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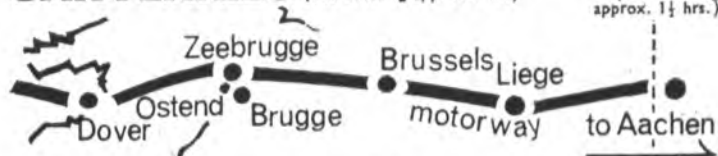
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SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY

by

Lieutenant General Sir Richard Goodwin, KCB, CBE, DSO
Colonel of the Royal Anglian Regiment

On the 1st October 1971 I hand over as Colonel of the Royal Anglian Regiment to Lieutenant General Sir Ian Freeland, GBE, KCB, DSO, after nine years as Colonel, firstly of the 1st East Anglian Regiment and then of The Royal Anglian Regiment. During this time there have been amalgamations, reductions and expansions within the Army, all of which have affected the Regiment. In spite of these changes the Regiment has maintained to the full its good name, efficiency and morale, and this has been particularly evident when it has been serving in the especially trying conditions in Aden and Northern Ireland.

The Royal Anglian Regiment, forged by my predecessor Lieutenant General Sir Reginald Denning, has gone from strength to strength and is an example of what a Large Regiment should be.

May I take this opportunity of thanking all ranks for the way in which they have served the Regiment during my period as Colonel, and for the support which they have given me personally. It has been a great honour for me to hold this appointment and I have greatly appreciated my contact with officers and men. I know that they will continue to give their support to my successor.

Good luck to you all.

LIEUTENANT GENERAL

30th September 1971

COLONEL OF THE ROYAL ANGLIAN REGIMENT



**Lieutenant-General Sir Ian H. Freeland, GBE, KCB, DSO,
Colonel of the Regiment**

General Freeland has had a distinguished military career, being first commissioned in 1932 into The Royal Norfolk Regiment. During World War II he commanded the 7th Battalion of his own Regiment. He commanded the 2nd Battalion Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers during the Cyprus troubles of 1954-55. In 1956 he commanded 12 Infantry Brigade in Germany and was selected to attend the Imperial Defence College. In 1961 he became GOC East Anglian District and two years later, as GOC British Land Forces Kenya, he found himself in another hot spot when, a month after Kenya had celebrated independence, trouble started in Zanzibar and spread to Tanganyika, Uganda

and Kenya where mutiny broke out in certain units of Tanganyika, Uganda and Kenya Rifles.

After a tour at the Ministry of Defence as Vice Adjutant General, followed by a short spell as Deputy Chief of the General Staff during the period when the structure of the Regular and Territorial Armies was under review, he was appointed GOC Northern Ireland in July 1969 at the very beginning of the troubles there. In characteristic straight talking he warned that if no political solution was found early the honeymoon period between the soldiers and civilians would soon be over. Sadly he relinquished his command on retiring in February this year without any sign of that solution.

Pte. Angle

On Appeals

Public subscription has given generously to provide a Museum recording over 400 years of the Army's service to the nation. £1,020,000 has been given, of which the Army has contributed £45,000.

An article appears on page 00 telling of this magnificent new addition to our national heritage to be opened on November 11th by The Queen.

A further £350,000 is still needed to complete the Museum. The Regiment will be considering its next step. In the meantime if you feel that the Army, serving and retired, should contribute in large measure to this additional amount, please write to the Regimental Secretary or better still send a donation or agree to covenant.

Exhibits on loan from our former Regiments museums include:

The XIIth Foot Regimental Colour of 1745. This Colour was carried at the Battle of Fontenoy and bears the arms of Scipio Durore, who was Colonel of the Regiment and who was mortally wounded in the battle.

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The Colours of the 2nd/10th, presented in 1859.

Oil paintings, 'Walcourt', by C. C. P. Lowson from the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, and 'Last Stand of the 44th at Gunda-muck' by W. B. Wollen. RA (1898) from the Essex Regiment.

On New Pastures

First reports from the 6th and 7th Volunteer Battalion are in and judging by these they are well 'off the ground' and in fine fettle.

On Regimental Golf

The Regiment once again enjoyed the hospitality of the Flempton Golf Club on Friday and Saturday, July 9th and 10th. Individual and team winners were:

Isham Salver—Scratch Prize: Colonel B. J. Palmer, MBE.

Pompadour Cup—Handicap Prize: Colonel B. J. Palmer, MBE.

Suffolk Cup—Bogey Handicap: Lt.-Col. R. M. Williams, MC.

Ponsonby Cup—Stableford Foursomes: Lt.-Cols. H. W. Clark and J. H. Marriott.

Inter-Battalion Cup: 1st Battalion.

The Regiment retained the Regimental Shield against the Club.

From 1972 the teams competing in the Argyll and Sutherland Bowl in the Army Golfing Society Annual Meeting will be from the Regiment as a whole and not, as heretofore, from individual or amalgamated former regiments. Regimental Headquarters will co-ordinate our entries and one thing is certain—our first team will take some beating.

On The Regimental Gathering and Cricket Match

The weather for our Gathering and Cricket Match at Ampton was glorious. The setting was ideal once one found the place, but it is questionable whether it was successful as an Old Comrades' Reunion. There is no doubt that the removal of our Regimental home has created a very difficult problem—one we are determined to solve, and which will require the help and enthusiasm of all. Next year we are considering a Gathering in the north—possibly Lincoln. We still plan to hold our traditional golf and cricket without change.

The Gentlemen of Suffolk beat a not very strong regimental side fairly convincingly, scoring 214 for seven to our 107.

On The Bermuda Regiment



In May 1915 the first members of contingents, totalling 122 men, from the Bermuda Volunteer Rifle Corps arrived in England, having volunteered for service in France. They formed a company in the first battalion of the Lincolnshire Regiment, wearing their own badges and insignia and served with great distinction, winning several awards for gallantry and losing 40 of their number killed in action.

Thus sprang the alliance of the BVRC to the Lincolnshire Regiment, which was officially recognised by King George V in 1929. It is an alliance which is still cherished in many Bermudian hearts, and is perpetuated today between the Royal Anglian Regiment and the Bermuda Regiment.

The BVRC was disbanded in 1946, having sent more contingents over for service during

World War II. Although there were many volunteers, commitments to island defence made it difficult to get away.

In 1951 the unit was re-formed under the title of the Bermuda Rifles and, as had been the case between the wars, a British Army element in the permanent staff was provided by the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment. Today, the adjutant, amongst three warrant officers from other regiments, is from the Royal Anglian Regiment, but NCOs from the Depot and battalions assist at training camps each year. In 1965 the Bermuda Rifles amalgamated with the Bermuda Militia Artillery, a coloured unit, to form the Bermuda Regiment. Princess Margaret presented the new regiment with colours on 24th November, 1965.



Queen's Birthday Parade.

**Training in Jamaica,
February 1971.**



The regiment comprises two Rifle companies, Admin company and Support company with a signal platoon, pioneer platoon, boat troop, and a gun troop which boasts two 25-pounders, although they are only used for saluting on ceremonial occasions. Numbers vary between 400 and 450 all ranks, of whom about 75 per cent are coloured. This includes a very good military band who perform numerous public engagements and a flourishing Junior Leaders Company of about 40.

The main role of the regiment is to train in internal security duties, which it has performed effectively in the recent past. In practice, a lot of time is spent in preparing for ceremonial parades, which are done largely for the benefit of the tourist trade. The regiment does more in a year than the average regular battalion would do in ten. However, for a TA unit recruited from a population of only 50,000 (well under the size of Norwich) it produces extremely good results.

The majority of recruits are conscripted. It is hoped to improve the image of the regiment amongst the youth of Bermuda and move towards a truly volunteer regiment.

Due to the still expanding tourist industry there is an acute shortage of training areas, and it is current policy to charter an aircraft annually and train in the Caribbean. Jamaica provides the greatest potential, and the regiment has been there three years running for camp.

We now concentrate on adventure training, and this has proved successful. The only places closer to home are the numerous small and mainly deserted islands of the Great Sound, and the boat troop, now equipped with fast fibreglass boats, spends many weekends in the summer plying back and forth across the bright blue sparkling waters of the harbour.

On The Gibraltar Regiment's New Colours

On 25th September, Admiral of the Fleet Sir Varyl Begg, Governor and C-in-C, presented, on behalf of Her Majesty The Queen, Colours to our Allied Regiment. It was sad that we were unable to provide a Band and Corps of Drums for the ceremony. There was much to-ing and fro-ing and pulling of strings—indeed the 1st Battalion Band and Drums were all (well practically) jacked up to go in two frigates of the Royal Navy. But, as is so often the case these days, the Treasury, bless them, refused even to pay for the move to a port of embarkation—and who would feed them or insure them?

General Jack Dye represented the Regiment and we hope to include some detail in May next year.

MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

Awards for Gallantry in Northern Ireland

Captain J. R. Hart—MBE

Extract from the London Gazette 5th November reads:

'On 15th January 1971, an ugly situation developed and it became necessary to extract search teams. Captain Hart led the rescue operation, personally supervising the withdrawal of nine teams, three of which he brought out himself. His brave, prompt and bold action ensured success in confusing and dangerous circumstances.'

Staff Sergeant M. T. Nugent—BEM

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GOC's Commendations for distinguished service in N. Ireland to members of the 2nd Battalion. Congratulations to the following on their awards which were presented to them by Comd 1 BR Corps on 29th July 1971.

S/Sgts. Crane and O'Hara, Cpls. Smith and Steel, L/Cpl. McClory, and Ptes. Allan and Cornish.



Paraded prior to the arrival of General Sir John Sharpe, KCB, MC, who was to present their commendations are: from left to right S/Sgt. O'Hara, S/Sgt. Crane, Pte. Allen, Pte. Cornish, L/Cpl. McClory and Cpl. Smith.



General Freeland has handed over the Deputy Colonelry for Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridge shire to General Bob Turner Cain, another distinguished Royal Norfolk officer.

General Turner Cain commanded the 1st Battalion The Herefordshire Regiment in the British Liberation Army during the advance from the Normandy bridgehead to the River Elbe in Germany. After the War he commanded the 1st Battalion The Royal Norfolk Regiment in Berlin when that city was sealed off by Communist forces in 1948. Later he again commanded the 1st Battalion in Hong Kong. Much of his service was spent in the East and it was during the Malayan Emergency that he commanded the 1st Federal Infantry Brigade in their fight against Communist Terrorists. He finally served in the Far East as Major-General in charge of Administration during operations against the Indonesians. For his services he was awarded the CB, the CBE and the DSO, and also received the foreign awards of the Croix de Guerre and the Star of Kedah.

The silver statuette presented to General Dick Goodwin by the Officers of the Regiment. It depicts a Royal Anglian soldier in Battle Order.

General Goodwin

All our readers will wish to join in thanking General Dick Goodwin for the immense interest and hard work he has devoted to the Regiment over the past five and a half years—years which have been full of change. He has travelled far and wide to spread the word about this new large regiment of ours, he has spoken to countless soldiers and has always been ready with help and advice to all and sundry.

General Dick lives at Barrow House, Barrow, near Bury St. Edmunds, and we shall hope to see much of him and Lady Goodwin in the years to come, and we send them both our very best wishes for the future.

Appointments to Command

Congratulations to:

Lt.-Col. D. C. Thorne to command 1st Bn in May 1972.

Lt.-Col. M. E. Thorne to command 2nd Bn in March 1973.

Major P. D. L. Hopper to command 5th (V) Bn in March 1973.

The interchange of Commanding Officers between the 1st and 2nd Battalions can now take place without anyone even noticing it.



Lt. P. C. Shalders and Capt. M. E. Romilly with Royal Anglian Officer Cadets outside the RMA Sandhurst.

Congratulations to Lt.-Cols. Akehurst, Emsden and Turnill on their selection for promotion to Colonel in 1972.



And to Majors Dean and Gill on selection for promotion to Lieutenant-Colonel in 1972.



Brigadier Creasey is to be BGS, UK Land Forces, in May 1972. Brigadier Cowan is to be DAG in the same HQ in April 1972.



Lt.-Col. Peter Worthy writes to say he is now down in Dhofar involved in the war there, the third Royal Anglian Commanding Officer to have been there. 'A' Tp Oman Artillery supports him, commanded by Capt. Christopher Long-Price, RMA, whose father Lt.-Col. David Long-Price was formerly Essex Regiment.

Also of interest that Major David Clarke, lately 1st Battalion, now works in the same firm as Lt.-Col. Long-Price.

Colonel Howgego's promotion seems to have missed these pages. Congratulations to him. He is now Colonel War Plans SHAPE.



Lt.-Col. Dellar is to be Colonel GS (Co-ord and Liaison) HQ USAEUR/CENTAG with the acting rank of Colonel.



'This happy breed', or 'Some people will eat anything'. The three SAF CO's—Teddy Turnill, Fergus Macan-Bremner and Peter Worthy.

DRIVER OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

A driver of the year competition was held in Londonderry on 12th June 1971. In all there were 290 entries, 1 R Anglian entered a team of 3 x 4 ton vehicles, drivers were L/Cpl. Benefer, Ptes. Frost and Smith.

The competition consisted of a Highway Code exam, a 12 mile city and country drive and an extremely intricate manoeuvrability test, which consisted of reversing, parking and driving forward through extremely narrow off-set gates.

The service vehicles were at a distinct disadvantage as far as vision manoeuvrability and speed were concerned. L/Cpl. Benefer was the best Army driver and was presented with the 'Shauna McParland Cup' and miniature. He topped all 290 entries on the Highway Code exam and was fifth overall in the competition. Pte. Frost has now left the service to become a driver with the Rotherham Bus Co. Pte. Smith is practising for next year's event!

Five Army teams were entered in the competition including the Royal Corps of Transport.



L/Cpl. 'Bene' Benefer, winner of the Shauna McParland Cup.

Lt.-Cols. Stevenson-Hamilton, Barrow and Williams, and Captain Gowing have retired since the May issue.

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Two of our Junior soldiers at Oswestry have become Army Junior Athletics Champions.

J/Pte. Worden—15-17 years 1,000 m. steeplechase, establishing a new record.

J/Cpl. Rogerson—17-19 years 110 m. hurdles.

Well done! Commanding Officers should now apply for them!

Commissions from RMA Sandhurst: 2Lts. A. P. Deed, R. C. Gould, R. M. Chisnell—and from Mons 2Lt. J. R. C. Edwards and M. D. Willdudge. 2Lt. D. Morris was commissioned from University.

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Brigadier J. R. Anderson, CBE, late Queens Regiment, Divisional Brigadier.

Congratulations to ex-Warrant Officer Dick Mason, former Essex Regiment, awarded British Empire Medal for outstanding services to Brentwood School CCF. The medal was presented at Brentwood School by Major General Phillip Tower, Commandant RMA Sandhurst.

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Chignell School C.C.F. is now affiliated to the Regiment. The Adjutant and Quartermaster is ex-SASC CSM Keeble, better known to old Royal Norfolk members as 'Clippy'.

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Master Richard James Downing of Halesworth, aged 7, wrote to say he wanted to join the Regiment. His letter included some very good sketches of tanks and helicopters. The Recruiting Team is keeping in touch.

VIKINGS IN DERRY—STILL!

The Battalion has been in Londonderry for fourteen months now and has seen the local situation change from a peaceful county town atmosphere, where one stoning incident a day was the usual form, to one in which the number of shots fired at troops need not be accurately noted and the petrol bombs thrown at the Battalion in one day once exceeded five hundred.

The last six months began peacefully enough. Easter with its Republican associations produced a moderate crop of 'aggro'. 'C' Company, under command of another unit, were put in the front line and, it being the only hooliganism at the time, featured in all news media. Restraint and containment having failed to disperse the hooligans, two other companies encircled the combat area and effectively stopped the trouble.

The Workers Action Group (WAG) held a meeting in Guildhall Square which was addressed by Miss Bernadette Devlin, on May Day. After policing this meeting the Battalion reverted to a restful county role. Regrettably, a few days later the campaign to widen the rift between the Army and the civilian community began. Private Larter, returning from a visit to his girl friend's home in the Bogside, was set upon by three armed men, apparently intent on tarring and feathering him. He escaped but was shot at, receiving a flesh wound to his hand. He soon recovered, but Bogside and Creggan were put out of bounds to off-duty troops—another irksome, but regrettably necessary, restriction!

At the end of May the Women's Action Committee (the IRA Supporters Club!) marched to protest against the brutality of Scottish troops in Belfast and against the forecast posting of a Scottish regiment to Londonderry. It was a jolly march and although a few two-fingered signs were directed at the troops, the majority of the women were laughing and waving. On reaching 'A' Company's command post in the Diamond a petition was handed to

Major Paul Young—at that point the final insult, a sweet young thing asked him whether he was in a Scottish regiment! As normal, a bit of 'aggro' followed, and after a few hours and a number of arrests, everyone got thoroughly bored and went home.

In June the Battalion went on block leave for twenty days—the only period in which no members of the Battalion have been operationally deployed since August 1970. On returning from leave the usual post-holiday gloom was dispelled by the heartening news that our tour in Londonderry will be ending in March. Speculation was rife as to where the next posting was to be. The Battalion was back in the City the next day and was deployed for the Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme marches. Orange fever building up to the 12th July was reflected by a sudden escalation of shooting incidents. A deliberate campaign of shooting at troops was begun by the IRA with the apparent aim of getting them to return the fire. After more than 140 rounds had been fired at members of the Battalion, an armed man in a crowd was seen, warned and then shot. He was dragged



'Prepare to fire gas'—7 Platoon on Bradley's corner (otherwise known as 'Aggro Corner').



'Fire'—Ptes. Mick Last and Dave Read study the crowd while Cpl. Mick Poole gives it a face full of CS, watched anxiously by Major Patrick Stone.

away by his friends. That evening the Battalion was deployed to break up rioting. Nail-bombs were thrown, injuring soldiers from an attached platoon: two 'Vikings' nearby shot the bomber.

Orange Day passed relatively quietly with the usual marches and a small amount of 'aggro' and shooting. This was followed by candlelight vigils and WAC marches protesting against the deaths of the two civilians. The inquest which followed developed into the longest in Londonderry history—a gruelling ordeal for those members of the Battalion involved, and one from which they all emerged most creditably.

Tension grew as the 12th August approached. But instead of deploying to cover the parading of some 15,000 Apprentice Boys, whose marches were banned, we planned, in the utmost secrecy, and executed arrests prior to internment. Appropriately enough the password for this day was 'Viking Raid'.

So began the second phase of gunman activity, together with an attempt, by barricading off the Bogside and Creggan, to re-establish 'Free Derry'. It was during operations to remove one of these barricades that we suffered our first operational casualty from a gunman. About ten rounds from a Thompson sub-machine gun were fired at close range and L/Cpl. Turner of Sp Coy was hit in the head by a ricochet. He is now being treated in our

own MRS and is well on the way to recovery. Altogether a large number of shots were fired at the Battalion and, significantly enough, on Friday the 13th August we achieved a convincing success. A gunman shooting at an out-post with a .38 revolver was suddenly engaged from a flank by a 'Viking' patrol with SLRs—at 30 metres!!

Rioting continued viciously. The Women's Action Committee organised another illegal march. After the usual chat with OC 'A' Company in the Diamond, they were honoured with a lecture by the Commanding Officer and 'Pronto'. Both were man- (sorry! woman-) handled, losing berets, Sunray's respirator and Pronto's pipe (unfortunately later returned)! On the 18th the Battalion went for a rest in the County. Just before it did so the IRA boy scouts who had blown up some empty married quarters fell out with each other and a 17-year-old shot dead a 16-year-old, thus effectively disbanding the gang!

During our latest City tour the focus of attention shifted to an isolated post in the south-west of the City—the Mex garage. A hail of stones, and acid, petrol and gelignite bombs were hurled at its occupants, interspersed with occasional shots. The track to the position was ambushed with a 'small' mine—of 45 lb. of gelignite, luckily discovered by 'A' Company,

our ace booby trap scouts. (Earlier in the year they had discovered a 244 lb. monster and only narrowly missed catching the gang in the process of setting it up.) It was also in the Mex position that we recently suffered two casualties from gunshot wounds—Cpl. Mackay of 'A' Coy and Pte. Wilkins of 'C' Coy. It is with the greatest regret that we have to report that Pte. Wilkins died of his wound. To his widow and family we offer our sincere sympathy.

But these attacks apart, what we have now come to regard as normal activity continues almost daily with monotonous predictability. Minor stonings, arson, bomb attacks on civilian property—anything to entice soldiers on to the streets as targets. What is so incredible, even after watching it for fourteen months, is that



Gen. Dye chatting with L/Cpl. 'Adolph' McCullem.

life goes on much as normal in spite of it all. This applies to our own activities as much as to the local population.

Among the many distinguished visitors—Secretaries of State, Generals and Defence Correspondents—we were particularly pleased to see General Jack Dye. It was, of course, extremely difficult to keep to his programme, there being so many of us who had served under his command in Aden that the visit became a period of reminiscences and comparisons with the local situation.

Minden Day was celebrated, as far as possible, in the traditional manner. The Drums turned out in their ceremonial uniform garlanded with roses, but after all the festivities swapped back into flak jackets and DPM—armed with baton and rifles instead of bugles and drums! The Warrant Officers and Sergeants' Mess had drinks with the officers,

although regrettably some were deployed and unable to attend.

Anglia Television paid the Battalion a week-long visit and scooped a story on two empty quarters which were blown up by a 15 lb. gelignite bomb which was placed by an IRA gang, the average age of which was 16½ years old! Luckily, although the destroyed quarters were in the middle of a heavily occupied area, nobody was hurt, although many wives were quite naturally very shaken.

After many changes of plan and much tearing of paper and hair, Support Company have set aside their batons and shields and escaped to Otterburn for a fortnight to fire their now unfamiliar weapons and no doubt enjoy an evening out at—dare we say it—no notice at all!

Our most recent visitors, and certainly the most welcome, have been the Reconnaissance Party of 1st Battalion The Royal Welch Fusiliers, who take over from us in March next year—indeed, the company handover programme has already appeared in Part I Orders! So we enter our last six months in Londonderry—no doubt they will be as busy as all the other months, but made all the more bearable by the knowledge that Cyprus is firmly on the horizon.

OFFICERS' MESS STAFF

Well, we started this period with a new Mess Sgt., Sgt. 'Chalky' White from Basingstoun, who replaced the unforgettable 'Kipper' Place in February. L/Cpl. Bob Padbury decided to take his talents to civvy street and Pte. 'Snoozy' Baker came from Sp Coy to replace him. Another recent addition has been Pte. Nev Nevin, who is very kindly assisting us while L/Cpl. (acting Cpl.) 'Pablo' Rice has gone as the advance—advance—party to Cyprus. By all accounts he is lying about so much in the sun that he gets too hot—the water, he tells us, is at present about 80 degrees—and he is enjoying himself so much that he has signed on . . . again!

The Mess Staff had a real bleeding in May when the Mess held a May Ball. This went off very well, with the cooks frying scampi amongst the magnificent floral decorations—the Mess looked like Kew Gardens and smelt like Yarmouth seafront. During this period we had an influx of regiments into the area, with a corresponding increase in business at this ever-open shop—it was like the London Hilton at the height of the tourist season, with disruptive pattern

suits replacing that of the less soberly dressed tourist. Luckily there was block leave to relax in and we all returned refreshed for 'The Mad Season' (July and August in Northern Ireland).

July and our return to the City was greeted by a hail of gunfire from the opposition. 14 Pl was reformed. Cpl. 'Lofty' Ingram had visions of seeing the Mess Staff deployed with a tray of gin and tonics in one hand and a baton and shield in the other. Thankfully this did not occur on this occasion and the Mess was allowed to run as normal.

On Minden Day the Warrant Officers and Sergeants' Mess was invited over for drinks. As might be expected, there were a number of absentees—on operations—others had managed to get enough time off to change into civvies, but most, prepared to turn out at a moment's notice, were in combat dress (less flak jacket) and drank only sparingly!

Somehow during this period the officers managed to dine out Major John Wilson, who, as an ex-Royal Leicester, conducted the Band in the appropriate Regimental March. Lt. Richard Huxford, on attachment from the Intelligence Corps, was also dined out. Capt. Ian Pearce, after an unbroken eight years in the Battalion, also left to help Major John Wilson at Oswestry—watch out for the Western Command Golf Team this year!

The Mess Staff are now changing into sandshoes in preparation for beach parties in Cyprus! Northern Ireland will not be forgotten. Pte. Ian ('Richard Burton') Loughlin is on film and featured in a recent Anglia Television documentary on it and L/Cpl. Dick Hilton has just married a colleen. Finally, we are just about to bid farewell to Pte. 'Topper' Brown—we wish him the best of luck in the dole queue!

'A' COMPANY

'Castle Notes,' they say. 'Certainly,' I reply, 'I'll get the 2IC to do them straight away—won't take him five minutes I'm sure. No good my doing them—I've only been here a matter of days.'

But then we discover just what it is that Company Commanders learn in 'A' Company that makes them so suited to the post of Battalion 2IC—DEVIOUSNESS! He mutters something about going off to check on the security inspection, or the NCO's Cadre, or Otterburn training—anything except Castle notes.

Discerning readers will understand from all this that Major Paul Young has departed to the



'A' Company helping out with Community Relations—Cpl. Jack Crofton and Miss Lorraine Crook—(daughter of Sgt. Crook).

post of Bn 2IC and that Capt. Peter ('Slasher') Williamson has taken over 'Big Red A'—how long he will last remains to be seen.

The last six months have been pretty full ones. March was a sort of 'mixed' month—with little happening on the IS front, cold and miserable weather, and a certain amount of training being done. April saw Easter, which is a big date in the IS calendar. 'A' Company savoured the delights of living in the 'Sugar Plum Warehouse' (no fairies, unfortunately), the Freemasons' Hall, and the Courthouse (home-from-home, said Paddy Judge). But nothing happened—it was another great non-event as far as the Company was concerned.

The usual routine of operations continued in April and May, with very little of interest, although Ptes. Sid Woodruff and Dave Goodey managed to find some old 303 ammunition in a derelict house. With better weather and longer evenings we got in a bit of sport and a bit of training. The Company provided the bulk of the Battalion Skill at Arms team for the Northern Ireland meeting—Lt. Domiesen, Sgt. Spauls, Cpl. Jones, Cpl. McAnally, L/Cpl. McAnally, L/Cpl. Cheong, Pte. Sluggett. The team did great things, winning an enormous cup for the Inter-Unit Team Rifle Match (it took 8 gallons of champagne to fill). L/Cpl. Cheong was runner-up in the Regular Army Individual Rifle, with Pte. Sluggett not far behind in 13th place. Lt. Domiesen came 10th in the SMG

and Cpl. Jones provided half our best GPMG pair. The same people departed for Bisley under the guidance of Capt. Calder, and helped the Battalion team to acquit itself well. L/Cpl. Cheong is to be warmly congratulated on being selected to shoot for the Army—an outstanding achievement in only his second year of competition shooting.

Meanwhile the rest of us were battling in the Inter-Platoon Assault Course and Watermanship Competition, where 1 Platoon swept the board and won convincingly, and 3 Platoon came third. 2 Platoon started well but couldn't quite last the pace on the second time round. PE tests were thinly disguised as a competition this year, but 3 Platoon were not deceived and came second, only just behind the leaders. The Company distinguished themselves in the 15-a-side Rugby competition by knocking out the much-fancied Command Company side.

In July we returned to the City and a major escalation of the situation. 1 Platoon gallantly defended Blighs Lane until relieved by a complete Battalion of Greenjackets. The Company spent a lot of time in the 'Diamond', where various OPs on the City Walls became targets for the gunmen, and in the 'Little Diamond'—and they weren't there for the swimming.

Hardly had we left the City when 3 Platoon made the biggest explosive find in the current campaign—six oil drums full of 'gelly', about 244 lb. of explosive altogether—with a lot of scrap-iron thrown in. The devices were being set up as a giant ambush when the Platoon came down the road on a routine foot patrol doing exactly as taught. A moment of real success!



L/Cpl. Brendon McAnally with part of the monster 224 lb. claymore mine! (Printed with kind permission of the Londonderry Sentinel).

August progressed in the same way as July—only internment warmed it up a little. 'A' Company spent more time in the 'Little Diamond' and even managed to collect the petrol-bomb record (about 500 in one night).

September started quietly back in the 'Diamond' with nothing more than the odd 50-60 rounds of rifle fire whistling overhead (OC to signaller, getting manpack A41 on for tour of City Wall OPs, 'Are we ready to go?' Signaller to OC, 'Ready in the butts, sir'). Then things warmed up down at the 'Mex', a once-prosperous garage which is now a Company base. Several nights were spent outside the location, and 3 Platoon again discovered a quantity of 'gelly'—45 lb. this time, which they regarded as mere chicken feed. However, it was all set up and ready to be triggered off by a trip wire.

Then we were given the pleasure of spending some time inside the 'Mex', instead of outside—'to give it a good sorting out,' said the CO. We expended a lot of time and energy cleaning up, sorting out and sandbagging—none too soon, because on our second spell there the bullets started whistling in. Cpl. Mackay was hit in the back by a lone round one morning—fortunately everyone did their stuff well, casevac swung smoothly into action, and he was in hospital inside fifteen minutes. We are glad to report that he is doing very well and will be released from hospital shortly—his stay in dock probably won't exceed three weeks and he might even get a day off at the end of it. Sandbagging proceeded at speed after that. Shortly afterwards two more casualties occurred—CSM Davies got angry with a hooligan and chased him. He didn't notice the first six rocks that hit him on the head, but after that did feel the need for a scratch. He only spent a couple of days in hospital, but everyone is looking forward to his return from sick leave with trepidation (a bear with a sore head is bad enough, but a CSM with one . . . !). Cpl. Jack Crofton tried to catch a broken drain cover sailing through the air but it caught his wrist instead—he's now got a plaster on and we won't ask him too much about the nurses. Anyway, September was rewarding, with fourteen arrests out of a Battalion total of twenty—we've got to leave a few for the other companies after all.

Well, personalities may come and personalities may go, but the right flank Company of the Royal Anglian Regiment goes on for ever—and we would all prefer it if the right flank wasn't always in the 'Little Diamond'.

'B' COMPANY

5 Platoon

Since the last edition of the 'Castle' we have had numerous changes in the platoon. Sgt. Butler departed for Support Company to try his hand at the heavy stuff and Sgt. Ashworth had his fill of taxiing around with Recce Platoon and came to a rifle company to get down to some real front-line soldiering.

We have ended up, due to other departures, being the smallest platoon in the Company. This is emphasised by the shouts of 'leprechauns' as we face the now familiar crowd across William Street. In spite of the many hours spent facing the stones and the occasional bullet, our casualty list has been very small. Out of a total of seven stitches, Pte. Bodle claimed one, Cpl. Jones two and C/Sgt. Smith four. At that rate the CSM had better keep his head down, as it would seem that they increase with the rank.

Changing the subject, we would all like to congratulate the three latest promotions, L/Cpl. Curtis, Carter and Mitchell, not forgetting Pte. Drak's promotion to signaller (21 Duck).

Other news is that Pte. Wilkinson (Vincent) only suffers from his ulcers 'sometimes' now and he is religiously keeping his 'days-to-do' chart up to date.

Winter is now in, and as a result Pte. Gamble (Glow) has become apparent and the CQMS has dug up the parkas from their hiding place in his stores. The ring of fag ends around the space heater and the reluctance of some to strip-off for a wash first thing in the morning are other prominent signs.

To finish off, it is now official that Cpl. Jones is taking bets on Larter v. Bird promotion race which, according to C/Sgt. Smith (who refuses to be bribed), is now very close.

6 Platoon

We now number twenty-four strong, with a Pl. Sgt. and a Pl. Commander as optional extras (but they don't count as they don't do 'Stags'). There is a feeling among the Dirty Dozen Times Two that they should be given a chance to live up to their name; however, there is much more likelihood of them soon taking monastic vows due to the seemingly endless round of duties. This does, however, keep them well away from the various nefarious delights available on a day off ('Wot's that?' he said), such as girls, wives, booze and booze. The policy of containment—keeping the trouble-makers in their own area—works marvellously in Derry; we haven't been let out for days.



'A' Company dismantling the barricades, assisted by Lt. Tony Slater (on a 'swan' from the Depot).

Earlier on in the year time was made in which to play sports and enter competitions. Rugby, a game new to a great many people, was found to be a good outlet for pent-up energy and frustrations; so much so that a certain platoon commander, who was taking delight in releasing his energy, etc., as fast and as furiously as possible in one game, was only allowed by the referee the first three minutes of the first half in which to do so. However, Sgt. Foran showed useful pace later on in the game when (a) in possession of the ball and (b) in possession of a pint mug after the game. Reports from the Sergeants' Mess indicate that he has a powerful swallow.

The 'B' Company team which won the Falling Plate or Tiles Competition at the Northern Ireland Army Rifle Meeting can attribute its success to the fact that three out of four members of the team were from this platoon, namely 2Lt. Meredith, Cpl. Mortimer and L/Cpl. Reynolds. This competition was great fun and provided some exciting photo finishes. It also led to a friendly challenge from the winners of the TA competition ('Oh, of course we'll take you on,' he said, coughing lightly behind his hand, raised to hide the confident smile spreading across his face), which led—can one admit it?—to the Regular Army champions being beaten.

Personalitywise—M is still with us, by 'gentlemanly agreement', insisting he is really a civvy,

but is threatening to transfer to RAOC—Sgt. 'Donegal Tiger' Foran is still a bit wary of the 'swedes' in our ranks, but daren't say too much as he is Irish. We welcome back Geordie Hodgson, having fully recovered from his Belfast bombing in February, and Stumpy Mathews, having become old enough to rejoin us over here again, but leaving Mason behind in the gentle care of Tiger Company (suspected bribery). Newcomers are 'Streaky' Bacon from the Sergeants' Mess, 'Freckles' Morrissey and Edwards from the Depot, all of whom are settling in well and are useful additions to the stag list. Birch and Palmer tried making hay while the moon shone, but were found before they could start cutting, although they had both chosen likely fields—Six-foot Crofts is being dangerously challenged by Colin Mandley for the Sleeper of the Year Cup, but we are told that being in love has something to do with it—Flack and Saunders have gone fishing several times and deny all rumours that they have been seen tying their flies together—George Simmonds has temporarily defected to Company HQ but a check is being kept on the number of days off he is now getting—Fred Threadwell keeps our 1-ton Armoured Vehicle in the No. 1 spot in the 'Pick of the Pigs' Motown Chart—Morty 'now you see me now you don't' Mortimer joins Whitby in accepting the shackles of marriage, which they insist has its advantages despite their not having



'B' Company rifle team, winners of the Major and Minor Units (Regular Army) Falling Plate Competition at the Northern Ireland Rifle Meeting at Ballykinlar.

seen much of their wives—Alf Tierney denies that he is pregnant, but it is known that babies have been born to certain married members of the platoon—Dave Reynolds hopes to drive to Cyprus in March, but as yet has not found suitable flotation screens for his car—Rod Allen and Mick Atkin have apparently found good nesting grounds, and also participate very well in other physical activities—Denham still grovels, but is finding the opportunities to do so becoming rarer—meanwhile Paul Kemp pours scorn on the quick wit of Jock Pettit; Blackie Blackbourne grumbles, though with a good will, and becomes ecstatic with delight when offered some freshly picked plums ('good for the time of year, Saaarge'!); and Smith 'stags on' with the best of us.

Never mind the cream-puff boys and the pot-hunters in the Company; we're doin' foine, boy.

7 Platoon

Our record in the past few months speaks for itself and will scotch any attempt by 5 Pl. to claim to be 'the cream'. We won the PT test competition outright (despite the alcoholic non-runner); came 2nd in the Battalion Orienteering and were runners-up in the six-a-side football; came an unlucky 3rd in the Assault Course Competition; and won the Company Tug-o'-War hands down (despite Hallam and the CSM).

We have also featured hotly in Battalion teams recently; football with Sgt. Sadler, L/Cpl. Bell (also Army team) and Pte. Jones; golf with Cpl. Yoxall; rugby with Pte. Jones; and the Battalion surfing team, Mr. Mooring.

Other events of interest were Haniver's canoeing course, the saga of the Para Course (we'll never learn the truth), Campbell and Last's

'atrocities', Stewart's wedding (how many more to come? You can't beat 'em, so join 'em) and L/Cpl. Rout and his choir boys. We are still waiting for Sunray Minor's Medal.

As a final note, we have so far managed to avoid any serious injury; our worst casualties have occurred during the all too frequent letting off of steam within the Platoon. Please, boys, leave the beds and steel lockers out of it in future—it upsets the Colour Sergeant!

'C' COMPANY

The period started with the Company still slumming it in Duncreggan Camp because the contractors in Ebrington Barracks had not completed the new accommodation for 8 Bde HQ and Signal Squadron on time. The contractors eventually completed their task and the Company moved the single men into Kent block and the marrieds upstairs above the stores in Matthew/Laughton block on 6th June. No tears were shed on departure from our detached camp, and the amenities in Ebrington Barracks, especially the Viking Club, were soon investigated and appreciated.

The Company departed on twenty days block leave on 10th June and all but Pte. Tye returned. He has been in and out of hospital ever since and is currently in Colchester Military Hospital. 9 Platoon's mascot, Blackie, enjoyed his leave at the Billingshams' and returned quite happily to riots, CS and petrol bombs. Since then 11 Platoon have acquired a mascot—Sandy. Now it remains for 10 Platoon to acquire some form of mascot—a cat would be quite exciting!

The post-leave duties have increased considerably and days off, even at four hours' notice, are a thing of the past.

9 Platoon in their new DPM kit.



We have had some successes during the increased incidents of shooting and explosions. After a recent attack we recovered the body of a gunman who had fired at us, together with his weapon.

The period is one mainly of continuous duties, long hours, insufficient sleep interspersed with deployment for the occasional riot. It would seem that the latest Bogside game is to throw rocks at shop windows to get the troops to deploy and thus make a target for their gunmen. Somewhat nerve-racking experiences for all.

Side comments: Overheard on the third trip down to Abbey Street from Lower Road: 'Now I know what a yo-yo feels like!'

'Hullo A4, this is 3, your callsign is now 3A4, over.'

Silence.

'Hullo 33, this is 3 for A4, your callsign is now 3A4, over.'

Silence.

'Hullo 32, this is 3 relay to 3 for A4, your callsign is now 3A4, over.'

Roger out to you.

'Hullo 33, this is 32 from 3 for A4, his c/s now 3A4, over.'

'33, Roger, he does not have a set, over!'

THE MORTAR PLATOON (TOOBS)

Congratulations to our Sunray, Lt. Underwood, and to Cpl. 'Ali' Barber, both recently back from Netheravon with 'Bs'. We must admit to certain misgivings when reports came back of Lt. Underwood loading certain essential items into his car prior to leaving for the course. You know the sort of thing—golf clubs, tennis racket, fishing rod, bucket and spade, etc. However, some work was done, as results prove.

While they were languishing in the Salisbury sun the remainder of the Platoon bashed on, sometimes literally, with the inevitable duties and fatigue of our tour in Derry. Perhaps our most active period was during the siege of Blighs Lane. 'Stingray' Coy was under command firstly 2 Royal Greenjackets then 1 Royal Scots during this phase.

One night will be remembered, particularly by the six large shield men. 'Big M' had a fairly active time holding the top of Blighs Lane while the Fire Brigade dealt with a factory fire. During this engagement, apart from the five tons assorted rocks thrown at us, we also had a 6ft. ladder heaved over. This was immediately



Ptes. 'Tenderfoot' Hobbs and 'Creepy' Richardson on the Embassy OP.

used to provide us with an OP overlooking the wall. Before that night was over Sgt. 'Bob' Bowden received a clump behind the ear, which has done more good than harm. L/Cpl. Busby threw a gas grenade which bounced neatly off a washing line, landing at his feet, and it is rumoured that our Company sniper, Sgt. 'Dave' Brewin, was leopard-crawling around somewhere.

Support Company goes to Otterburn at the end of September. At last a chance to remove the spiders from our mortar barrels and from the heads of our Netheravon types.

Finally, congratulations to Sgt. Colin Hill and L/Cpl. 'Geordie' Busby on passing the Advanced MFC course. Farewell to L/Cpl. 'Stevie' Stevenson and Pte. Barry Mearns, both mainstays of the Platoon, now on resettlement courses in England.

THE ASSAULT PIONEER PLATOON (The Chunkies)

Since returning from Warcop in February the Platoon has had several changes. We have said goodbye to 'Farmer' Mulley and his boys, who have returned to the Quartermaster for easier times. We welcome Ptes. Goodman, Burrell, Briggs and Bolland, all of whom experienced riots and bullets within a week of their arrival.

July proved to be a pretty full month with quite a lot of aggro. Our major confrontation was on the ninth, when we were sent chasing round Fox's Corner into Lecky Road to recover a Land Rover that had been in difficulties. We suffered five casualties as a result of this, though fortunately none were very serious. Our next



'Chunkies' in aggro gear. The Assault Pioneer Platoon in the Car Park.

major confrontation was in Hamilton Street, where we underwent a massive attack by stones and petrol bombs. While this was going on L/Cpl. Terry Turner was hit in the head by a bullet fired from a Thompson machine gun. Fortunately he was not badly wounded and, judging by the look of the nurses in hospital, he is making a rapid recovery.

Life is hectic, but we look forward to Cyprus, which does not seem far off.

THE ANTI-TANK PLATOON

('Pea Shooters')

On our return from leave we again returned to the festivities of L--d-----y. Again we went into that Five Star residence called the Sailor's Rest, which is very aptly named—I don't think! After our stay there we returned to camp for our time off—22 hours in all (that is as good as local leave). We were recalled back into the city for the worst rioting the city had known. This lasted for several days, during which time our call sign changed to Gypsy 56 due to our many wanderings and healthy smell. After 14 days it came to the Company Commander's notice (sniff) that a bath would not go amiss.

At the end of the festivities our wanderings had taken us to the Prison (where unfortunately we were not locked in), the Masonic Car Park, Brooke Park and Fort Essex—known to the non-combatants and Mortars as Blighs Lane.

After wallowing in 36 hours off we were again established in our Five Star residence, complete with new issue of Pigs. We were soon in action in our 'grunters' down at Hamilton Street, where the locals were attempting to burn down the local Mex Garage. Cpl. 'Vulture' Cox established an OP just in front of the 'locals', where L/Cpl. 'Twiggy' Meen lived up to his name by hiding behind a 9in. wall. We with-



Craftsman 'Tulip' Jankewitz and Private 'Lurch' George repair the Anti-Tank Platoon 'grunter' (pig).

drew for breakfast, after which the locals immediately blew up the garage. The Platoon Witch Doctor, Cpl. Elba-Porter, burst into tears of anguish, muttering something incoherent about spare parts.

Since that occasion the local anonymous bomb gang seems to have attached itself to call sign 5. They followed us to the Diamond, where Burton's literally did just that . . . went for a Burton. Sunray 54 is the only person small enough to crawl through the keyhole and place the charge, but this was never proved. At the Diamond, where stags are two hours on, two hours on, two hours on recurring, L/Cpl. 'Lips' Lambert suffered the indignity of a flat left boot, with the catastrophic result of his being five minutes late for tea. Since the last Castle Lt. Hoyle has relinquished the Platoon to Sgt. 'Where's the Pig' Taylor. Sgt. 'T' Bodenham handed over to Sgt. 'Thug' Butler, rumoured to come from the ganglands of Chicago. The Tiger Men (?) left to rejoin their company and we received back some of our under 18s, now 18 and considered fit for Ulster.

It is rumoured, although not confirmed, that the Mortars are still somewhere in Support Company, and that they have not set up a Holiday Camp although they certainly have the manpower to do so.

COMMAND COMPANY HQ

At the end of a dark passage appears a small glimmer of light (thoughts of the CSM)

The Company Commander's head appears in the doorway of the CSM's office. 'Produce Company Headquarters notes for the Castle by 1200 hrs., Sergeant Major.' The CSM responds with calling out 'Cpl. Moore', who raises himself serenely from his chair and approaches the CSM with suspicion. 'What about producing the Castle Notes?' is the challenge, answered immediately by 'I'm on guard in thirty minutes' by a beaming Company Clerk.

So, as the CSM, I sit and ponder the recent past to revise exactly what Company HQ has done. One thing for certain was that a hell of a lot had been done, but the problem is putting one's finger on exactly what.

After block leave in June the Company reformed in the Gymnasium awaiting an address by the CO. Rumours were circulating as to what the CO was going to say, but they varied from the 'married families were going to be evacuated' to that of 'our tour has been extended for a further six months'. The CO's

statement of a reduction of five months off our tour and a posting to Cyprus was received with disbelief. Visions of lying on sun-drenched beaches, frying in sun-tan lotions, gorging on bunches of fresh grapes have a slight advantage to that of our present plight in Northern Ireland.

Our great relief in Coy HQ was the return of a streamlined Cpl. Moore from Musgrave Park Hospital. He was greeted by the CSM like a prodigal son (plus three months' backlog of awaiting documentation). It's great to have him back after his recent illness.

C/Sgt. Sprason occasionally appears in the Company Office explaining in great detail, and length, the trials and doubtful tribulations of Sergeants' Mess Treasurer to anyone charitable enough to glance his way.

Our greatest, and only, event to date was when the 'opposition' fired across the water into Ebrington Barracks. General opinion amongst us 'base wallahs' was that this was not playing the game. One round which entered the NAAFI Beer Bar window and pierced an easy chair is our evidence of the event, and conducted tours are being arranged for some of the so-called 'Sharp End Boys' to the scene of the battle. Most noticeable at the time of the shooting was the deserted appearance inside the camp of the 'camp idlers' who visit the NAAFI and chat up the NAAFI birds.

So with the ring of battle (one shot) echoing in our ears, Coy HQ awaits the future with trepidation, and within the security of the Company Office and Stores.

RECCE PLATOON

Being a highly mobile force with ten vehicles and our own REME fitter, L/Cpl. Sadkowski, our role is rather varied to say the least. A locstat on a normal day could be 61 MQ Patrol; 62 escorting ATO; 63 escorting 10 tons of sand and 64 also on escort with the Fire Brigade, 6A and 6B in reserve.

61, commanded by 'Monk' Abbott, asked if after fifty MQ patrols did he qualify for a wife? Whereas 62, commanded by Cpl. Trevor Damant, can be easily recognised by the number of antennae L/Cpl. Colin Stubbs puts on the section vehicles. 63, with Cpl. 'Plimsolls' Stephenson in charge, are ambushed veterans of the platoon. L/Cpl. Chris Norman, the



Recce Platoon with five of its vehicles and Londonderry in the background.

driver of 63A, is still deciding which was the worse, the bullet that just missed him or changing the tyre which was also hit. In the meantime he shows off two other holes in his Ferret side bins. 64, with Cpl. 'Mich' Cox, has also had its fair share, with L/Cpl. 'Choco' Payne suddenly getting his windscreen shattered.

After six years with the Recce Platoon, L/Cpl. Sedgwick has gone to the MT. We were also sorry to lose Capt. Ian ('Take over C/Sgt. I'm golfing) Pearce, who has gone to Oswestry, but the best of luck to him. Capt. Thomas has taken over from him and we wish him welcome. . . . As for C/Sgt. Kett (Chris)! Well, soldier on and keep your ferret out of that ditch.

FIVE MINUTES WITH THE SIGNAL PLATOON

'45 Baton Rounds for "B" Company.'
'Devices check on the Waste Bin.'
'Seven coffees please—one without.'

The little grey box bleats its unceasing requests to the group of semi punch drunk operators in the Piccadilly Circus of Tac HQ Radio Room. Pte. 'Finbar' O'Donovan makes the mandatory face at the 1984 inspired intercom and says 'Right away, Sir,' waits until the tell-tale red light goes off and utters a suitable ex-

pression of his feelings—which are directly proportional to the length of time he has been on stag.

Pte. 'Guns' Murphy, the platoon's answer to the IRA, sits absorbed in the works of 'Joe Cahill', sucking his teeth (Oh, no! they're in workshops at the moment!) and making surreptitious notes for his friends in the Bogside.

L/Cpl. 'Franky' Bodger is finding it difficult to answer the radio between prolonged telephone calls to his intended. How on earth do you organise a wedding when the bride and church are both the wrong side of the 'Green Line'?

Brrrrrrrrrrrrp!

The bell, for the hundredth time this hour, heralds the arrival of yet another visitor to Tac HQ. In unison Ptes. 'Banjo' Banthorpe and 'Bomber' Norris bellow at the top of their voices 'I-N-T S-E-C-T-I-O-N!!' They watch, with smug glee as the duty Intelligence Clerk scuttles past the door, with a harassed look on his face and muttering expletives which would emulate even the residents of Creggan.

L/Cpl. 'Hank' Hancock sits, deeply immersed in last Sunday's 'News of the World'. He occasionally breaks into fits of raucous laughter as something in the paper strikes him as . . . daft!

Somewhere along the harbour front c/s 92A wends its way, once more, across the Craigavon

Bridge. At the wheel a now-you-see-it-now-you-don't-moustached Cpl. 'Goldie' Goldsmith is at the wheel, looking, for all the world, like a well trained taxi driver. In the back, amidst the nigh supplement 'sanis' and passengers, L/Cpl. 'Aby' Squires reflects that if he could charge 5NP a trip he would very soon be in the money.

'Hullo, this is 9 . . .'

Silence reigns momentarily in the Ops Room as another decree is issued from somewhere within the range of an A41. Sgt. 'B', behind an imposing emplacement of cigarette packets, match boxes and pencils, scribes his way through log sheet after log sheet—pausing only to allow himself to light up the eightieth cigarette of the day. Even in moments of calm, his hand hovers above the paper, jittering like an expectant teleprinter.

'Keep your heads down!'

Down in Hamilton Street Cpl. 'Stew' Pollitt manpacks his way from dead-spot to dead-spot. In a nondescript doorway, having read the inevitable graffiti, he works out his next brew recipe for elderberry wine. Around the corner cs Z9 is parked—her antennae and buzzing radios having an awe-inspiring effect on . . . one small boy. L/Cpl. Reg Pyatt sits and watches the local residents watching him watch them.

The telephone in the Signal Store rings—

'Is Gunga Din the Minister of Defence?' Cpl. 'Johnny Rob' searches for the answer from

somewhere within the depths of the Education Centre. C/Sgt. Danny Boon replaces the receiver and looks heavenwards for inspiration. He goes back to the centre of the room where he and Pte. 'Ginner' Payne are playing deck quoits with the Radio Distribution Board. At last they have it right. The telephone rings once more—two into one won't go—the game starts again.

Next door Cpls. Dick Mussell and Bob Halls-worth gaze, sadly, at the innards of a C42. Very gently, one of them lowers a pair of surgical-like tweezers into the set and removes a dead cockroach. 'Driver's dead', he explains, in a hushed voice. After a two minute silence and a reverent burial in the waste bin, another set is back on the road.

'Three little boys from B are we,

Lots of coffee, lots of tea,

Signal domesticity,

Three little boys . . . Bleeaaaaah!'

To the strains of a modified Gilbert and Sullivan, Ptes. Stan Goodwin, 'Paddy Daly and Geoff Wooler mastermind the moving of the mountain to Mohammet (who seems to live off sand at the moment!).

On the grass outside the Signal Office, like a revered museum piece, sits Bessie. Born in 1943—an old girl of elegant disposition and graceful speed (48 m.p.h. down the Limavady straight with the wind behind her!)—she looks as though at any moment Monty will put his



Band and Drums of the 1st Battalion leading a British Legion Rally at Portrush.



Defence Platoon 'The calm before the storm'. Waiting for the 'aggro' to start.

head out of the window. Fortunately, it is only Sergeant Major Brian Shanks who does. He is, once more, resiting the harness in the operators cabin. Having completed the circuit he plays an electrical version of the 1812 overture to test it. Although he doesn't admit to it, Bessie owes her very existence to the Sarn't Major.

A dissident rifleman from an IS Company walks past and shouts, 'Signal Platoon never do any work!' Like a flash Cpl. Tom Collins is thrusting the Battalion Orienteering Cup under his nose in a menacing way.

'Er—well—Signal Platoon don't do no work for the rest of the week!'

DEFENCE PLATOON

The Corps of Drums returned to Londonderry after a very successful tour in England, where the results were seen by the Battalion on the BBC Television Programme 'Music by Command'. Also we beat a Musical Reveille on Minden Day, watched by the rest of the Battalion that was not on duty. The Defence Platoon, alias 'May's Marauders', assisted by Sgt. 'Winkle' Perry, who is leaving for a tour of duty with the TA at Ipswich in the not too distant future, is still helping out the hard-pressed IS platoons in the rifle companies.

Congratulations to L/Cpl. Chapman and Dmr. Cleverley on their recent marriages, and

also L/Cpl. Grooms on reaching the dizzy heights of Lance Corporal. Also we welcome to the Platoon Ptes. Huntley and Smith on their arrival from the Depot.

True or False? That Bogside Gertie is going to be presented with a car, but can't make up her mind as to a Mini Cooper or a Baby Austin.

THE MEDICAL SECTION

When the Battalion is on County period it is still the usual—Pills, Potions and Pulheems, but when the City period comes round again it is time to 'deploy' and the RAP goes forth. Now most RAPs are lucky enough to get a tent, but we seem to have acquired the most luxurious accommodation in Londonderry, equipped with overhead electric heating, spot-lights to aid our major surgery; well, yon can't lance a boil in the dark, can you? and a bath (oh, what luxury), all within our very own mobile home. Some say it is just because the MO is also the Brigadier's personal physician, and even the CO was heard to say that he was going to move Tac HQ into the RAP—because it was more central—of course!

Unfortunately we have often had to practice what has been preached in the First Aid lectures, but to date the Battalion has been very lucky with both the number and nature of major casualties—four GSWs, two nail bomb injuries, and one bad petrol bomb burn.

But for near misses the RMO, Capt. Peter Atherton, must take pride of place, for when chatting to a sentry on the City Wall overlooking the Bogside (good for morale!) he heard the rattle of a Thompson and like a good Infantryman should, looked up to locate the flash when there were two sharp 'cracks' overhead. Crawling from the OP on all fours, he remarked that perhaps it was better not to distract the sentries. Some time later when going to the aid of a child hit by an army vehicle he was set upon by the crowd which had gathered, 'must have been hundreds of them'. As a result a very battered MO returned to the RAP minus part of his jersey heavy wool and beret. 'I wouldn't care but I had just got it nicely shrunk.'

We can even boast our own intelligence rep, namely our Medical Centre cleaner, who being a bogsider knows very well when trouble is brewing, so packs up and moves over the border into Eire. When Mrs. Stewart fails to turn up for work it's time to sharpen the scalpels.

Other advantages of our ideally situated RAP is that it is on the banks of the River Foyle. Suture needles make excellent fishing hooks and Sgt. 'Charlie' Gilmore with Pte. Alan Tait have had fair success, including several trout and too many eels. However, although Pte. Emmett does not catch many fish there is no one to touch him for catching worms. Three members of the staff not yet mentioned are L/Cpl. Norman Ball, who is to be congratulated on obtaining an 'A' grading on his RMA II Course and L/Cpl. Stanhope on his recent promotion. Pte. Keeley reversed his ambulance into a car.

THE ORDERLY ROOM

The Orderly Room continues to function despite the extra duties imposed on its members by the situation in Londonderry.

Our oldest members, WO.II James, finally departed for Warminster after some sixteen years with the Battalion. WO.II James was replaced by our new Chief Clerk, C/Sgt. 'Fisher' Gilbert, who wages a constant war against Irish fish. Also we regret the departure of Captain Williamson to 'A' Company and welcome the arrival of Captain Calder, to whom we wish the best of luck in his new appointment of Adjutant.

Two members of the Orderly Room recently married two Irish Dollies and are still trying to shake off the single soldiers' habits, i.e., drinking.

Sgt. Rowe, our new ORC, has just arrived from the Fusiliers and appears to take no interest in fishing, but likes work! Cpl. Thompson has left for the RAOC to take up clerking as a full career. And good luck to him!! The rest of the clerks struggle on, and are sincerely looking forward to a good tour in Sunny Cyprus.

THE INTELLIGENCE SECTION

Crystal ball gazing continues unceasingly—our 200th daily INTSUM has been submitted as has our 50th weekly one. A lot of waffle many say and looking back we sometimes agree—but they seemed to be sensible comments at the time!

Acorn's team remains unchanged though suffering from a surfeit of bumph and spiralling demands for maps, air photos, fablon and other items of intelligence or general interest as companies come under command and then disappear again at an ever increasing rate.

Incident, barricade and location maps which until July were almost virginal white now resemble severe cases of measles or kaleidoscopic nightmares. Some are due yet again for renewal having got pierced so often by map pins that they look like colanders . . . so here we go again!

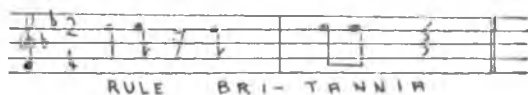
ADMIN COMPANY HQ

The question asked by all in Admin Coy is 'who is Commanding the Coy today?' It's not quite as bad as that, but we have seen many changes at the top since our last notes. Capt. H. M. P. Halcrow handed over to Major G. C. Lucas in April, he in turn handed over to Capt. J. Drinkwater whose stay was very short as he was soon posted to SP Coy. Lt. J. Nash, who until now had been our second in command, took over, but not for long as Major Growse takes over soon and we hope his stay will be a long and happy one. We also have a new CSM and CQMS. WO.II Ferrier handed over to WO.II Waller and C/Sgt. Russell to C/Sgt. Turner. Welcome to those who have arrived and good luck to those that have left.

We continue to support the Battalion in our administrative role and carry out many Guard Duties. On occasion 14 ('F' Troop) PI has been seen on the streets; this is the CO's secret weapon, a platoon consisting of a Cooks, Storemen, Officers' and Sergeants' Mess Staff, etc. Can you imagine any rioters wanting to continue after seeing that lot!

The impossible we can do—but miracles take time!

We would like to end as we begun with some *notes* for the Regimental Journal:



Lastly, we have said goodbye to two of our old faithfuls—L/Cpl. Don Smith and Pte. 'Yorky' Frost. Best of luck outside, we wish you well.

Due to the relaxed situation in Londonderry we were able to fulfil a number of engagements in the cause of bettering community relations. Not the least of these being two concerts, in the Bogside, for senior citizens. One function we particularly enjoyed was playing at a charity ball in the Embassy Ballroom in aid of the Save the Children Fund. It turned out that a good percentage of the gathering only attended

to hear the nine-piece dance band. A very appreciative crowd, which put a lot of heart into us.

On 1st May the Band joined with the Bands of 1 Para and 3 Queen's to play with the Ulster Orchestra in the Ulster Hall. The objective of the gathering was a rousing performance of '1812' conducted by Anatole Fistontan. The Regimental Fanfare Trumpets played at the opening of the concert and in the Gordon Jacobs arrangement of the National Anthem. Altogether an enlightening and interesting experience. At this time the Band Master was attending the Annual Conference at Kneller Hall, whence he returned bearing good tidings of increases in Band rank structure.

It was with mixed feelings that we arrived in Belfast on 15th May to play in the Lord Mayor's Show. All went well, the large crowds responded to the pageantry and music better than we had anticipated. Shortly after, we went off on three weeks' leave, to meet at Bassingbourn for the summer tour.

On 20th June we were playing in the Regimental Chapel at Warley for the Civic Sunday. Here we met some old friends, one of whom, Major-General Scott-Barrett, spoke to members of the Band who served under him as Commander 6 Bde.

More old friends were encountered at Norwich and Ipswich on 22nd and 23rd June when we Beat the Retreat for the Regimental Association. Back then to Bassingbourn and a hard flog for Depot Open Day. An event which, despite the weather, was most successful and drew praise from Lt.-Col. (Rtd.) Bill Brinkley of the Army Band Office, who is a staunch ex-Royal Norfolk.

On Sunday 27th June we played on the Bandstand at Hyde Park, moving to St. James Park for the rest of the week. Here we drew enthusiastic crowds and many compliments, the majority of these coming from American tourists. A flying visit to Leicester on the 4th of July for a Regimental Association Parade and cocktail party and then to Colchester to start rehearsals for the Tattoo. It was during the Tattoo that we lost Bds. Reynolds (Sparky), who had an attack of asthma so severe that he was put before a Medical Board and recommended for discharge.

The last night of the Tattoo ended with the usual parties at one of which the Bandmaster was serenaded by the RAF Pipers playing 'Happy Birthday'. He promptly retaliated by borrowing a set of pipes and played 'Rule Britannia' and the 'British Grenadiers'.

The remainder of the tour passed in a whirl of school concerts and shows including Corby Games, Northampton Borough Show, Nottingham Festival, East of England Show and Maldon Water Show. The last engagement of the tour was a popular one with members of the Band and took us to Bury St. Edmunds and Gibraltar Barracks for the Regimental Cricket Match and Reunion and the Suffolk Old Comrades' Church Service and Re-union. It did us good to see the old faces again and Col. Heal did an excellent job, as always, of entertaining and looking after us.

Back then to Londonderry where, during our absence, the situation had deteriorated somewhat, and back to the duties which are our lot. One highspot since our return was the Dining Out of Major John Wilson, our Band President, and he has left us in the capable hands of Major Paul Young. We'd like to welcome Bds. James and Airzee. Bds. James is a re-enlistment from the 4th Bn Band and Bds. Airzee fresh from the Depot.

THE FAMILIES OFFICE

During the period under review we managed to lose two houses in the Clooney Park area. Both houses were so severely damaged by an explosion that the Royal Engineers had to finish the task of demolition which the 'Opposition' tried to do. Shortly after this incident the Families Staff could be seen knocking on the doors of quarters, trying to comfort and re-assure the wives in all the Battalion's area.

The Thrift Shop continues to thrive as does the Wives' Shooting Club, which goes from strength to strength. There are three new members, who have all got their '100' badges. They are now considering challenging the husbands to a competition.

We welcomed Major 'Daddy' Ingle during April. He has now settled down and is doing a really well worth-while job of comforting stricken wives and sorting out their problems (no problem is too big or too small). We also welcome back from Sp Coy Cpl. 'Bomber' Brown to add his weight to the PRI/Families Staff. He has already made his mark! Cpl. 'Len' Eaglen is still battling with a multitude of imponderable problems and occasionally manages a dry smile.

1st BATTALION SHOOTING TEAM

The Battalion entered a team in the Northern Ireland and Bisley Central Meetings this year and met with a fair measure of success. The un-



The Battalion Rifle Team.

**L/Cpl. Cheong, Cpl. Mc-
Anally, Cpl. Mortimer,
C/Sgt. Smith, Sgt. Spauls, Lt.
Domeisen, Capt. Calder,
L/Cpl. Denny.**

doubted star of the team was L/Cpl. Dave Cheong who came tenth in the Army Hundred and then went on to shoot for the Regular Army in the United Services Cup. He contributed to a record score for the Army which, unfortunately, was not quite enough to beat the Royal Navy.

Capt. Tony Calder came fourteenth in the SMG XXX and C/Sgt. Ron Smith was twenty-second in the pistol XXX. The team as a whole did better than ever before, coming eighth in the Major Units Championship and top of the Queen's Division teams. L/Cpl. Cheong and Lt. Tony Domeisen represented the Division in the Methuen Cup.

In terms of weight of silver collected, the Battalion did much better at the Northern Ireland meeting at Ballykinler, where teams from the Regular Army, Territorial Army, Ulster Defence Regiment and Cadets competed. The main opposition came from the three Parachute Regiment Battalions, who fielded very strong teams. The Battalion came third in the team SMG and LMG competitions, second in the Team Pistol and first in the Team Rifle and Falling Plate. The trophy for the Team Rifle was the Victoria Cup, reputed to hold eight gallons of champagne. We found that it leaked after four—luckily it was only beer! In the individual competitions L/Cpl. Cheong came third in the rifle and Cpl. Kevin Jones and L/Cpl. Pete Denny got the top score in the GPMG pairs.

Sultan's Soldier

The Sultan's Armed Forces (SAF) of the Sultanate of Oman are one of the main world applicants for the secondment of British Army and RAF officers. The author, Lieutenant-Colonel E. Turnill, OBE, commanded The Desert Regiment, SAF, 1969-1971, and operations in Dhofar from April 1970 to February 1971.

When one considers how many British officers, particularly of the Infantry, have served or will be needed to serve in SAF, there is surprisingly little general knowledge about the Sultanate and its forces. Oman is a big country, having a position of great strategic and economic importance in the South-Eastern quarter of the Arabian Peninsula. It is 800 miles from the Straits of Hormuz, opposite Iran, where the very 'toe' of Arabia, the

Mussandam Peninsula, is Omani territory, to the border in the South with the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen (PDRY); at its widest there are over 300 miles of Oman between the Saudi border and the Arabian Sea.

There are two fertile areas, Northern Oman, about two-thirds of the country, and Dhofar in the south. They are separated by the only true desert area in the Sultanate.

The main physical feature of the north is the great crescent of mountains which stretches almost unbroken from the northern frontiers to the sea north of Masirah Island. The highest peaks are the Jebel Akhdar, 'green mountain', a formidable group rising to 10,000 feet. The mountain rains are carried east and west in numerous wadis, providing water for irrigation of the plains. West of the mountains the land falls away through rock and gravel plain to the sands of the Empty Quarter.

The southern province, Dhofar, alone of all Arabia, receives the south-west monsoon and is green and fertile in the hinterland of Salalah, which is sheltered from the desert heat by the Qarra Mountains. Thirty inches of rain fall between June and September; there are therefore extensive forests and the many deep and precipitous wadis are matted with short trees, bushes and scrub. On the ridges there are green pastures, herds of cattle and many wild animals and flowers. There are countless caves in the walls of the wadis, which, together with the dense vegetation, offer ideal cover for guerrilla fighters.

The population of the north is about 600,000, of which 500,000 are Arab and 10,000 Baluch and other settlers, with some of African race descended from the former slaves. Traditional Arab Moslem society still survives. The population of Dhofar is about 35,000, mostly a tribe called Qarra, which lives in the mountains, but with many other components; plain-dwellers,



desert nomads, Africans and settlers from other parts of Arabia and the East.

The main wealth of the nation is an annual income of £50 million from oil. Most of the people cultivate crops and animals. There is some fishing and mineral exploration.

Since the accession on 23rd July, 1970, of the present Sultan, Qaboos bin Said, the country is making social and economic progress. It has a modern government and is applying this year for UN and Arab League membership.



A typical scene in the Omani interior. In the background, the ramparts of the Jebel Akhdar.



Men of 3 Company wait to be airlifted to an operation in Northern Oman.

The Sultan's government spends over a third of its income on defence, a burden forced on it mainly by the revolutionary war being fought in Dhofar by guerrillas supported materially by PDRY, distantly by China and morally by the most extreme Northern Arab revolutionaries. There are 1,000 guerrillas, of which perhaps a third are hard core, in Dhofar, mostly of the Qarra, who enjoy the advantages of close terrain, and sanctuary and support across the border. They have what has become the international guerrilla armoury: AK47 and SKS rifles, RPD LMGs, and Goryonov MMGs, Shpagins, 60mm and 82mm mortars and half-a-dozen 75mm recoilless guns. The more enthusiastic carry the 'Thoughts of Chairman Mao' in red plastic cover and Arabic translation! Notwithstanding this formidable armoury, they have immense problems of morale, discipline, training, movement and re-supply. Over two hundred have surrendered in the past year.

There are also revolutionary thinkers in Northern Oman, but they find little support among the people.

The main defence forces are the Army and the Sultan of Oman's Air Force (SOAF). There is also a small but efficient coastal navy, a national gendarmerie and an expanding police force.

The leadership of the forces and about half of the officers of company commander and aircraft pilot level are seconded from the British Army and the RAF. The remainder are European contract officers or men recruited and trained locally. There is now a greatly expanded Omani officer training programme. The core of the Army is four infantry battalions, with armoured car and artillery support; three

of the four battalions were until recently commanded by officers of the Regiment—two still are. The men are mostly Omani, but there is also a sizeable minority of Baluch officers and men from Northern Pakistan. Equipment is mostly British, although the Defence Department buys elsewhere if it thinks it can do better.

SOAF is well equipped with BAC 167 Strike-masters, Caribou and Short Skyvan transports and Agusta-Bell 206 and 205 helicopters—the latter, the famous 'Huey', providing a tactical lift.

The forces are normally deployed about equally between Northern Oman and Dhofar. The war in Dhofar has been going on since 1965, and although it has escalated slowly, neither side has been able to win a lasting advantage. SAF casualties have mercifully hitherto not been heavy; the soldiers are good and they are well led. The war will go on for years yet and perhaps Dhofar will never be more peaceful than, say, Northern Malaya.

There are two things that must be said about seconded service with SAF: it is a perfect test of leadership and nerve in a real hot war, and it is important. If SAF were to fail in Dhofar, the domino theory could undoubtedly apply and many peaceful and prosperous states to the north would be exposed to a particularly nasty form of oppression.



A Dhafari 'guerrillero'. This one fought on occasion on both sides.



OPENING OF TIGERS' BAR

The Chairman of Everards Brewery, Mr. Tony Everard, contacted Lt. Peter Shalders while on KAPE, and asked if the platoon would come along and give some publicity to the Tigers Bar which he planned to open at The Leicester Tiger on Stonesby Avenue.

The platoon went along as can be seen from the photograph. Mr. Everard plans to get as many mementoes of the old Royal Leicestershire Regiment to serve as a permanent reminder of the Tigers.

TIGER COMPANY

The summer months have been busy with a full programme of drills, rehearsals and demonstrations for both A Platoon at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, and B Platoon at Mons. A Platoon had been to Battle Camp at both Stanford and Sennybridge. Half its number visited the Eiffel in Germany with Intakes 47 and 49 during July. B Platoon has been to Battle Camp at Stanford and Dartmoor. In addition both platoons have done extensive platoon battle drill demonstrations for the CCF and ACF at St. Martin's Plain, near Shorncliffe.

Cpls. Lock, Relph, Fuller and L/Cpl. Staples were attached to the Leicestershire Company of the 5th Battalion at Okehampton for a week in July, while Sgts. Dobson, Mackay, Cpls. Kerr, Harrison gave assistance to the 7th Battalion at their first annual camp in September at Stanford. By all accounts they found it a thoroughly enjoyable experience.

While Sandhurst was on leave, A Platoon spent three weeks in Leicestershire on a KAPE tour. They appeared at a number of shows and visited local ACF units. We hope they have



Col. M. St. G. Pallot, Deputy Colonel of the 4th Bn, with OC Tiger Company Major J. C. D. Heggs and Sgt. Mackay outside 'A' Pl Block at Sandhurst.

attracted some recruits. (A report can be seen elsewhere.)

Our Deputy Colonel, Colonel M. St. G. Pallot, visited the Company on 23rd July. In the evening a cocktail party was held and among the guests were General Goodwin, the Commandant of Mons and the Commandant of Sandhurst, Brigadier Anderson from the Queen's Division and the Lord Mayors of Leicester and of Aldershot.

We are all looking forward to the visit of Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Gloucester, who is due to visit the Company on the 14th October.

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Tigers' Den

In the early part of this year the Company was asked by Mons OCS if it would run a canteen for the permanent staff at the weekend since NAAFI wished to discontinue the venture.

Reluctantly we agreed. Now, six months later, after a great deal of hard work by the committee, especially Cpl. Harrison, Cpl. Anderson, Cpl. Kingshott, Pte. Clements (not forgetting our barman/carpenter, L/Cpl. Smith), the Tigers' Den is a thriving concern.

Discos, Social Evenings, Wedding Receptions—you name it we have catered for it. With a healthy turnover the Den is an important feature in the life of Mons, and of Tiger Company in particular.

Any member of the Regiment passing through Aldershot will be more than welcome to come and visit the Den.



Cpl. Kingshott behind the bar.

Exercise 'No Phone'

(Or, Silence within 'T' Company)

A few months ago a 'orrible little man (according to the CSM) entered the OC's Office and the following conversation took place.

'Ah! sit down, now what would happen if this phone went US?' (pronounced YEWESS).

The poor above-mentioned chappie cleared his throat, thought for a moment, and then said with an uncertain smile, 'It wouldn't work, sir.'

'Yes, I know that, but how could I get in contact with anyone?' the OC asked.

The poor chappie, now rather befuddled with the goings on, lifted up his tin hat, scratched his greying hairs and again thought deeply. Shifting his rifle along his now rapidly ageing shoulders, he said, 'You have three choices I can think of, sir. One, you get a carrier pigeon; two, you send smoke signals, and thirdly you send a runner.' The OC was reported to have changed to several shades of red and mumbled something about people who are supposed to be signallers.

'How about a Radio?' he said. The 'orrible little man (me, just in case you are as confused as myself) said, 'Radio, Radio . . . Oh yes, a Radio, I suppose it would work, sir, yes, a Radio definitely.'

'Good, I'm so glad you agree. Now I want you to organise an Ex for the Company where only radios will be used and no one will use a phone.'



Cpl. 'Ali' Turvey—'ever since going to Aden I find it much more comfortable like this'.



L/Cpl. Bates swotting flies just to give that extra something to the meal!

Well, with a lot of doubts I went away and started to work things out.

As the weeks went by exercise and signal instructions left my grubby hands, to be sent out to all concerned in 'T' Company. May I add that many a copy mysteriously found its way into a wastepaper basket. A date was settled, and with the help of a person known to one and all as 'Ginger' (who did most of the work) a control was set up, and, yes, believe it or not, actually worked! I was then informed that my presence as a rifleman was required and so that meant Ginger had to man the control station.

The exercise didn't start until 0930 hrs., so everyone used the phone as much as possible and tried to complete their day's work before the dreaded hour. Also it was noticed that the 2IC and the Admin Officer both found urgent business outside Aldershot district. The establishing of communications went OK with the exception of A Platoon, call sign 11, who said that their radio wouldn't work (by phone) but would try their hardest to get a replacement. The OC threatened them on a year's KAPE if they didn't make contact quickly.

Approximately 1000 hrs. the OC had to leave camp and go on to the training area, and the

following chat was reported to have gone on between his driver and himself.

OC: 'Is the radio on?'

Dvr.: 'What radio?'

OC: 'My radio, the one for Ex Nophone!'

Dvr.: 'Er, you mean that we're supposed to have a radio in the vehicle?'

OC: 'Yes. you X"£@&?'

So after returning to camp and rectifying the mistake, they worked well to all sub stations for the rest of the day. About the same time the situation in B Platoon was getting desperate and anyone who made the mistake of venturing into the immediate area of the office was immediately clobbered and put to work on the set. One such unfortunate, namely L/Cpl. Cresswell, not only had the problem of wondering how on earth he had come to be sitting with a radio at his side, but also to try and puzzle out 'what do you speak into and where does the noise come out from', when in walked not quite his fairy godmother but the Platoon Sergeant, who said (much to L/Cpl. Cresswell's sorrow), 'You know an A41 isn't as good as a 62 set. Once I got 90 miles on one of them.' The last three words were said to a tele hand set. L/Cpl. Cresswell had vanished through the window!

The rest of the day was uneventful and the Ex closed at 1600 hrs. with sighs of relief from all, especially the Platoon Sergeant, who now turns green at the sight of a radio.



Three went to Ireland and one stayed with us. Four of the under 18's (l. to r.) the Richardson brothers, Pte. Friend and Pte. Brown.



Choir Practice with 'B' Pl.



That man again! Aden, Radfan, Borneo and now Hanckley Common—Cpl. Clements.

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POACHERS

By way of introduction

Our doings during the past six months will no doubt make poor reading compared with the exploits of the 1st Battalion in Derry, but someone has to hold the Russian hordes at bay. Together with the Pompadours and one or two others, we like to think we have preserved the balance of power so that people in the Bogside can riot in peace!

The return to Germany, with its well established Garrisons, its long tour and its long planned exercises, seemed to us of 'Strat reserve' to bring promise of a better life. 'Proper soldiering,' said the 1st Bn types, 'with the smell of diesel in your nostrils, the clank of tracks in your ears and the firm black mud of Soltau under your feet . . . there have been times when we would have volunteered as a man to return to the improper soldiering of Belfast or Stratco or anywhere if only the phone would stop ringing and the paper stop piling . . . !

'So much to do—so little time' always seemed rather a trite saying but it has now replaced 'There's no place like home' as the No. 1 favourite for filling empty walls and has recently been seen tattooed on the Chief Clerk's chest (with a 'SEEN' stamp next door).

Munster

The move to Munster in May was painless and free of drama. Oxford Barracks was soon teeming with soldiers. Green berets, blue berets (we took over from 2 RGJ), cockneys and country cousins all were involved in the intricacies of handover/takeover. Their stories of the horrors of Munster/BAOR were equalled by ours of Belfast/N. Ireland with the promise that Derry could be much worse; they helped us enormously with driver training, mech tactics and the like but we could not do likewise for them (what training do you need for N. Ireland, three months with Job or three rounds with Muhammed Ali?).

Before long the Blue berets began to outnumber the Green and now it seems we've been here for years. The barracks are large, old and typically German—good solid blocks with vast cellars and attics and with a definite air of permanence about them. We share the barracks with the SIB, a Field Ambulance and 300 Portuguese, all of whom we treat with great respect. The complex includes all mod cons and a few old incons (no offence to the sanitary NCO).

The Battalion forms part of 4 Guards Ar-

**Drill and Duties Cadre.
The successful Pte's. parade
to receive their stripes from
the CO.**



From left to right: Pte's. Metcalf, Sliney, Wiles, Watt and Kelly.

moured Brigade and although we have a special role as Corps troops we are to all intents and purposes a normal mechanised Battalion. The other major units within the Brigade are 1st Welsh Guards, 2nd Coldstream, 13/18th Hussars and the 'Skins'.

The quarters are on the whole close to the camp, that is if you are lucky enough to get a quarter, and the camp itself lies about two miles from the centre of town. Talking of quarters prompts me to mention here the tremendous job done by the families office and in particular by Capt. Robin Greenham, in hunting down private accommodation. This Garrison with its five major units and many minor ones together with a university population of 20,000 fair gobbles up flats, and Capt. Greenham deserves the 'Rachman' award for his work in obtaining some fifty such lettings by the time we arrived. Major Lucas and S/Sgt. Snell continue the good work but the situation is still bad and a constant headache—sometimes one wonders how we managed before the first UFO was sighted . . .

Munster itself is a large and prosperous city with some superb shops, countless churches and a reputation (which garrison town in the world hasn't?) of being anti military. The opportunities for infantry battalions to be actually liked by the townspeople among whom they live seem remote and any efforts made to bridge this gap must be only very superficial. Nevertheless, we live in hope (as we did in Ballymurphy) and

we took the first step by inviting some seventy-five local dignitaries to an Anglian German party in the officers' mess on the 27th August. They were treated to a band concert on the patio followed by drinks. We all enjoyed it.

Training

Training for our mechanised role began many weeks before we arrived here, in the form of courses at Bordon, Warminster and, as mentioned above, Munster. However, our first Bn training period was not long in coming. In late June the Bn entrained for Vogelsang for three weeks mechanised training in company with the 1st Coy Royal Danish Life Guards.

Vogelsang, for those who don't know it, lies in the Eifel Mountains west of Bonn and 20 miles from the Belgian border. It's not very large but it does at least offer an area where APC's can be driven anywhere and it has the added advantage of being beautiful. There is a permanent camp administered by the Belgian Army and various dry training and field firing ranges.

Our stay started badly with a week of pouring rain, but ended in a blaze of burning sunshine. Training covered the basic drills and plenty of flotation and ended with two exercises. The first solely for the Danes (who impressed us by their hospitality, their command of English and their keenness) and the second for us. This latter exercise, Eifel Poacher, consisted of an assault

river crossing, an approach march, a day in defence, a night withdrawal, an advance and an attack with a gas attack thrown in halfway. 'But I thought you said war was 90 per cent sheer boredom and 10 per cent sheer terror, Sarge?' 'Shut up and put your noddy suit on ...'

We left Vogelsang satisfied that much had been achieved and grateful for the opportunity of seeing the Eifel if only from the back of an APC.

July and August passed all too quickly with the emphasis on shooting and leave. Coys spent 3 to 5 days in Sennelager classifying, and the period came to a climax with the Skill at Arms Competition. In glorious weather 'A' Coy 'A' team beat Sp Coy 'A' team for the Inter-Coy Challenge Cup.

The beginning of September heralded two weeks Battalion training at Sennelager. The weather stayed fine which was a blessing since we were under canvas and there is nothing worse than crawling into a bivvie soaking wet after a long night's patrolling. In addition to normal individual section field firing it was possible to spend a lot of time training Coy patrols for the Brigade patrol competition which takes place at the end of September.

The Sennelager period ended with a Battalion exercise which was a final preparation for the Brigade FTX in October. Let's hope we come out of that unscathed.

Since our arrival in BAOR we have been visited by Gen. Sir Peter Hunt, C-in-C, Lt.-Gen. Sir John Sharpe, Corps Commander, Lt.-Gen. Sir Richard Goodwin, Colonel of the Regiment. Maj.-Gen. H. R. S. Payne, Mr. John F. Porter, Editor Lincolnshire Standard, Mr. David Partidge, Deputy News Editor Leicester Mercury.



The Colonel of the Regiment inspects a side drum with Drum Major Dalby.

POACHERS WIN PATROL COMPETITION

The results of the 4 Gds Armd Bde Patrol Competition were as follows:

1st: 2 R. Anglian, 'A' Coy Patrol, commanded by Lt. P. P. Rawlings.

2nd: 2 Coldstream Gds 'D'.

3rd: 2 R. Anglian, 'C' Coy Patrol, commanded by Lt. M. D. Chambers.

The third 2 R. Anglian patrol from 'B' Coy, commanded by 2Lt. P. Wells, came 6th.



Bn Skill at Arms Meeting. 'A' Coy team—winners of the Inter Coy Challenge Cup.



L/Cpl. Kirby, Cpl. Trowell and Pte. Symonds pose in a window having cleared the house.

2 R Anglian Band

On our arrival in Munster little time was lost in making contact with the German population. We very quickly put in some public appearances and were soon involved with a number of Schutzenfests, which proved something of a bewildering experience to our many young Bandsmen who are on their first tour in Germany. From these opening engagements, news quickly spread of the 'Poachers' arrival, and in a very short time we were inundated with requests to play at dances, festivals, parades and even in the main town shopping centres. Free weekends were soon a thing of the past as we travelled to Namur (Belgium), Niemegeen (Holland), Lens (France), Oosterbeek (Holland) and all parts of Westfalen.

Of the many engagements, three deserve special mention. The first involved a march through Munster main shopping centre on a Saturday morning led by the Corps of Drums. This was followed by an hour long concert, and was a great success; the second came our way when we were asked to perform for the finals of the TV show 'It's a Knockout' at Essen: our first, but we hope, not last appearance on Eurovision. The third engagement we have yet to complete. This is on the 5th November at the ultra modern stadt-theater where we shall be giving a concert in the presence of the Bundes-President and many other dignitaries.

On the social scene we have made some headway by holding a cheese and wine party to which we invited members of the Luftwaffe and Bundeswehr bands, who are also stationed in Munster, as well as a number of German civilians. This proved to be most successful and the town of Altenberge has now issued an invitation to the band and their wives for a return party to be held in the near future.

The new promotion structure within bands has been a great help in creating new interest in the long term prospects for us all, and a number of younger members, who would have previously have had to wait, have now been able to gain promotion. Amongst recent promotions are the new Band S/Sgt. Stuart MacIntyre from 2nd Queens, Dobby Denton to S/Sgt., George Skayman, Larry Buttery to Sgt., Steve Lines and Finbar Desmond to Cpl.

Although we have lost a number of the more experienced musicians during the last nine months we have been fortunate in recruiting a number of very keen and promising newcomers who will keep the band up to its present high standard for many years to come.

The Wives Club too has quickly replenished its depleted ranks with the welcome additions of Mesdames Grunnell, Wisener, Lines, Lucas, Wilson and Perkins.

In closing we send our greeting to all ex-members of the band and to all our colleagues serving in the Royal Anglian Regiment.

What a lovely pair—S/Sgt. 'Mossy' Groom and Cpl. Relph manning the safety boat.



Left—Old Tigers: WO.II Edwards ('C' Coy), and WO.II Swain (Admin Coy) check the map prior to a recce (in their Mercedes . . .).

General Goodwin talking to Ptes. Mulshaw, Cook, L/Cpl. Tracy, Pte. Spencer, all of the Anti Tank Platoon, with Lt. Boocock in attendance.



A smiling group of SCNO's from the QM's Dept.

Anybody think they can identify them? Answers on page 60.

ALL DRESSED UP AND NOWHERE TO GO?

100 WASTED DAYS?

Some thoughts on our four month tour in Belfast

by Capt. F. J. T. YOUNG, 2nd Battalion

Well, it's almost over now, this spell of 100 days that most of us would rather forget and the time has come to look back not so much in anger as in calm reflection. Have we just stagnated these last three months? Was everything negative—nothing positive? Was the whole thing the military equivalent of three months in the Scrubs?

I think that to regard this tour in that light would be utterly wrong and would be less than fair to ourselves and our achievements. Of course it's been boring, of course we've cursed the place and the people (name any country which we haven't!), of course we've wondered what we could possibly achieve in this ridiculous situation, of course we've sworn at this wastage of our valuable time but if we're honest we must admit that there's another side to it.

Put it this way, if we had spent these last three months in Collie, would we now be more or less efficient, more or less professional and with a better or worse knowledge of each other than we are now? No one can deny that from a military point of view the Battalion has benefited from these endless days.

Personally I think that soldiering in England is a dangerous occupation—not Henry Taggart dangerous, but dangerous to our attitude to soldiering and thus to the very core of the Battalion. Let me try and explain.

In England (and this seems only to apply to England) we find ourselves turing into civilians—up in the morning; bye bye darling; off to work with our little Royal Anglian bags; meet the single lads; do four hours work (don't forget the NAAFI break); knock off for lunch (mind the traffic jam at the gate); back about 2 p.m.; another couple of hours work and away.

It's much the same for the single men. We become 9 to 5 men except that instead of flat caps and dungarees we wear beret and denims. The Officers' and Sergeants' Messes in the evening during the week are dead—at weekends they're buried. The NAAFI's the same. They say the liveliest spot in Hyderabad Barracks is the Guard Room, and it's true.

Now this is the same with any battalion in England and it's perfectly understandable. The married man wants to get home to his pad and the single man wants to see his bird or go to the pub . . . all I am saying is that this attitude does not make it easy for a battalion to keep at the peak of military efficiency. When you're only working 38 hours a week, those hours have got to be well spent or you're pressed to keep the standard high. That's why I think soldiering in England is dangerous.

OK, so what's so wonderful about Belfast? Well, firstly our whole attitude is changed. We feel ourselves soldiers first, civilians as a hobby. Most of us have never worn uniform so much in our lives before—who can deny feeling funny wearing civvies after 10 days in combat kit? Apart from this fundamental change of attitude (and I'm not stupid, I know it's only because of the restrictions and will change back on 10 February!) there are the other aspects of our life here which have done us nothing but good. For instance, the Battalion has a much better corporate spirit, a feeling that we all belong to the same mob (although we've been split up from the day we arrived) that we can take this job by the ears, pick it up, shake it and spit it out and move on to the next one—in short we have become more professional.

Another advantage of a tour like this is the opportunity it gives for sorting 'men from boys'. When you're living this close (three months in the upper bunk isn't much different from three months in the same trench) things come to light in days that might take years in Colchester—weaknesses are exposed and defects put right. The platoon commanders, junior NCOs and soldiers find out about each other, the company commanders find out about the platoon commanders and the CO finds us all out. It all makes for a better Battalion.

So there you are, my reasons why we shouldn't consider this tour 100 wasted days.

N.B.—This was written during the tour and is thus slightly dated—nevertheless, I think the points are worth making.

6th (Volunteer) Battalion



Lt. David Kirk leads his platoon into action.

After the years of amalgamations and disbandments affecting both Regular and Reserve regiments, it is splendid to see practical evidence of the promised expansion—especially to be part of it. The 6th (Volunteer) Battalion of our Regiment has now been recruiting and training since 1st May. Where possible the presence of the Cadres of the old TAVR III battalions have been incorporated in the new companies and many former members of the battalions have rejoined the Colours. The majority of our present strength of almost 200 are new recruits with a leavening of ex-Regular soldiers. The Battalion is commanded by Lt.-Col. P. W. Raywood, TD, with his Headquarters in what is left of Blenheim Camp, Bury St. Edmunds. There are four rifle companies located as follows:

'A' (Royal Norfolk) at East Dereham and Norwich, commanded by Major David Standley.

'B' (Bedfordshire) at Bedford, commanded by Major Jim Holl.

'C' (Essex) at Braintree and Dunmow, commanded by Major Tim Swain.

'D' (Cambridge) at Cambridge and Wisbech, commanded by Major Dick Shervington.

The main priorities this year have been recruiting, training each soldier in the basic skills of a rifleman and making all ranks, despite their wide dispersion across five counties, feel part of the Battalion. Company evening and weekend training has gone on parallel with monthly training events for the whole battalion. The first full scale weekend was held at West Tofts on Stamford Battle Area only six weeks after recruiting started; the subsequent weekends have been under canvas with individual cooking.

On the principle of 'nothing venture, nothing gain', the Battalion entered teams and individuals for the Eastern District Weapons Meeting and for the District Orienteering Competition. It would be foolish to pretend that we distinguished ourselves on either occasion, but all our competitors did well and gained valuable experience for the future.

Corporal Martin of 'B' Company gained third place in the Corporal and Privates' SLR Match and Private Beal of 'A' Company finished sixth in the individual placings of the Orienteering, having held 3rd position for a considerable time.

After the inevitable teething troubles with paper work, our stores and equipment have

been coming through steadily; to the astonishment of everyone, all of it is new—one old soldier said it was the only time in twenty years that he had ever seen a brand new table, 6-foot. Apart from the practical considerations, new kit is excellent for morale. Even the transport is virtually straight off the assembly line and includes the Bedford 4 ton truck with diesel-fuel engine. Some of 'B' (Bedfordshire) Company work at Vauxhall Motors Ltd., where these trucks are built and the photographs with this article were taken by PR staff from Vauxhall House Magazine. The Battalion and its new vehicles featured in an article in their magazine under the title 'The Defenders', and also in the local press.

Getting a new unit off the ground is a great challenge for everyone concerned, not least for the permanent staff from the Regular battalions of the Regiment. We think we're lucky in ours—Major Peat, RSM Sharp, C/Sgts. Catchpole, Phillips, Wilkinson and Youngs—we hope they will enjoy their time with 6th Battalion.

The major event in the TAVR year is Annual Camp. Our late start means that this year we go outside the normal camping season; for the first fortnight in October we will be at Bodney Camp on Stanford PTA with the accent on the consolidation of our individual training. Our doings there—or at least a careful selection—will be reported in the next issue.



C/Sgt. Phillips (PSI) coaches Cpl. Martin at the first open range week-end.



Major Holls, OC 'B' Coy, briefs his party with the new 4-ton Bedfords in the back ground.

7th (Volunteer) Battalion

It all started with a recce of Stanford PTA, Norfolk, at the end of July when we went to look at the site of our first camp as a Battalion. We were far from impressed, but the camp staff offered Bodney Camp instead and we settled on this happily. In the event this more than came up to expectations, being a compact and almost cosy camp, kept spotlessly by its permanent staff.

Came the 18th September and the Battalion converged on Bodney from all quarters of the East Midlands, moving its personnel in private cars and arriving and settling in as if it were an everyday occurrence. Training started early next morning.

Inevitably there were teething troubles on the administration side. With everybody eating like horses and the shops closed for the week-end, the canteen and cookhouse cupboards were very soon bare. This situation was soon rectified and thereafter everything ran surprisingly well.

Early on Sgt. Housby of the 5th Battalion, who had come to help out with the cooks for the first part of camp, went down with heart trouble and was hurried away to hospital. We were all very concerned at the time but he has since recovered well and should be out of hospital before long. We hope he will soon be fit again.

For this camp the emphasis was on cadre training of individuals, broken down into cadres for recruits, trained soldiers, junior NCOs and officers/senior NCOs. At the end of camp a number of promotions were made on the results of the cadres, and we are now set up to tackle the next phase, collective training.

Many VIP visitors came, saw, and departed without saying anything rude to our faces. We like to think we were no worse than they expected. In fact by the second week squads were marching about the place like real soldiers, a tribute to the instructional staff, many of whom had been lent by other units and all of whom did extremely well. Our thanks to them all. Halfway through came the CPX. It would be kinder not to dwell on the early stages of this (Seagull's perch was a mess) but as the exercise progressed matters improved considerably and by the end the whole thing was running like a train, despite the DS producing a handful of enemy parachutists who were seemingly bullet-proof and who routed two of our Companies. At this stage 'Niner' was trumpeting heroically

and really didn't need a radio at all, and the RMO won his spurs as an ops officer.

The de-briefing was mild compared with what one might have expected, but we got the message.

There was humour at camp as well as work.

The Colonel, having swotted up his manuals, came up with some snappy catch questions to fire at the cadres on his rounds. He proceeded to try them out on his HQ staff and having taken six wickets with six balls, set out to question the troops. He returned a little chastened, having been given correct answers all round, and perhaps it was as well the troops could not fire back.

Then there was the chap in the Sergeants' Mess maintaining that windows, CBS meant windows, cracked both sides. He almost won.

An un-nerving moment came to the Leader of the LDY Squadron in the grenade bay. After a number of loud bangs he found himself face to face with a bat that appeared from behind the revetting, complaining about the noise. It eventually gave up hope of getting a good day's sleep and flew off, nearly hitting the Leader in the face—he wasn't himself for days.

Somebody had certainly laid on the right weather. There was very little rain, and once the morning mists had dispersed it was sunshine all the way.

On the final day there was an inter-platoon exercise, 'Hairy Bear'. Hairy it was intended to be, and hairy it decidedly was. The Companies raised six platoons between them and competition was fierce. The LDY Squadron won by a short head (the bookies had a hard day) and there were murmurings in the canteen that night that they must have had a substitute troop hidden away in the bush. Whilst not putting this past them, we don't think it was altogether possible.

The general opinion (not necessarily the Generals' opinion) was that it was a hard camp, but a good and successful one. It was best summed up by an exhausted private lying 'sold out' at the finish of Hairy Bear who said to an officer 'Sir, will you let it be known that this is *not* two weeks' paid holiday by the sea.'

And, as we departed, the comment of the elderly groundsman that he had never seen the camp so clean. Praise indeed, and he should know.

Here's to the next time, at Warcop in May.

AROUND THE BRANCHES

THE ROYAL NORFOLK REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

With the expansion of the T.A.V.R. we now have a Company with the Royal Norfolk title, which is very satisfactory indeed. Is it within the realms of possibility that future reorganisation may result in there once again being a Battalion to carry on the tradition of The Royal Norfolk Regiment?

Annual Reunion 1970

The Annual Reunion Dinner was held at the Aylsham Road Drill Hall, Norwich, on Saturday, 26th September, 1970, there being a record gathering of 340 members. After the Dinner the President, Brigadier F. P. Barclay, made his traditional speech and then presented Major W. G. Cripps with a silver tea set to mark his retirement after 11 years as Regimental Secretary. The next day a large congregation, many of them members of the London Branch, attended the annual service held in the Regimental Chapel, Norwich Cathedral.

On 22nd June the Band and Drums of the 1st Battalion Royal Anglian Regiment, by kind permission of Lt.-Colonel R. Jackson, gave a very much appreciated lunchtime concert in the Norwich Garden of Remembrance and Beat Retreat at Britannia Barracks in the evening before a large audience. This was followed by a most successful cocktail party organised by A (Royal Norfolk) Coy 6th (V) Bn. Royal Anglian Regiment. Among those present were Lt.-General Sir Ian Freeland, Maj.-General G. R. Turner Cain, and His Worship the Lord Mayor of Norwich.

The Regimental Tent was again available for members of the Royal Norfolk Show and was extremely popular, being well patronised on both days.

The Annual Sweepstake on the St. Leger resulted in a profit of £244 being made available to the Benevolent Fund. We are more than grateful for the continued support for this fund from ex-members of the Regiment. We have also received magnificent support from the Army Benevolent Fund (£1,450) and from the

Royal Anglian Regiment (£570 grant and £700 interest-free loan). Assistance amounting to £1,270 from Regimental Funds was given to some 148 ex-members, including one in India and two in Australia.

Branch Dinners

Successful Dinners have been held by the London Branch and the King's Lynn Branch. The 2/6th (Cyclist) Bn., which is formed from members who served in the 1914-18 War, also held a very successful Dinner in Norwich.

London Branch

(Secretary: Mr. S. Tuck, 46 Rayford Ave., Lee, London, SE12.)

A well-attended Cenotaph Parade took place on Sunday, 23rd May, in spite of bad weather conditions. After the parade a small party took place at the 'Clarence', in Whitehall.

Whilst travelling in Europe, the Branch Secretary found time to visit War Graves at Arnheim, Arras, and a number of the First and Second World War Graves on the road from Strasbourg to Paris. He reports that all cemeteries visited were in first-class condition and well tended by local people.

THE SUFFOLK REGIMENT OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION

Reunion

The Annual Reunion was held at Gibraltar Barracks on Sunday, 1st August. This was the first time for a number of years that we were able to hold the Reunion on Minden Day and the numbers attending, a record since the Regimental Depot closed in 1959, were indicative of the attraction of Minden Day for anyone who served in the Twelfth Foot.

The service was taken by the Reverend Victor Farmer, who served in D Company of the 1st Battalion in Salonika in 1917-18. His son, Robin Farmer, also served in D Company of the 1st Battalion in Malaya 1951-52.

The Band of the 1st Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment played at the service. They also played during the afternoon. Unfortunately, the Corps of Drums of the Battalion had had to return to Londonderry, so we were unable to have a Beating of Retreat.

We were hosts to two of our Chelsea Pensioners, CSM Foreman and In-Pensioner Petch, both of whom had also attended the Royal Anglian Regiment gathering the previous day.

Since the demolition of Gibraltar Barracks the grounds have become an illicit playground, motor-car and motor-cycle race-track and a public footpath for occupants of the housing estate on the other side of the railway. This has resulted from the breaking down of the fence by the 30-yards range and the opening up of the barrack wall behind where the married quarters were. West Suffolk County Council has now agreed to put up a new fence by the range and a barrier by the old married quarters. We hope this will keep out intruders.

War Memorial Homes

The Suffolk Regiment War Memorial Homes, a block of eight flats for old soldiers of the Regiment and their wives, are situated at the back of the Abbey Gardens in Bury St. Edmunds. They were built in 1952.

We are now having central heating installed. This is considered to be an essential fitting in old people's housing, as hypothermia is a danger to their health.

We are most grateful to the Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk's Post-War Remembrance Fund for the assistance it is giving towards the cost of the installation.

10th FOOT ROYAL LINCOLNSHIRE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

We continue to keep in constant communication with our friend Hon. Colonel Vincent Kehoe, USA, about his activities with our Representative Company, and we have been saving 'King's Shillings' to enable him to swear in his recruits in accordance with King's Regulations! We have made him an Honorary Life Member of our Association and look forward to seeing him and his good lady when they visit England again this year.

With the closing of Louth Branch we welcome Colonel Jack Bennett as a Life Member. Our hard working Executive Committee continues to meet regularly to deal with Benevolent cases and the running of our affairs.

Lincoln Branch

Since our last report numerous events have taken place with visits to Breweries, a weekend in Amsterdam, and many other activities which go towards keeping the interest of all our members. We had a very pleasant evening with the Grimsby Branch in the early part of the year and renewed our acquaintances with the 'Old Lincolnians' from that part of the county.

This year shows an even larger membership than for previous years, due to two reasons; firstly thanks to the efforts of the entertainments committee under the chairmanship of R. Stevenson, Esq., we have offered our members a variety of good entertainment, which although unable to compete with the 'telly' has been attractive enough to drag them away from it, and secondly, owing to the London Branch going into suspended animation and the efforts by our Secretary, Captain W. H. Lewin, in locating and writing to many old London Branch members inviting them to join the Lincoln Branch. The response has been very encouraging—amongst those who have actually joined are Captain G. G. E. Bennett, Captain C. Body, F. Fenner, C. Brumpton, A. Buck, J. E. Miller, E. Walters, F. Grange, F. North, Ginger Webb, George Setters and from the old Nottingham Branch we have Chic Martin, Bunny Maw, B. Tudor, A. Handley, W. Riley and over from Louth Branch Major Jim Odlin. Welcome! and we hope that they will be able to make the journey to Lincoln now and then.

The Branch AGM voting for the Branch Executive Committee produced a new chairman. It is in the capable hands of Fred Smedley and we all wish him well on taking over the honoured position. His predecessor, Ray Woodthorpe, will be missed by all for his energy and drive in organisation. During his term of office the Branch has seen many improvements, mostly in the amenities and comfort for the members. He was always the champion of the elderly and any member who fell on hard times. We wish him well for the future, and sincerely hope that he will still be around to offer advice. We should also like to thank Mrs. Woodthorpe for all the help given during the time Ray was in the chair.

It is expected that the Reunion Dinner at Beacholme this year will be very well attended and the numbers will be up on last year.

Grimsby and District Branch

All the Branch Officers were re-elected at the AGM with the exception of Major Jack Ottley, who regretfully declined office as the Vice-Chairman. The past year has been a successful one, but sad to relate the deaths of three members. Financially the Branch is in a healthy position, thanks to our capable Hon. Treasurer who is a 'canny lad' and forever on the 'look out' for a few pounds to invest. Things like encouraging members to donate a premium bond, always hoping 'Ernie' will smile upon us. Fortunately we had a 'free site' for our Bottle Stall at the annual 'Gala Week' at Cleethorpes, and although the receipts dropped we did make a profit. To our hard working ladies section we owe much for this successful event.

We have also forged links with the local Branches of the Burma Star, R.A.F.A. and The Tigers, and we hold combined Buffet Dances sharing the work and profits. A coach party from the Lincoln Branch came to one of our 'hops' led by Wilf Lewin. Association plaques have also been exchanged at social evenings. We have established contact with the Lincoln and Welland Regiment and our Old Comrades' Association in Canada. Our Branch Secretary designed and made a composite Regimental and Association plaque which was conveyed to

Canada by the daughter of our member, Mr. Whitby, who had been visiting her parents in England. In return the Branch received a set of collar badges, cap badge and flashes; these have been suitably mounted and are on display. A Regimental plaque has been presented to the local 'super pub', namely The Valiant, which has a lounge named 'The Guardroom', displaying various plaques given by local ex-service associations—the Tenth occupies the centre spot. The brewer's area manager, Major (Retd.) A. H. McDowell, who served with the 4th Battalion in Norway, sponsored this.

We are delighted to have Hon. Colonel Vincent Kehoe as an Honorary Member of our Branch, and the Secretary has been kept busy keeping in touch with the many activities of our Representative Company in USA, reading his Orders of the Day is a full time job!

It is sad to realise that the Louth and London Branches have ceased to exist. What is the matter? Are we getting too old or is no one willing to take on a little extra work?

Dear old Gus Segon wasn't able to cross the Humber last year, but we hope he can this time. Finally, we owe our existence as an active branch to such people as ex-Bandsman Whitby, Spiff Harris, Jack Ottley, Colonel Disney, and of course the ladies. Our thanks, too, to Jackie Lindley and his good lady for their many gifts, and we end with a vote of appreciation for all the strenuous activities of our Branch Secretary.



A happy group at the Annual Dinner of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association. In the centre, Mr. F. Brown of Bedford Branch and his wife whom he married earlier this year.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE AND HERTFORDSHIRE REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

The Annual Dinner of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association was held at the Duke of York's Headquarters Club, Chelsea, on Saturday, 5th June, 1971. This was so well supported that it was a tight squeeze to seat the 160 members and their guests, and the normal facilities of the Club were somewhat overcrowded. As this type of function provides such a good opportunity for individual members of the Association and members of different Branches to get together, Branch Secretaries are being consulted with regard to a suitable venue for next year's Dinner.

Generally speaking, our Branches do not hold major events during the summer and it is a period when they continue to tick over with monthly meetings and some are able to attend the Open Day at the Depot of The Queen's Division. One exception deservedly worth recording is the Annual Reunion of the 8th (Service) Battalion The Bedfordshire Regiment (1914-18). Their Association has been in existence since November 1918 and their devoted secretary, Major Ted Ashby, ensures that they still keep in touch. As a result, 14 of their members were able to have a lunchtime Reunion in Bedford on Thursday, 24th June. A truly magnificent example of continuing comradeship over nearly fifty-three years.

DIARY DATES

- 20th November 1971—Officers 2nd Bn 16th Foot (1939-45) Annual Dinner, Victory Services Club, Seymour Street, London.
- 21st November 1971—Wreath-laying Ceremony at Regimental Memorial, Kempston.
- 19th December 1971—The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (TA) Dinner Club Luncheon at Hertford TAVR Centre.
- 17th March 1972—Annual Dinner of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (TA) Dinner Club in London.
- 25th March 1972—Officers 1st Bn 16th Foot (1939-45) Annual Dinner, The Horseshoe, Tottenham Court Road, London.
- 9th May 1972—Ware (Hertfordshire Regiment) Branch Annual Dinner, Presdales School, Ware.

THE ESSEX REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

Annual Civic Service

On 20th June the officers of the Regiment welcomed some 250 civic and military guests and their ladies to their service at Warley.

As is customary on this occasion, Mayors of the Boroughs of the three counties were present plus those from the Greater London Boroughs of Barking, Barnet, Havering, Newham, Redbridge and Waltham Forest.

The address was given by the Right Reverend John Trillo, Bishop of Hertford (Bishop Designate of Chelmsford), and the service was conducted by the Assistant Chaplain General Southern Command. H.M. Lieutenant for Essex—Sir John Ruggles-Brise, was supported by his Deputies, and The Royal Anglian Regiment was represented by General Sir Richard Goodwin, Colonel of the Regiment, and Brigadier C. M. Paton, Deputy Colonel. Music was provided by the Band of the 1st Battalion.

After the service in the Chapel, tea was served in the Regimental gardens.

The Annual Reunion

Warley Day was held on 27th June and attracted more than 400 members and their ladies. The Regimental Chapel was filled to capacity and following the Service the sun shone, the band of the 5th (V) Bn The Royal Anglian Regiment played splendidly and members sat down to an excellent tea. At the 'March Past' of the old and not so old comrades, the salute was taken by the Deputy Colonel of the Regiment, Brigadier C. M. Paton, accompanied by Lieutenant-General Noel Irwin, Colonel Peter Franklin and the Reverend Peter Malins, ACG, Southern Command.

The 'bar', efficiently staffed by members of 3 Company 5 Royal Anglian, became a focal centre after tea. Our thanks to them.

4th Battalion

A party of 43 4th Essex Comrades and their wives left on 25th September for an eight-day holiday in Italy. The party was based at Bia Domizia, south of Rome, and a tour was made of the Cassino battle areas where the Battalion lost so many of its members. It is hoped to include a report of the tour in the next issue.

**Old Comrades 'March Past'
—Warley 1971**



Southend Branch

The branch now meets each month at the Railway Hotel, Prittlewell, and all members will be most welcome. The annual Dinner/Dance will now be held during the Spring each year, and the date for 1972 will be Saturday, 22nd April.

The Annual General Meeting for this year will be held at the Railway Hotel at 8 p.m. on 25th November.

DIARY DATES

Saturday, 6th November, 1971—Chelmsford Branch ERA Dinner/Dance at County Hotel, Chelmsford.

Saturday, 13th November, 1971—Thurrock Branch, Dinner/Dance, United Services Club, Stanford-le-Hope.

Saturday, 22nd April, 1972, Southend Branch, Dinner/Dance, at Overcliffe Hotel, Westcliff-on-Sea.

Sunday, 25th June, 1972—Service of Remembrance, and Reunion, Warley.

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE REGIMENT COMRADES' ASSOCIATION

The Annual Reunion was held on Saturday and Sunday, 3rd and 4th July, 1971, at Northampton. There had been a certain amount of concern whether Gibraltar Barracks would still be standing for it and although the Square was full of GPO vans the Church Parade was able to dismiss without too much inconvenience. 1972 threatens greater difficulties because Clare Street Drill Hall is due for demolition with a redesigned Drill Hall taking its place further back from the road.

On the Saturday morning the Management Committee met and decided that the Reunion in 1972 would be held on the 1st and 2nd July, and received reports from all Branches. This was followed by the AGM. We were delighted to have present Major General G. St. G. Robinson, CB, DSO, MC. There were 26 members present and the Secretary reported that £1,750 had been paid out in grants to deserving cases. This amount was made possible partially because of our own investments, but also because of the help received from the Royal Anglian Regiment Benevolent Fund and the Army Benevolent Fund. We are very grateful to both these funds.

On Saturday evening the Dinner was held, followed by a Dance. Two hundred and forty people attended. The Band of the 5th (V) Battalion played during Dinner and afterwards in their usual accomplished style. We are grateful to the Commanding Officer and Officers of the 5th Battalion.

On Sunday the Church Parade was held. The Comrades paraded under the command of Lt.-Col. O. K. Parker, who has announced that it was for the last time. Our two active In-Pensioners, T. Garvey and C. G. Arnull, were also present. Our Chairman, Brigadier P. W. P. Green, laid the wreath at the War Memorial and then took the Salute at the March Past.

This year the Officers entertained their guests after the parade for Sherry and Luncheon at the Officers' Mess of the Royal Pioneer Corps at Wootton, thanks to the kindness of the Commandant, Lt.-Col. N. T. Ridings. It was most enjoyable to be able to return to our old Depot and we were delighted to be able to welcome the Commandant and Mrs. Ridings and also Sir Christopher and Lady Welby Everard as our guests.

ROYAL TIGERS' ASSOCIATION

Lt.-Colonel Peter Upcher handed over as Chairman of the Royal Tigers' Association to

Lt.-Colonel Peter Bligh on 4th July, 1971, after 14 years, the last seven being a period of perpetual changes.

He leaves behind as a legacy to his work for the Regiment our excellent Regimental Museum, housed in the Magazine, which he was instrumental in getting the City authorities to set up, and in putting the Royal Tigers' Association on a sound financial footing.

Royal Tigers' Weekend this year was held on 3rd and 4th July. At the Annual General Meeting our President, Colonel Mike Pallot, thanked all those who had helped the Association to be self-supporting over the past year. He also proposed a vote of thanks to Lt.-Col. Peter Upcher for all he had done over the past 14 years as Chairman of the Royal Tigers' Association.

The Annual General Meeting was followed by the Annual Dinner and Reunion. Among the many who attended the Dinner were eight Old Contemptibles and six young Leicester boys from the Junior Leaders Infantry Regiment, Oswestry. After the dinner Colonel Pallot presented items of inscribed regimental silver to General John Spurling and Colonel Peter Upcher in appreciation of their past services to the Regiment.



Colonel Peter Upcher, Chairman, has Colonel Peter Bligh, his successor, sitting on his right.

THE RE-UNION DINNER



The Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire, Colonel R. A. St. G. Martin, OBE, JP, taking the salute at the march past of the Old Comrades on Sunday, 4th July, 1971.

At the Royal Tigers' Sunday Parade Service in the Regimental Chapel we were honoured by the presence of the Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire and Mrs. Martin, the Lord Lieutenant of Rutland and Mrs. Haywood, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Leicester, and the Chairman of the Leicestershire County Council and Mrs. Lloyd. The lesson was read

by Colonel Pallot, and the address was given by the Venerable Harold Lockley, Archdeacon of Loughborough. After the service, Old Comrades, led by the Band and Drums of the 1st Battalion, marched past the Lord Lieutenant, who took the salute. The parade was commanded by Lt.-Colonel Peter Upcher, with ex-RSM Marston carrying the Standard.



Colonel M. St. G. Pallot handing over a claret jug to Colonel P. H. Lloyd, CBE, TD, DL, JP, Chairman of the Leicestershire County Council. The Lord Mayor, Alderman Percy Watts, is holding a candlestick.



Silver Drums and Bugles, and other Items of Regimental Silver on display prior to handover on loan to City and County at Leicester on 4th July, 1971.

TIGERS' DRUMS AND BUGLES RETURN TO THE CITY AND COUNTY AFTER 41 YEARS

At a ceremony at the TAVR Centre, Ulverscroft Road, on Sunday, 4th July, after the Annual Parade Service, Colonel Mike Pallot handed back, on loan, to the City and County for safe keeping until such time as the Regular Battalion with its Band and Drums is re-formed, the silver drums and bugles which were presented by the City and County 41 years ago. Making the presentation, Colonel Pallot told the Lord Mayor, Alderman Percy Watts, and Colonel P. H. Lloyd, Chairman of the Leicestershire County Council, that it was a token of the high esteem which the Regiment held for the City and County, and thanked them for the wonderful support the Tigers had received since the Regiment and County were first linked. Both the Lord Mayor and Colonel Lloyd, who also accepted other pieces of silver on loan, thanked the Regiment for the loan and said they hoped it would only be for a short period before the 4th Battalion was re-formed and the items of silver returned.

All social events were held at the TAVR Centre, Ulverscroft Road, Leicester.

We are most grateful to 224 Signal Squadron for again putting up Old Comrades at Woodhouse Eaves and looking after them so well,

and all those who help to make Royal Tigers' Weekend the success it was.

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5th (Volunteer) Battalion

Since our last notes in May the Battalion has seen three Companies away to their annual camps. 3 Company took part in a STRATCO exercise on Salisbury Plain as the fourth company of the 1st Kings Own Border; 4 Company took themselves daintily to Dartmoor; and 5 Company to Soltau in BAOR, as working guests of 'C' Company of our 3rd Battalion.

Headquarter Company

Headquarter Company has continued its concentrated specialist training weekend exercises at Stanford PTA and other areas. The Signal Platoon successfully completed a re-broadcast exercise across Norfolk, and the MT Platoon under Sgt. Trevor Gulson has maintained a full programme of HGV driving and testing, as well as skilled and cross country driving in preparation for competition rallies. The whole of the Company enjoyed camps in Germany this year with the Signals, Drums and Intelligence Section joining their regular counterparts of the 3rd Battalion in Paderborn and the remainder of the Company joining in Battle Group exercises in Soltau and earlier in the year with 2 Company at Sennelager. The Company Orienteering team led by 2Lt. Tony Elsey has done well this year, coming third in the East Midland District competition held at Welbeck in March. L/Cpl. Charles Alexander of the Intelligence Section was overall winner and was presented with a pint tankard by General Toler. This year the final stage of Exercise Nene River was completed when some thirty members took to the water to paddle up-stream in assault boats to Northampton and beyond. Initiative and leadership training in Wales and the Pennines have been enjoyed by many members of the Company.

1 Company

1 Company have had a change in command, Major Berry James has succeeded Major Ronnie Capps, and Captain Don Martin is 2IC.

The Lowestoft platoon attended annual camp at Sennelager in May and a rifle platoon and

the Anti Tank Platoon from Ipswich camped with 5 Company at Soltau in July. Our hosts were 'C' Company of the 3rd Battalion. During the first week the rifle platoon devoted most of its time to familiarisation with APC work, ending with a two day exercise. The Anti Tank Platoon travelled to North Germany to join the 1st (British) Corps Anti Tank Concentration at Putlos on the Baltic coast. Much valuable training was achieved during their four day stay.

Our free day was spent in Hamburg, which resulted in many hair raising 'war stories'.

The second week was devoted to the preparation and participation in a three day exercise across dusty Soltau working with Chieftan tanks.

At the Eastern District Skill at Arms meeting, the Company won the Section Cup as well as some individual trophies.

All members of the Company congratulate Captain Don Martin on the birth of his first child, a whopper of 8 lbs. plus. It's a case of 'Like father, like son'.

2 Company

On Sunday, 9th May, 2 Company played 118 Recovery Company REME in the East Midland District football final. After a very good game the Company proved to be worthy winners by 4 goals to 2, largely due to a good hat-trick by L/Cpl. Whitworth. Major-General D. A. Toler presented the cup to Pte. Hemsall, captain of the team.

Cpl. Hemsall, Company MT Corporal, after a gay life as a bachelor, has finally joined the married ranks. The day before his wedding his car was stolen and used in a smash and grab raid. It must have been very comforting for Cpl. Hemsall and his bride to have been shadowed by lots of policemen on their honeymoon!

We are sorry to be losing Captain Graham Bland who is being posted to West Germany in his civilian job. Everyone wishes him well and in view of what was found during camp are a

little envious. At a small party he was presented with an engraved silver tray. Lt. David Harris is being promoted to become Company 2IC.

During June the Company officers had a very successful cocktail party when they entertained serving and ex-officers of the Royal Lincolnshire and Royal Anglian Regiments. This was followed by a Families Day on the range. In future the day following any function will be a very quiet rest day! About fifty wives and girl friends were entertained on the range. Despite some rather bad hangovers, the shooting was good! Mrs. J. Hayton, wife of the OC, presented prizes to Captain Bland, Sgt. Smith, L/Cpl. Whitworth and Pte. Clarke, all individual winners.

Although we did not distinguish ourselves at the Eastern District Skill at Arms meeting, we made up for it by winning the Eastern District Orienteering Competition. As well as winning the team prize, L/Cpl. Whitworth and L/Cpl. Freeman did well to win first and second individual prizes.

3 Company

Members of the Company took part in RAF North Weald's Air Display on May 21st, providing a demonstration of an attack supported by Ferrets from the RTR and two FGA aircraft; this looked most impressive with much noise and smoke. A helicopter was employed to evacuate a 'casualty'.

At the Chelmsford Carnival Day on 3rd July the Support Platoon gave an inter-team competition demonstration of 81 mm. Mortar handling, based on the gun team race so popular, at the Royal Tournament. On the same day other members of the Company did a section attack demonstration at East Hemmingfield Scout Group County Show.

The Company Families Day was on 4th July and many wives and children of members of the Company attended our Mini Skill at Arms competition at which Sgt. Gratze took the overall prize, Lt. Wilson the Officers', Cpl. Jeans the Corporals', and Pte. Smith the Trained Soldiers'.

Ex 'Dig Deep' took place on 12th July. This was a defensive exercise designed to prepare the Company for camp in September. A full Company defensive position was prepared, complete with mines and wire. An additional hazard was provided by PSIs with CS gas. The position was photographed from Sioux helicopters and some valuable lessons in concealment were learnt! The Mayor of Colchester visited the Company during the weekend, accompanied by Brigadier Ray from Colchester Garrison.

At the end of July 13 members of 9 Platoon at Colchester started on a course of parachute training under the auspices of the Metropolitan Police Parachuting Club and the RAF Sport Parachuting Association. The training is purely voluntary and is not a military sponsored activity; members pay their own expenses. So far they have completed about two jumps each from De Havilland Rapide aircraft based at Weston-on-the-Green, north of Oxford. All members are hoping to qualify for the Metropolitan Police Club's Certificate.

2Lt. Ian Arnold resigned his job as an advertising copy editor for a chemical firm to accompany 1st Kings Own Border to Malaysia for a couple of months. He had a very good time out there and has learnt a great deal at the Jungle Training School. This should stand him in good stead for camp, as the Company is going on Ex 'Druids Castle' as part of 1 KOB on 25th September.

4 Company

Annual camp, 5th-19th June, was at Okehampton, Devon. 'Never has so much rain fallen on so few people for so long.' Fifteen days at camp produced many such remarks, but it still did not dampen our spirit. To make a pun, the only thing which cast a damper on

Corporal Lavery of the Loughborough Platoon is helped out of a Dartmoor stream by Alderman Percy Watt, the Lord Mayor of Leicester, himself an ex-Tiger of the First World War.





Sgt. Bevan of the Loughborough Platoon became a casualty on an arduous compass march across the Moor. Later that night 4 Company rescued a party of regular soldiers from the same part of the Moor.

camp was the high accident rate! Pte. John Horne was the first victim from a large electric shock from a field telephone used during a storm. Sgt. Gwen Bevan and Cpl. Mick Reeve followed, the first from a gashed wrist following a fall, and the second from a sprained knee cap after an enthusiastic assault. Minor cuts, bruises, etc., followed unheeded, until L/Cpl. Mick Bowes ran his car off the road on the way home. All are fully recovered except L/Cpl. Bowes, who we hope to see back on parade soon.

The Officers' Mess Dinner was attended by many past 'Tigers' and included the Lord Mayor of Leicester, Alderman Percy Watts, himself an old Tiger. During the dinner, the duty personnel had to turn out five times, to rescue Regular REME soldiers driven off the moor by the weather.

On the Saturday of camp the Lord Mayor's parade was held, after which Major Chris Lowe (OC) was presented with his TD and Sgt. Colin Rowthorne his TEM by the Lord Mayor.

The drill competition was won by the Loughborough Platoon.

Camp was concluded with a large exercise conducted through rain, mud and mist. (Even Colonel Heath got lost!)

Families Day was held at Kibworth range on August 21st/22nd with a Falling Plate competition which was won by the PSIs (of all people!) with the officers as runners-up. As usual a large number of past Tigers attended, including a large contingent from the Loughborough Club.

5 Company

The month of May witnessed the formal parting of the ways for 5 Company and the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Cadre, with a farewell dinner for those officers who, having bridged the gap between AVR III and the new Reserve, now become part of the recent tortuous history of the Army Reserve. Any nostalgic hangover from this hangover was quickly dispelled by two days on the training area practising ambush and anti-ambush drills. The simple cure-all proved through the ages.

With the prospect of a July camp in BAOR the training emphasis during the preceding month was, naturally, turned to the mechanised role. In spite of a short familiarisation course on the 432 however, no-one had really tuned to the task ahead. 'In at the deep end' may have something to recommend it but when your second ride on an APC is in a Combat Team exercise you've got a heck of a lot to learn—fast! If anyone had thought the technique as being a quiet drive between sorties they quickly changed their minds. Safer it *may* be. Easier it is not! The speed over mixed ground—the waiting—the total reliance on wireless orders—in heavy traffic—the 'super-instant' quick attack—the vision-blurring dust and inevitably the question 'is that tank ours or theirs'—the humiliating reply 'ours—you're looking the wrong way'.

The pace and the special administrative problems made this a camp to remember. We remember our hosts and to them, 'C' Company of the 3rd Battalion, we send our greetings and thanks.

ARMY CADETS

ROYAL ANGLIAN (LEICESTER, NORTHAMPTON AND RUTLAND ARMY CADET FORCE

'An HISTORIC CEREMONY'

On the 10th September 1971 the Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire, Colonel R. A. St. G. Martin, handed over The Queen's Colour or Union Flag of the Leicester Branch of the Old Contemptibles' Association to 'B' Company, who will hold it on behalf of the Army Cadet Force in Leicestershire and Rutland.

The ceremony was the culmination of an offer by the Branch to the Army Cadet Force to hand over its Queen's Colour as the Branch membership was only 38 and all members are between the ages of 75 and 90.

So far as we are aware, this is the first time that any Army Cadet Force Unit has had the honour of the safe keeping of the Queen's Colour of a Branch of an Old Contemptibles' Association.

Mr. Alfred Hawkins, the Secretary, addressed those present, who included members of the Branch, their families and friends as well as members of the Army Cadet Force and their friends and said that he hoped the Standard would perpetuate the name of the Association among the young soldiers to be. The Lord Lieutenant, who is also Chief Patron of the Branch,

said in handing over the standard that 'it is a very generous gesture on behalf of the Old Contemptibles and I hope that the Cadet Force who have received the Colour will grow up to serve their country as well and as truly as those wonderful gentlemen who went to France in 1914 and who by their excellence of training and solid professionalism saved this country from German domination.'

The ceremony was impressive and historic. The Queen's Colour and Branch Standard of the Branch and the Company Standard of 'B' Company were carried on the parade.

After the ceremony there was an informal social gathering in the Sergeants' Mess during which the cadets chatted with the Old Contemptibles and it was indeed an experience worth seeing to watch the cadets talking to the members of the Branch, who held their interest with stories of their exploits in the First World War.

'C' Company with its headquarters in Leicester has embarked on a new venture this year.

In July they provided the Arena Party for a Horse Show at Burley-on-the-Hill, nr. Oakham, Rutland, and they also provided the Arena Party for the City of Leicester Horse Show on 30th and 31st August 1971, which forms part of the City of Leicester Show which is held in The Abbey Park and Grounds and is watched by thousands during its two days.

The Lord Lieutenant, Mr. B. Clibbery, Branch President, Cdt. L/Cpl. Stephen Sculthorpe (who received the Colours), and Mr. A. H. Hawkins, Branch Secretary.



The cadets, under Captain L. W. Marlow, carried out their duties efficiently and, according to the Secretary, 'Everyone is highly delighted with the way they performed their duties as Arena Party and they were very willing and hardworking.'

The Coldstream Guards Association hold an Annual Drill Competition at Peterborough, which this year was held on 26th September, and we entered teams from 'A' Company with headquarters in Northampton and 'D' Company with headquarters in Kettering, Northants. The shield for the best team was won by 'D' Company and the cup for the best turned out cadet by Cadet Boyd of Corby Detachment. The presentations were made by the G.O.C. East Midland District, Major-General D. A. H. Toler, O.B.E., M.C.

NORFOLK

Report on Summer Camp

Dartmoor is a good place to wake up on a July morning with the sun already streaming down the valley. I have just got back from seeing the D of E Award Expedition preparing for their final stint on a tough moor march. Their sky-blue bivouacs were easy to spot with the larger orange-coloured tent of their leader, Cadet S/Sgt. Daniel Blaza. Okehampton Camp



Captain H. E. Nobbs, BEM, OC of the champion detachment of Norfolk ACF, winners of the King's Cup.



L/Cpl. Peter Hocker instructs Cadet Stephen Crane on the Bren.

Norfolk Cadets on a week-end exercise.



is ideal if the weather is kind; for us it has been almost perfect, so we have been able to enjoy inter-battalion exercises, orienteering, and shooting every day. For this the training area and ranges had to be booked many months ahead. Our wet weather programme may interest others who go to 'Okey'; the moors can be shrouded in wet mist for days on end, even in mid summer. One can come down below the clouds for a recreation day at Plymouth, Dartmouth or Torquay, all of which proved popular with cadets. The exciting Royal Marine Commando Training Centre is near Exeter. They invited four hundred of us to attend the Pass Out of their King's Squad of men who had completed their long Commando training; they also arranged demonstrations especially for us. Then there is the Commando Regiment, Royal Artillery, at Plymouth. They gave us a demonstration on the moor which could have been altered to an in-camp affair in bad weather. Royal Signals came into camp with a range of radio sets with which the cadets could communicate, and finally REME from Strategic Reserve spent two days with us, allowing cadets to use all manner of equipment and try their hand at some engineering skills. A successful and enjoyable camp ended with the presentation of the Jephson Cup to 2nd Norfolk Battalion for smartness and the best-kept lines. Finally King's Lynn Detachment won the King's Cup for the best all-round performance during the year. This was a most pleasing occasion for Captain H. E. Nobbs, BEM. He,

with Lieutenant Geoffrey Mason, has trained generations of cadets to this very high standard; now 'Nobby' is retiring, leaving his ACF unit at a peak of achievement.

ESSEX

Annual Camp

A party of some 500 cadets and adult members spent their camp this year at Thetford. Full advantage was taken of the excellent training facilities available and Regular Army instructors were on hand to help and advise. Cadets tried their skill at the Regular Army's assault course and at watermanship, and a number of boys learned to swim.

Included in the number of distinguished visitors to the camp were Sir John Ruggles-Brise, HM Lieutenant for Essex, and Brigadier Hunter-Jones, Vice-Chairman of East Anglian TAVR Association.

Tetrathlon

A team of three Essex Cadets, Sgts. Mullis, Fisher and Howells, won the Eastern Region Tetrathlon Championships at Colchester, competing against most of the Eastern Counties Forces.

LINCOLNSHIRE

This year's Annual Camp was held at Bellerby. From Detachments, some almost 100 miles apart, officers/SMT's/cadets began to arrive on Sunday at Camp in time for tea—leaving just sufficient time for the County Commandant's address and the evening free to 'settle in'. On Monday the adult staff collected vehicles from Catterick Camp—some new long-wheelbase Land Rovers.

The programme for the County was to train with emphasis on platoon, company and battalion attack, and defence in readiness for the second week, when all cadets and adults were to take part in Exercise 'Poachers Hell', which necessitated four days out on the Yorkshire Moors. One Battalion's orders were to proceed to Feldon Moors and to there search for three cases of 'Lincolnite', then destroy two cases and secure the third. Map and compass work on the training area consisted of 'walking on a compass bearing'. This was very useful practice in readiness for the County Orienteering Competition, Camp Craft, Survival Training, Cooking, Bivi Camping, in addition to Attack/Defence Training. Section Battle Drill particularly needed extensive practice, for many cadets had not the slightest idea what a section was, let alone its battle drills.

During the first week a day was spent on the range, with all suitable cadets firing .303 ready for the Annual Rifle Meeting later in camp. Additionally it was possible to visit Catterick Camp and use the games room and, as the weather was particularly hot, the swimming pool. On Saturday, although the weather was poor, a visit to the coast was made and an absolutely deserted beach found at Redcar. Many of the cadets never in fact saw this—for they failed to get out of the fun-fair! The second Sunday saw Church Parade, and in the afternoon the County Orienteering Competition in which the Gainsborough Detachment secured five of the first seven places and the 1st Battalion secured the trophy owing to this triumph.

On the following Monday we moved out of camp on to the moors for the beginning of the exercise. Advance parties proceeded to find unattackable spurs and any suitable ruins for command and signal posts. The rest of the

daylight hours were spent in digging-in and pitching bivvies. It was possible for one or two search parties to be out before dusk, and early next day a lot of patrol activities took place and further training in defence positions. At daylight a number of enemy patrols were captured and interrogation took place. After dark further attacks were made and the use of 2in. mortar smoke, LMG and a few thunderflashes (by the CTT) gave a realistic battle for cadets and adults alike. After the first two days a rapid change in the weather took place, and after heavy rain on Wednesday the cadets returned to their huts at the camp and were shown training films.

Additional training was undertaken for a full week with selected cadets on a signals course, and for those detachments who during the winter had begun an MT course with AYT. It is hoped to proceed further during the next twelve months with driving tests at next year's Annual Camp. Field cooking occupied a number of selected cadets on the first week and NAAFI provided films and bingo on alternate evenings.

An excellent camp with plenty of good training, and an opportunity for adults to prepare for next year.

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All dressed up and nowhere to go

From left to right: SQMS Atkinson, RQMS Harris, WO.II Huddleston, Cdr. Sgt. Bullock.

THE NATIONAL ARMY MUSEUM

The National Army Museum's splendid new building next to the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, was opened by Her Majesty the Queen on 11th November, 1971.

The main permanent display illustrates chronologically the history of the British Army to 1914, of the Indian Army and of the colonial forces. The displays follow modern methods with the exhibits set against colourful, often symbolic, backgrounds in uncluttered cases. A narrative outside each gives the salient facts of campaigns and battles, and describes developments in the Army's organisation, equipment and techniques, its defeats and victories, and its professional and social activities. Among the wealth of material on view it is invidious to mention only the most important items: suffice it to say that among the exhibits are weapons and uniforms, medals and decorations, prints and photographs, silver, glass and china, manuscripts and letters, relics of British com-



The militaria of Field Marshal Lord Roberts.

manders and of enemy forces, and mementoes of Britain's soldiers who fought in every part of the world, from the reign of Henry VIII until the First World War.

Many of the exhibits are the fruits of almost overwhelming generosity of many donors and lenders. Gifts and loans from Her Majesty the Queen, private individuals and regimental, regional and national museums complement the museum's own collections. The result is a truly outstanding commentary on the history and traditions of the army.

The chronological display of uniforms on the top floor shows their evolution towards comfort and camouflage. All arms of the British regular army are represented, as are auxiliary forces, the Indian Army, and some colonial forces. The display is aided by material of a peripheral nature such as personal equipment, musical instruments, horse furniture. Specialised displays include headdresses; belt plates; gorgets; and the orders and decorations of Viscount Gough, Lord Kitchener and Viscount Wolseley.

Next door, the picture gallery houses the pick of the museum's large collection of paintings with a military theme. These include portraits by Reynolds, Raeburn, Romney and Lawrence, battle scenes and pictures of Indian regiments.

Anyone wishing to consult the museum's uniquely important collections of manuscripts, prints and photographs dating back to the Crimean War and of the Indian Mutiny, should write for permission to the Director. The Reading Room will be open from 10-12 and 2-4, Mondays to Saturdays.

The Department of Weapons' reserve collection may be seen by prior arrangement. The Department of Uniforms' reserve collections, including badges and medals, are not yet available to students.

The years of fund-raising are not yet over, as only the first phase of the building, representing more than three-quarters of the project, is finished. The whole, containing special exhibition galleries, a restaurant, storage for reserve collections, and offices, will be completed once a further £350,000 has been received.

The Museum is open every day except Christmas Day, Boxing Day and Good Friday, from 10 until 5.30 (2-5.30 Sundays).

Admission is free until the end of 1971. From 1st January, 1972, charges may be introduced to conform with the recent White Paper.

Pompadours

The pace has been hectic during our first nine months in Germany and the time has flown by. A review during this period shows how varied and numerous our activities have been. As we write these notes we are at the peak of the training season; perhaps we can slow down a bit in October. On the other hand, we might well be in Northern Ireland!



Ferrets and APCs bridging the class 60 tank bridge on Soltau.

Adventurous Training

In July and August 'A' and 'C' Companies sent a proportion of their numbers up to Sieber, in the Harz mountains. From both 'A' and 'C' Companies three groups of twenty men used the facilities of Silberhutte Training Centre, which included canoeing, trekking, orienteering, mountaineering, rock climbing, abseiling, and a little skiing on artificial slopes.

The Chief Instructor, Herr Keiling, who trained the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regimental Ski Team whilst they were in Goslar, was there. The balance of the instructors were German and British and supplied by the Training Centre.

All those who went thoroughly enjoyed themselves and it is certain that next year will see strong support for this kind of activity.

Training

'B' Company were fortunate enough to spend two weeks at Haderslev, in Denmark, with the Schleswig Foot Regiment in May. They enjoyed to the full the phenomenal Danish hospitality and took part in the Liberation Parade, exercises and sports competitions. However, it was the fishing which astounded our soldiers. Sailing in a second-hand Grimsby trawler, they landed well over a hundred cod.

Meanwhile, 'A' and 'C' Companies were having their first introduction to Soltau, carrying out troop/platoon training with the Blues and Royals.

In June, the entire battalion spent three weeks field firing on the Sennelager ranges.

In September, the battalion went once again to Soltau with the 9/12 Royal Lancers, our affiliated Armoured Regiment. After ten days of Combat Team training our Battle Group fought the 9/12 L Battle Group for three days. Some 1,000 men, 80 APCs and 50 tanks advanced, withdrew, attacked and defended by day and by night.

The Corps of Drums in Denmark with 'B' Company.



Coup de Main

We have been studying 'Coup de Main' operations this year, using helicopters. Theories were tried and tested at Haltern by 'B' and 'C' Coys and a final solution and demonstration was presented to 20 Armd Bde in July. 'C' Company carried out this demonstration with great dash, and showed what a hazardous operation it can be.

We much enjoyed Exercise 'Iron Grip', which we shared with our French and American allies over a period of a week. We all got on

well together, both at parties and in the field, made many friends, and exchanged gifts.

A few hours after Ex Iron Grip we took the field again for the culmination of the training year—Exercise 'Forefront VI'. The pressure of work has been such that these notes are being written during one of the few lulls in this very mobile battle.

All in all, we have learnt much in these first months as a mechanised battalion, and it is remarkable how adaptable and versatile our soldiers are.



Coup de Main Operations in Germany. We are not always in APCs.



Major-General Sir George Burns inspects the Battalion accompanied by the Commanding Officer.

REGIMENTAL DAY

Regimental Day Parade

The Regimental Day Parade on the 1st July involved almost everyone in the Battalion, with six guards and the Band and Drums on parade. With a standard sequence, including a march past in slow and quick time, Major-General Sir George Burns, Lord Lieutenant for Hertfordshire, took the Salute and afterwards honoured us by issuing a 'Special Order'. This is reproduced on page 6.

The parade took place on the main square at Paderborn and was witnessed by many servicemen and their families from the surrounding area, as well as about 1,500 local people. Among the guests was a strong representation of local dignitaries, including the Burgomeister of Paderborn. After the parade the Battalion fell out for the day and receptions were held for official visitors in the Officers' and Sergeants'

Messes. In the evening the Sergeants' Mess held a Ball in the Paderhalle, the biggest public building for some miles around, to which all the officers were invited. The whole day was a tremendous success and did not end until well into the early hours of the next day.

Whilst preparations were in full swing for the Regimental Day Parade, Support Company left Paderborn for three weeks at their respective concentrations, the Mortar Platoon at Hohne and Anti-Tank Platoon at Putlos on the Baltic coast. 'C' Company left for some more training at Soltau directly after the parade. After 'shooting for Generals' at a fire-power demonstration, the Mortar Platoon then continued at Hohne, to emerge with a very creditable performance. Similarly, the Anti-Tank Platoon acquitted themselves well on the sand dunes of the Baltic, although one detachment may have had its aim spoilt by the local nudist colony.



LS and GC Medal presented to the RSM, WO.I R. Ford and Sgt. Ovenden by General Burns.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY

by

MAJOR GENERAL SIR W. A. GEORGE BURNS, KCVO, CB, DSO, OBE, MC

Alanbrooke Barracks, BFPO 16

Thu 1 Jul 1971

It was a very great privilege and honour for me to have taken the salute at your Regimental Day. I congratulate all ranks on the very high standard of turn out, your steadiness on parade and the excellence of the drill.

I was also very impressed with the very high quality of the music, which means so very much to the success of a parade such as this.

I wish every success and happiness to all ranks of the Battalion during your tour of duty in Germany.

March past. The Battalion marches past in slow and quick time.





General Goodwin talking to Pte. Gobey and Pte. Godfrey. 'A' Company, Sennelager training.

On 2nd June we were visited by General Sir Richard and Lady Goodwin. Since then, we have had many other visitors, amongst whom have been the Chief of Staff, BAOR; a detachment of 5th Royal Anglian; CCF and ACF Cadets; RAF Cranwell Cadets; Junior Leaders from Oswestry, and several Press visitors.

Kape Tour

In July, Capt. David Norbury, with a mixed group of 14 'recruiters', left the battalion in Paderborn for a 'Kape' Tour of East Anglia.

Amongst the centres and occasions at which the team appeared were: the East of England Show at Peterborough; Forest Gate (including a visit of the ACF) Army Careers Information Office; Ilford TAVR Centre; a mobile 'patrol' of Dagenham, Barking, Ilford, Woodford, Romford, Hornchurch, Upminster, Harold Hill, Ockendon; static displays at Chingford, Walthamstow, Dagenham, Canning Town, Loughton. Other displays were given at the Northampton Show and Maldon Carnival. We hope the tour was worthwhile and that the 'public eye' was suitably impressed.



General Goodwin watching 'B' Company fire Carl Gustav anti tank weapons.

DEPOT THE QUEEN'S DIVISION

On the 23rd July we bade farewell to our first Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. W. C. Deller, OBE, and welcomed the new one, Lt.-Col. M. J. Doyle, MBE. We should like to record our special congratulations to both upon the announcement of their recent decorations in the Birthday Honours List. We also said goodbye to Captain P. C. McLaren, The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada. Captain McLaren, on exchange from his Regiment, has served at this Depot for the past eighteen months, during which time he was for several months OC at the Divisional Battle Camp at Warcop. We wish him and his family every success and happiness in his next appointment at the Canadian Military Academy and assure them of a hearty welcome should they ever return to visit Bassingbourn.

Since the beginning of the last year forty recruit platoons have formed up here at fortnightly intervals and over 1,450 adult recruits have completed or are undergoing their 14-week basic recruits' training before joining our Regular Battalions. Nearly 500 junior bandsmen, drummers and infantrymen are being or have been trained here. These junior soldiers then complete the Depot's ex-junior soldiers' six-week transitional course, alongside those maturing juniors from the junior soldiers units at Oswestry, Rhyl and Shorncliffe, before they too are posted to their Battalions. In addition to recruit and junior soldier training, the Depot runs pre-courses for those of the Division attending various School of Infantry courses. To date, 33 subalterns, 59 sergeants and 77 corporals have attended two or three weeks pre-course instruction at Bassingbourn. Not a bad record.

To assist our TAVR Battalions, the Depot provides instructors and programmes two-week TAVR recruit courses and, so far, more than three hundred volunteer recruits have attended

eight such courses. In conjunction with the Regimental Recruiting Officers the Depot has again organised and planned many CCF field days, ACF weekend visits and training camps for these contingents. Since the Depot was formed it is estimated that over 1,500 cadets from the Divisional area have visited here or attended the training camps established at Stanford Training Area.

Apart from the continuous training commitment, the Depot has become our new Divisional home and is responsible for the administration and movement of holdees. Currently we have 30 officers and 180 soldiers of the Division on our held strength. The Depot also acts as host to many visitors. The Divisional half-yearly Posting Conference is held here, as indeed are recruiting meetings and visits by Army Careers Officers from the Divisional area.

As the first Divisional Depot to be formed for the Infantry of the Line, Bassingbourn Barracks has become of great interest to those Divisions of Infantry who have still to create their depots. We have been visited by officers of The Scottish, The King's and The Light Divisions, and have hosted Australian, Pakistan, French, Swedish and West German Army officers, who wished to learn about British infantry training. Last but by no means least, a Company from The Gibraltar Regiment carried out a fortnight's training here a year ago.

Our cricketers lost the Eastern District final in the Army Cup to 39 Engr. Regt., having beaten 9 Coy RAMC by six wickets in the District semi-final. In the Southern Command Junior Orienteering Championships our Junior Soldiers' team gained fourth place in the Minor Units Team Competition and J/Pte. Jones, R. Anglian, is to be congratulated on coming in ninth in the individual event, only some 29 minutes behind the individual champion.

Our second 'Open Day' was held on 26th June and more than 9,000 people visited Bassingbourn Barracks. This number was certainly greater than last year and apart from a heavy rain shower at 4 p.m. it was indeed a most successful day. The many static displays and the arena events were very popular. The events culminated with a Beating Retreat ceremony performed by some 230 bandsmen and drummers from Regiments of The Queen's Division. A special feature of this year's 'Open Day' was the presence and excellent display provided by the Massed Band and Pipes of the Brigade of Gurkhas.

SPORTS REPORT



3rd Bn Athletes and Swimmers in championship form.

Our first nine months in Germany have produced some remarkable sporting achievements. Since winning the Infantry Football Cup, we have:

Won the 20 Armd Bde and 4 Div Athletics Championships, and taken part in the BAOR finals.

Won the 20 Armd Bde and 4 Div Swimming Championships; become runners-up in the

BAOR Championships and 5th in the Army Championships.

Won the 20 Armd Bde Water Polo Championships and were runners-up in the 4 Div Water Polo Championships.

Runners-up in the BAOR Infantry Sailing Championships at Kiel.

This is a very impressive record and, although these are all team events, we have had our share of individual success as well.

3rd Battalion swimming team: Runners up in the BAOR Championships in Berlin.



In athletics the following were placed in the BAOR Individual Championships:

200m.: 5th, Pte. Hurne ('C' Coy); 7th, L/Cpl. Brizan (Comd Coy).

800m.: 4th, Capt. Veitch ('A' Coy).

5,000m.: 9th, Cpl. MacLavin (Admin Coy);

14th, L/Cpl. Sorenson ('B' Coy).

10,000m.: 4th, Cpl. MacLavin (Admin Coy);

5th, Pte. Moore ('A' Coy).

Hammer: 3rd, Lt. Corbett (Sp Coy); 4th, S/Sgt. Kelledy (Sp Coy).

In swimming the following were placed in the BAOR Individual Swimming Championships:

Individual Medley: 2nd, Sgt. Wilson ('B' Coy).

800m. Free Style: 4th, WOII Petts (LAD).

100m. Breaststroke: 6th, Pte. Jones ('B' Coy).

In sailing, CSM Templeman came 3rd in the BAOR Infantry Individual Sailing Championships.



Athletics: Cpl. Macleod at the take over in 800m. relay.



2nd Battalion

'C' Coy Tug-o-War team

From right to left: Cpl. Lambe, Cpl. Kirk,
Pte. Smith 75.

What with one thing and another there has not been very much time for organised sport. However, a successful athletics meeting was held in June from which 'C' Company emerged winners. The Battalion team chosen as a result did well to come second in the Brigade Meeting and thus qualify for the 2 Division championships. There, such gladiators as 19 Fd Regiment RA and 1 Cheshire proved far too strong but we were not disgraced.

An inter Company cricket competition resulted in three deaths and enormous amusement for the Portuguese—well, the latter at any rate since all matches were played on the square. Command Company emerged the winners.

Tennis became a forcemajeur in Battalion

sport owing to the enthusiasm of 'Hands' Greenham who led the team in a series of victories in the Munster league. The following also played: The CO, Major White, Major Lucas, Capt. Young, Capt. Hipkin, S/Sgt. MacIntyre, Sgt. Skayman, Bdsman, Ravasio, S/Sgt. Marshall (LAD).

In the Brigade Orienteering Meeting 'A' Company did very well and Lt. Sutherell upheld the honour of the signal platoon by finishing fifth in the individual event.

We hope to bring news of amazing successes in skiing, football, hockey, squash and rugby in the next edition—if there's time to play any sport that is . . .

The old soldiers' race



Left to right: Capt. Pond, Lt. Smith, WO.II Kirk, Lt. de Bretton Gordon, CO and Capt. Fowler (who won without the aid of the LAD).

The victorious Comd Coy team.



Standing from left to right: L/Cpl. Muncey, Sgt. Parker, WO.II Kirk (scorer), Pte. Edie, Pte. Wilson, Capt. Hipkin, Capt. Shervington. Sitting left to right: CO, Cpl. Lindsay, Pte. Relph. Lying: Pte. Tovey, L/Cpl. Neddle, L/Cpl. Ali.

1st Battalion

Obviously sporting and other events do suffer from the rather disjointed life we lead. Nevertheless we have managed to fit in what in retrospect seems to be an astonishingly full programme. In addition to the usual football, rugby and basketball competitions, an inter-



Command Company team—winners of the Inter-Company Basketball Competition. Back row: L/Cpl. Bodger, L/Cpl. Wilcox, Sgt. Parsons. Front row: L/Cpl. Stubbs, SI Livesey.

platoon assault course and assault boat competition was held; Admin Company, fortified well by the catering staff, beating the IS companies! The cox of the winning team was not thrown into the Foyle—it being somewhat polluted! A Battalion Orienteering competition was also held and won by the Signals Platoon (time spent in reconnaissance is seldom wasted!).

TIGER COMPANY

Football

This season the Company hopes to get a little further than the semi-final of the South East District Minor Units Competition.

Aldershot Services Football Club is being used as a basis for an Army side to enter the FA Amateur Cup in the near future. To enable us to do well we will be playing in an increasingly high standard of football.

Already Cpl. Fuller, Cpl. Relph, Cpl. Potter, L/Cpl. Staples and Pte. Stratton have played for the team and Ptes. Farrell and Barley have had trials. It is hoped that the high standards of the old 4th Battalion soccer team will be carried on. (Look out, Capt. JENKS and 3 R. ANGLIAN.)

Cricket

Tiger Company players have provided half the Mons side during the summer season, Captain Child, Cpl. Kingshott, Cpl. Relph and Sgt. Lewin being regular players.

Although not of the highest standard, the cricket has been fun!

MARRIAGES

BANNON-ROBERTS—On 12th June 1971, at Manchester, Pte. A. Bannon to Miss Catherine Roberts.

BARRACLOUGH-TAYLOR—On 11th June, 1971, at Londonderry, Pte. B. Barracrough to Miss Philomena Taylor.

CHAPMAN-DUDDY—On 19th June 1971, at Lowestoft, L/Cpl. D. Chapman to Miss Teresa Maria Duddy.

CLARKE-ANGOOD—On 12th June 1971, at Hilgay, L/Cpl. R. Clarke to Miss Margaret Joan Angood.

CLEVERLEY-CLARKE—On 8th May 1971, Pte. M. Cleverley to Miss Katherine Francis Clarke.

COLEMAN-ROGERS—On 15th May 1971, at Northampton, Bds. D. Coleman to Miss Jacqueline Rogers.

CRAMPTON-WATSON—On 3rd April 1971, at Canterbury, Pte. M. Crampton to Miss Rona Patrica Watson.

CUTTER-KANE—On 5th June 1971, at Londonderry, Pte. E. Cutter to Miss Sarah Kane.

GIBBS-DOHERTY—On 15th May 1971, at Londonderry, L/Cpl. H. Gibbs to Miss Eleanor Doherty.

GOLDSWORTHY-EVANS—On 8th May, 1971, at Hellesdon, L/Cpl. G. Goldsworthy to Miss Christine Ann Evans.

JOHNSON-SEAMAN—On 3rd July 1971, at Kings Lynn, Norfolk, Lieut. (Retd.) M. B. J. Johnson to Miss E. de Gray Seaman.

LEGGATT-LANGFORD—On 3rd July 1971, at Edinburgh, Pte. Leggatt to Teresa Langford.

MOORING-STARRITT—On 30th March 1971, at Londonderry, Lt. W. R. Mooring to Miss Lyndsay Starritt.

NORRIS-PARISH—On 12th June 1971, at Ely, Pte. D. Norris to Miss Doreen Parish.

PALMER-SHIELDS—On 28th July 1971, at Londonderry, Pte. G. Palmer to Miss Katherine Shields.

PEACE-PAGE—On 25th September 1971, at Ipswich Registry Office, Capt. I. L. Pearce to Valerie Ann Page.

QUINN-BROOKER—On 7th August 1971, at Chatham Registry Office, Pte. Quinn to Kaye Geraldine Brooker.

STYLES-REILLY—On 12th June, 1971, at Londonderry, L/Cpl. I. Styles to Miss Anna McCrae Reilly.

TAYLOR-CHERRY—On 28th August 1971, at St. Mary's Church, Humberstone, Leicester, Pte Taylor to Pauline Leslie Cherry.

THOMPSON-COLLINSON—On 19th June, 1971, at Ipswich, WO.II Thompson to Miss Norah May Collinson.

WARE-NICELL—On 19th June 1971, at Thurrock, Pte. M. Ware to Miss Elizabeth Mary Celina Nicell.

WHALES-STEWART—On 16th June 1971, at Heighan, Pte. M. Whales to Miss Hannah Marie Stewart.

WILCOX-McLAUGHLIN—On 14th June 1971, at Pennyburn, L/Cpl. J. Wilcox to Miss Ellen Marie McLaughlin.

BIRTHS

BALL—On 30th March 1971, a daughter, Samantha, to L/Cpl. and Mrs. N. Ball.

CAIE—On 23rd July 1971, a son, Kent, to L/Cpl. and Mrs. W. Caie.

CHAMBERS—On 11th August 1971, at Aldershot, Hants, to Mrs. Chambers, wife of Pte. Chambers, a son, Michael Colin.

CRIPPS—On 30th August 1971, at Aldershot, Hants, to Mrs. Cripps, wife of L/Cpl. Cripps, a son, Jason Michael.

DREWRY—On 17th April 1971, a daughter, Louise, to Pte. and Mrs. P. Drewry.

FARRINGTON—On 28th June 1971, a son, Mark Stephen, to Pte. and Mrs. Farrington.

GOODWIN—On 30th June, a daughter, Lynne Katherine, to Pte. and Mrs. Goodwin.

GEE—On 17th June, 1971, a son, Paul Edward Christopher, to Pte. and Mrs. Gee.

HENERY—On 21st September, a daughter, Paula Dorothy, to L/Cpl. and Mrs. Henery.

HENSON—On 19th May 1971, a son John Alexander, to Pte. and Mrs. J. Henson.

HOPKINS—On 13th July 1971, a son, Richard Anthony, to Pte. and Mrs. M. Hopkins.

HORNE—On 24th August 1971, a daughter, Mandy Ann, to Pte. and Mrs. Horne.

HOWLISTON—On 8th September 1971, at Louise Margaret Hospital, Aldershot, Hants, to Jennifer Ann, wife of Pte. Howliston, twin daughters, Denise Marie and Sarah Jane.

HOYLE—On 30th March 1971, a daughter, Emma Frances, to Lt. and Mrs. D. G. Hoyle.

JONES—On 19th September 1971, at Louise Margaret Hospital, Aldershot, Hants, to Patricia Ann Jones, wife of C/Sgt. Jones, a daughter, Charlotte Bronwyn.

LEWIN—On 24th April 1971, at Aldershot, Hants, to Anita, wife of Sgt. Lewin, a son, Adrian.

MCCLUSKEY—On 3rd June 1971, a son, Darren Bryan, to Pte. and Mrs. P. McCluskey.

MOORE—On 6th April 1971, a daughter, Debbie Ann, to L/Cpl. and Mrs. Moore.

MULLEY—On 11th May 1971, a daughter, Sarah Jane, to Pte. and Mrs. R. Mulley.

MULLEY—On 10th June 1971, a daughter, Anne Norma, to L/Cpl. and Mrs. R. Mulley.

NEWBY—On 14th August 1971, at Aldershot, Hants, to Rita, wife of Pte. Newby, a daughter, Charlotte Lizette.

ORME—On 22nd April 1971, a son, John Peter, to Pte. and Mrs. Orme.

SEDGEWICK—On 26th July 1971, a daughter, Gemma Louise, to L/Cpl. and Mrs. M. Sedgewick.

SEEKINGS—On 25th March 1971, a daughter, Marie Susan, to Pte. and Mrs. I. Seekings.

SWAIN—On 18th May 1970, at County Hospital, Hertford, to Pamela, wife of WO.II S. R. Swain, a son, Lloyd Robert.

TILFORD—On 6th June 1971, at Aldershot, Hants, to Pauline, wife of L/Cpl. Tilford, a son, Aaron Mark.

TORTICE—On 30th July 1971, at Louise Margaret Hospital, Aldershot, Hants, to Mrs. Tortice, wife of Pte. Tortice, a daughter, Karen Ann.

OBITUARY

On Operations in Northern Ireland
23853267 PRIVATE ROGER WILKINS
1st Battalion

Roger Wilkins died on 10th October 1971, aged 31, as the result of a head wound inflicted by a sniper's bullet whilst on duty in the 'C' Company OP on 27th September.

He enlisted in January 1961 into the 1st East Anglian Regiment and accompanied the battalion to British Guiana where he met his wife. He served in Aden with the 1st Battalion and holds the General Service Medal for South Arabia and Radfan.

Roger Wilkins was a most popular member of his company, as are his wife and large family of five children, two boys and three girls. To his widow and family we extend our sincere sympathy.

BRIGADIER ALEXANDER HENRY BLEST

Henry Blest was commissioned into The Essex Regiment in October 1914. He was a typical Regimental Officer of the old school. During his service with the Regiment he was Adjutant of 1st Bn, commanded the Regimental Depot, Adjutant to the 7th Territorial Bn and on the outbreak of war in 1939 commanded the 2nd Bn, taking it to France and successfully bringing it back on the evacuation of Dunkirk. Always a stickler for discipline, he possessed a great sense of humour which endeared him to his many friends both in the Regiment and outside. I have known him for many years, and if one wanted sound advice on any Service or Regimental matter, Henry was the man to ask.

The Regiment's good name and honour came first with Henry, and his officers and men respected him. Latterly he commanded a Suffolk Sub-District, finally retiring as a Brigadier in 1947.

K.F.M.

LT.-COLONEL L. B. SHEPHERD-FOLKER, OBE

Leonard Barratt Shepherd-Folker was born at Guildford in 1897. He went to the Royal Military College and was commissioned into the Lincolnshire Regiment in 1915. He saw active service with the Regiment during the period 1915 until 1918. After service in India and Egypt he was appointed Adjutant of the Bermuda Volunteer Rifle Corps in 1931 and served with them until 1935, rejoining the Regiment in India until 1938.

During the 1939-45 War he was employed for most of the time at the Infantry Training Centre at the Depot, Lincoln, with the rank of Temporary Lieutenant-Colonel, and later on as OC a Polish Camp and a German POW Camp.

He was awarded the OBE in 1944, and retired at the end of 1948, settling in Lincoln where he and his wife Elizabeth (who died in 1961) had many friends after their tour at the Depot.

**LT.-COLONEL A. E. KNIGHTS,
DSO, MC, MM, TD**

Colonel Knights was a very popular officer who saw service in both World Wars. He was in command of the 4th Bn. Royal Norfolk Regiment when it was captured in Singapore in 1942. Many are the stories of his resourcefulness and courage in face of the inhuman treatment received by prisoners of the Japanese. Colonel Knights fought for his men and made superhuman efforts to get them better treatment. For conspicuous and gallant service in the Malayan campaign he was awarded the DSO and mentioned in despatches. He died on 9th January, 1971.

COLONEL J. F. WILKINS

Colonel Wilkins died in the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital on 25th July, after a long illness. He was commissioned into the Norfolk Regiment from Sandhurst in 1926 and served with both 1st and 2nd Battalions in pre-war days. He commanded the 2nd Battalion in 1945 and was appointed A/Brigadier commanding 4th (Inf) Bde. From January 1951 to January 1953 he commanded the 4th Bn. (TA) and then held Staff appointments until retiring in 1957. For a period he held an RO post at the Depot at Bury St. Edmunds but retired from this position owing to ill-health. He was subsequently Secretary to the County of Norfolk Division of the Red Cross, but had to give this up, again due to ill-health.

'Tim' Wilkins was an enthusiast at everything he did and will be remembered by Royal Anglian officers, particularly the younger ones, as an officer who brooked no nonsense and insisted on high standards. He was a character in the true sense, with a great sense of fun which would often bubble over on mess guest nights.

The funeral took place at Eye (Suffolk) Parish Church on Thursday, 29th July, the Royal Norfolk Regiment being represented by Brigadier F. P. Barclay.

Also present were many other officers of the Regiment, too numerous to mention, representatives of the Royal Anglian Regiment, ex-RSM B. R. Fitt, DCM, representing other ranks of the Regiment, and members of the British Red Cross.

To his widow, son and daughter, we extend our deepest sympathy.

DEATHS

at Brentwood, ex-C/Sgt. late the Essex Regiment.

APPLEBEE—On 7th May 1971, of 61 Averill Road, Leicester, Mr. F. W. Applebee, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

ATTWOOD—On 20th January 1970, Captain C. S. Attwood, aged 75 years, late The Essex Regiment.

BEEBY—On 27th August 1971, of 9 Deepdale, Leicester, Mr. G. W. Beeby, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

BELCHER—On 10th May 1971, at Stamford Hospital, Charles Henry Belcher, late 1st Bn The Northamptonshire Regiment.

BENNETT—On 6th March 1969, Mr. Maurice Bennett, late 7th Bn The Essex Regiment.

BLEST—On 11th August 1971, at Beyton, Bury St. Edmunds, Brigadier A. Henry Blest, late The Essex Regiment.

BOWLER—On 8th June 1971, at Bedford, Mr. E. J. Bowler, late 6th (Service) Bn The Bedfordshire Regiment, aged 76.

CIVIL—On 10th May 1971, at Northampton General Hospital, Harry Civil, late The Northamptonshire Regiment.

CLEMENT—On 11th August 1971, Alfred William Clement, late Lincolnshire Regiment, of 2 Fullbrook Road, Walsall, S. Staffs.

CROSS—On 8th June 1971, Captain J. R. Cross, MM, late The Essex Regiment, aged 51 years.

CROSS—On 21st July 1971, Mr. T. Cross, late The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, aged 66.

CROUCHMAN—On 6th May 1971, in Millbank Hospital, London, Major Frank H. Crouchman, after a long illness, late The Essex Regiment.

CUMMING—On 12th March 1971, Major G. F. Cumming, MBE, TD., late The Essex Regt.

DAY—On 16th May 1971, in Chelmsford Hospital, Mr. A. W. J. Day, late The Essex Regiment.

DICKINSON—On 15th March 1971, ex-CSM Charles Dickinson, late 2nd Bn Lincolnshire Regiment, of the Towers, Bargate, Grimsby, aged 91 years.

EATO—On 17th July 1971, of 18 Baggrave Street, Leicester, Mr. G. H. Eato, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

- FIELD**—In May 1971, at Dovercourt, Mr. Frederick Field, MM, late 2nd Bn The Essex Regiment.
- FOSTER**—On 28th July 1971, suddenly, ex-Sgt. Gerald Foster, late Royal Lincolnshire Regiment, of Crest View, Holme Lane, Bottesford, Scunthorpe.
- GARDNER**—In 1971, Major A. Gardner, OBE, MC, at Southampton, late The Essex Regiment.
- GARNER**—On 19th May 1971, of 76 Gladstone Street, Fleckney, Leics., Mr. T. R. Garner, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.
- GARRARD**—On 9th September 1971, at Malvern, Colonel W. V. Garrard, MBE, TD, late Northamptonshire Regiment.
- GOUGH**—On 6th June 1971, Mr. E. T. Gough, late The Essex Regiment.
- GRIMWOOD**—On 11th September 1971, suddenly at St. Mawes, Cornwall, Colonel Francis R. Grimwood, DSO, late The Essex Regiment, aged 80 years.
- HEDGES**—In April 1971, at Braintree, Essex, Mr. Frank Hedges, aged 62 years, late The Essex Regiment.
- HODSON**—On 30th June 1971, of Merry Hill, St. Michael, Barbados, Captain St. J. Hodson, OBE, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.
- HOWARD**—On 5th March 1971, at Peterborough, George Howard, late The Northamptonshire Regiment.
- JOLLEY**—On 16th March 1971, RSM F. Jolley, The Royal Norfolk Regiment, at Brisbane, Australia, aged 66.
- METCALFE**—In May 1971, suddenly, J. G. Metcalfe, late Lincolnshire Regiment, of 3 Richmond Street, Cheriton, Folkestone, Kent.
- MILLING**—On 27th September 1971, at Woodmancote, Cirencester, Lt.-Colonel John McMaster Milling, MC, late The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, aged 86.
- MILLS**—On 27th January 1971, of 47 The Roundway, Leicester, ex-Band Sgt. T. J. Mills, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.
- MISKIN**—On 5th June 1971, in Jersey, Colonel C. H. Miskin, OBE, MC, TD, former Commanding Officer, The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (TA).
- NESS COLLINS**—On 18th July, 1971, Major F. E. Ness Collins, TD, late The Essex Regiment.
- NIGHTINGALE**—On 5th August 1971, at Northampton, Aubrey Nightingale, ex-CSM The Northamptonshire Regiment.
- PARKER**—On 3rd May 1971, Harry Parker, late Lincolnshire Regiment, of 41 Hanford Close, Wandsworth, SW18, aged 94 years.
- PERCIVAL**—On 9th July 1971, at Northampton, Captain John William Percival, late The Northamptonshire Regiment.
- PITCAIRN**—On 26th July 1971, of The Firs, Great Glen, Leics., Lt.-Colonel J. F. A. Pitcairn, OBE, MC, DL, JP, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.
- POTTINGER**—On 16th July 1971, at Louth, Lincolnshire, Sgt. F. Pottinger, MM, late The Northamptonshire Regiment.
- PRIEST**—In December 1970, Mr. C. Priest, at Littlebury, late 8th Cyclists Bn. and 9th Bn. The Essex Regiment.
- REED**—In September 1971, Mr. G. S. Reed, at his home in Writtle, Chelmsford, aged 59 years, late The Essex Regiment.
- RICHMOND**—On 27th July 1971, at Northampton, Major C. A. Richmond, late 4th Bn. The Northamptonshire Regiment.
- RIDER**—In March 1971, at Colchester, Bert Rider, late The Northamptonshire Regiment.
- ROSE**—On 2nd July 1971, at the Infirmary, Royal Hospital, Chelsea, In-Pensioner John William Rose, aged 91, late The Northamptonshire Regiment.
- SELL**—On 24th April 1971, Mr. F. Sell, at Newport, late 5th Bn. The Essex Regiment.
- SHEERMAN**—On 21st April 1971, at Truro, Captain D. F. Sheerman, late The Northamptonshire Regiment.
- SHEPHERD FOLKER**—On 24th June 1971, Lt.-Colonel Leonard Barratt Shepherd-Folker, OBE, late Royal Lincolnshire Regiment, at the County Hospital, Lincoln, as the result of an accident, aged 73 years.
- SIDDINS**—On 21st July 1971, of 8 Down Street, Leicester, Mr. A. H. Siddins, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.
- SMITH**—On 12th May 1971, at Chelmsford, Mr. H. Smith, aged 51 years, late The Essex Regiment.
- SMYTHE**—On 1st August 1971, at Stamford, Bandmaster E. S. Smythe, late Northamptonshire Regiment and Royal Anglian Regiment.

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STEVENS—On 30th May 1971, of 17 Mount Road, Leicester, ex-Sgt. S. A. Stevens, MM, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

TANT—On 21st December 1970, ex-Sgt. Tant, DCM, MM, late 11th Bn. The Essex Regiment.

TAYLOR—During April 1971, of 19 Martival, Leicester, ex-Cpl. W. Taylor, late The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

THOMPSON—On 20th September 1971, at Steyning, Sussex, Lt.-Colonel Sydney Arthur Thompson, aged 93 years, late Northamptonshire Regiment.

TURNER—On 10th September 1971, at Chelmsford, Mr. E. A. Turner, aged 59 years, late 1st Bn. The Essex Regiment.

WALKER—On 22nd April 1971, suddenly, Captain (Hon. Major) Desmond Francis George Walker, late 2nd Bn Royal Lincolnshire Regiment, in Reading General Hospital, aged 52 years.

WATLING—On 11th May 1971, at 1 Blackthorn Road, Kenilworth, Warwickshire, Lt.-Colonel F. Watling, The Royal Norfolk Regiment. Commanded 9th Bn. Royal Norfolk Regiment 1940-1942.

WILKINS—On 25th July 1971, at Norfolk & Norwich Hospital, Colonel J. F. Wilkins, The Royal Norfolk Regiment, aged 64 years.

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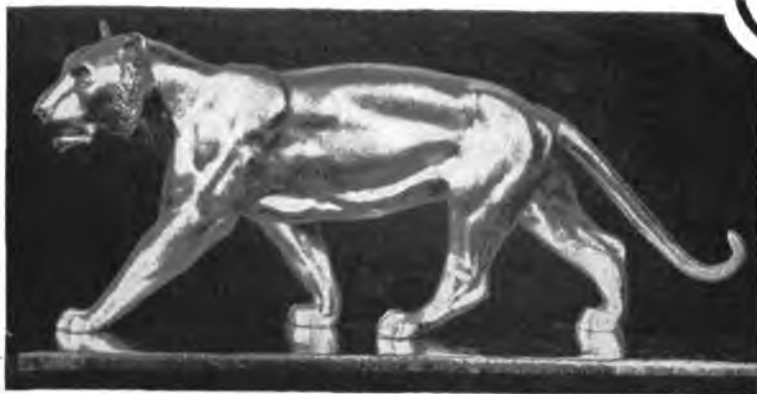
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