade on 17th December, 1970, was a notable event in the history of our Regiment. It was certainly the first, and probably the only occasion on which Sandhurst marched past to 'Romaika' and 'A Hunting Call', the Marches of the Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

"After the parade, in the presence of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Leicester, I handed the Silver Fanfare Trumpets into the safe keeping of the Commandant, Major-General P. T. Tower, CB, DSO, MBE, and the Director of Music, Captain D. N. Taylor, ARCM.

"They will remain at Sandhurst, and be played at all Sovereign's Parades and other ceremonial occasions, until the 4th Battalion Royal Anglian Regiment is reformed at full strength.

"Field Marshal Sir Gerald Templer, representing Her Majesty at the parade, said how much he hoped that this event would not be too long delayed. Meanwhile he knew how delighted the Queen and our Royal Ladies would be to hear that the Tigers' Trumpets continue to sound loud and clear at Sandhurst. This, he felt, was all the more appropriate now that the Tiger Company is to be Demonstration Company at Sandhurst and Mons OCS.

"Then we were played into lunch by a 'Leicestershire Fanfare'. Altogether an occasion not easily forgotten."

Already the RMA trumpeters have played twice. Firstly at the Lighting of the Christmas Tree in Trafalgar Square and secondly when The Queen unveiled the plaque at Twickenham on Easter Saturday at the RFU centenary game. The latter ceremony was most appropriate since the Tigers have had two past English captains—Lt.-Colonel Tony Noris and Major-General Sir Douglas Kendrew. The Regiment also won the Army Cup three times.

Appeal for the Association

The Association are most grateful to the Lords Lieutenant of Leicestershire and Rutland for agreeing to sponsor the appeal for the Association and for the enormous amount of help

and hard work that they gave to make it the success it has been.

The following is an extract from a letter to them by Major-General Spurling:

"I am sure that without your lead and help we should not have reached the splendid result of £5,000 or more. You have assured the future of the Association for the rest of its useful life, at least another fifty years. For this we are all deeply grateful to you."

The appeal officially closed on 1st January, but gifts are still coming in and are most welcome at any time.

£5,500 has been received. The General Committee are most grateful to everyone for giving so generously and making the appeal such a success.

Sweep on the "Grand National"

Owing to the postal strike tickets were sent out late. This gave very little time for members to sell them. After paying for increased prizes and administrative expenses a profit of £330 was made. Under the circumstances, this is considered most satisfactory and the General Committee are most grateful to you all for your great help.

Tombola at the T & AVR Officers' Ball

Thanks to Major Dawson and his many hard-working helpers a profit of £140 was made on the most successful tombola run at the 1970 T & AVR Officers' Ball. The General Committee are again most grateful.

Thanks to legacies and the great number of members who raise money for the Association, ours is one of the few Associations who do not have to ask for an annual grant from the Army Benevolent Fund. Our capital is approximately treble what it was fourteen years ago. Members, however, should remember that an adequate grant these days is probably more than double what it was soon after World War II.

Royal Tigers' Weekend, 3rd-4th July

It is hoped that many will be able to come to Royal Tigers' Weekend on 3rd-4th July. Particulars can be obtained from Ulverscroft Road, Leicester.

The usual full programme has been arranged.

On Saturday, 3rd July, at 5 p.m., a plaque will be dedicated in the Regimental Chapel in memory of Colonel H. W. H. Tyler, MC, TD, DL. This will be followed at 6.20 p.m. by the AGM and at 7.30 by the Association Dinner.

On Sunday, 4th July, the Lord Lieutenant will take the salute at the March Past after the Parade Service at 11 a.m. The Band of the 1st Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment will be on parade.

At 12 noon (approximately) Colonel Pallot will hand over on loan Silver Drums and Silver to the Lord Mayor on behalf of the City and to Colonel P. H. Lloyd on behalf of the County. The ceremony will take place in the T & AVR Centre.

The Buffet Luncheon will follow the Loan Ceremony.

Recruiting for the Association

Since 1964 all Regular "Tigers" have joined the Royal Anglian Regiment and the Royal Anglian Regimental Association. TAVR "Tigers" now do the same. The numbers of our members is naturally slowly dropping, although we still have nearly 2,000. There are, however, a great number of "Old Tigers" who are not members. About two-thirds of those

who apply for assistance these days are not members. If they need help your General Committee feel that the Association must help them, but they naturally do not get as much help as if they had been members.

Will all members please try to get new members. Joining forms may be had from the Secretary. Subscriptions are as follows:

	<i>Life</i>	<i>Annual</i>
Officers	£5	25p
Other Ranks	£1.50	10p

Future Events

1971

3-4 July—Royal Tigers' Weekend, Leicester.

15 October—4/5 Battalion Officers' Dinner, Leicester.

30 October—1st Battalion Reunion, Leicester.

10 December—T & AVR Officers' Ball, Leicester.

11 December—T & AVR Other Ranks' Ball, Leicester.

THE ESSEX REGIMENT ASSOCIATION



The Mayor and Mayoress of Southend with members of the Southend Branch.

The Association held a most successful Dinner and Dance at the Civic Centre, Chelmsford, on 24th April. Guests of honour were: The Mayor and Mayoress of Chelmsford, Brigadier and Mrs. C. M. Paton, and Colonel and Mrs. P. H. A. L. Franklin. Over 100 members attended.

A reception given by the Mayor of Southend, Alderman Lt.-Colonel A. B. C. Scholfield, TD, was attended by members and wives of the Southend Branch on 17th November. Lt.-Colonel Scholfield is the President of the Branch. Southend also staged a very successful Buffet Dance at Hockley on 19th March.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE AND HERTFORDSHIRE REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

At Chelmsford the Annual Branch Dinner on 7th November was a great success with 150 members and wives present. Additional social functions arranged by the branch have been very well supported.

The old 7th Battalion Eagle and Gun Association held its 1st/7th Battalion Dinner in London in September and the 7/59/459 Dinner Club met at the United Services Club on 27th March. The Association Buffet Reunion was held at the Drill Hall, Mile End, on 10th October. Over 80 members were present.

Annual Reunion Warley

The Warley day for this year will be on Sunday, 27th June. Members who have not already done so should make application for Chapel and Tea (40p per head) tickets as soon as possible.

Regimental Museum

The Essex Regiment Museum is to be transferred to Chelmsford in the Spring of 1972. The Museum will be housed in a new building to be erected adjoining Chelmsford and Essex Museum buildings at Oaklands Park and an official opening is scheduled to take place during the summer months.

Diary Dates

Sunday, 27th June

The Essex Regiment Service of Remembrance and Reunion.

Saturday, 16th October

Southend Branch Annual Dinner and Dance, Overcliffe Hotel, Westcliff.

Saturday, 6th November

Chelmsford Branch Annual Dinner and Dance, County Hotel, Chelmsford.

The Annual Dinner and Dance of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association will be held in London on Saturday, 5th June, 1971. A new venue has been chosen, the Duke of York's Headquarters, King's Road, Chelsea, which is able to provide ample parking for cars and coaches. As it is the main event of the Association, it is hoped that it will be well supported. Tickets are obtainable from the Secretary or through Branch Secretaries, price £1.80.

The annual Wreath-Laying Ceremony took place at the Regimental Memorial on Sunday, 15th November, 1970. Brigadier Paton, acting Deputy Colonel, laid the first of the wreaths, followed by representatives of units and Branches. The Bedford British Legion Corps of Drums played for the parade and the appropriate bugle calls. As soon as the formal ceremony was completed, the TAVR Centre in Ashburnham Road was once again used for the informal get-together of old friends.

Branch functions have continued throughout the winter and social activities cover a wide field from indoor games to bowls. It was a pity that two Branches, London and Hertford, chose to have their Annual Dinner and Dance on the same night, 24th October, 1970; however, this did not seem to have detracted from the success of both occasions.



Regimental guests and the Mayor and Mayoress of Chelmsford at The Essex Regiment Association Dinner/Dance.

Photo by Barratt Kirk, Brentwood.

TIGER COMPANY



A group at the Regimental Plot in the Field of Remembrance on 5th November, 1970, includes Mr. C. C. Wells, Hon. Secretary Bedford Branch, and In-Pensioners T. F. Munson and J. W. Reed.

Diary Dates 1971

5th June

Annual Dinner Dance, The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association, Duke of York's Headquarters, Chelsea, SW3.

9th October

Ware (Hertfordshire Regiment) OCA Supper, Presdales School, Ware.

23rd October

Annual Dinner Hertford Branch The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association, Shire Hall, Hertford.

6th November

Annual Dinner London Branch The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association.

21st November

Wreath-laying Ceremony Regimental Memorial, Kempston.

Tiger Company consists of 105 All Ranks organised into a Headquarters, an Administrative Platoon and two rifle platoons—'A' and 'B' Platoons.

Our role is to provide the demonstration platoons for both the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst and Mons OCS. A platoon is based at Sandhurst whilst the remainder of the Company is at Mons. Eventually we will all be under one roof when Mons moves to Sandhurst in August 1972. In addition we are currently providing the demonstration section at Basingbourn.

The Company moved to Aldershot from Gillingham at the beginning of January with 'A' Platoon under Lt. Shalders and Sgt. Bausor taking over the demonstrations straight away at Sandhurst.

The situation at Mons was different, 'B' Platoon were not due to take over their duties until the end of April. The OC, Major Hegg, decided to send them to Ulster where they eventually spent a month serving with both the 1st and 2nd Battalions in Belfast and Londonderry. From all accounts they proved useful to their hosts and managed to enjoy themselves at the same time.

In the meantime Company HQ and the Admin Platoon soldiered on gradually sorting themselves out and trying to convince everybody that we really did exist. Initially we were housed in temporary accommodation, our nearest phone being 400 yards away—bliss!

Mons were kind to us and we soon moved into splendid freshly painted buildings much to the envy of everybody else.

On return from Ulster, 'B' Platoon took over their duties as Demonstration Platoon at Mons, a month earlier than expected. Both platoons have already been very busy with trips to Sennybridge, Dartmoor, Cyprus and Stanford PTA already under their belt.

Sgt. Robinson went to Cyprus with Arnhem Company from Mons in January, while Sgt. Bausor and 20 of 'A' Platoon spent three weeks there in March.

A keen spirit has quickly developed and everybody is knuckling down to the job which we know is going to be interesting, enjoyable and worthwhile.



Cpl. Gregory, Pte. Chase, Pte. Hall—The good, the bad and the ugly . . .



Cpl. Turvey—a misused ACC Cpl. convincing himself there's something cooking.



Pte. Hunt—must be lovely in the summer.

Tigers in Ulster

The platoon arrived at Belfast docks early on Tuesday, 2nd February, and by 1100 after a short address by Lt.-Col. Gerrard-Wright, had dispersed into the Company areas.

Cpl. Gregory and his section were attached to 'A' Company at Paisley Park, Cpl. Kerr and his section to 'B' Company in Ballymurphy and Sgt. Dobson, Cpl. Harrison and his section at 240 Cupar Street, 'C' Company.

Cpl. Turvey ACC joined the cooks at 'C' Company HQ as well as L/Cpl. Tilford, who joined the signallers in another part of the mill. 2Lt Field found himself on the set in 'C' Company HQ most of the time!

As soon as we arrived trouble started and for the next week it would suffice to say that whatever action the 2nd Battalion were in so were the soldiers of Tiger Company. We were used for static guards and normal fatigues, but more important were used alongside the men of the 2nd Battalion in searches, patrols, (mobiles, snatch squads, riot control and all that riot control involved.



Pte. Hall—You called . . . !

The majority had to face viscous crowds, all of us were confronted on the one hand with the friendliness of those in support of the Army and on the other the contempt and inbred hatred of those opposing the Army.

On the morning of Tuesday, 9th February, we moved to Londonderry to work with the 1st Battalion and quickly started a five-day reinforcement cadre (this cadre is mandatory for anyone coming to Londonderry). Ideally it would have been best for this cadre to have been held before they went into Belfast but for practical reasons it could not. However, it did serve to show that the situation and tactics in Londonderry were very different from those in Belfast.

After the cadre we spent six days in the city guarding Craigavon Bridge and the prison. All was quiet.

The date for the move back was brought forward due to 1 DERR wishing to hand over the duties of demonstration platoon to Tiger Company, and we arrived back in Aldershot on the 24th February.

TOAD TUNE AND WEEVIL SPEED— ORDERLY ROOM TIGER COMPANY

You are being posted to Mons was the brief description of a coffee stained Part 1 Order. No no! chorused the clerks. One by one they were struck down by the terrible plague known as movetomonsorelse, all except one. This poor unfortunate fellow was left behind to tie up the loose ends, remove a scrapped Ford from the car park at Gordon Barracks, transport a motor bike to Mons and last of all to get his own iron horse on the road. Who would be a clerk mumbled this unfortunate fellow!

But then in the swirling mist of deepest Kent the clerk found himself at the beginning of his pilgrimage to Mons.

Mons! . . . what a lovely setting for a camp half hidden by the entirety of Aldershot, which for all the Martians who might find a stray copy is in Hampshire. The final exodus was operated smoothly. That is to say the clerk arrived there, a bit late because of a few daft roads which must have lead to Rome because Aldershot seemed to get further and further away, until a well known person in blue directed the portable scribe on the right track to Mons.

The Orderly Room was incredible to start with, six men crammed into a broom cupboard, and if you had the urge to telephone anyone, one had to walk or run if it was important to the nearest phone (400 yards away). Two weeks later the motor bike arrived from Kent and the secret organisation of Toad Tune and Weevil Speed was born or rather hatched from a million year old dinosaur egg. This organisation did not fit in with the rest of the orderly room because if you do not talk football and support a well known football team you do not get paid. But our clerk continued to press on with his head full of sayings and a filing cabinet full of spares. Gradually the motor cycle took on the shape of a typewriter on wheels with bits of wire sticking out all over the place. The rest of the clerks looked on with disgust and remarked that the thing and its owner should be relegated to the other end of the earth.

Then as if it was Tiger Company's birthday, the clerks were presented with a brand new set of offices. 'Great!' thought the mechanical minded clerk, 'now with a bit of luck I can get on with my bike.' As the project became more and more complicated the clerk became more and more mechanically minded. So much so in

fact that one piece of correspondence was handed back to him by the outraged chief clerk. 'What's this?' 'A letter,' replied the clerk. 'Fool. I know this but it is supposed to be to South East District not South East Distributor.' 'Oh dear, how sad,' thought the clerk. 'Type it again,' remarked the chief clerk quite casually.

Then the CSM decided that a squash ladder would be a good thing and everyone in Company HQ was to take part in it. This put the CSM on to a goo thing as he is about the only one who can play the game. The clerk asked if he could drive the steamroller but the CSM soon squashed that idea as it seems that a steamroller is not a part of the necessary equipment for the game.

At the moment we leave the clerk up to his eyes in grease, a squash racquet in one hand, a typewriter in the other, an adjustable spanner behind his right ear, trying to fend off football supporters.

It's a hard life trying to rebuild a motor cycle in an orderly room, but it has its rewards so we are constantly reminded.

TIGER COMPANY OFFICE, 1st APRIL 1971

'Sarnt Major, have the "Castle" notes gone to Regimental Headquarters yet.'

'No Sir.'

'Why not?'

'The Company 2IC said he would see to them and told me not to bother.'

'Sarnt Major, the 2IC's on a course at Warminster and has been for weeks.'

'I knew there'd be a problem Sir.'

'Okay then, go through his "In" tray, get the drafts typed and off to Bury, otherwise we'll have the Regimental Secretary round our necks.'

'Well, actually Sir, I'm a bit pushed, what with a REME inspection of weapons, the Easter leave warrants to prepare and a docus check next month . . .'

'Okay, okay, ask the Admin Platoon Commander to do them.'

'I don't think Mr. James will have time Sir. He's snowed in with the petrol account and drawing new vehicles from Ludgershall.'

'Well then, the Colour Sergeant. He's intelligent.'

'I know Sir; but if you remember you sent him on the RQMS' course at Deepcut.'

'So I did . . . What are the Platoon Commanders doing?'

'I'd thought of them Sir; but they're both doing demonstrations today.'

'In that case I'm all out of ideas, who do you suggest?'

'This is a bit difficult to say Sir, but in all honesty, there's only you left.'

'Oh! Hell.'

'There's one consolation Sir.'

'What's that Sarnt Major?'

'It's April Fools Day today Sir.'

A CUSHY LIFE INDEED !

by Cpl. M. KINGSHOTT, RAPC

The role of an RAPC Corporal, attached to an independent infantry company, involves all the usual pay clerk duties plus additional responsibility normally performed by an RAPC Staff Sergeant. With the company operating at Mons and Sandhurst on completely separate training programmes, complications frequently arise. In less than two months, the company has already exercised in Cyprus, Sennybridge and Stanford. 'B' Platoon visited Northern Ireland throughout February.

I am considerably relieved that the Commanding Officer, Major Hegg, is a man who believes in an easy time for himself and the men he commands. Our first meeting was certainly a pleasure for my feet; being told that boots and puttees were the order of the day, thus relieving me from wearing that cumbersome footwear—shoes.

During the following weeks I was kindly removed from the arduous environment of a pay office for seventy-five per cent of the working week. And how do I respond to this gesture? Tuesday and Friday mornings find me showing my skills in the gymnasium, whilst on other weekdays I can be assessed as to my drilling capabilities on the parade square. To offset boredom, I am often encouraged to participate in other company activities of my *choice*, such as weapon training, radio set operating and seven mile hikes.

Yes, it certainly is a 'cushy life' in Tiger Company but, I remember, with trepidation, that one day I must return to the sharp end—a desk in Regimental Pay Office.



WO's and Sgts. Mess Depot the Queen's Division.

DEPOT, THE QUEEN'S DIVISION

As previously mentioned the Depot received its first annual 'Fitness for Role' inspection on 2nd December. Our Colonel Commandant, lately GOC Eastern District, Major-General J. B. Dye, CBE, MC, and his accompanying Staff Officers, treated us kindly and the formal inspection ended as General Dye joined the spectators watching the final of the District Minor Unit Hockey Cup competition and the semi-final of the District Minor Unit Football Cup competition. The Depot hockey and football teams did well in both these matches. The hockey final resulted in a drawn game with the School of Military Survey. The Depot team lost by 4 goals to one in the replay. The soccer team drew the final 2-2 with 521 Company RPC after two periods of extra time and again the final had to be replayed. The Depot team lost 5-4 in a very exciting match.

The Depot pre-Christmas celebrations were numerous—a successful Officers' Ladies Guest Night, when 105 officers and their guests dined in Mess (in spite of numerous electricity power cuts!) and from that date onward there was at least one celebration or party every day until Christmas leave started. The WO's and Sergeants' Mess held their annual draw and Christmas ball. The Corporals' Mess enjoyed an excellent Christmas dance on 17th December. Two carol services, one for the Junior Soldiers Company and one for the families—took place

on 13th December and on the evening of 15th December a Confirmation service was held in the Depot Church, at which the Bishop of Huntingdon confirmed some 25 Junior Soldiers and members of Depot families and Permanent Staff. During the evening of 14th December the Junior Band, under the direction of the Depot Bandmaster, combined with the Junior Soldiers' Company and Permanent Staff drama groups to produce a most amusing live Christmas show, which was greatly appreciated by a large audience, and later the Junior Band played at several local school carol services.

It is not easy to mention individuals by name at the Divisional Depot as so many members of our three Regiments have visited, trained or served here. However, our congratulations go to Lieutenant T. Downes, R Anglian, who was one of the first to arrive as Project Team RQMS, and who received his Commission at the end of last year. On 8th January we said farewell to our first Divisional Depot RSM—WO.I J. A. Hennon, RRF. RSM Hennon is to receive his Commission shortly. In offering him our congratulations we also combine our good wishes with our thanks for all he had done during his tour at the Depot. He is replaced by WO.I C. C. McColgan, R Anglian. Major H. R. Edwardes, Queen's, assumed command of the Junior Soldiers' Company vice Major J. McQ Hallam, RRF, at the end of last year.



Brigadier Paton visits the Platoon Battle Test Competition in Aldershot.



Guard of Honour at HQ BAOR for General Lecoq, French Army.

POMPADOURS PROGRESS

Variety is the spice of life, they say! In the last year we have 'kept the peace' in Cyprus, converted to a mechanised battalion in England (with 16 Parachute Brigade!) and now we are in BAOR as part of 20 Armoured Brigade.

The last time the battalion served in BAOR was in 1958 when the original amalgamations took place. We had two years in Berlin but that



"Care to sample my brew." S/Sgt. Roberts with German Tank driver.



Corps Commander Lt.-Gen. Sir John Sharpe, KCB, MC, inspects the Quarter Guard at Alanbrooke Barracks.



"The Big Plunge". "C" Coy Flotation Training at OHR Park.

was something very different . . . ! As a result of this we are all relatively new to BAOR life and the 'entertainment' that it offers for the coming year (Haltern, Soltau and Sennelager).

The advance party arrived in Paderborn in November, December the main body started arriving and by the end of January the battalion was complete with all its APCs and equipment.

Paderborn is a town of some 60,000 people and is situated between Bielefeld and Kassel on the Pader River. It has a long history dating back to pre-Christian times when it was first inhabited.

We are living in Alanbrooke Barracks which were built in 1891 when the Germany Army established a garrison and set up the Sennelager Training Area. They were built as an Infantry barracks but for the last 12 years they have been occupied by an engineer regiment.

We are the first British battalion to be in the town since the last war. In 1761, however, 3,000 British troops were in Paderborn where it is recorded that 'they kept good discipline'. Let's hope the present day Paderborners are as impressed.

Once the new year was over the 'brass' started to arrive. Every week for almost a month 'red hats' in abundance could be seen plodding along what has now become a well-worn route via Battalion HQ, the Companies, the APC park and Band Practice Room to the Officers' Mess for a much needed gin and tonic!

Our first real exercise was experienced by 'B' Company who had the opportunity of training with the local German Tank Battalion from Augustdorf. After this the battalion became the first unit to cross the River Weser in 1971 when



Guest Night in Officers' Mess with the Commanding Officer, Herr Landrat Josef Köhler, Herr Oberkreisdirektor Werner Henke and SLO Mr. Thain.

all the drivers and commanders of APCs went to Ohr Park for amphibious training. Crossing the Weser was to prove quite a different proposition to the flotation training that had been carried out at Wyke Regis the previous September. March can be a very pleasant month in Germany, but having had a relatively mild February, the temperature suddenly dropped to -15°C . It required considerable skill, not to mention determination, to combat the river and the elements. Captain Norbury and the battalion APC Instructors who stayed there for a whole week will long remember the experience!

Much of our first few months has been spent bringing the battalion up to the standards required during the training season. Innumerable courses have been run for drivers, signallers, potential NCOs and specialist platoons. Officers and NCOs have attended TEWTs and study days and all in all we have had a very busy time.

As a reward for winning the inter-platoon Battle Tests in Aldershot last October, 2 Platoon, commanded at the time by Cpl. Wilkins, went skiing in the Hartz Mountains for three weeks. It was a memorable three weeks by all accounts. Perhaps the most noteworthy achievement was to get four people on one set of skis, much to the amazement of the local Germans. All would have been well but for an inconsiderate tree stump . . .

And what of the future? Well, 'B' Company go to Denmark for three weeks (lucky devils!); we have an exercise with French and American troops in September culminating in Brigade and Divisional exercises in October, all of which you will no doubt read about in the next issue.



ANGLO GERMAN

Near to Paderborn is Augustdorf and the General Field Marshal Rommel Kaserne, the home of the famous German 21st Panzer Division. The Battalion was selected to exercise with the German Brigade during their winter FTX. The exercise was to continue where the 4th Division Summer FTX ended and the German Commander Brigadier General Renner, as a prelude to the exercise, held a study day. As the Company nominated to join the German exercise was 'B' Company, the Company Commander, Major Roger Sibley, attended the study day. It was soon discovered that German armoured tactics still have a great deal of the panache that is historically associated with German Cavalry actions during the Second World War in France and North Africa, for the Leopard tank is used with much dash and mobility.

The company was to form an 'armoured heavy combat team' in the enemy force on the exercise. The composition of the combat team would be 'B' Company and a Squadron, The Blues and Royals. The enemy force was commanded by Colonel Seufert of the 7 Recce Regiment and the other two combat teams came from the same Regiment, commanded by Hauptmans Hollberg and Benack. There was a considerable amount of work to do before the exercise—to make 'B' Company combat team

Time to compare equipment—German and 3rd Battalion soldiers inspect each others vehicles.



CO-OPERATION



a working concern—for we had not worked with the Blues and Royals before. The first stage of the training was organised Major Tim Burbury, The Blues and Royals Squadron Commander, and we had an excellent day's Infantry/Armour co-operation. All the APC's of 'B' Company motored from Paderborn to Detmold to the Blues and Royals barracks and all members of the squadron and company joined in a cloth model exercise which brought out the principles of infantry/armour co-operation. The rest of the day was spent in examining and driving the Chieftain tanks. The next stage in the training was to link up with the German Regiment, Hauptman Holberg, commanding No. 3 Company of the German Regiment, brought his company to Sennelager and a joint exercise was held with 'B' Company. The German and British soldiers got on extremely well and, after the exercise in no time at all, German soldiers were to be seen driving round in the AFV 432 and our men riding on the German Leopard tanks. It did not take long for the tactics to be agreed and the Combat team was a going concern. All ranks in 'B' Company enjoyed working with the German Army and it is hoped that this exercise is just the beginning of more joint soldiering.

WAGON TRAIN: ALDERSHOT— PADERBORN

Wagon Master: Captain Franks.

Asst. Wagon Master: 2Lt. Roland Thompson.

Scouts: Sgt. Charlie Musicka.

Sgt. Keith Mullin (on loan by kind permission of LAD REME att. 3rd Bn).

At 0530 hrs on a cold, damp December morning, to the shouts of 'Let's go', the trains set off from Queen Elizabeth Barracks, Crookham ('A' Vehicle Train) and Normondy Barracks, Aldershot ('B' Vehicle Train). The route was Marchwood—Europort—Paderborn. The first yellow flag was proudly displayed from one of the 1-ton water vehicles by Vince Cobb, who had previously stated 'Bet the b . . . thing doesn't make it'. The breakdown occurred only 100 yards outside the MT park on the way to the main square!

We set off in packs of five via Farnham—Alton—Totton, 'B' vehicles travelling over a different route to the slower moving route taken by the AFV 432s. On a couple of occasions 'B' vehicles were seen to be going in opposite directions along stretches of the dual carriageways! Poor navigating by a certain Geordie Company MT Sgt. who was towing the ill-fated water cart behind his 4-tonner. . . .

L/Cpl. Rodney Phillips from 'A' Company,

leading one of the 432 packets, caused a great deal of chaos (or was it an instant KAPE tour?) in Southampton during morning rush hour. He thought it better to follow the 'Main Docks' sign instead of the recognised route card, result . . . a chase in the Blue Monster to retrieve him and prevent a dock strike.

Eventually we all reached Marchwood and the capable hands of 17 Port Regt RCT. We re-filled both vehicles and stomachs with appropriate liquids and the loading of the vehicles began. This was well organised by the RCT and officers from the RFA Sir Geraint. Looking down onto the lower deck the tinned 432s were certainly well canned! 'B' vehicles were stowed on the open deck behind the two 'indulgence' cars. These were duly hoisted over the side and finished up amongst the trailers and landrovers. Many encouraging cries and words of advice were given to the RCT operator controlling the crane, but as he wished to remain in the Army the cars found their way safely on deck.

The crossing was fairly smooth, food and accommodation were good. Everyone was eagerly awaiting the release of the cheap 'fags' and 'booze' but this did not happen until we were well out into the Channel. The Assistant Wagon Master, who had previously stated that he was a good sailor, found this a rather rash statement, and he duly regretted it whilst being entertained in the WOs' and Sgts' Lounge. We must be one of the few units who have been issued with a Landing Ship Logistic duly signed for on an AFG 1033 by a junior officer. We still hold the unit copy of the issue voucher!

We started to disembark at 1900 hrs with one or two hair-raising experiences as the unloading teams tried to unload the 432s without the aid of 'experienced Infantrymen' with the result that marks were left in prominent places on the sides of the ship. Track guards also received unauthorised modifications!

We were at panic stations with the Wagon Master way up. The cause . . . rain was washing the blue ink from the vehicle headlamps. Convoys of such a size are required by law to have one blue headlamp. Some vehicles had so many different coloured flags that all we needed were the Band and Drums and we could have had our own carnival procession. Very tiresome!

Just before moving off, escorted by Dutch Military Police, the assistant wagon master arrived with an excellent hot-dog from one of the Dutch 'boozers'—his best move since leaving Aldershot. This made up for the loss of

haversack rations which some nit had swiped!

Sixty-six vehicles then set off in one long column to invade Holland and Germany. We had loaded the 'Iron Monsters' onto railway flats to be conveyed direct to Paderborn, being suitably guided by 'Specs' Wrings and a couple of other 'sparkies'. We must congratulate the Dutch police on the way they took us through their country. We fairly 'bombed' along. It is certain there were a few speed limits broken by the lads in the rear vehicles. The 10-ton recovery was flat out nearly all the way with 'Tiffey' Roberts and his 'Bluebells'!

At 0300 hrs we crossed the border at Emblem. The reception committee consisted of a wet looking staff sergeant from RCT Movement Control and one petrol tanker to refuel all our vehicles! We also received hot drinks and soup which went down very well.

We then set off in our two main convoys, our first destination was Dunsburg for breakfast with 4 Div RCT, where we were scheduled to arrive at 1700 hrs (some hopes). The strain of the previous two days started to tell and regular halts had to be made along the route. Pinky Pilkington discovered that the crash barrier along the centre verges were strong enough for him to bounce into and wake up! Pete Jones also had the privilege of being the first 4-tonner to get bogged down on the autobahn!

Quote—'There are plenty of RMP signs as you leave the autobahn to direct you to HQ 4 Div RCT.' What a joke! . . . as the residents found to their expense as the first convoy hit them during morning rush hour. Unidentifiable road signs ('First time driving in Germany, Sir,' was the excuse) were ignored, trams were met on their tracks, cyclists were sent into shop doorways and VWs were almost added to vehicle loading areas. Poor old Franco trying to control the German traffic in a sodden raincoat was only kept alive by the language he and the locals were exchanging. Never mind, the first convoy finally found the Barracks at 0845. The second convoy arrived and gave Duisburg its second attack in a few hours . . . white flags were seen to be hoisted everywhere!

At 1000 hrs we set off again. Halts along the route followed the same pattern each time. Switch off—fags out—cup of something—nod off for 10 minutes—switch on . . . and away. This was repeated about 10 times before we drove off the autobahn at Wiedenbruck. The sightseeing tours were not finished. On arrival in Paderborn we went twice around the town before eventually finding Alanbrooke Barracks, our new home.

New management.



5th VOLUNTEERS

By the time these notes are in print the Volunteers will be into the summer camping season. Two companies are camping overseas, two in UK and two are being split up among the others. No doubt the next 'Castle' will tell the tales! The accent in training has moved from individual to sub-unit training and will continue at this level until 1973, when we are due to camp as a Battalion.

We are under new management, with Lt.-Col. John Heath in command and Major Peter Edwards as Training Major. We welcome them and their families to Peterborough, and bid farewell to Lt.-Col. Paddy and Mrs. Blyth, who are now in Singapore, and Major Tony and Mrs. Cobbold, who have moved to the RCT Headquarters at Longmoor.

No. 1 Company (Lowestoft and Ipswich) had considerable success in the 1970 Orienteering Competitions and took the team prize in the Eastern District Championships, L/Cpl. Pittam coming first. He also took second place in the Southern Command Championships. Having camped as a company in Malta last year, we are being split up between 2, 4 and 5 Companies this year.

No. 2 Company (Lincoln and Gainsborough) won the Eastern District GPMG Pairs Match,

through the marksmanship of CSM Graves and L/Cpl. Whitworth. We have once again reached the final of the East Midland District Football Competition. Camp year in April is at Senne-lager in Germany, with 2nd Royal Fusiliers as sponsors. The Sobraon Ball was once again a great success. Lt. Burn and Sgts. Ashcroft and Robinson have left us and in their places we welcome 2Lt Kelsey and Sgts. Worley and Carr.

No. 3 Company (Chelmsford and Colchester) is now affiliated to 19 Bde at Colchester. The link with 1 King's Own Border proved short-lived thanks to their disappearance to Belfast! However, 19 Bde have agreed to help in a number of ways, including the laying-on of an Airportability Weekend, and we are delighted with the affiliation. Camp is in September with 19 Bde (Exercise Link North) on Salisbury Plain.

We have been recruiting very hard indeed and have had some success with a County Convoy Drive and a 'Meet the Volunteer' Day. Twelve men enlisted. Many other recruiting efforts are in hand, including a sponsored march, the usual fetes, carnivals, etc., and an area attack display at the North Wealth Air Show on Whit Monday.

There have been several movements within the Company due to long serving members leaving. In particular C/Sgt. John Pitts, who has given great service to the Company, is leaving us and Sgt. Clark from the Colchester detachment will be replacing him.

No. 4 Company (Leicester and Loughborough) are off camping on Dartmoor in June, under their new Company Commander, Major Chris Lowe. A most successful officers' ball was held in December, attended by nearly 400. On 12th February Major-General John Spurling, Deputy Colonel of the Royal Anglian Regiment, was dined out and presented with a mounted silver Tiger by Major Billy Wallace, who we warmly congratulate on his promotion and appointment as CO of the newly formed 7th Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment. At the same time we dined in Colonel Mike Pallot, who has taken over from General John.

No. 5 Company (Hertford and Hemel Hempstead) are camping in July under the wing of the 3rd Battalion in Germany. The Company will train at Soltau, with specialists joining their 3rd Battalion counterparts at Putlos and elsewhere.

HQ Company (Peterborough and Corby) have been concentrating in training on signals and MT. The Signal Platoon did well in the Battalion CPX in February. The Company is forming two composite rifle platoons for camps with 2 and 5 Companies.

IN MALTA G.C.

TOUGH EXERCISES MAKE CAMP ENJOYABLE

One hundred and forty three members of the 5th (V) Bn The Royal Anglian Regt, drawn from Lowestoft, Ipswich, Hertford and Hemel Hempstead, together with Major Paddie Drake and the Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Cadre returned from a highly successful and enjoyable camp in Malta. The 1st Bn The Devonshire and Dorsetshire Regt was the host Battalion and did everything in their power to ensure that the Volunteers stay in Malta was smooth, trouble free and enjoyable.

It was early in the year that we had the good news about our camp location and it seemed a long way away. However, preparations, planning and reconnaissance made the time fly and late November found us assembled at Stansted ready to fly off. Two RAF Air Support Command Comets soon took us to Luqa airport, where we were met by our Training Officer, Major Cobbold. Through customs into our transport and we were soon on our



way through very unfamiliar looking and rugged country to our company camp at Ghajn Tuffehia. From the moment we set foot in camp we started to train!

The first week was devoted to concentrated cadre training; anti tank, signals and medical cadres run by 1 D and D; junior NCOs, sub-alterns and sergeants, and a training cadre run by us. The weather was on our side. Warm and sunny. The hardy ones were even swimming voluntarily before breakfast while many of us did so involuntarily when landing from the sea in assault boats!

During the second week we launched ourselves into the rugged countryside at the north east end of the island for inter-company exercises and inter-platoon competitions. The exercises were tough and very tiring but with great training value, and despite sprained ankles and broken bones, were thoroughly enjoyed.

Not all our time was spent training. At the first free moment the company disappeared to all corners of the island, exploring the catacombs, the walled cities, the famous domed churches, the Grand Harbour and all the other places steeped in history. One not so historical place, but nonetheless famous, was also visited, the notorious Gut in Valletta. Our older soldiers assured us that it had not changed a bit!

All too soon our two weeks ended, and we were in a VC10 leaving the sunshine behind us and with the prospects of Monday morning ahead! Undoubtedly this trip to Malta was of tremendous training and recruiting value and will be long remembered as one of the most interesting.

SPORTS

REPORT



Back row: Cpl. Thurston, Pte. Coombes, L/Cpl. March, Pte. Northrop, Cpl. Farnham, L/Cpl. Sorenson, Pte. Peck. Front row: Cpl. Dent, Pte. Dymond, Cpl. Allen, Lt.-Col. K. Burch, MBE, Capt. N. H. P. Jenks, MBE, MM, L/Cpl. Jephcote, L/Cpl. Morton.

POMPADOURS BEAT HOLDERS TO WIN INFANTRY CUP

The BAOR Infantry Cup Final was won by the 3rd Battalion team which defeated 1st Kings in a close game by 2-1 after extra time.

The final was played at the BAOR Stadium, Sennelager, on Saturday, 17th April, against 1st Bn Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, the holders. Straight from the kick-off the Pompadours put the Fusiliers' goal under heavy pressure and in the first five minutes forced three corners. From the third corner Cpl. Farnham flighted the ball over perfectly and Pts. Coombes headed powerfully for goal. The ball was going into the net when it was fisted clear by a Fusilier defender. From the resultant penalty Cpl. Allen put 3 R. Anglian ahead. The Pompadours continued to put the Fusiliers defence under constant pressure and went further ahead after fourteen minutes, L/Cpl. Murton split the Fusiliers defence with a through ball out to the left, Cpl. Farnham took the ball on, and put over an accurate centre. Pts. Coombes

timing his run to perfection headed the ball into the net over the advancing goalkeeper.

After the second goal the Pompadours seemed to relax and lose some of their pace and the game became much more even, flowing from end to end without either goalkeeper being in much difficulty. The Pompadours had the ball in the net twice more, but each time the goal was disallowed for offside. Cpl. Sorenson also went close with two hard shots, one by the post and one just over the bar with the goalkeeper well beaten on both occasions. With two minutes to go the Fusiliers scored a consolation goal. Outstanding for 3 R. Anglian was Cpl. Allen who was the lynchpin of a strong defence. In midfield L/Cpl. Sorenson was hard working and constructive. At centre forward Pte. Coombes played a forceful and energetic game.

Major-General D. W. Fraser, OBE, GOC 4 Division, presented the Infantry Challenge Cup.

Hockey

The hockey team has had an extremely successful season to date. The 1st XI has played eleven matches and has only lost one, against last year's Army Cup winner. Unfortunately bad weather has hampered us and several fixtures have had to be cancelled because of snow.

The team settled down very quickly to playing on "squares" again (obviously the previous season in Cyprus helped). In fact, in a recent game the team managed to notch up eleven goals in a match against one of the local "gunner" regiments—even our redoubtable left half, Captain Mike Menage, scored!

Leading goal scorers were Capt. Davenport, Cpl. McLavin 15, S/Sgt. Smith 7, Cpl. DeCunha 5, Pte. Jones 3.

Cross Country

The team had a short but successful season and consisted in the main of young, inexperienced athletes. After only four weeks training the team was second in the 20 Armoured Brigade championships and a week later came fourth out of twelve major unit teams in the 4th Division competition.

L/Cpl. Jephcote ran particularly well in the Brigade event where he came second. The team results this year augur extremely well for next season.

4-a-side Football

On arriving in Paderborn it was found that the gymnasium was a converted garage and unsuitable for playing basketball or badminton. Because of the bad conditions for outdoor sports in a normal German winter a new game had to be devised and adapted to our gym. QMSI McWilliams, our worthy PTI, set to work with a will and produced "4-a-side football".

The rules are very similar to normal football but with some "local" rules introduced. The ball could be played off any wall, nobody could score from outside a box 20 feet by 38 feet marked around the goal, and bodily contact was not allowed.

The game proved popular and a competition on a league basis was started. Each platoon or department in the battalion provided a team, making 22 teams in all. To date it looks as though 5 Platoon are likely to win having only dropped one point so far. However, anything



Cpl. McLavin finishing in the Divisional Cross Country competition.

can happen, and who knows, the Catering Platoon or Battalion HQ Platoon may have some devious tricks up their sleeves for the remaining matches!

Soccer

With the nucleus of the 4th Battalion team joining us, the 70/71 soccer season promised to be a most successful one for the Pompadour XI.

After a few weeks hard training and some friendly games, the players soon developed into a well balanced and skilful team. In a hard fought even game of high soccer skills, the Battalion lost 1-0 against the British Army side, the Army scoring in the last few minutes of the game.

Having had a bye in the 1st round of the Army Cup, the 2nd round was against 30 Signal Regiment, the Pompadours winning easily 6-1, Pte. Coombes at centre forward scoring three of the goals.

The next round of the cup was in the BAOR section of the Army competition, against 28 Signal Regiment, the 4th Division champions, for a place in the BAOR semi-final. The Battalion went down 2-0 in a game in which the

Pompadours made most of the running, both Signals goals coming late in the game when the Battalion were down to ten men.

With only the Infantry Cup left to concentrate on, the Battalion had a bye in the 1st round, the second round was against the 2nd Coldstream Guards at Alanbrooke Barracks. The Pompadours put on a splendid display of soccer with the Guards under constant pressure, Cpl. Farnham, L/Cpl. Jephcote and Pte. Coombes putting the Battalion three goals ahead by half-time. Cpl. Farnham and L/Cpl. Thurston added further goals in the second half.

The quarter-final was against Queens Lancashire Regiment, played at Osnabrück. This was a superb game, football at its best, fast, skilful and competitive. The Lancashire Regiment were first to score, L/Cpl. Jephcote quickly equalised, but the Lancashire Regiment went ahead again just before half-time.

The second half was ding dong with both goals having narrow escapes and the Pompadours getting on top the longer the game went on. With just five minutes to go L/Cpl. Jephcote went through and slammed the ball in for the equaliser. In extra time Pte. Coombes scored two further goals, for the Battalion to run out worthy winners by 4-2. In the semi-final our opponents were the 2nd Bn Royal Green Jackets who we beat 4-0.

Badminton

2Lt. Jason Smith has done well this winter. In the BAOR championships he was runner-up in the Unit doubles and reached the quarter-finals in the singles and mixed doubles. Later he went on to the Army Championships and was selected as a reserve for the Army team in the inter-service competition.

2nd BATTALION

Football

Again the season has become disrupted by a Battalion move: this time to Belfast. However, the nucleus from the previous season remained and with a few new faces a good hard working squad was produced. From September to mid October the team lost only one game (against Colchester United Reserves) and accounted for not only all major and minor units in Colchester but a number of civilian clubs as well.

The deployment of companies in Belfast and the "troubles" continually prevented matches

being played; however, matches were played with varying success against all the major units in the city. In the Army Cup the Poachers made a rapid exit—beaten 3-2 by 1 Kings, but in the Infantry Cup both 2 Para (3-1 after extra time) and R. Hamps Coy (3-2) were defeated. The semi-final against 2 LI (our neighbours at Colchester) was a most exciting match. 2 LI were awarded, and scored from, an early penalty after the Poachers' back had handled to prevent a certain goal. After this early set back the Poachers besieged the 2LI goal for long periods without success. The bar and post were hit and on at least two occasions the ball cleared off the line. The equaliser came with ten minutes left to play—a fine shot from the narrowest of angles by Pte. Owen. However 2 LI surged back and scored again with less than two minutes of the match left. A great game in which the Poachers never gave up and with a little luck could easily have won.

Rugby

One of the most efficient ways to stop a local from running away after he/she has hurled a brick, petrol or uail bomb at you is by a good clean rugby tackle. The bigger they are the harder they fall, especially on concrete or tarmac.

It might be said that for this reason above the Poachers can now produce a reasonable side. One might even say that 1970 saw a resurrection of rugby! Having held a successful inter-company knock-out competition in Colchester with Comd Coy being the eventual winners, it was obvious to the selectors that there was sufficient talent within the Battalion to hit the turf again. This we did. We beat Mackies factory 30-0, a handsome victory to start the ball rolling. It was the opposition that hit the turf—not us.

The team then went north to Londonderry to play 1 R. Anglian. The match ended in a draw and because of their excellent hospitality the match was soon forgotten. The whereabouts of the Irish Kitchen had been established. Was that the R & R centre for rugby players? The Kitchen produced excellent Irish folk songs and other goodies which were all well received. The result of the visit was tremendous recuperation but little rest.

The most talented side we played in Belfast was the Instonians XV RFC. This club fields eight teams, and has a membership of over

800. Their first fifteen played a visiting side laced with Irish internationals. We did not challenge them but gained valuable experience, mostly in defence by playing an 'A' XV. Needless to say we lost 3-15. For this match we had a handful of spectators (just there for the beer?) and afterwards we all enjoyed their warm hospitality in their new erected clubhouse.

We then challenged the 2nd XV from Shorts & Harland. They consume £36,000 of alcohol a year. We thought we would boost their sales a little in 1970. Apart from sale boosting we had a good game and again enjoyed the facilities and hospitality of a well run club. We lost by one point.

It is obvious now that we have the potential and capability to produce a good Battalion side. Cpl. Waqairoba has boosted the standard of play having joined us from 4 R. Anglian and is to be congratulated on thoroughly hard work throughout the season.

"And now over to Raymond Glengoose in Londonderry . . ."

"Hello and good afternoon to you from beautiful down town Derry, where we are waiting for the start of today's big race—the 3.15 on today's card—the William St. Handicap. The weather is good—a steady drizzle and a light wind. I'll just run through the card quickly. There's Lt.-Col. Roy Jackson's Vikings by Amalgamation out of Ninth and Twelfth. Capt. Mayhew's Grass Roots by Heavy Breathing out of Sabre Rattling, looking worked to death and hackneyed. Then a local horse discovered by NICRA Brutality out of Security Forces by Imagination, and there's Mr. Graham Skillington's RUC out of RIC by Partition. A Derry horse there—Weak Beer out of Irish Kitchen by Dilution—frothing slight but not very attractive and I'm told very expensive. I can see United Irishman by Slander out of Context being spoken to by Mr. Norman Walmsley. Then we have three Service entries ISV by Mercedes out of Water, Baton Round out of Webley by Ordnance and CS by Grenade out of Porton.



"B" Company cross country team, 1971. Back row: Pte. Simmonds, Pte. Saunders, Lt. Musring, L/Cpl. L'Amour. Front row: L/Cpl. Hanner, Pte. Hanner, Pte. Jones, Pte. Carter.

I can now see some more local horses. There is Hard Core by Hooligan out of Bogside and Miss Bernadette Devlin's Protest by Agitation out of Tiny Mind, and the Prime Minister's Fathers Sash by Apprentice Boy out of Step and the tough but rather poorly bred Yobboes by Boredom out of Creggan. Two more Service entries, Lt.-Col. Mike Hicks horse Reserve by Coldstream out of The Picture and Three Paras Border Crossing out of Ulster by Mistake, and customs House, a Stormount entry, out of Use by Explosion.

There seems to be a little difference of opinion as to who will start the race—probably due to Mr. McCann being away at the London School of Economics . . . But yes, I see Miss Under-Standing is going to start today's big race. It should go off with a bang if the Brady-ites have their way. There's no TV coverage today so Hard Core and Yobboes probably won't do their worst but at the moment I can see Hard Core jostling RUC. Brutality is certainly a popular horse, many of the locals are already calling its name.

There is certainly a lot of excitement and tension in the air as the stewards struggle to get Hard Core under control. Yobboes is still restive but at last they are under starters orders. The flag has gone up and immediately half the spectators have protested. The starter looks confused, the Irish horses are all very restive and Grass Roots is doing a very neat bit of coat training; provocative but neat. Miss Standing seems satisfied that they are all ready at the tapes and they're off.

Rather a jumbled start but I can make out Hard Core and Yobboes slightly ahead followed by RUC, Vikings and ISV. Protest is

boring and having a go at Fathers Sash; a steady nag Fathers Sash, no speed or imagination and a plodder good over long distances. Grass Roots is looking bemused and is not moving at all. As they go up through Waterloo Place turn Border Crossing has gone the wrong way and has disappeared up the Strand. They're moving well now up William St. Hard Core followed by Yobboes, Vikings in third position. ISV has just moved in front of RUC. RUC doesn't look at all happy in this stretch of the course. Protest is out of the race out of wind, Grass Roots won't move from the area of the Guildhall Stand. A tremendous blow for the local punters, Hard Core has run out of the race up Rossville Street. Yobboes is in the lead now and running well. Viking's seems handicapped by all the equipment it's carrying, nevertheless running strongly followed by ISV and Reserve, then a long gap and RUC, but RUC is now making ground, I think it has glimpsed Rosemount at the far end of the course and is going strongly. Two furlongs to go, Vikings is putting on a tremendous effort. Yobboes unnerved by Hard Core running out has faded and as they cross the 42nd Line it's Vikings from ISV, Reserve in third position, closely followed by RUC. Extraordinary how Yobboes completely faded away and is nowhere to be seen. There's a long, long gap and the rest of the field are still running. This hasn't been a popular result and I have no doubt that this race will be re-run several times in the coming season. So with that I return you to the studio.

Rugby

How does 47 points to nil against Strabane grab you. It hasn't all been as favourable as

**The 1st Battalion (in stripes)
versus 42 Medium.**



this with our rugby this season but containing the operational commitments and the number available we have played a fair amount of rugger, and the season is not over yet.

Highlights include a refereeing problem against Malone early in the season; we were able to purchase a whistle and the game proceeded. That memorable win 47-0 over Strabane which even saw a try by Wicked Willie Williamson; a beautiful dropped goal by Tony Wickens in the dying moments of an exhausting game against Ophir, and I almost forgot that run by Kinky Ross the full length of the pitch in the Derry game with a 16 stone 7 ft. (he seemed like it at the time) Ulster trialist breathing down his neck, he was unable to speak for some time afterwards.

It was a disappointment to be beaten by Gunners of all people (42 Med. Regt. RA) in the 2nd round of the Army Cup after a very convincing 27-5 win over 8 Bde. HQ and Sig. Sqn. However, it wasn't for lack of effort on the team's part although particular mention must be made of Lt. Mike Walker in the forwards and L/Cpl. (give us a song, broken nose) Allen at scrum half.

These notes would not be complete without a mention of a very enjoyable encounter with the Poachers just before Christmas. Honour was well satisfied with a 3 all draw. Incidentally, Cpl. Pluto Cox refuses to say what went on in the Irish Kitchen after the game.

We were able, I am pleased to say, to mount an expedition to Dublin to watch (is that what we went for!) the Ireland v. France game. The condition of the Bn Mini Bus gave rise to a number of caustic comments to the PRI on return but did enable the team to engage in some very useful training practice pushing the Mini Bus up O'Connell St. to the strains of "Dublin in the Green".

The rugger Club House we have now "acquired" at Clooney Park with its plentiful supply of Harp and Tartan enables us to repay the very generous hospitality we receive from fellow rugger players from all parts of the province. We have made many friends so far this season and hope to meet and make many more before it ends, although we still haven't got around to discussing politics or religion yet!

Of next season, well someone has to win the Army Cup and why not us? In any event we will continue to enjoy our rugby.

BIRTHS

CHILD—On 13th January, 1971, at Bromley, Kent, to Helen Child, wife of Captain P. J. S. Child, a son, Timothy.

CONDER—On 24th May, 1971, at Highbury Hospital, Nottingham, to 'Trisha', wife of Captain E. H. Conder, B.Sc., a daughter, Kathryn Lucy.

CRESSWELL—On 27th March, 1971, at Aldershot, Hants, to Diane Cresswell, wife of L/Cpl. Cresswell, a daughter, Maria Ann.

KERRIDGE—On 13th January, 1971, at BMH Rinteln, BFPO 29, to Mrs. Kerridge, wife of L/Cpl. Kerridge, a son, Michael Anthony.

LOCK—On 5th March, 1971, at Chatham, Kent, to Carol Lock, wife of L/Cpl. Lock, a son, Darren Frederick.

MURTON—On 24th January, 1971, at BMH Rinteln, BFPO 29, to Mrs. Murton, wife of L/Cpl. W. Murton, a son, Peter James.

OLDFIELD—On 22nd March, 1971, at Odstock Hospital, to Ann, wife of Major (Rtd) J. R. Oldfield, a son, Alexander Theodore John.

PARSONS—On 9th March, 1971, at BMH Rinteln, BFPO 29, to Mrs. Parsons, wife of Pte. A. Parsons, a son, Lee Tony.

PECK—On 22nd January, 1971, at Pembury Maternity Hospital, Sussex, to Mrs. Peck, wife of Pte. G. Peck, a son, John Robert.

RILEY—On 8th February, 1971, at BMH Colchester, to Mrs. Riley, wife of Cpl. C. Riley, a daughter, Teresa Ann Susan.

TAYLOR—On 14th January, 1971, at BMH Rinteln, BFPO 29, to Mrs. Taylor, wife of Sgt. G. Taylor, a son, Robin Graham.

MARRIAGES

- BERRY-KINGE**—On 5th December, 1970, at Guildford Registry Office, L/Cpl. W. Berry to Carol Suzanne Kinge.
- BROWN-HAVERS**—On 26th August, 1970, at Gt. Bircham, King's Lynn, Pte. Brown to Linda Havers.
- BROWNE RAMSAY**—On 21st November, 1970, at Church of John the Baptist, Cirencester, Glos, Captain D. J. W. Browne to Fiona June Ramsay.
- BULLER-BISSETT**—On 12th December, 1970, At St. Vincent Church, Birmingham, Pte. J. Buller to Kathleen Bissett.
- CASEY-WEISER**—On 29th September, 1970, at Grays Registry Office, Grays, Essex, Bds. Casey to Freda Jean Weiser.
- CHAPMAN-JONES**—On 5th December, 1970, at Epping Registry Office, Epping, Pte. M. Chapman to Susan Margaret Jones.
- CRANIDGE-TAYLOR**—On 27th February, 1971, at Elsham, Pte. Cranidge to Joyce Taylor.
- D'SILVA-HUMPHREYS**—On 19th December, 1970, at St. Chad's Parish Church, Chadwell Heath, Essex, L/Cpl. R. D'Silva to Patricia Ann Humphreys.
- EDWARDS NESBITT**—On 22nd February, 1971, at Belfast, Pte. Edwards to Rose Ann Nesbitt.
- GODIER-MOULE**—On 17th October, 1970, at Walton Parish Church, Walton on Naze, Essex, Pte. P. Godier to Eileen Valerie Moule.
- HOWLISTON-COUCHMAN**—On 6th March, 1970, at Chatham, Pte. J. C. R. Howliston to Jennifer Ann Couchman.
- HURRELL-KINLOCK**—on 27th March, 1971, at Guildford, Cpl. N. Hurrell to Marion Kinlock.
- LANGRIDGE-STACEY**—On 18th December, 1970, at Watford Registry Office, Watford, Herts, Pte. M. Langridge to Caroline Stacey.
- LAWSON-CONDIE**—On 5th December, 1970, at St. Aidan's Church, Manchester, Pte. J. Lawson to Sheila Ann Condie.
- LEGGATT-DEVLIN**—On 28th November, 1970, at Northampton, Pte. A. Leggatt to Georgina Ann Devlin.
- LONGLAND-COLDHAM**—On 10th October, 1970, at The Garrison Church, Colchester, Lt. T. Longland to Rosalind Elizabeth Coldham.
- MCDOWELL-BERESFORD-SMITH**—On 20th February, 1971, at Newtimber Church, Hassocks, Sussex, Lt. T. P. McDowell to Susan Carolyn Beresford-Smith.
- NEAL-TAYLOR**—On 5th December, 1970, at St. Saviour's Church, Aldershot, Hants, L/Cpl. P. Neal to Myra Cathleen Taylor.
- NEWBY-WARNER**—On 24th October, 1970, at Leicester, Pte. M. T. Newby to Rita Warner.
- PICTON-MORRIS**—On 26th September, 1970, at Hemel Hempstead Registry Office, Pte. N. Picton to Joan Phyllis Morris.
- PILKINGTON-CHRISTOU**—On 28th November, 1970, at Uckfield Registry Office, Sussex, Pte. A. Pilkington to Nikki Christou.
- RIDGWAY-JONES**—On 5th December, 1970, at Hendon Registry Office, London Borough of Barnet, S/Sgt. D. Ridgway to Mair Jones.
- RILEY-DEWS**—On 10th September, 1970, at Rochdale Littleborough Registry Office, Rochdale, Lancs, Pte. M. Riley to Susan Dews.
- SLACK-SMITH**—On 26th September, 1970, at Leicester, Pte. M. Slack to Glennis Smith.
- STONE-FORDER**—On 11th December, 1970, at Aldershot Registry Office, Pte. K. Stone to Alison Forder.
- STRETTON-CARVELL**—On 17th October, 1970, at Leicester, L/Cpl. B. V. Stretton to Dorothy May Carvell.
- SULLIVAN-SMITH**—On 24th October, 1970, at St. Michael's Church, Aldershot, Hants, Pte. B. Sullivan to Leslie Auril Smith.
- THURLEY-CLARKE**—On 22nd October, 1970, at St. Albans Registry Office, Herts, Pte. H. Thurley to Margaret Elizabeth Clarke.
- TOWNS-WELLS**—On 19th December, 1970, at St. Giles Church, Ashted, Surrey, Lt. J. R. Towns to Jocelyn Hilary Wells.
- TURNILL-CORRY**—On 12th February, 1971, at Bangor, Co. Down, N. Ireland, Lt. Col. E. Turnill to Dr. Adelaide Corry.
- VOY-JAMES**—On 12th December, 1970, at St. Peter's, Over Wallop, Capt. D. A. Voy to Patricia James.
- WATKINS-COOPER**—On 12th September 1970, at St. Peter's Church, Hove, Sussex, Cpl. M. Watkins to Linda Caroline Cooper.
- WINFARRAH-BLACK**—On 21st November, 1970, at Royal Garrison Church, All Saints, Aldershot, Hants, Pte. J. Winfarrah to Rose-line Black.

Obituary

GENERAL SIR HARRY KNOX, KCB, DSO

General Sir Harry Hugh Sidney Knox, who died at Highcliffe, Hants, on 10th June, aged 97, had a notable career in the Army which began when he joined the Royal Irish Rifles in 1890. In 1893 he transferred to the Northamptonshire Regiment.

He saw service on the North-West frontier of India and took part with the 1st Battalion in the Tirah Campaign of 1897-98. He went to France in 1915, serving on the General Staff on V Corps and 15th Division. He was wounded, awarded the CB and DSO, and mentioned in despatches seven times. He was promoted Brigadier-General in 1917. From 1926 to 1930 he was Director of Military Training at the War Office and commanded the 3rd Division from 1930 to 1932.

Sir Harry was Lieutenant of the Tower of London from 1933 to 1935 and Adjutant-General to the Forces from 1935 to December 1937, when he resigned to facilitate the promotion of younger officers and as part of the reconstitution of the Army Council by Mr. Hore-Belisha, the then Secretary for War.

He retired in 1938 and was appointed Governor of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, a post he held until 1943. He was Colonel of the Northamptonshire Regiment from 1931 to 1943.

General Knox has always maintained intense interest in regimental matters and has attended functions regularly until the time of his death. He took a particularly keen interest in the formation of the Royal Anglian Regiment, in which his grandson, Major Terence Knox, served.

BRIGADIER T. S. MUIRHEAD

I first met Steven Muirhead at Colchester in 1907 where we had been Commissioned into the 58th—he a year or so before myself. Steven was a good cricketer and sportsman and full of the joys of life. When the War broke out in 1914 he had been seconded to the King's African Rifles in East Africa. He served in that campaign and was severely wounded, losing part of a hand.

We came together again in 1916 when we were both doing temporary duty as Instructors at The Royal Military College, Sandhurst. I

returned to France in 1917 back to the 48th and our ways parted.

I next met him when he was Commanding the 48th at Ismalia on the Suez Canal in 1932. After completing command he was appointed Brigadier in East Africa. After World War II he retired and settled in Folkestone, Kent.

G. St. G.R.

LT.-COLONEL F. W. YOUNG, MBE

Frederick Walter Young was born at Upwell, Norfolk, in 1900. Educated at Haileybury, he went to Sandhurst where, after winning the Sword of Honour, he was commissioned into The Lincolnshire Regiment in 1919. During his service with the 1st Battalion he became Adjutant in Hong Kong, being awarded the MBE in 1933. In 1934 he was seconded to the Malay Regiment, promoted to Major in 1938. During the 1939-45 War he was promoted Acting Lt.-Colonel commanding the 2nd Battalion and the Depot of the Malay Regiment. He was taken prisoner by the Japanese at Singapore in February 1942 and released in August 1945.

On relinquishing his Acting Lt.-Colonel in 1945, he was appointed DAAG at the War Office until 1947 when he joined the Army Council Secretariat first as GSO 2 and on being promoted to Lt.-Colonel in March 1948 as GSO 1. On his retirement in 1950 he became Librarian at the Staff College, Camberley, a post he held until three years before his death.

Walter Young was a splendid type of Regimental Officer and truly represented the spirit of the 10th Foot. Cheerful and kindly, but a good disciplinarian, he was popular and much respected by all ranks.

A keen sportsman, he was good at rugby and cricket, playing rugby for Lincoln when at the Depot and keeping wicket for the 1st Battalion and for the Owls at Camberley whilst he was Librarian.

He took an interest in Regimental affairs and never missed a Regimental occasion until prevented by ill-health. He was President of the London Branch Old Comrades 10th Foot for many years and also a Regimental Trustee.

His passing is a great loss not only to his family, but also to his Regiment and his very many friends. To his daughter Sue, wife of Lt.-Col. Dick Gerrard Wright, and to his son Tim, also serving in The Royal Anglian Regiment, and all members of their families we offer sincere condolences.

R.H.L.



MAJOR A. K. CATCHPOLE

Tony Catchpole was killed at Kilgoris in a hunting accident on November 29 while following up a wounded buffalo.

He was born in Nairobi 38 years ago and was educated at Pembroke House, the Prince of Wales School, and the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst.

He was commissioned into the Suffolk Regiment and served with the Army for 20 years before retiring, while with the Royal Anglian Regiment, as a Major, in 1969.

While with the Suffolk Regiment he served in Malaya during the Emergency years.

He had six years' service with the K.A.R. and after independence he served four months with the Kenya Rifles, most of this period being in the Northern Province on active service.

On leaving Kenya in 1964 he was again posted to Malaya for two years and after his tour of service there he went to Aden, again on active service.

He was the younger son of Capt. E. K. Catchpole, who served for many years with the K.A.R. and the Kenya Police and who subsequently retired as Acting Commissioner of Police. His parents now live in England.

He was married to Gwyn, who has lived most of her life in Kenya and has two daughters.

Tony and Gwyn and their family came back to Kenya in early 1969 and it is typical of the spell which Kenya lays on those who were born here that they never considered, after their service career had ended, living anywhere else. They had always thought of Kenya as their home country.

In the two years they had been back in Kenya, Tony and Gwyn had worked happily without regard to hours, to help develop their small tourist firm in partnership with Major Michael Tippet.

This was a labour of love and the last two years were probably the happiest and most rewarding period in Tony's life.

The writer of this has known Tony all his life and, in company with a host of others, grieves at his passing. We, who knew him well, are fortified by our memories of him and our feelings are best expressed by one who wrote of Tony:

"There are only too few men who combine courage, integrity, loyalty and an ever-present sense of humour.

"Such men touch their surroundings with a warmth that is infectious and those who come into contact with them know that they are better people for the experience." These words sum up Tony.

Our sympathies go to Gwyn and his daughters, his parents and brother and to his step-son, David Baldwin, his close and trusted friend.

P.W.

MAJOR (QM) EDWARD DANIEL MALPAS, psc

The death of "Ted" Malpas at his home town of Leicester on 13th September, 1970, came as a shock to his many friends of the former 10th Foot Royal Lincolnshire Regiment in which he had served with distinction in the ranks from 1923 until commissioned in 1940 and until his retirement in 1956, when he took up an appointment with the Army Sports Control Board.

Enlisting as a young man, he soon made his mark not only as a soldier, but sportsman also. He was at all times both physically and mentally fit and throughout his service was a credit to the 10th Foot in which he was a proud member. As a very young NCO he was a proficient physical training instructor and proved his worth as a fine all-round sportsman. Most unusual if his name did not appear on any Regimental sports programme amongst the prize winners. A bayonet fencer who proved his worth as a member of the 1st Battalion team at Aldershot which went to Olympia in 1925 to win the Army Bayonet Fencing Championship.

As a keen rifle shot he became a marksman in the Machine Gun Company which won for the Regiment "The Machine Gun Cup" of the Army at home and abroad. One of his proud moments as a young NCO was that as a member of the Guards provided by the 1st Bn at Buckingham Palace in 1929 and the Guards of

Honour for the late Queen Mary at Aldershot, and the late King of Afghanistan at Dover.

He served with the 1st and 2nd Battalions, also The Depot and 4/6 Bn (FA) in England, Northern Ireland, Gibraltar, Shanghai, Hong Kong, N.W. Europe and on the staff at FARELF.

His duties at the Army Sports Control Board were particularly concerned with Army Boxing teams. Boxing was an art in which he was a first class referee. He was particularly responsible for the welfare of the teams in their travels to compete in all parts of the European Continent. Much depended on his skill as an organiser and administrator to ensure the comfort and success of the team. To obtain a p.s.c. proved beyond doubt as a soldier of the 10th Foot he had all the qualities to become a worthy commissioned officer in the service of his country. To his wife Cora, his sons Alastair and Giles, and all members of their families we offer sincere condolences, assuring them Ted Malpas will not be forgotten by his former comrades.

P.H.S.

**BRIGADIER R. N. HANBURY,
CBE, TD, DL, JP**

It is with deep regret that we report the sudden death of Brigadier Richard Nigel Hanbury, at his home in Braughing, Hertfordshire, aged 59. During the war he served with the Royal Artillery and was promoted to Brigadier in 1945 to command 2nd AA Brigade in Italy. After the war he rejoined the TA and in 1967 he was appointed Honorary Colonel of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T). It was in this capacity that he did so much in connection with the confirmation of the entitlement to the Civic Honours of the Borough of Hertford upon The Royal Anglian Regiment, culminating in the ceremony on 9th June 1969 in the presence of the Colonel-in-Chief.

The Regiment has lost a good friend and ally.



We also regret to report the death of Dr. Brian Bridges, for many years MO at the Depot, Bury St. Edmunds.

DEATHS

ALLEN—On 11th October, 1970, Lt.-Colonel B. G. Allen, late Commander 1st/5th Bn The Essex Regiment and ex-Sherwood Forrester.

ATKINSON—On 8th February, 1971, of Blind Lane, Mersham, Nr. Ashford, Kent, Mr. T. Atkinson, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

ATTER—On 3rd January, 1971, at The Bede House, Colsterworth, Nr. Grantham, late Lincolnshire Regiment, J. E. Atter, aged 90.

BAGLEY—On 10th February, 1971, of 5 Council House, Harmston, Nr. Lincoln, ex-Sgt. F. Bagley, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

BARBER—On 26th April, 1971, at Nottingham, Colonel William Douglas Barber, MC, late The Northamptonshire Regiment, aged 89 years.

BELL—On 10th October, 1970, of 596 Saffron Lane, Leicester, Major R. W. G. Bell, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

BONWICK—On 15th January, 1971, in Bedford, Mr. Ernest Stanley Bonwick, late The Bedfordshire & Hertfordshire Regiment, aged 70.

BRANT—On 12th January, 1971, of 52 Stornaway Road, Leicester, Mr. W. E. Brant, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

BROWN—In October, 1970, at Mears Ashby, Bernard Brown, late 6th (S) Bn The Northamptonshire Regiment.

BUFFEY—On 31st January, 1971, of 8 Cromford Street, Leicester, ex-Pte H. Buffey, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

BUTLIN—On 11th February, 1971, at Northampton, Percy Lewis Butlin, late 6th (S) Bn The Northamptonshire Regiment.

CATCHPOLE—In November, 1970, in Kenya, Major A. K. Catchpole, as the result of a hunting accident.

CHERRY—On 12th December, 1970, of 20 Dale Acre, Countesthorpe, Leicester, ex-L/Sgt. A. Cherry, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

CHESTERMAN—On 4th December, 1970, Lieut. T. J. Chesterman, late Essex Regiment.

- CHILTON**—On 7th October, 1970, of 21 Hospital Lane, Blaby, Leicester, Major A. D. Chilton, MBE, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.
- CHILVERS**—In January, 1971, of 2 Drury Lane, Oadby, Leicester, ex-Sgt. B. L. J. Chilvers, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.
- COX**—On 24th August, 1970, of 31 Stockton Road, Newport, Mon., ex-Cpl. J. T. Cox, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.
- DEAN**—On 8th December, 1970, of 22 Digby Close, Leicester, Mr. H. Dean, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.
- DOHERTY**—On 15th March, 1971, at Worthing, Sussex, Lt.-Colonel Terence O’Cahir Doherty, aged 73 years, late 1st and 2nd Bns The Essex Regiment (32 years’ service) and was OC Depot 1941-43.
- DRAGE**—On 11th November, 1970, at Woodford, Northants, Lieutenant E. P. Drage, late 5th Bn The Northamptonshire Regiment.
- DUMONT**—On 17th October, 1970, Mr. J. Dumont, late 7th Bn The Essex Regt.
- EAGLES**—On 4th August, 1970, Mr. A. Eagles, late 7th Bn The Essex Regt.
- ELLERY**—On 13th November, 1970, Major J. R. H. Ellery, late The Bedfordshire & Hertfordshire Regiment, aged 70.
- ENGLAND**—On 28th March, 1971, in London, William Alfred England, aged 60 years, late The Essex Regiment (28 years’ service).
- HALLS**—On 26th October, 1970, at Brentwood, Essex, Mr. J. R. Halls, late The Essex Regiment.
- HARRISON**—On 10th November, 1970, of 6 Shirley Street, Leicester, Mr. P. W. Harrison, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.
- HERBERT**—In October, 1970, of 23 Woodland Avenue, Leicester, Captain R. Herbert, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.
- HUTCHINSON**—On 1st December, 1970, of 6 Haigh Place, Leicester, Mr. H. Hutchinson, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.
- JACKSON**—On 21st February, 1971, of 27 Charnwood Drive, Leicester, Alderman F. J. Jackson, JP, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.
- JOHNSON**—On 5th September, 1970, Mr. J. H. Johnson, late The Essex Regiment.
- KINGTON**—On 9th February, 1971, Mr. W. Kington, DCM, MM, late 10th Bn The Essex Regiment.
- KNIGHTON**—In March, 1971, Alfred Knighton, late The Northamptonshire Regiment of Burton Latimer.
- LAWRENCE**—On 5th February, 1971, of Flat B3, Mount Court, Heswall, Cheshire, ex-CQMS F. C. Lawrence, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.
- LEONARD**—On 11th November, 1970, at The Royal Hospital, Chelsea, ex-Sgt. James Patrick Leonard, late Lincolnshire Regiment, aged 79.
- LEWIS**—On 28th November, 1970, at Stowmarket, Suffolk, Major John Lewis, DCM, late 10th Bn The Essex Regiment.
- LODGE**—On 20th December, 1970, at Galleywood, Chelmsford, Essex, George T. Lodge, aged 71 years, late 2nd Bn The Essex Regiment.
- MANSFIELD**—On 28th February, 1971, at Brentwood, Essex, Frederick Mansfield, DCM, late The Essex Regiment.
- MEARES**—On 18th February, 1971, at Taunton Hospital, Somerset, Major G. C. Meares, MBE, late 2nd and 5th Bns The Essex Regiment.
- METCALFE**—On 23rd February, 1971, Major Gerald Herbert Douglas (The Bo’sun) Metcalfe, late The Northamptonshire Regiment, aged 86 years, of Lowen Lodge, Surlingham, Norfolk.
- MILLER**—In December, 1970, at Warley Hospital, Essex, Mr. C. Miller, late 1st Bn The Essex Regiment.
- MONK**—On 6th April, 1971, of 184 Hallam Crescent, Leicester, Mr. G. H. Monk, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.
- MUIRHEAD**—On 26th February, 1971, Brigadier Thomas Steven Muirhead, late The Northamptonshire Regiment, of 1 The Priory, The Bayle, Folkestone, aged 86 years.
- NOBBS**—On 6th November, 1970, Mr. R. Nobbs, late The 6th Battalion The Bedfordshire Regiment, aged 73.
- NISBET**—On 29th November, 1970, at South Ruislip, Mr. M. C. Nisbet, late The Bedfordshire & Hertfordshire Regiment.
- PARRY**—On 1st January, 1970, Lt.-Colonel J. C. L. Parry, TD, aged 67 years, late 4th Bn The Essex Regiment.

PUGH—On 13th December, 1970, of 10 Kings Drive, Wigston Magna, Leicester, ex-RQMS E. Pugh, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

RAYNER—On 16th March, 1971, of Flat 2, Burleigh House, Beaufort Street, London, S.W.3, ex-Pte. D. G. Rayner, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

ROBBINS—On 13th February, 1971, at Chelsea, In-Pensioner William J. C. Robbins, aged 87 years, late The Essex Regiment.

SAVILL—On 10th September, 1970, Mr. A. Savill, late 7th Bn The Essex Regiment.

SEAGER—On 11th September, 1970, Mr. W. Seager, MM, late 7th Bn The Essex Regiment.

SCOTT-ROBSON—On 19th October, 1970, suddenly at East Haddon Hall, Northampton, Hugh Noel, aged 79 years, Brigadier (Retd), late of The Scots Greys and Northamptonshire Regiment.

SHELLEY—On 7th October, 1970, of 23 Egginton Street, Leicester, ex-Cpl. W. Shelley, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

SLINN—On 29th October, 1970, at Northampton, Edwin Joseph Slinn, late Northamptonshire Regiment.

SMEATHMAN—On 10th November, 1970, at Hemel Hempstead, Lieut.-Colonel Lovel Francis Smeathman, DSO, MC, DL, late The Hertfordshire Regiment, aged 84.

SMITH—On 25th July, 1970, at Bocking, Essex, Harry George Smith, MBE, aged 87 years, late 1st Bn The Essex Regiment.

SOUTHGATE—On 1st November, 1970, in Bury St. Edmunds, Jack Southgate, MM, late Northamptonshire Regiment.

SPICER—On 18th February, 1971, at his home in Radlett, Captain Ernest Bernard Spicer, MC, MM, late The Bedfordshire Regiment, aged 76.

STEPHEN—On 18th December, 1970, suddenly at Wrecclesham, Surrey, Lieut.-Colonel William McBlain Stephen, late The Bedfordshire & Hertfordshire Regiment, aged 57.

SURRIDGE—On 28th September, 1970, at Warley, Essex, Arthur Albert Surridge, aged 76 years, ex-RSM The Essex Regiment.

TABERER—On 25th November, 1970, of 6 Hexby Close, Walsgrave, Coventry, ex-Sgt. W. V. Taberer, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

THOMAS—On 6th January, 1970, of "The Cedars", Dunstable Estate, Amptill, Beds., Mr. P. Thomas, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

TINSLEY—On 7th November, 1970, of 98 Paget Road, Leicester, ex-RQMS C. H. Tinsley, DCM, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

TROWT—On 21st February, 1971, in a London Hospital, Charles, Bandmaster (Retd), 2nd Lincolnshire Regiment, aged 78 years.

TURNER—On 27th September, 1970, Charles R. Turner, aged 75 years, late The Essex Regiment.

TYRELL—On 3rd April, 1971, Mr. A. V. Tyrell, late The Essex Regiment.

VAN DE KISTE—On 13th November, 1970, in Salisbury Infirmary, Lt.-Colonel Edward Conway Van De Kiste, late The Essex Regiment.

WALMSLEY—On 3rd December, 1970, ex-Pte. L. D. Walmsley, late 2nd Bn Lincolnshire Regiment, aged 63.

WARNER—On 17th January, 1971, at Chelsea, In-Pensioner William Rufus Warner, aged 78 years, late 2nd Bn The Essex Regiment, 1922-30.

WHITEHEAD—On 5th February, 1971, at Chelmsford, Essex, Mr. E. J. Whitehead, late The Essex Regiment.

WINTER—In March, 1969, Mr. A. E. Winter, late The Bedfordshire & Hertfordshire Regiment.

WOOD—On 19th November, 1970, of 434 Saffron Lane, Leicester, Mr. C. Wood, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

WOOFENDEN—On 10th December, 1970, of 33 Nansen Road, Leicester, ex-Pte J. Woofenden, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

YOUNG—On 5th February, 1971, at the Cambridge Military Hospital, Lt.-Colonel Frederick Walter Young, MBE, late The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment, aged 70.

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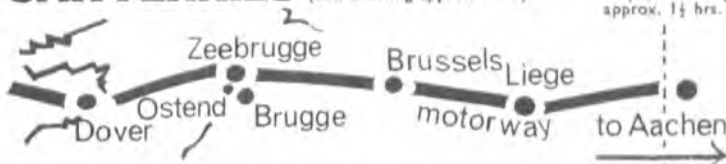
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