



Former Regimental Secretary dies

It is with much regret that we record the death of Lt Col Bill Murray Brown on Nov 26, 1982.

After twice commanding a battalion of The Royal Norfolk Regiment, and having been the first CO of 1 E Anglian, Bill eventually

became Regimental Secretary, a post he held for 15 years.

He is sorely missed by the many friends he made during his years of service to the Regiment. An obituary is on page 18.

Celebration year for Territorials

Battalions of the Royal Anglian Regiment are to play a full part in this year's celebrations to mark the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Territorial Army.

The Regiment has one of the largest TA infantry organisations in the Army, with three battalions spanning the East of England from Scunthorpe to the Thames and from Hinckley to Norwich.

Thirty different Royal Anglian TA centres in this area form the home base for the very professional volunteers who make up the 5th, 6th and 7th Battalions.

Men of the 5th and 7th Battalions form a reserve for BAOR and train there every two years alongside Regular Army units and need to be professional to manage the tasks and modern equipment they are given.

The 6th Battalion has the demanding role of securing the home base in time of



Commander 1(BR) Corps, Lt Gen Sir Nigel Bagnall, talks to Ptes Phillips, Partridge and Johnson during his visit to the 7th Battalion HQ in Leicester. 7th Battalion news Pages 12 and 13.

war and is receiving new equipment to bring them more into line with their fellow battalions.

In planning a series of 75th anniversary events,

including parades, services and displays, the Regiment acknowledges the assistance of the TA Association, Regimental Secretaries, county and city councils.

Castle sends its congratulations to its TA readers on their "75th" and on the reputation they have established.

Appointments for Generals



Maj Gen David Thorne, who hands over his command in the Falklands this month, has been appointed to command the 1st Armoured Division. Brig Keith Burch is to be ACDS (Pers and Log) in Apr 84 in the rank of Maj Gen. Brig Burch was commissioned into the Essex Regiment in 1951, was a DS at Staff College in 1968/9 and commanded the Pompadours in Aldershot and Cyprus in 1969-71. Following staff appointments in BAOR and MOD he is currently serving as DDASD.

● Left: Maj Gen David Thorne, equipped as a very modern major general, with Prime Minister Mrs Margaret Thatcher in the Falklands.



Brig Keith Burch



Vikings in Belize

An anti-tank platoon at the Rice Station near Punta Gorda during the Viking's Battle Group South exercise in Belize. Vikings news Pages 3, 4 and 5.

Poachers win UK boxing finals

The Poachers outfought the 2nd Battalion The Scots Guards in the UKLF Inter Unit Team Finals at Colchester on Mar 15.

It was a night of fine sporting performances by both teams, with Cpl Minns (middleweight), Pte Clarke (light heavy) and LCpl Cooper (welter) winning by knockouts.

Pte Albans (bantam), LCpl Cousin (feather) and LCpl Andrews (heavy) also won their bouts, while Ptes Hagan and Scrimshaw and LCpl Woodcock put up very creditable performances.

The team now meet the BAOR Champions, 2 RRF, in an all Queens Division Army Final in Colchester this month.

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Dates for your diary

Oct 22 Warrant Officers and Sergeants' Past and Present Dinner, Basingstoke.
Nov 11 Officers' Regimental Dinner, London.

Mainly about people...

Letter from the Sinai

Maj Pat King and WO1 Coe are with the Multinational Force in the Sinai and write:

"Sinai under Egyptian rule has problems. The Israelis smashed everything they were unable to remove — water pipes, storage tanks, Kibbutzim — the lot and Yammit, their town between El Arish and Rufah, is completely smashed. I estimate at least two years to relay all the pipelines etc. They have made a start. The Bedou are moving back and are building and starting cultivation.

"RSM Coe and myself attended the 40th anniversary of the Battle of El Alamein on Sunday. It was a most moving occasion and, for the first time in a long time, there was a good representation of Commonwealth Forces (all from the MFO). We lined the route immediately in front of the memorial stone with ourselves, ANZACs, Fijians and also the French. A lot of Old Comrades had come from the 8th Army Association and were a most pleasant bunch.

"The cemetery is as well kept as always. On our way to El Alamein we called in at the El Quatara cemetery. I understand it got a severe thumping during the Yom Kippur War, but if this is so they have repaired it beautifully. The flotsam and jetsam of the war completely surround the cemetery and includes some knocked out tanks. It was in very good order, and Mr Coe and I found graves for the Royal Norfolk, Suffolk, Royal Leicester, Essex and Northamptonshire Regiments. All were buried there in 1917 with some as late as 1919. I hope to go back and get names etc when we have more time."

**Don't just sit there!
The TA needs volunteers**



WO2 Danny Bryant is seen here receiving his Long Service and Good Conduct Medal while on a two-year tour with the Depot Regiment RA. He shortly rejoins the Pompadours in Colchester. Also receiving a medal is Sgt Michael Conn, RA, son of ex CSM Conn of the Essex and Royal Anglian Regiments.

Lt Col Roland Wreford has been promoted Brevet Colonel on handing over command of the 5th Battalion to Lt Col Paul Long.

Congratulations to WO1(BM) Limes and WO1(RSM) Keogh and Burford on their selection for Short Service Commissions, and to WO2 Taylor, Coe and Hill on their selection for WO1(RSM).

We welcome 2Lt Nicholas Crawshaw who has joined the 1st Battalion with an SSCLC and 2Lts Steven Langley, Hugh Stafford-Smith and James Walker who have gained SSCs in the Regiment.

We wish the following well in their retirement: Brigs Bill Deller and Brian Emsden, Lt Cols Paul Young and Pat Macdonald, Majs Bob Day, John Drinkwater and Peter Alderton and Capt Tony Thompson.

Lt Col Monty Case was very badly hurt while surfing in Australia and returned to Stoke Manderville in early March. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Colonel-in-Chief's visit

On May 10 the Colonel-in-Chief is to pay a private visit to the six battalions of the Regiment at Colchester. Regrettably, attendance is limited to those serving with the six battalions and their families, for whom details will be published by battalions.



Lt Col Roland Wreford hands over to Lt Col Paul Long.

Maj Tony Domeison is to be Adjutant to the GB team who visit Canada in August while 2Lt Nicholas Crawshaw will be a member of the team.

Lt Col Patrick Shervington writes that he and Vicki are thoroughly enjoying Minden and look forward to seeing the Pompadours when handing over Elizabeth Barracks to them in December.

As a regiment we are fortunate in the very close links that we have forged with our counties, links that will be more apparent than usual this year while we have six battalions stationed in our home area and when the Territorial Army is celebrating its 75th anniversary.

These ties manifest themselves in many ways, from the granting of Freedoms to participation in local events. Just one illustration of the goodwill that exists is the following exchange of letters with the Mayor of Boston, whose borough granted the 2nd Battalion its Freedom in 1982:

Dear Colonel Blyth,

I and my fellow councillors and officers of the council of the Borough of Boston were shocked to hear of the recent tragedy in Northern Ireland involving an explosion of a bomb at the local dance hall at Ballykelly near to where your regiment is barracked.

Such occurrences bring to mind the great danger in which members of your regiment may find themselves while serving in Northern Ireland. On this occasion it is a relief to know that only one member of your Second Battalion was reported to have injuries. The thoughts of the people of Boston are extended to

those members of the regiment serving in Northern Ireland and their future safety.

Yours sincerely,

R V Marriott,
Mayor.

A reply was sent from RHQ

Dear Councillor Marriott,

We were very touched to receive your letter following the Ballykelly tragedy. It is a great relief to be able to tell you that Corporal Taylor is now off the very seriously ill list and, although his injuries are serious, that we have every hope that he will make a good recovery. I only wish that we could say the same for all the other soldiers and civilians who were killed or maimed in the incident.

I have passed your letter to Lieutenant Colonel Julian Browne who commands The Poachers. It means a great deal to soldiers when performing their duties to know that they have the support and thoughts of those at home. Your letter endorsing this will be greatly appreciated by everyone in Londonderry and I would be most grateful if you would convey our appreciation to your fellow councillors and the officers of the council.

Royal Anglian band dates

With the six Royal Anglian battalions based in East Anglia this summer our four Regimental Bands and Corps of Drums will be performing throughout our counties. The well known uniform from our old Castle Journal will be a familiar sight as our musicians entertain their audiences and show the flag for the Regiment. Some of the major performances will be:

APRIL

- 2 5th Bn: 75th anniversary of the TA — Hertford.
- 10 5th Bn: 75th anniversary of the TA — Ipswich.
- 16 2nd Bn: Beat Retreat at 7th Bn 75th anniversary — Leicester.
- 20 Massed Bands and Drums of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Battalions. Beating Retreat at King's Lynn in aid of the ABE, followed by a Band concert in St Nicholas Church.

MAY

- 10 Massed Bands and Drums of the Regiment perform for the Colonel-in-Chief in Colchester.
- 21 2nd Bn: 7th Bn 75th anniversary parade, Lincoln.
- 21 5th Bn: 75th anniversary of the TA march through Bury St Edmunds by 6th Bn followed by Beating Retreat.

JUNE

- 1 2nd Bn: Suffolk Show, Ipswich.
- 11-12 2nd Bn: Spalding Trade Fair.
- 12 5th Bn: Cambridgeshire Regiment OCA parade, Ely.
- 17-18 3rd Bn: Essex Show.
- 19 1st and 2nd Bns: Burma Star Association Mountbatten Memorial Display, Duxford.
- 19 5th Bn: Royal Tigers OCA, Leicester.
- 22-23 1st and 3rd Bns: Lincoln Show.
- 25 1st Bn: Fanfare 83: Centenary of Boys Brigades, Duxford.
- 26 5th Bn: Northamptonshire Regiment OCA, Northampton.
- 29-30 1st, 2nd and 3rd Bns: Norfolk Show, Norwich.

JULY

- 3 2nd Bn: Forces Sunday, Northampton.
- 9 5th Bn: 75th anniversary, Peterborough.
- 9 1st Bn: Lord Mayor of Norwich's Show.
- 16 1st Bn: Cambridge Festival.
- 17 2nd Bn: Corby Highland Gathering.
- 24-29 2nd Bn: Regents Park, London (2 performances a day).
- 27 3rd Bn: Sandringham Flower Show.
- 30 3rd Bn: Colchester Carnival.

Dinner highlights Leicester links

The Lord Mayor of Leicester, Councillor Bill Page, gave a dinner on Feb 19 for the Colonel of the Regiment to highlight the close relationship which exists between the city and the Regiment. Among those present were Col Andrew Martin, the Lord Lieutenant of Leicester, Mrs Janet Seitchfield chairman of Leicester County Council, Maj Gen John Akehurst, Cols Mike Moore and Richard Wilkes, the past and present Deputy Colonels TA for Leicestershire, Lt Cols Roger Howe and Julian Browne, past and present COs of the Poachers and Lt Col Hugh Lambert, CO of the 7th Battalion based in Leicester.

Councillor Bill Page welcomed the Colonel of the Regiment and spoke of the co-operation and friendship which exists with the Regiment and in particular with the 2nd

Battalion which he visited in Londonderry in November. The Colonel of the Regiment emphasised that much of the strength of the British Army lies in its close links with its traditional recruiting areas and that it was essential that these links should be maintained.

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News from the Vikings

Battalion's brown berets so familiar in Belize

Now two-thirds of the way into its 6 month tour in Belize, the Vikings feel that they fully understand the difference in Belize.

When they took over from the 3rd Battalion, the local people became thoroughly familiar with the brown beret. They are on the whole very friendly but their attitudes and way of life are far removed from our own. It is nothing to find the man of the house back in his hammock by 10 am — and he will often stay there for the rest of the day.

Life has been much more hectic than this for the Battalion. It is deployed in four Combat Team (CT) locations, with Battalion HQ and D Coy in Rideau Camp; B Coy in Salamanca; C Coy in Airport and A Coy at Holdfast. It forms two battle groups — Battle Group South based on Rideau commanded by the CO, Lt Col Tony Calder — and Battle Group North, with its Headquarters at Airport Camp, commanded by the Second-in-Command, Maj Michael Goldschmidt.

Each battle group has its own artillery support, provided by 127 (Dragon) Battery and in the North, they have the Reconnaissance Troop, 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards. Engineer support comes from 9 Para Sqn RE.

Both battle groups held their TEWTs in the first month after



B Coy builds its own bridge at Salamanca.

arrival. The Battle Group North exercise on 19 Oct enabled many people based at Airport Camp to see the Guatemalan border and countryside for the first time from the top of Xunantanich, the Mayan ceremonial centre and temple which completely dominates the area.

The Battle Group North exercise, Viking Destroyer, was the next main event in the tour. It involved Cayo CT (From Holdfast Camp) deploying its OP line overlooking enemy approaches from the border and a Belize Defence Force (BDF) company holding the main town in Cayo District, San Ignacio. The Airport Camp CT, as Force Reserve, was released to Battle Group North halfway through the exercise and arrived just in time to turn the tide of events.

Battle Group South's exercise at the end of November was in two phases which exercised B and D CT's in their different roles in the west and east of the Group's area.

The Airport Camp CT acted as enemy. Sea landings were made at Punta Gorda and a battle royal was waged by D CT for possession of this small coastal town.

Further inland, B CT, fortunate in having peacetime tasks which closely relate to operational contingency plans, was springing platoon ambushes, delaying and destroying the enemy as they tried to infiltrate along the jungle tracks from the border to the coast. Once again, the BDF deployed on the exercise and acquitted themselves well.

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Cpl Richardson and Pte Page disembark near Cedars Crossing.



Sgt Morton covers Pte Churn forward.

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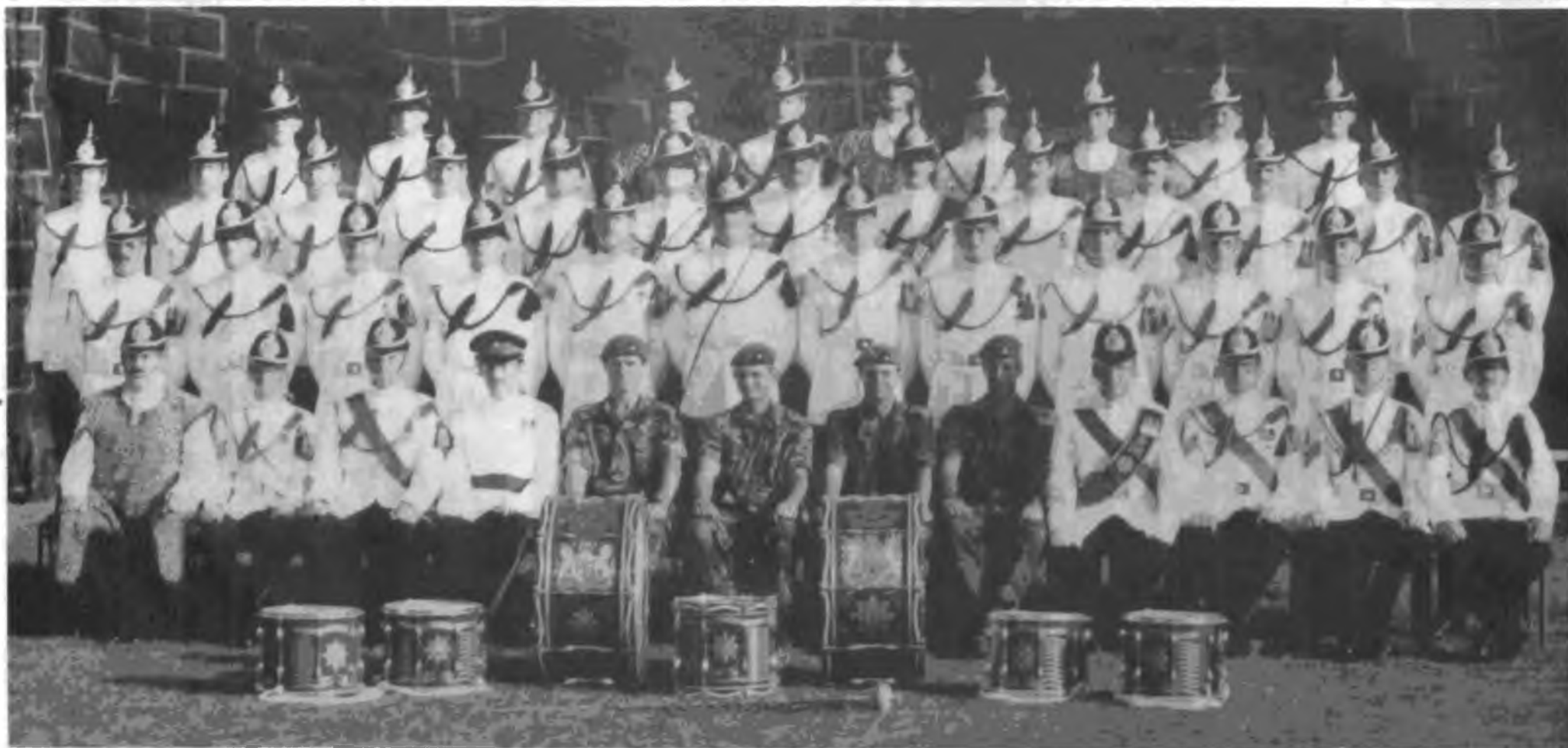
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News from the Vikings



The CO Second-in-Command, Adjutant and RSM with the band and drums.

Combat teams at home in jungle terrain

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After the battle group exercises, combat teams were fully at home in the very difficult jungle terrain and patrol programmes, which had of course started at the beginning of the tour, really took off.

Patrolling is the main activity of the infantryman in Belize and combat teams have worked hard to master the required skills here.

Both long and short-range patrols are put out as a matter of routine. They are inserted by Puma, by vehicle, or simply by being dropped at the end of a track and then walking in to their patrol area.

River patrols have also been mounted, using assault boats.

The OP commitment includes three permanent OPs at Cayo in the north and Cadenas and Tree Tops in the south, which provide valuable information on activities in the Guatemalan border area.

A heavy patrol programme has been invaluable in developing the skills of junior commanders and private soldiers who have led many of the patrols. B CT, in their isolated location at Salamanca have found this particularly useful and Ptes Pattison, Stewart, Walden, Gant, Dorman and Dickinson deserve particular mention.

As one of the unit's tasks here is to offer training assistance to the BDF, it was particularly rewarding to see them not only

up to strength but also fully trained to take over the Cattle Landing platoon base from D CT. Other training assistance for the BDF has included providing instructors for a SNCOs cadre, which is continuing at the time of reporting. In their turn, the BDF provide interpreters to accompany our patrols and have even provided very patient instructors who have taught basic Spanish to the Vikings!

A CSE show in early December visited all four main locations and Christmas was celebrated in high style in all combat teams, although of necessity many people were on duty. All locations and outstations were visited on Christmas Day by

the CO and RSM who travelled by Gazelle, taking the Christmas pudding right in to the most remote border OPs.

The Force exercise, Mopan Rampart VI, was held during 15-20 Jan. It should have been a full FTX but because of political developments was drastically cut. This was regrettable as a lot of preparation had gone into the exercise, including flying

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Musical treat at Christmas

The highlight of the Christmas period was the visit of the band. During December, they played 21 engagements around Belize, including all combat team locations.

They were joined by the Corps of Drums in Beating Retreat at Airport Camp

which was a great success.

The Bandmaster, Mr Lines, had a short lesson in the Belizean sense of humour when he announced at one of his concerts that the band's records, which were for sale, did not have holes in the middle. No-one bought a record!



A guest conductor at one of the band's concerts.



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News from the Vikings



Vikings on top of Xunantanich during the Battle Group North TEWT.

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troops in from UK. Both battle groups' participation was reduced to CPX lower controls, though C CT in its role as Airport Camp CT, played a full and often hectic role.

As the Battalion's tour has progressed, the weather has changed considerably. After quite heavy rain and a high, fast-flowing river, we have passed through a mild spell (in Belize, temperatures in the low 60s are fairly chilly) and have now moved into the beginning of the dry season, with temperatures and humidity steadily climbing.

A recent period of field firing, Exercise Viking Crack, which was held in the cooler, less

humid atmosphere of Mountain Pine Ridge, was doubly welcome.

This three-week period on an area more akin to Brecon Beacons than anywhere else, enabled all the rifle platoons to fire and was followed by the Support Company concentration, Exercise Viking Thump.

Marijuana has figured quite largely in the affairs of several patrols. It is quite extensively grown in Belize and on occasions the Battalion has co-operated with the Belizean Police in destroying marijuana fields. D CT carried out an operation on 26 Jan to destroy an estimated US \$200,000-worth and A CT destroyed a similar amount earlier in the month.

The visits of the Guardships have been enjoyed by everyone. In the earlier part of our tour, HMS Tartar visited and the Oerlikon gun crews from Rideau Camp were able to carry out live firing. More recently, HMS Zulu has made an equally successful visit. On both occasions, officers and sailors from the ships' platoon have carried out jungle training and live firing with Battalion instructors during their visit. Stories about snakes and scorpions have to be heard to be believed.

An equally successful and rewarding relationship with the RAF has existed during the tour. The Harriers provide our close air support and the Pumas have inserted our patrols and flown casevac missions, as well as being used for abseil training.

The R & R programme is now almost complete and has been a great success. Soldiers have visited Mexico, USA, Canada and Costa Rica as well as the Belizean Cayes and the Battalion's own R and R centre at Placentia. In addition, the adventure training courses run at the Force Centre on St George's Caye have been very popular.

This has been a very enjoyable tour which is becoming increasingly busy as we begin to prepare for handover to 2 Para. Their recce party visited us in January and we look forward to seeing their advance party at the end of March. Preparations are well in hand for our return to UK but we expect life to be no less hectic there than here.



Just to prove everybody gets out — CSgt Elba-Porter, of Officers Mess fame in the field earning his pay.



Pte Davis keeps a sharp look out as he scouts ahead.



LCpl Fleming and Pte Davis of C Coy caught with their trousers down but still on the alert at the Jungle Training Centre, Eagles Nest.

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News from The Poachers

Northern Ireland awards

Congratulations to the following Poachers who featured in the list of awards for service in Northern Ireland.

OBE — Lt Col Roger Howe.

Queen's Gallantry Medal — Sgt Peter Smith.

Mention in Despatches — Capt Peter Willbridge, Sgt Chris Houghton, Cpl "Tich" Delane and Cpl Ted Heston.

Commander Northern Ireland Commendation — Capt Roger Brunt, Lt David Napier, Cpl John Lonsdale, Cpl Paul Mann, Cpl "Lofty" Woodcock, Pte Steve Barnes, Pte Tony Griffin and Pte Robert Smith.

Terrorists cornered

The Battalion wrapped up the final stage of the tour in Londonderry with a characteristic burst of activity that saw the highest series of arrest operations since Operation Motorman.

This hammer blow against the Provisionals was delivered in several joint Poacher/RUC operations from August to January with a total of 75 hardened terrorists arrested and charged. Both PIRA and INLA were not long in trying to show they were still forces to be reckoned with and December saw five clever but fortunately unsuccessful assassination or booby-trap attempts against members of the Battalion.

It may have been too successful in keeping them out of Londonderry as on 6 Dec INLA attacked the Droppin Well disco in Ballykelly. The only Poacher casualty, Cpl Taylor, is thankfully well on the way to recovery.

Christmas came with the usual festive cheer and served to remind everyone who is married how much they owe to their wives for their courage and fortitude in carrying on "abnormally" for the past two years.

The Battalion became fully operational in Colchester as part of 19 Inf Bde on 14 Feb having had two weeks well-deserved leave. There are still about 20 "old Poachers" who were in Hyderabad Barracks during the 1969-71 tour.

In sport they have started well, beating 2LI in the third round of the Infantry Hockey Cup but unfortunately losing to 1st Cheshires in the quarter finals by two goals to nil on 26 Feb. They beat 2SF in the semi-final of the Army Intermediate Boxing Championships and go on to meet 2RRF in the finals on April 18 in Colchester.

The cooks have been at work and achieved most creditable



The Prime Minister, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, meets Cpl Wally Taylor who is seen recovering in Musgrave Park Hospital after being injured in the Ballykelly bombing.

results with Sgt Clapperton becoming Chef of the Year, LCpl Kennedy winning the packed meal class and Cpl Halliday and LCpl Warwood second in the field competition.

In the Young Chef of the Year

competition LCpl Oliver came fourth. Well done the Army Catering Corps!

The Recce Platoon under Capt Kevin Hodgson left to join the First Battalion in Belize for some "jungle bashing". They had six weeks in the jungle

followed by a week's R and R on the golden beaches of the Caribbean while their colleagues sat out the big freeze in Essex. Some people have all the luck!

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It's a long way down — patrolling by helicopter over Londonderry.



Maj Gen John Akhurst presented Northern Ireland Commendation Certificates to Capt Roger Brunt, Cpl Lonsdale and LCpl Smith.

**Don't just sit there!
The TA needs volunteers**

Why not visit the Regimental Museums at:
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The Keep, Gibraltar Barracks, Bury St Edmunds.

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News from The Poachers

Changes at the top

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The Battalion said farewell to two Company Commanders, Majors Peregrine Rawlins and Tom Longland who have been posted to Rheindahlen and Warminster respectively. To Capt(QM) Dennis Thornion who returns to the 6 RRF and to Capt Tony Thompson who goes on retirement to 6th Royal Anglian in Bedford as a PSAO go thanks for a job well done and best wishes in the future.

On 25 Feb the Deputy Colonel, Maj Gen John Akehurst visited the Battalion at its new station in Colchester and attended the annual Austin dinner in the Officers Mess. He was able to present Capt Roger Brunt, Cpl Jonathan Lonsdale and LCpl Smith with their Commander Northern Ireland Commendation Certificates.

A busy and varied programme lies ahead for 1983 with visits from both the Queen Mother and Princess Alice, a major exercise in Germany and a UNFICYP tour in Cyprus as well as all the normal day-to-day training and life of the Battalion

POACHER'S TALLY

The Battalion was called upon to deal with the following incidents from Jan '81 to Jan '83:

Shooting attacks against RUC	44
Shooting attacks against Army	58
Shooting attacks against RUC/Army	4
Car bombs	6
IEDs	12
Booby traps	4
Blind incendiaries	18
Knecappings	20
Mortar attacks	1
Security Forces deaths (including one Poacher, Pte Anderson, May 82)	9
Terrorist deaths	3
Civilian deaths (including 3 youths killed in riots)	8



Members of the Battalion enjoy a little Christmas spirit in the dining hall at Ebrington Barracks.



Pin-up girl Judy Beba with Pte Jones, Pte Rayner, LCpl Cammack and Pte Rowe of A Coy.



Maj Gen J B Akehurst CBE, visits A Coy NBC Training (CO, OC A Coy, and the Adjt look on).



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News from The Poachers



An advance party of ten members of the Recce Platoon arriving in Belize in February. They have been attached to the Vikings until this month to do some jungle bashing and learn new patrolling techniques.



● Above, Lord Mayor of Leicester, Cllr Bill Page prepares for a flight over Londonderry.



● Right, OC B Coy (Maj Peter Barnes) tells Nigel Kaye, of Radio Leicester, about this tour of duty.



Commander Northern Ireland, Lt Gen Bob Richardson, listens to CSgt Tom Wesley.



● Below, the CLF with the Medical Section during his farewell visit in January.

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The Bandmaster conducting during Christmas celebrations at Fort George with D(Sp) Coy.



News from The Pompadours

Battalion returns to Colchester



Pte Wiltshire with his CBF Commendation.

Car crash bravery merits an award

The Commander British Forces Belize recognised Pte Wiltshire's brave and cool-headed conduct in treating a trapped and seriously injured motor car passenger in a vehicle which was leaking fuel and half submerged in a river.

Pte Wiltshire was returning with a party of officers and soldiers from an adventure training expedition in Mexico to Airport Camp in September last year. Ten miles north of the camp they discovered a serious road accident in which a civilian pick-up truck carrying four passengers had crashed after hitting other vehicles and fallen into the river. Two passengers had been thrown clear.

Without hesitation Pte Wiltshire went to the aid of the trapped victim, spent two hours in the river, applied first-aid and comforted the injured man eventually helping to free him from the wreckage. He then went back into the river to conduct a search for the fourth passenger who was still missing.

An extract from CBF's Commendation reads "Throughout the entire incident Pte Wiltshire displayed calmness, courage, determination and maturity far in excess of that normally expected of a young soldier. He acted in a thoroughly professional manner, setting a fine example to those around him".

The Battalion returned from the hot and humid climate of Belize, to Colchester, early in October and with five weeks to go before Christmas block leave, launched themselves into an intensive training programme aimed at completing most of the mandatory physical training and shooting tests that the operational situation in Belize had prevented them from completing.

Post-Belize administration involved the recovery from the Falklands of many of our vehicles, now complete with hardtops and delightfully efficient heating systems, radios and other equipment.

Christmas festivities which involved company parties, Officers', Sergeants and Corporals Mess functions, wives and childrens parties, were much enjoyed before the Battalion went on almost four weeks' well-earned leave.

The Battalion returned from block leave on 4 Jan and entered the individual training phase of the commanding officer's training programme for 1983. This lasted until 25 Feb before they yet again boarded VC10 and Hercules

aircraft at Brize Norton for Exercise Trumpet Dance 2 at Fort Lewis and Yakima ranges and training areas near Seattle, Washington State.

During the individual training phase, potential NCOs, tactics, signals, driving, Milan, mortar, NBC, first-aid, map reading, AFV recognition, assault pioneer cadres and courses have been held.

Exercise Trumpet Dance 2 heralds the start of the collective training phase of 1983's training programme. The Battalion will have the opportunity of field firing at section, platoon and company level supported by US Army helicopters and Air Force fighter aircraft and will carry out a Battalion FTX, an exercise against an American Ranger Battalion and an inter-platoon competition.

On return to the United Kingdom in mid-April, apart from a "minor diversion" involving the preparation for and Spearhead duties, the Battalion moves into Phase II of this year's programme — mechanised conversion training in preparation for our move to Minden.



The GOC Eastern District, Maj Gen McMillan, presented five Long Service and Good Conduct Medals in the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess in January this year. The recipients were WO2 Potter, Drum Major Staples, Ex CSgt Bulford, Sgt Jefferson REME and Sgt Dexter. Picture shows Sgt Dexter receiving his medal from the GOC.



Sharpshooters do well

LCpl Richards, above left, and LCpl Chambers, members of the Pompadours GPMG(SF) team which won the Eastern District Cup and were third in the UKLF Championships. They are pictured during training at

Stanford Training Area.

Below the GOC Eastern District, watched by the Commanding Officer, presents the Eastern District GPMG(SF) Cup to LCpl Chambers.



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News from the 5th Battalion

Surprise promotion on dinner night

4 Coy wins at Grimes Graves



LCpl Johnson

Capt Andrew Alexander organised the battalion orienteering competition at Grimes Graves on Jan 16. This was a well attended event with several teams from each company, civilian teams, and representatives from other units.

The competition run over a course of three legs of 4.3 kilometres was won by 4 (Hertfordshire) Coy in a time of 91 mins 38 secs, followed by 3 Coy (112 mins 17 secs) and HQ Coy (133 mins 38 secs).

The winning team Sgt Batchelor, LCpl Johnson and LCpl Byford. LCpl Johnson has recently rejoined 4 Coy, and is again proving a very welcome asset.

102 years of service rewarded

When Col Barber, Deputy Honorary Colonel of HQ Coy, presented a record number of medals on 18 Jan, the 102 years' total service of the recipients averaged 17 years each, a total which offsets the high turnover figures of the TA.

Cpl Kerrigan — TEM, Bdsn Dyer — TEM, Sgt Smith T — First Clasp to TEM, Cpl Chown — First Clasp to TEM, Cpl Crowton (Band) — First Clasp to TEM, Bdsn Clarkson — Second Clasp to TEM.

Following a presentation by all ranks during Exercise Keystone in BAOR, and another presentation when being "dined out" by the WOs & Sgts' Mess, it was the turn of the officers to dine out their Commanding Officer on Oct 30.

The officers assembled at Peterborough, together with the Commanding Officer's personal guests — Maj Gen Dick Gerrard-Wright and Brig Howard. During the dinner, Brig Howard (Comd 49 Bde) made the surprise announcement that Lt Col Wreford had been promoted to Brevet Colonel Maj Colin Albany (Bn 21C) presented an engraved carriage clock to the Commanding Officer and paid tribute to his exemplary record.

The evening which began with an excellent Beating Retreat by the Corps of Drums, ended with a fine performance by the band.

The following day marked the handover of the Battalion to Lt Col P B D Long.

The date coincided, either by luck or very good judgement, with the Audit Board. Having been able to make an instant assessment of the financial worth of his new command, the new CO is now in the process of assessing the other qualities of his Battalion. So far Col Long has not discovered too many skeletons in the cupboards, despite extensive travelling to the remotest locations. We look forward to exciting times under our new management.



Col Wreford receives his presentation from Maj Albany (Bn 21C) watched by Brig Howard, Commander 49 Bde.

Exercise Keystone recollections

The following personal account by Lt David Marsden of 4 Coy vividly portrays the part played by the 5th Battalion in Exercise Keystone. As the last issue of Castle was published just a few days after our return from Exercise Keystone this item arrived too late for inclusion.

"Annual camp took place in BAOR. 4 Coy took a record 143 to camp, the most in living memory and after a week of very active build up training, 4 Coy was deployed onto Exercise Keystone.

"The Company role was as reserve to reinforce the rest of the battalion. 10 Platoon was in a wood and dug in while 11 Platoon was in the vicinity of a farm. 12 Platoon had the task of defending Mollenbeck village.

"Each platoon carried out quick reaction tests to reinforce other companies and undertook a rigorous patrolling programme. This was a very active period during which urban patrolling and vehicle check points were practised. Members of the company had the opportunity to mix with and meet many local people and relations were excellent.

"Much useful information was gathered by the local children and interpreted by German speakers within the company, notably Pte Dexter Houghton whose mother is German and OCol Kerry Hutchinson who speaks fluently and has now taken a full time job in Germany.

"As the battle heated up the whole company was brought forward of the river to set up a series of OPs. Coy HQ, 10 and

11 Platoons were quickly detected by the enemy and killed off. 12 Platoon, however, survived, despite careful searching by enemy patrols and helicopters. The enemy decided to build a bridge in the vicinity of 12 Platoon's position which promptly called down artillery fire.

"The Brigadier later said that the exercise commander had ordered the OPs to cease functioning so that the exercise could proceed (other coys may be able to take some of the credit for this — but not much). 12 Platoon was commanded by Lt D K Marsden.

"The Milan equipment finally arrived after being held up for a while in the South Atlantic. The platoon quickly reorganised and in a short time were quite competent, expertly guided by NCOs who had recently attended courses at Support Weapons Wing, Netheravon. The platoon performed professionally, especially in view of the short changeover period from Wombats."



Marches and displays to mark anniversary

Under the command of Maj N H Kelsey 4 (Hertfordshire) Coy, is to march through Hertford on Apr 2 with Councillor Roger Martin, Mayor of Hertford, taking the salute. Lunch is being hosted by 4 Coy in the Officers' Mess at St Andrews Street and in the evening a cocktail party will be held at the Castle Hall, followed by Beating Retreat by the Band and Drums. An all ranks discotheque will conclude the day's events.

Commanded by Maj T W Robinson 1 (Suffolk) Coy will march through Ipswich on Apr 10 with the Mayor, Mrs Beryl James, taking the salute outside the Town Hall. The parade is to be preceded by a church service in St Mary-le-Tower. A buffet lunch at the TA Centre in Yarmouth Road will be followed by the Band and Drums Beating Retreat.

A display by TA units will take place in the Grand Ring of the Essex Show on June 17/18 when 3 (Essex) Coy will take part together with other Essex-based units. The display is to be co-ordinated by Col Dan Reader MVO, vice-chairman and organiser of the Royal Tournament. It will show a history of signalling, a mast erecting competition, a demonstration of infantry weapons, and a display of mechanical transport.

HQ Coy, commanded by Maj A E Elsey, TD, will parade in Peterborough on July 9 with the Mayor of Peterborough taking the salute followed by a buffet lunch and an all ranks discotheque in the evening.

The battalion is also taking part in a pageant during the Royal Tournament on July 18/19, emphasising the modern image of the TA.

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News from the 6th Battalion

*US General
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Change of command

Important changes have taken place within and without the Battalion since the publication of the last Castle. We have come under the command of a reformed Brigade; 54 Infantry Brigade at Grantham; a dedicated Home Defence command. PSAO posts have been established at three of the four Rifle Companies, and by concentrating on internal recruiting we are hoping to reduce the large turnover of the trained soldier and the recruit. The establishment of the Recruit Reception and Training Teams has meant that we are now able to exercise centralised control over this previously neglected area, and we are continuing to improve a policy of selection and training for Officer Cadets.

Maj Gen Dick Gerrard Wright, DTA&C, sneaked a visit to us in early January and was made aware of a few of the outstanding problems of TA soldiering.

On Jan 1 operational command for the Battalion was moved from HQ Eastern District to the new, reformed, 54 Infantry Brigade at Prince William of Gloucester's Barracks, Grantham. The Brigade Commander is Brig John Davey, MC who has already visited the unit.

On 11 Jan a Flag Raising Ceremony was held at Grantham to mark the occasion of the forming of the Brigade. WO1(RSM) Eke was the parade RSM and after a simple ceremony there was a reception for all ranks in the Officers Mess. Other units presently in 54 Bde are the Vikings, 3(V) WFR, Cambridge University OTC and East Midlands University OTC.

The Battalion has recruited three new Permanent Staff Administrative Officers to coincide with the formation of No 3 Coy the Home Service Force. At Norwich we have welcomed Capt Bob Godfrey, MC who came from the Dept of International Affairs and War Studies at RMA Sandhurst. At Bedford Capt Tony Thompson joined us from the Poachers, and the Vikings have given us Capt Bob Day for Cambridge. Very shortly a PSAO will be selected for C Coy at Braintree.

The establishment of the

PSAO posts has greatly increased the efficiency of the unit, and releases the PSI's for more training commitments.

The Battalion Colours were on parade for the first time since they were presented to us when the Battalion mustered 100 soldiers to march through Bury St Edmunds on the Remembrance Parade last November. The guard itself was commanded by Maj John Raybould of HQ Company and the Parade was headed by the Band and Drums of the 1st Battalion.

Under the dynamic command of 2Lt Sheila Gann the WRAC platoon of the Battalion find themselves increasingly in demand.

At the moment Pte Ange Caulder and Pte Carpenter are helping ID&D with other NI training and Cpl Marianne Reilly is attached to 3 R Anglian for the Queen Mother's visit in May.



Director of the US National Guard, Maj Gan Temple Jr, visited Bn HQ and HQ Con in February. He is pictured here talking to (left to right) Pte Cocksedge, Pte Turner and Pte Sneddon, of the Battalion's Mortar Section. The General has extended an invitation to all members of the regiment to visit the Pentagon, in Washington, where he works.

£250,000 for South Atlantic Fund

The Commanding Officer, Lt-Col David James raised £250,000 for the South Atlantic Fund and for the Falklands Appeal. He organised two auctions in the RAC Club, London on 23 Sep and 19 Nov 82. Sir Rex Hunt, Civil Commissioner of the Falkland Islands, was the Patron and the CO managed to get such people as Sir Sandy Woodward, Cindy Buxton, Ian Macdonald, Brian Hanrahan and Michael Nicholson to auction off the many exhibits.

Anniversary plans

Plans are already well advanced for the 75th Anniversary of the TA. Although some Companies are having their own celebrations, the Battalion is marking the occasion in Bury St Edmunds on 21 May. It will be a joint effort with 202 Bty RA who are colocated with us at Bn HQ.

The day will start with a Freedom March through the town ending in the Abbey Gardens. In this we shall be assisted by the bands of the Depot, Queens Division and of 5 Royal Anglian.

This will be followed up by a Beating Retreat in the Abbey Gardens by the Band and

Drums of 5(V) Royal Anglian and then a Reception in the Athenaeum. There will also be a TA Military Pageant in the Abbey Grounds depicting aspects from TA life from its formation to modern times. This is being directed by Capt Bob Godfrey and each company will be taking part.

Guests of honour will include the Mayor of St Edmundsbury, Gen Sir Timothy Creasey and hopefully Gen Sir Harry Tuzo, the Master Gunner. All members of the Regiment will be welcomed of course, but regrettably, organised entertainment will be dedicated to invited guests.

Around and about

In September Lt Col David James hands over command of the Battalion to Lt Col Alistair Veitch, currently working in the British Embassy in Washington. In July Capt Ian Hall, from the Poachers, joins us as our new Adjutant.

At A(Norfolk) Company Maj John Davidson moves to the Recruit Reception and Training Team and is replaced by Maj John Raybould; Capt Miles Green becomes 2IC.

At B(Bedford) Company Maj Alan Fairless retires after Annual Camp and Capt Alan Spearing assumes command. At Braintree, Maj Douglas Inch has replaced Maj John Metcalfe as OC. CSM Smart has now taken over as CSM at Cambridge and WO2 Burgess has moved to WTWD at Bn HQ. Maj Dennis Haslam has taken over HQ Company. Maj Ron James will remain as Bn 2IC to enable the new CO to settle in; he continues in post as PMC.

WO2 Doug Burch has been promoted to Capt(QM). He is the first member of 6 R Anglian to be granted a Quartermasters commission.

WO1(RSM) Bob Eke took over from WO1 Jim Carpenter at the end of last year. WO1 Carpenter returns from Uganda soon.

CSGT Tony Jones became the new PSI at Cambridge, and CSGT Mortimer shortly replaces CSGT Pete Armes of Braintree.

WO2(RQMS) Bowden, from the Vikings, joins us as RSM in July, when WO1 Eke returns to the Poppadours.

There are presently two "colonial" officers serving with the Battalion. Lt Craig Tapper, late of Royal Australian Army is serving with A Company at Norwich; and Lt Wayne Mapp, late 3rd Bn (Auckland Countess of Ranjuri's Own) Royal New Zealand Regt, with D Coy.

For the second successive year B(Bedford) Coy won the EDIST TA Soccer Competition. In the final at Grantham they beat E Coy of 3(V) WFR 2-1.

Diary dates

Annual Camp this year will be at the Cinque Ports training area, Lydd and Hythe from 18 Jun - 2 Jul.

Fortunately the Battalion has been allocated another Marble Tor exercise, and Capt Alan Spearing from B(Bedford) Coy will be commanding the composite company in Gibraltar from 13-27 Aug. Included in the Gibraltar exercise will be an expedition to the Atlas mountains in North Africa led by Lt Paul Chapman of D(Cambridge) Company.

The Bn SAM will be held at Colchester on weekend 9/10 Apr and on 21 May the Bn celebrates the 75th Anniversary of the TA in Bury St Edmunds.

Old skills for new warriors



Soldiers of the Norwich Platoon, the Home Service Force, in training at Frog Hill, SPTA. From left to right they are LCpl Ian McMillan, 37, a welfare assistant Pte John Goode, 48, Cpl Bob Glencross, 49, Pte Geoff Fletcher, 41, Pte Tony Ashen, 41, Pte

Tony Watson, 44, and in front, Platoon Sergeant Ray Page, a stoker from Norwich. The two other platoons of the HSF are located in Bedford and Cambridge, with the headquarters at Bury St Edmunds. The whole company is fully recruited.



News from the 7th Battalion

VIP visit on HQ drill night

Drill night on Jan 20 marked an important occasion for the 7th Battalion when Battalion HQ and Headquarter Coy based at Ulverscroft Road in Leicester were visited by the Commander 1 (BR) Corps, Lt Gen Sir Nigel Bagnall, and the Commander UK Field Army, Lt Gen Sir Edward Burgess.

Gen Burgess, also Inspector General of the TA, is becoming well known to the battalion having made another visit only a few weeks before. The generals were accompanied by Brig James Howard whose 49 Bde includes the battalion and by the TA Advisor to the Commander-in-Chief, Brig Eddie Wilkinson.

After a presentation by the Commanding Officer, Lt Col Hugh Lambert and an early supper in the Officers' Mess, the visitors toured the TA Centre taking a close interest in HQ Coy's training and being introduced to many members by the Company Commander Maj John Barrell.

Officer Cadets from the Rifle Companies based at Scunthorpe, Lincoln, Loughborough and Northampton were present, taking part in the battalion's Potential Officer Training Programme run by Capt Geoff Newmarch. The visitors spent quite some time talking to the Officer Cadets discussing the form and content of their training.

After chatting to junior NCOs and soldiers in the Tigers Club, the visitors were entertained by the RSM, WO1 M N J Dawe, and members of the Warrant Officers and Sergeants' Mess. More than 150 members of HQ Coy were at the centre during the evening — all being delighted to welcome such distinguished visitors.



The Royal South Humberside Coy gets the chance to take a break.

Picture: Grimsby Evening Telegraph

Busy winter programme

Recovery, in all senses, from Exercise Keystone being complete in record time, the battalion quickly settled down to a busy programme of training and other activities.

The Battle Group Trainer at Bovington provided a good opportunity for company commanders to put Battalion Headquarters under pressure, a job they did so well it looked as if they had been practising for years!

December started with the Inter-Platoon March and Shoot at Beckingham, Nottinghamshire. Keen competition resulted in Sgt Catterick's 1 Pl from Scunthorpe being overall winners with 4 Pl from Boston, commanded by Sgt (now CSgt) Venn, and CSgt Blanchard's 7

Pl from Loughborough placed equal second.

The competition over, festivities ensued with the battalion Christmas dinner at which Officers (Lt Col Hugh Lambert as Senior Steward), Warrant Officers and senior NCOs served almost 300 soldiers and junior NCOs. The excellence of the cuisine resulted in well deserved 'field promotion' to Sgt of two ACC Cooks — Cpl Dave Owen from Grimsby and Cpl Brian Spencer from Lincoln.

The second half of December saw the festive season celebrated around the battalion — events varying from the traditional Christmas Shoot organised by CSgt (now WO2) Slinger's Gainsborough Platoon, with Maj Henry

Marshall taking part for almost the 50th year running, to a Ladies' Guest Night at Scunthorpe and a rejuvenated Officers' Ball in Northampton.

The New Year saw the start of serious shooting practice organised by WO2 'Maz' Mazingham — hopefully we shall be reporting our various successes at Bisley in a future issue. In late January, Battalion Headquarters and HQ Coy took to the field for Exercise Glacier Mint — Eastern District's CPX for 49 Inf (The Polar Bears) Bde.

The Battalion was the first major unit as such to use the smart new camp at Wathgill, near Catterick, where a Skill At Arms Concentration was held in early February. Despite the bitter Yorkshire weather, overall shooting standards were good and we are seeing a steady improvement throughout. During the weekend the battalion said goodbye to a former Commanding Officer, Col John Gleadell, during his last visit before ending his TA career.

Sporting life in the Battalion is on the up. The Scunthorpe



"I've got the action — all I need is a glass." Maj Amos in pensive mood.

Company led by Maj Alan Hemmings did well in the TA Soccer Cup gaining a convincing win over 218 Sqn RCT in the December round but unfortunately victory was snatched from them in the semi-final. The Lincoln Company have been busy running for charity with 14 members completing a half-marathon led by the Senior PSI, WO2 Mel Spauls, and the CSM, WO2 Dave Paine. More talent was discovered when the

Birthday parties for TA

Since the birth of the Territorial Force in 1908 Territorial soldiers have been a feature of life in Lincolnshire, Leicestershire and Northamptonshire — the three counties in which the 7th Battalion has its roots.

1983 sees the 75th Anniversary of the Territorials. The anniversary, being celebrated nationally, will be marked by events throughout the battalion area — in each of the three county towns.

First off the mark will be Leicester with a major event planned for Apr 16 to take place at Ulverscroft Road — the home of Battalion HQ and HQ Coy. The TA Centre will be transformed for the evening — Beating Retreat by the 2nd Battalion's Band and Drums followed by a number of gargantuan parties.

As with the battalion's other counties a feature will be the presence of a number of old soldiers — men who first enlisted in 1908 or shortly afterwards.

Lincolnshire's big day will be May 21 — an event, like Leicester, sponsored by the 7th Battalion but in which all TA units in the county are to participate. Once again the 2nd Battalion has kindly made its band available.

A service in Lincoln Cathedral, to be taken by the Bishop of Grantham and the Battalion's Padre Capt Ken Farmer, will be followed by a march past outside the Judge's Lodgings and lunch in the castle grounds. Guests will include the county's own Maj Gen Dick Gerrard-Wright — now, appropriately for the event, the Director Territorial Army and Cadets.

Northampton's turn comes on July 2 and 3. The focal point will be a display in Delapre Park preceded on the Saturday evening by a cocktail party in the Company's TA Centre.

The battalion is enjoying tremendous support and assistance in planning these events from the TA Association, Regimental Secretaries, county and city councils and many others.



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Triumph for B Coy

The battalion's Inter-Company competition for the 1982/83 training year has been won by B Coy commanded by Maj Martin Mee and based at Sobraon Barracks, Lincoln with platoon detachments in Gainsborough and Boston. Points were awarded for the

Battalion Skill-At-Arms meeting and for the Inter-Platoon and March and Shoot Competitions. Runners-up were A (Scunthorpe) Coy followed by D (Northampton), HQ (Leicester) and LDY (Loughborough).

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News from the 7th Battalion



Pte Everson, A Coy, O Group — "Bet he knows what's going on!"



OCDT 1 — "I'm sure they went that way."

OCDT 2 — "But look at this map... or!"



A Coy Commander Maj Alan Hemings preparing for a recent O Group.

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Battalion was commendably placed in the Eastern District TA Cross-Country Championships in early February — Pte Barnaby of the LDY Company achieving 34th place overall. Lincoln has been the place to be for anyone with promotion in mind — the Company Commander, Martin Mee, having reached the dizzy heights of Major, WO2 Pete Slinger taking over from WO2 Dave Paine as CSM and Sgt Venn, commanding 6 Pl, to CSgt, and all in the same month.

Some go up and others go down. The RSM, Nobby Dawe, is congratulated on his imminent promotion to Captain while Maj Tony Amos is demoted by one rank — both looking forward to taking up their jobs as two of our first Permanent Staff Administrative Officers with the Rifle Companies at Loughborough and Northampton respectively. Newcomers to the Regiment, Maj Ken Bruton and Lt Col

Peter McNaughton, take up the chairs in Scunthorpe and Lincoln, complete with smart new brown berets.

The full circle of postings has seen Captain Derek Edwards recently rejoin the Battalion as Quartermaster, on taking over from Capt Brian Newman. Derek left the Lincoln Company in 1971 as its Senior PSI. Shortly before Christmas Maj David Harris came back to the fold from HQ 49 Bde and is now in the battalion second-in-command's chair.

Things have been busy and the battalion looks forward to an equally active programme over coming months not least of which is participation in three separate Royal visits. The Queen is to be present at the inaugural parade of 2 Inf Div at York and the Colonel-in-Chief at Colchester both in May and Princess Alice will be at Leicester in June, visiting the TA Centre in Ulverscroft Road, albeit as guest of the Royal Tigers.



The CO passes the salt, QM Capt Brian Newman, OC D Coy Maj Tony Amos, OCDT Mike Poole and OC B Coy, Capt (now Maj) Martin Mee look on.

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Junior Soldiers and Allied Regiments

Bermuda Regiment visits Belize

While in Belize the 1st Battalion was fortunate to have visits from members of the Bermuda Regiment during January and February. In January, a party led by Lt Mike Stow and accompanied by WO2 Willy King, who is attached to the Bermuda Regiment, visited from Jan 9 to 22.

The visitors were split up between the four combat teams and understudied their particular appointments. A smaller party visited during February and were accompanied by the Bermuda Regiment PR team with WO2 Halewood.

Lt Col G Raynor, who commands the regiment, joined them for the last four days and on his departure presented the battalion with a fine print of Bermuda, a much appreciated token of their friendship. The visits were great successes and can only serve to strengthen our ties. For our part we were delighted to be able to assist and we look forward to their next visit.

Lake Superior Scottish history

A copy of the regimental history of our affiliated Lake Superior Scottish Regiment has been received from the CO, Lt Col Barry Wilson. "In the Face of Danger" records the history of this famous regiment from its formation in 1885 and, in particular, its exploits in two world wars.



The 1st Battalion plays host to members of the Bermuda Regiment during their visit to Belize.

Junior Soldiers Battalion to be disbanded

It seems a pity that after only four years the Junior Soldiers Battalion is to disband.

It was formed at Norton Manor Camp, Taunton in June 1979 and was raised mainly to deal with the large number of recruits expected as a result of the 1978 Defence Review. It will be disbanded after this month's passing out parade.

The Junior Soldiers Battalion role was to train junior soldiers of the Infantry, RCT and RPC for a year to the standard

expected from the common military syllabus, and its charter was to train 756 boys a year.

In its original form, the battalion consisted of three training companies training infantry juniors and pioneers, and two training squadrons, training RCT juniors. The last of the RCT juniors passed out in August 1982, leaving only one intake of juniors of the Queen's, Kings and Prince of Wales Divisions and each has

also a number of boys destined for the Royal Pioneer Corps.

In addition to teaching the common military syllabus, the battalion spends a considerable amount of time teaching military studies, which include an orientation for Army service, communications skills and military calculations. Several boys are able to take selected subjects at EPC while at Taunton. Time is also spent on adventure training and expedition leadership and all

juniors spend several weeks in Snowdonia, rock climbing and canoeing, and near Aviemore skiing, as well as carrying out expeditions across the Welsh mountains.

From its formation to its disbandment, some 90 boys from Taunton will have joined regular battalions of the Royal Anglian Regiment. One is Pte Payne, now with the 3rd Battalion, who twice captained the JSB Junior Football XI to

win the Junior Army Cup and is at present captain of the Junior Army Football Team.

In this present term, JCSM Athroll — destined for the 2nd Battalion — apart from running regularly for the cross country team, is developing real potential as a Bisley candidate. In a recent small bore competition he averaged 45 out of 50 to be the highest scorer in the battalion, including the permanent staff!

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Bicentenary of Great Siege of Gibraltar

'Sortie Day' remembered

The Colonel of the Regiment sent greetings to the Gibraltar Regiment in response to the following letter received from Colonel J J Porral, the Honorary Colonel of the Gibraltar Regiment.

Dear General Creasey,

November 27th, 1982 marks the 201st anniversary of Sortie Day, the highlight of Gibraltar's most outstanding feat of arms in the Great Siege of 1779-1783, that long and arduous campaign throughout which

three of your parent regiments the 12th, the 56th and the 58th of Foot served with such distinction.

May I avail myself of this forthcoming historic date to send you and all ranks of the Royal Anglian Regiment greetings from all ranks of the Gibraltar Regiment together with best wishes for a continued strengthening of the alliance linking our two regiments.

Yours sincerely,
John Porral

England with the most extravagant joy, it is curious to note how little attention the arrival of the defenders attracted. Beyond a line to say that such and such regiments from Gibraltar had landed at Portsmouth, the public prints of the day are silent on the subject. The soldiers were

quickly forgotten.

To commemorate the siege however, approval was given on 22 April 1784 for the word "Gibraltar" to be placed on the Colours, caps and accoutrements and drums of the 58th.

The Adjutant-General wrote to

the Secretary of the Clothing Board:

"I seize this opportunity to acquaint you further that His Majesty has been graciously pleased, in Commemoration of the glorious defence made by the Regiments of Foot which composed the garrison of Gibraltar during the late Memorable siege of that important fortress, to permit the 12th, 39th, 56th and 58th Regiments, which made a part of it, to have the word "Gibraltar" placed upon their Grenadier and Light Infantry Caps and upon their accoutrements and drums, as likewise upon the Second Colours of their Regiments, just underneath their respective number."

This was the first Honour ever put on the Colours of any infantry regiment in the Army. On 13 May 1836, approval was further given for the "Castle and Key" and the words "Montis Insignia Calpe" to be borne on the Colours.

Family news



More than 60 Pompadours' wives attended a Christmas dinner prepared by the regimental chefs. Wine flowed while the ladies were entertained by the regimental band and choir. Pictured top right Mrs Cavaliero jokes with Mrs Southwell and Mrs Jones. Above, Capt Upson, UFO, presents a tasty raffle prize to Mrs Yvonne Chatting, SSAFA Secretary HQ Colchester Garrison.



Young Pompadours thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas party at Meenae Barracks. The afternoon's entertainment included a magician, video cartoons, games, and lots of good food. Pictured top left, children eagerly await the next course. Above, Santa searches his sack for gifts.

On parade on Pancake Day



While the Vikings have been in Belize, their families have integrated well within the local community and Pancake Day (Feb 14) saw the traditional race between the Vikings Wives' Club and Longstanton Wives' Club. The children also took part and in the

line-up above are, from the right, Linda Barreclough, Tracy Sedgewick and Emma Bowden and on the far left, Michelle Smith. In the adults' race, the Longstanton ladies were the victors — the Viking girls are determined to do better next time!

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News from the branches



SUFFOLK

Monty hurt during Australian holiday

While Lt Col "Monty" Case MBE was on holiday in Australia visiting members of his family, he was swimming at a seaside resort near Brisbane and was bowled over by a "bumper" wave, dashed against some rocks and subsequently brought to shore unconscious by a vigilant Surf Life Guard.

Monty broke his neck and suffered damage to his spinal cord which resulted in the whole of his body from the neck down being paralysed. He has been in Brisbane hospital since 27 Nov. Some movement is returning to his shoulders and arms, he is alert in mind and showing his normal fighting spirit.

We expect Monty to return to Stoke Mandeville with his wife in March.

Old Comrades — Writing in last August's issue of "The Britannia and Castle Newsletter" under the heading "Minden Day 1982: An Outsider's View", a young civilian concluded: "... I have to confess that, in a changing and confusing world, I was quietly inspired by the sight of old soldiers continuing to honour their Regimental traditions and rituals long after the extinction of their Regiment."

Minden appears to be an effective vehicle for reuniting old friends, and a context

through which those friendships endure and survive. The health and future of the Minden Day Reunion seems assured...

While it would be difficult to disagree with the writer, such remarks could give the impression that Suffolks say a big "Hello" to each other on Minden Day and then an equally big "Goodbye" until the next year. Nothing could be further from the truth.

The Suffolk Regiment Old Comrades Association is alive and kicking throughout the year under the very active chairmanship of Col Peter Dean, with branches in Bury St Edmunds and Ipswich and area representatives in other towns and villages.

We have also embarked on a programme of area reunions, usually in the form of a dance with buffet, at important "outposts" such as Woodbridge, Lowestoft and Ipswich and a fourth will be held at the Drill Hall, Leiston on 21 May. All ex-Suffolks and Royal Anglians, together with their ladies, are welcome at these functions.

These social occasions are not intended to replace the Minden Day reunion; all Suffolks know that nothing can do that. Rather, they are complementary and a manifestation, if any was needed, of our determination to maintain the



Lt Col "Monty" Case, injured while swimming in Australia.

Picture: East Anglian Daily Times

spirit that saw us through in darker days. Details of these area reunions and any information relating to the OCA, can be obtained through the Secretary, Suffolk OCA, The Keep, Gibraltar Barracks, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP33 3RN Tel: (0284) 2394.

FUTURE EVENTS — Note the following dates in your diary and be assured that a welcome awaits you:

Area Reunion (dance with buffet) — Leiston Drill Hall — 21 May 83

6th Bn The Royal Anglian

Regiment — March through Bury St Edmunds followed by Beating Retreat — 21 May 83

Cambridgeshire Regiment — Memorial service and march past — Ely Cathedral — 28 Jun 83 (Suffolks take part by kind invitation of Col E L V Mapey OBE TD).

Minden Eve Dance — Royal Anglian Club, Bury St Edmunds — 30 Jul 83

Minden Day Reunion (march past after church service), Gibraltar Barracks — 31 Jul 83.



CAMBRIDGESHIRE

Branches thriving

The Cambridgeshire Regiment OCA branches at Cambridge, Wisbech, March and Ely continued to thrive although the winter has reduced the number of social occasions.

Cambridge Branch held its annual meeting on 16 Nov 82. Appointments were: Maj Ken Starling (Chairman), Mr Bill Seddon (Vice Chairman), Mr Jock Hurrell (Treasurer) and Maj Dennis Hutt (Secretary).

Wisbech Branch reports membership of over 100 reflecting the persuasive work of the hardcore members. After the dedication of the new Standard in October, subsequent events seem to have been an anti climax, but the work of members continues to achieve a healthy bank balance.

A full house sat down to a fine feast of sausages and mash followed by apple pie and cream, on 18 Dec 82. The evening was organised and catered for by committee members and a Christmas

draw was held — prizes having been given by members.

Col J G A Beckett was the guest of honour and was accompanied by Mr Roy Stubbings, County Secretary of the OCA.

Ely Branch marked the retirement of Lt Col Wally Badcock as Chairman of the Cambridgeshire TAFE in Dec 82 by a dinner at the Maltings, Ely, chaired by the Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire and attended by many of Wally's friends and colleagues.

The occasion was an appropriate tribute to Wally who never ceased to keep the spirit of the Cambridgeshire Regiment alive.

The Regimental programme for the spring and summer 83 includes:

The Suffolk & Cambridgeshire Officers' Club Dinner — Sat 9 Apr.

The Cambridgeshire Regiment OCA Annual Reunion at Ely — Sun 12 Jun.

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The General Committee of the Royal Tigers' Association gathered for a meeting in January. From left to right: ex CQMS L Wilson, Lt Col (Retd) J L Wilson (secretary), ex Sgt E G T Gibbons, ex CQMS H Evans, ex CQMS S Welch, ex ORQMS D Perry, ex CSM S Sanderson,

ex RSM T J Marston MBE, (vice-chairman), ex CSM L Sheppard, DCM, ex RQMS FM D'Sullivan, ex Sgt F A Norwich, Col (Retd) M Moore MC TD DL (chairman).

The Colours in the background of the photograph are those of

the 5th Battalion, the Royal Leicestershire Regiment, which are now displayed in the Officers' Mess of 7th (Volunteer) Battalion, the Royal Anglian Regiment. The photograph was taken by another committee member, ex CSM A J Clark.

News from the branches

Trip down memory lane in Holland

Reunion in Holland — A group of old soldiers have just returned from a trip down memory lane. Twenty-seven members of the 2nd Bn the Essex Regiment (The Pompadours) crossed to Zeist in Holland for liberation celebrations. For most of the party it was the first time they had been to their old war ground for 37 years and their three days in Holland were spent renewing old acquaintances and enjoying Dutch hospitality.

Grays Thurrock dinner dance — The 16th of the services was attended by over 100 members and guests including Maj Gen and Mrs Michael Holme and Mr Sam Soepboer from Zeist, representing the Burgomeister. Branch President Capt C A L Barnes MC welcomed the guests.

Pompadour Bar — A new bar was opened at the Epping Sports Centre earlier this year. The name of Pompadour was chosen to maintain the link between Epping and the military as the original building on the site was a Drill Hall used by the Essex Regiment for many years.

Watching the Chairman of Epping Forest District Council unveil a plaque giving a short history of the Regiment and the town's connections with the 3rd Bn are Pompadours Cpl Roger Nelson and Drummer John Eldridge and (left to right) Sir John Biggs-Davison MP, Michael Aldworth, Chairman of Epping Forest Council's Recreation and Amenities Committee, Jo Hardy, Chairman of the Sports Centre Management Committee and the Mayor, Peter Burns.



ESSEX



Mr Harry Conn presenting a regimental shield to the Burgomeister of Zeist.



Above: Maj Perry Wilkins, Cpl Frank Hudspeth, Wally Cuthbert, Capt Charlie Barnes, Father Berrett Leonard, Sgt Harry Conn, Harold Fensome, Cpl Len Oliver, Maj Bill McMichael, Maj Claude Salmon, at Zeist.



BEDFORDSHIRE & HERTFORDSHIRE

Retiring secretary to maintain links

Retirement — Maj "Donald" Girdwood retired on 2 Mar after 29 years' service with the Northamptonshire Regiment, six years as Assistant Regimental Secretary of the Royal Anglian Regiment and seven years as Secretary of the Bedfordshire & Hertfordshire Regimental Association.

He has earned the gratitude and respect of us all, not only for his hard work and loyalty, but especially for his prodigious and untiring efforts in the field of welfare. We are very pleased to announce that Maj Girdwood has accepted the appointment of Assistant Vice-Chairman of the Regimental Association, so we shall continue to receive his valuable advice. We wish him a long and happy retirement.

Damage — The roofs of both Regimental cottages at Oakley, near Bedford, suffered considerable damage during last winter and repair work is expected to begin in April. We are grateful to the Army Benevolent Fund for their generous gift of £5,200, and to the Royal Anglian Regiment which has given £500 towards the cost of repairs.

The Regimental Memorial at Kempston has suffered considerably from the ravages of time and estimates show that repairs are likely to cost more than £5,000.

Going Strong — His many friends will be pleased to hear that the indefatigable Mr C C Wells MBE MSM, has, at the age of 83, succumbed to popular request to continue as Secretary of the Bedford Branch for yet another year, his 36th!

"Lucie" Painting — Since the vacation of Kempston Barracks the oil painting of the meeting of the 1st and 2nd Battalions of the Bedfordshire Regiment at Loos, near Ypres, on 6 Nov 14, has languished and suffered in a store belonging to Bedford Borough Council. To the relief of all concerned, the new owners of the Keep at Kempston Barracks, the Bedford Masonic Lodge, offered to house it in their principal ante room and kindly restored both painting and frame to pristine condition.

The Remembrance and wreath-laying ceremony was held at the Regimental War Memorial at Kempston on 21 Nov attended by 175 Old Comrades and their families. Following coffee, kindly provided by the Bedford Masonic Lodge in the Keep, 95 Old Comrades formed up under Maj Vernon French on the Depot Parade Ground and marched to the Memorial led by the 3rd Battalion Band and the Standards of the Old Comrades' Branches.

After the sounding of The Last Post and a short address by the Deputy Colonel, Maj Gen J A Ward-Booth, wreaths were laid on behalf of the 16th Foot Old Comrades' Association, each OCA Branch, 8th Battalion the Bedfordshire Regiment, B Coy 6th Battalion (TA), the Bedfordshire Cadet Force, the Essex Regiment and on behalf of eight widows of late members of the Association. The parade marched past the Deputy Colonel before returning to the Parade Ground for dismissal and a buffet lunch in the Drill Hall, Ashburnham Road.



The opening of the Pompadour Bar at Epping Sports Centre.



Guests at the Grays Thurrock dinner dance.

Picture: Thurrock Gazette

News from the branches



NORFOLK

Quiet times

It has been a quiet winter in Norfolk, devoid of any snow until February and a fair season for those still keeping their fingers on the trigger for the unwary pheasant.

Benevolence — The Regimental Committee has been active in trying to cope with the steadily increasing requests for financial assistance from former members of the Regiment. The effects of the deprivations suffered by so many Far East Prisoners-of-War of three former Battalions of the Regiment are now causing major health problems.

Local FEPOW organisations, branches of the Royal British

Legion and SSAFA are commended for their efforts in assisting needy cases, but ultimately the requests for help come to the Regiment.

We are grateful for the generous support we continue to receive from the Army Benevolent Fund and the Royal Anglian Regiment Benevolent Fund.

Retirement — Many former members of the Regiment will have noted the retirement of Mrs Margaret Wones who served as the "Girl Friday" of the Norwich Outstation staff for some 34 years. Mrs Wones retired on 17 Dec 82 and at a party held at Britannia Barracks to mark the occasion, Brig Peter Barclay presented Mrs Wones with a handsome carriage clock, suitably engraved.

Summer Calendar — Regimental occasions planned for the summer are:

Royal Norfolk Officers Club Dinner-Luncheon at the Norfolk Club — Fri/Sat 3/4 Jun.

Regimental Cricket Match — at Marlingford — Sunday 5 Jun.

Royal Anglian/Royal Norfolk Regimental Tent — at the Royal Norfolk Show — Wed/Thu 29/30 Jun.

4th Battalion Officers' Club

Lt Col Murray Brown



It is with much regret that we record the death of Lt Col Bill Murray Brown who died on 26 Nov 82. The funeral on 29 Nov, at the Kirtling Roman Catholic Church, Suffolk, was attended by his family and many personal friends.

A Memorial Service attended by some 130 relatives and friends was conducted in the Royal Norfolk Regimental Chapel, Norwich Cathedral, on 16 Dec 82 by Canon Wynter Blathwayt and the Rev Dickie Davis who served with Bill in Burma. Brig Peter Barclay gave the address and lessons were read by Col Murray Petit and Bill's younger son John. Bill Murray Brown was commissioned from Sandhurst into the Royal Norfolk Regiment in 1938. In 1939 and 1940 he served with the 2nd Battalion in France and Belgium where he was mentioned in despatches and later in India and Burma.

In 1944, at the age of 26, he

took command, which he continued to do with great distinction until the end of the war. He was awarded the DSO and was mentioned in despatches for a second time.

After the war he attended the Staff College and held various staff appointments in the UK, Hong Kong and the USA, returning in 1954 to command the Royal Norfolk Regimental Depot in Norwich. In 1958 he took command of the 1st Battalion, the Royal Norfolk Regiment in Germany, and was commanding when the amalgamation with the Suffolk Regiment took place. Bill's leadership, tact, understanding and patience did much to ensure that the new Regiment was soundly and firmly launched.

In 1961-2 he was GSO 1 to the Hong Kong Defence Forces, when he decided to retire and initially, took up a retired officers post at Headquarters East Anglian District.

In November 1965 he became Regimental Secretary to the Royal Anglian Regiment where he served until December 1980 and played a major role in setting up the Regiment as it now exists. Latterly he was Secretary of the Royal Worlington and Newmarket Golf Club.

He was a proper officer and person in every way. Brave and courteous in war, a first class regimental officer and latterly servant of the Regiment, a gifted and talented games player, a relaxed and delightful companion, with great moral strength, he will be sorely missed particularly in the Regiment, in East Anglia and in golfing circles.

He bore the problems of his ill-health during his latter days, when he gained much strength from his close and happy family life, with his customary courage and good humour. We were all better for knowing him.



LINCOLNSHIRE



Picture query — No prizes for naming those in the photograph below of the 4th Lincolns at Velp near Arnhem on 15 Apr 45. However, for record purposes, HQ at Lincoln would be very interested in any information from readers.



Mrs Margaret Wones

Dinner — at the TA Mess, Norwich — Fri 22 Apr.

4th Battalion OCA Dinner — at the Lamb Inn, Norwich — Sat 23 Apr, 7.30 pm.

Regimental Commemoration Service — at the Regimental Chapel, Norwich Cathedral — Sun 24 Apr, 10.00 am.

London Branch of the Royal Norfolk Regiment OCA will hold their Dinner/Dance — at the Geoffrey Chaucer Inn, Westminster Bridge, London on Sat 14 May 83. Those requiring more information should contact London Branch Secretary Bill Seymour at 15 Bandon Rise, Wallington, Surrey SM6 8PT. Tel: London (01) 669-6632.

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The Commanding Officer designate of the 2nd Battalion, Lt Col Julian Browne, visited us on 7 Oct 82 when, after meeting various members of the press and local radio, he was entertained by the Mayor of Lincoln, Councillor C A North and the City Sheriff Mr H G Oliver.

The Queen's Divisional Brigadier, Brig M E Thorne visited on 1 Mar when, after meeting our President, Maj Gen Sir Christopher Welby-Everard and the Chairman of our Executive Committee, Maj C H Macklam, a quiet 'pub lunch' was enjoyed before allowing him to dash off to Boston.

Reunions — The date for the 1983 OCA reunion has been confirmed as 10-11 Sep. The Officers Reunion will be held on 21-22 May, at Sobraon Barracks, Burton Road, Lincoln.

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Sport on camera



● Above: The winning basketball team of B Coy, the Poachers.



● Left: Pte Hagan, C Coy — the most promising young Poacher boxer with his trophies.



The Northern Ireland 6-a-side hockey champions — Sgt Harry Worth, Capt Tony Thompson, Cpl Wally Taylor, Cpl Catton, Capt Ian Hall and Maj Brian Davenport.



The Poachers basketball team, Northern Ireland Knock-out champions 1982.

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Sport on camera



Pte McKay admires the Inter-Company Cross Country Cup, presented by the Commanding Officer. McKay was Captain of the winning B Coy team.



Pte Meynard, a leading member of the Pompadours cross country team, running in the Army finals at Aldershot.

Cross country

It has been another very good season for the Pompadours. With one event to go we are poised to win the Eastern District Cross Country League which involves all the major units in the District. The team finished second in both the District and Zone Championships qualifying for the second year running for the Army finals which were held at Aldershot in February. Again, up against the best cross country teams in the Army the team achieved a creditable 12th place with fine individual performances by Ptes McKay and Maynard.

Hockey

The Pompadours' Hockey XI has also had a good season. Rusty after lack of practice because there were no hockey pitches in Belize, the team was plunged straight into Army and Infantry Cup competitions.

In a close game against QDG at Colchester they lost 2-1 in the second round of the Army Cup but were more successful in the Infantry Cup.

Boosted by the arrivals of Lt Alistair Wild now a regular member of the Army and Combined Services Teams and 2Lt Rowland Ladley, who has played for the Army under-21 side this season, the team beat 2 Queens 2-1 to reach the quarter-final stage of the Infantry Cup. Regrettably, because of injury to three key players and absence on duty of two others, they were forced to withdraw being unable to complete their fixtures before moving to America for Exercise Trumpet Dance 2.

Badminton

The Pompadour mens and ladies team did well in the



Pompadours badminton team. Back row, Pte Betting, Sgt Philpott, RAPC, LCpl Cox, WO2 Thurston. Front, Mrs Carr, SSgt Chapman, REME, Mrs Thurston.

Eastern District Badminton Championships which were held in the Garrison Gymnasium on 25 Jan.

SSgt Chapman REME and Sgt Philpott RAPC won the unit doubles. SSgt Chapman and Sgt Humphreys won the veteran doubles and Sgt Philpott was the winner of the Plate competition. SSgt Chapman and Mrs Carr (wife of Sgt Carr) won the mixed doubles and Mrs Thurston (wife of WO2 Thurston) was the runner-up in the ladies' singles. Out of a total of eight finals, the Battalion was represented in five.

Rugby

It has been a year of team building for the Rugby XV. Many young players have been given a chance to play during the season, looking forward to Germany where the Pompadours hope to put out two sides each weekend.

Results have been gratifying though with no major successes. There were notable wins against 40 Field Regt RA, 32 Ordnance Company, the Depot and HQ 19 Inf Bde and Signals Squadron. There were hard games against the Devon and Dorset Regt and the 2nd Battalion and were beaten in the Army Cup by a strong QDG XV. Potentially the Pompadours have a very good squad which will be developed under the coaching of Major Peter Dixon and should have success in BAOR in 1984.



LCpl Horne, of A Coy, receives the Inter-Company Boxing Trophy from Divisional Brigadier, Brig M E Thorne.



Brig Thorne presents B Coy's heavyweight boxer, Pte Driver, with his winner's medal at the conclusion of the Inter-Company boxing.



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Pompadour boxers put up good performances

1983 Regimental cricket fixtures

Following the successful start made by the Regimental Cricket Club in 1982, an interesting fixture list has been arranged for this year. Details of matches and the "manager" for each game are:

2.00 pm 21 May	Fitzwilliam College at Cambridge	(Maj I W Jefferson)
2.30 pm 22 May	Oundle at Oundle	(Maj G W M Hipkin)
11.30 am 29 May	Gentlemen of Suffolk, Pimpernel CC	(Maj M K Goldschmidt)
2.00 pm 1 June	Bancrofts at Colchester	(Maj J R S Rawlins)
11.30 am 5 June	Edward Evans Lombes XI at Marlingford	(Maj M K Goldschmidt)
2.00 pm 8 June	Christ's College, Cambridge	(Maj I W Jefferson)
2.00 pm 9 June	Felsted at Colchester	(Maj J R S Rawlins)
2.00 pm 12 June	Haileybury at Haileybury	(Maj J R S Rawlins)
11.30 am 18 June	Greshams at Greshams	(Maj M K Goldschmidt)
2.00 pm 19 June	Uppingham at Colchester	(Maj G W M Hipkin)
2.00 pm 6 July	Framlingham at Oakington	(Maj I W Jefferson)
11.30 am 9 July	WNCC at Hunstanton	(Maj M K Goldschmidt)
11.30 am 31 July	Gentlemen of Essex, Colchester	(Maj J R S Rawlins)



Cpl Brandon, unbeaten in any bout since joining the Pompadours has his hand raised by the referee after his win in the UKLF Intermediate Boxing Zone Final against 2 Scots Guards at Chelsea Barracks in February.

The Pompadours' 1982/83 boxing season was launched with the inter-company contest which was held on 2 Dec. The Inter-Company Cup was won by A Company during an evening of courageous and entertaining boxing. The Cups and individual prizes were presented by Brig M E Thorne OBE, the Divisional Brigadier.

The Battalion's novices team reached the senior finals of the UKLF Championships but lost in Canterbury to 1 DERR team which looks well set to win the UKLF cup.

An intermediate team was this year entered for the first time, drawing on much of last year's successful novices team. The team was very well coached by Sgt Dowland (on loan from 2nd Battalion) and Cpl Norman. In a very close Zone final against the 2nd Battalion Scots Guards, the team lost at Chelsea Barracks by 5 bouts to 4. Pte Judd, Cpl White, Cpl Brandon and LCpl Maddern all had good wins but all the losers fought well and were not disgraced, most of them stepping up from the novices team to compete.

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