

Regiment reinforces County links

One of the great strengths of our Regiment is the close links we have with the counties incorporated in the names of our three regular battalions. Not only are we fortunate in the support we receive from those counties and the towns and villages from which we draw so many of our members, but we also derive great benefit from the legacies left by our predecessors, the County Regiments of Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire, Lincolnshire, Leicestershire,

Northamptonshire, Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Essex, for it is these predecessors who moulded our background and set the standards we follow today.

For the better part of 1983 we have had our three regular battalions based in their home counties. Despite a very busy military life, including side trips to Belize, Washington, BAOR and Greenham Common, they have further consolidated contacts

with our counties with events in Kings Lynn, Wisbech, Lowestoft, Northampton, Lincoln, Dunsstable, Watford and Colchester, while their bands and recruiting teams have shown the flag throughout the year.

At the same time our three volunteer battalions have been heavily engaged in the 75th Anniversary of the Territorial Army throughout the counties and our Regimental Associations have maintained



The Poachers' colour party leads No. 2 guard through Lincoln.

their grass roots contacts and provided great support to all our activities.

There have also been notable functions, such as the visit to the six battalions by our Colonel-in-Chief in May, and the Passing of the Colour by the Poachers in the presence of their Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, which allowed us to entertain civic representatives. Events such as the Pompadours' Salamanca Day drew former Regiments together with serving soldiers.

As the forecast of events

(Page 2) shows, despite the move of the Pompadours to Minden and the visits by the 1st Battalion to Cyprus and Canada and the 2nd Battalion to Cyprus, these activities will continue in 1984.

All those who organised and took part in the events of the last year deserve our thanks for the considerable work involved. But it is only by such efforts that we will maintain our contacts with the area from which we sprang and the people to whom we are ultimately responsible.

Our shots provide 10% of Army 100

Battalion results are recorded elsewhere in this issue, but it is noteworthy that 10 of the Army 100 and three of the top 50 TA at Bisle were Royal Anglians. Our congratulations to: Army 100, Maj Domeisen 2nd (now 2nd Bn); Pte Dickenson 8th (1st Bn); I.Cpl Scarborough 12th (2nd Bn); Cpl Anderson 16th (2nd Bn); Pte Rolph 18th (1st Bn); Capt Weigold 26th (3rd Bn); Capt Hare 35th (1st Bn); I.Cpl Cooper 39th (2nd Bn); Cpl Andrews 67th (3rd Bn); I.Cpl Dixon 80th (2nd Bn). Queen's Medal (TA), Lt Bateman 23rd (5th Bn); Sgt Batchelor 28th (5th Bn); I.Cpl Sinclair 37th (6th Bn).

Fijian farewell

The only Fijian to join the Regiment during the recruiting drive in Fiji in 1961 left the Army and returned home in November.

Sgt Asela Waqairoba joined the Royal Leicestershire Regiment in February 1962 at Buller Barracks, Munster. He served with the Pompadours before joining the 2nd Battalion in Colchester in 1970. In 1980 he did a tour of duty with the 1st Bn before returning to the 3rd Battalion in Colchester.

A fine rugby player, he has represented the Army (Near East) and the Combined Services. He is also a natural athlete and has achieved success at the Army individual level in shot and hurdles.

Sgt Waqairoba is married with three sons. He plans to settle on the island of Viti-leva where he will join his family co-operative which operates a retailing business and owns a fishing boat. Picture page 10.

An L of a way to learn



Sgt Whight takes a learner driver up the notorious Flagstaff Hill during cross-country training at Bordon. See Pompadours news, Page 8.

Great debt owed to Col 'Tiny' Heal

Colonel "Tiny" Heal is well known for his years of service to the Regiment, not least as Regimental Colonel, Regimental Secretary, Honorary Colonel TA for Suffolk and active worker in support of Suffolk interests.

It is perhaps not so well known that he has for 20 years been chairman of the Regimental Investment Committee, during which time he has established and overseen the growth of our various Regimental funds. The Regiment owes a great debt to Colonel Heal for the dedication, expertise and flair with which he has looked after our financial interests and it is with sadness that we hear that he has decided to



Col 'Tiny' Heal.

give up the chairmanship. We all wish him a very happy retirement.

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Diary Dates

June 30: Regimental gathering, Basingstoke
September 28: Past and Present dinner
November 2: Regimental dinner

Mainly about people...

At RHQ on July 21 the Colonel of the Regiment presented **Capt Ian Hall**, Adjutant the 6th Battalion, with his Mention in Despatches for service with the Poachers in Northern Ireland.

Congratulations to **Sgt P. Whight** of the Pompadours on his Distinguished grading on the APC(T) instructors' courses and to **Cpl P. Thomas** who achieved Distinguished grades in the EPC examination.

Lt Col Anthony Swallow writes from Mexico that life is "hotting up", but that he and Pru are enjoying their tour.

2Lt Nick Crawshaw had a resounding success with the British Rifle Team in Canada when he won the Canadian Open Championship and the Guard Aggregate as well as taking fourth place in the Governor General's prize event.

Col Terry Holloway is to be RO2 (Int and Sy) in North West District having recently retired.

Capt Robin Dalglish has re-



Maj Gen John Akehurst hands over his appointment as Commandant of the Staff College in January 84 and has been appointed Commander UK Field Army and Inspector General TA in April 84 in the rank of Lt Gen.



New recruits visit 7th Battalion at Westdown Camp. Left to right: WO2 Denton, Sgt Pell, C Sgt Lee and Sgt Barrett.

tired and plans to train at the Bristol Old Vic Theatre School. We congratulate him on his engagement and understand that he will marry in March.

Congratulations to **2Lts Nick Crawshaw, Chris Kemp** and **Desmond O'Driscoll** on their provisional commissions and on winning cadetships to university. Also to **Jeremy Ross** and **Richard Beven** on being awarded bursaries.

CSgt C Scholes, Cpl D Staffanetti and **LCpl C Weedon** of the 1st Bn all achieved A gradings on Unit First Aid Instructors' Courses at the RAMC Training Centre.

Capt James Dalglish is joining Liptons in Chittagong in January 84 and invites anyone in for a cuppa!

Lt Col Pat Macdonald is now the Assistant Secretary of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, Whitehall.

Congratulations to the following on their selection to command battalions: **Lt Col Mike Walker** to the 1st Battalion in November '84, **Maj David Harris** to the 7th Battalion in October '84 and **Maj Martin Romilly** to 2 UDR in July '84.

Distinguished gradings were obtained by **Capt Simon Lamb** and **Lt David Napier** on Mortar Officers' Courses and by **Sgt Tilley** of the Poachers on the Platoon Sergeants' Course.

Get well wishes for TA veteran Leslie



The earliest TA veteran in Lincolnshire, Sgt Leslie Thompson, receives a get well card from Sgt Billy Preston and 2Lt David Cox.

At the age of 14 Leslie Thompson, of Grimsby, enlisted in the Volunteers as a boy trumpeter - that was in 1907. Leslie, now 89 years of age, transferred into the Territorial Army when it was formed in 1908. He became Gnr Thompson No. 801566 1st Lincolnshire Garrison RA and served throughout the Great War being promoted sergeant in 1918.

By 1932, when he left the TA, Leslie Thompson already had 25 years' service including four war years behind him,

but on the outbreak of World War II he joined up again.

Sgt. Thompson was to have taken part in Lincolnshire's celebrations of the 75th anniversary of the formation of the TA - held during May 1983 and organised by 7th R Anglian. However, he was confined to hospital so 2Lt David Cox's Grimsby Platoon, having paraded in the City of Lincoln, visited Mr. Thompson taking with them a number of gifts including a get well card signed by all ranks on parade.



Sgt Thompson in 1920 - aged 26.

Officers' dinner club

The annual dinner was held at the Naval and Military Club on November 11. The Colonel of the Regiment presided and two friends of the Regiment, Col RASG Martin, Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire and Adm Sir Andrew Lewis, Lord Lieutenant

of Essex, were guests of honour. Despite most of the 1st Battalion officers being on duty at Greenham Common 130 officers attended. Next year's dinner will be held on Friday November 2 at the Naval and Military Club.

BIRTHS

LCpl & Mrs Burnett, Depot The Queen's Div, a daughter - Leslie on January 19; Pte & Mrs Franklin, 2nd Bn, a son - Daryl Richard on March 19; Pte & Mrs Spring, 2nd Bn, a daughter - Lorraine Lesley Bridget on May 19; LCpl & Mrs Jacques, 2nd Bn, a daughter - Lisa - Ann Mary on June 7; LCpl & Mrs Milton, 2nd Bn, a son - Gary James on June 19; Pte & Mrs Toon, 2nd Bn, a son - Tommy on 25 June; Pte & Mrs Fairbanks, 2nd Bn, a daughter - Hayley on July 5; Cpl & Mrs Josephs, 2nd Bn, a daughter - Erin Phillipa on July 7; Cpl & Mrs McCartney, 2nd Bn, a daughter - Cathrine Rachel on July 18; Pte & Mrs Tye, 2nd Bn, a son - Martin Stuart on July 19; Cpl & Mrs Collin, 2nd Bn, a daughter - Katey Louise on July 26; Bdm & Mrs Whitehurst, 2nd Bn, a daughter - Rebecca Louise on August 3; Cpl & Mrs Carter, 2nd Bn, a daughter - Kelly Louise on August 22; Pte & Mrs Dolley, 2nd Bn, a son - Steven Lee on August 24; CSgt & Mrs O'Driscoll, 2nd Bn, a daughter on September 22; Pte & Mrs Cashmore, 2nd Bn, a son - Glen Carl on September 22; Cpl & Mrs Ralph, 2nd Bn, a daughter - Katee Ann on September 27; Pte & Mrs Bernidge, 2nd Bn, a son - Darren Peter on October 4; Cpl & Mrs Garner, Depot The Queens Div, a son - James Joseph on October 8; Pte & Mrs Giles, 2nd Bn, a son - Steven Michael on October 25;

MARRIAGES

LCpl & Mrs Iles, 2nd Bn, February 5; LCpl & Mrs Engfield, 2nd Bn, February 12; LCpl & Mrs Davidson, Depot The Queen's Div, March 26; Pte

& Mrs Walker, 2nd Bn, April 4; Pte & Mrs Holmes, 2nd Bn, May 7; Pte & Mrs Jackson, 2nd Bn, May 28; LCpl & Mrs Baker, 2nd Bn, June 4; LCpl & Mrs Barkhouse, 2nd Bn, June 4; LCpl & Mrs Morris, 2nd Bn, June 10; Pte & Mrs Simmons, 2nd Bn, June 11; LCpl & Mrs Behan, 2nd Bn, June 25; Pte & Mrs Shipp, 2nd Bn, June 27; Pte & Mrs Thorn, 2nd Bn, July 23; Pte & Mrs Redding, 2nd Bn, August 6; Sgt & Mrs Robertson, 2nd Bn, August 6; Cpl & Mrs Sinar, 2nd Bn, August 13; Pte & Mrs Stukes, 2nd Bn, August 13; Pte & Mrs Clark, 2nd Bn, August 13; Pte & Mrs Donaldson, 2nd Bn, August 13; LCpl & Mrs Penny, 2nd Bn, August 15; Pte & Mrs Hagon, 2nd Bn, August 20; Pte & Mrs Anderson, 2nd Bn, August 20; Sgt & Mrs Pancost, 2nd Bn, August 20; Pte & Mrs Carmen, 2nd Bn, October 9.

Sergeants' dinner club

The sixteenth annual dinner of the Sgts Mess Past and Present Dinner Club was held on October 22 at the Depot where 230 members and guests were present with this year's chairman Maj Gen Sir David Thorne KBE. Seventy past members from the former county regiments were present and it was heartening to see so many past members of the Royal Anglian Regiment.

Dates for your diaries

- December 10 - 30 May 2nd Bn Cyprus.
- January 4 - 11 3rd Bn to Minden
- January 14 - February 22 1st Bn Cyprus.
- March 30 Spring Golf
- April 21 3rd Bn Dinner Club cocktail party.
- May 5 Beds/Herts association dinner.
- May 16 - June 21 1st Bn Canada.
- June 1 - 2 Royal Norfolk dinner and lunch.
- June 2 7th Bn Officers' Mess summer ball.
- June 16 - 17 Royal Tigers reunion.
- June 24 Essex annual reunion and service of remembrance.
- June 29 Annual Golf
- June 30 Regimental gathering.
- July 6 Hertford OCA dinner.
- July 7 5th Bn Officers' Mess summer ball
- July 7-8 Northampton reunion.
- July 10 1st Bn Freedom event, Great Yarmouth
- July 13 1st Bn Freedom event, Ipswich
- July 17 1st Bn Freedom event, Cambridge
- July 28 - 29 Suffolk Minden Day reunion.
- August 1 1st Bn Minden Day.
- September 7 Autumn Golf
- September 8 - 9 Lincoln reunion.
- September 15 - 30 5th and 7th Bns Camp BAOR
- September 21 - October 6 6th Bn Camp STANTA.
- September 29 Sgts' Mess past & present dinner, Bassingbourn (provisional).
- September 29 Royal Norfolk reunion.
- November 2 Regimental dinner.
- November 18 Beds/Herts Remembrance Service.



News from the Vikings

Minden Day and marches bring battalion together

The period from July to October has seen the battalion in many different roles, often at the same time. Indeed, until we all came together for drill rehearsals for the Freedom marches and Minden Day, we rarely saw each other at all!

KAPE occupied much of our time during July. A Coy was the KAPE company, supported by Recce Pl and other elements of the battalion. An arena display depicting an attack on a guerrilla camp in the jungle was put on at the Royal Norfolk and East of England Shows. Despite demanding a lot of imagination from the audience, the show was a great success and attracted a lot of favourable comment.

As well as the arena display, we also put on a static display of weapons and jungle equipment which appeared at many venues and attracted a lot of visitors. Our "I met the Vikings" badges were a great success - we used 10,000 of them during the six weeks of



The battalion marches through Kings Lynn.

the KAPE tour.

On July 15, we were granted the Freedom of King's Lynn and the occasion was marked by a parade, a march through the town and a civic reception. Later in the month the battalion also exercised the Freedom of Lowestoft and Beat Retreat in Wisbech. These were thoroughly enjoyable occasions and we were all glad of the opportunity to renew many of our local links.

Also during July, the battalion shooting team was at Bisley. They did very well, coming 15th overall, and a special mention should be made of the placings in the Army Hundred of Pte Dickinson, who came 7th, Pte

Rolph who came 15th and Capt Roger Hare, who came 35th. Capt Hare also shot the pistol for the Army, Pte Rolph won the Queen Mary Cup in the National and the battalion's MG team won the Parachute Regiment Cup.

2Lt Nick Crawshaw, with us on a SSLC, shot target rifle for Great Britain in the international meeting in Canada. He was the outstanding shot of the tour and we look forward to his return from university in 1987.

The battalion also won the Jourdiere Cup (Colonel Commandant, The Queen's Division Shooting Award) for the fourth successive year.

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The Lord Mayor of Kings Lynn inspects No 1 Guard.

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Pte White of B Coy during training on Dartmoor.

News from the Vikings



Vikings' arena display at the Royal Norfolk Show. Picture: Eastern Daily Press



Pte Gridley of Support Coy with the Champion Company shield.



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for some rugged training before Minden Day, which was celebrated with the traditional presentation of roses in the morning, followed by the Trooping of the Colour at which Maj Gen Sir David Thorne took the salute. The fete in the afternoon and the festivities in the evening rounded off a great battalion family day which was enjoyed by all.

The battalion went on a month's well earned block leave prior to preparations for Spearhead. Air portability became the goal and kit was packed and weighed, documents checked and vehicles prepared. The NITAT briefing team updated the battalion on September 7 and on September 8 we moved to the Lydd Hythe complex for eight days' concentrated training, just before the move

we had a change of Second-in-Command, when Maj Michael Goldschmidt, who leaves us to go to the National Defence College, handed over to Maj John Suthe-rell.

The battalion assumed Spearhead duties on September 19 amid rumours of our impending departure for Beirut. Indeed, the offer of four vacancies on a short Arabic course, made on A Coy detail, even produced the necessary volunteers.

However, we stayed in Oakington and made our preparation for our Skill at Arms concentration on the Catterick Ranges. The battalion was accommodated in the new Wathgill Camp, which is a first class training camp close by the ranges. Our concentration lasted for two weeks and included some valuable field firing as well as the more usual range work.

The battalion Skill at Arms Meeting was held on October 13 and 14 during the finest weather of the fortnight. It was a closely fought competition eventually won by the 'old men' of Support Coy, with C Coy a close second. Individual honours were mainly taken by A Coy, with Sgt Brooks winning the individual SLR, Pte Baker winning the individual GPMG and LCpl Saunders winning the individual SMG.

In the closing stages of the competition, the Company Commanders managed to beat the Company Sergeant Majors in the Falling Plate, although the Commanding Officer's team was unlucky to lose to the RSM's team.

The battalion is now looking forward to Exercise Gryphon's Gold, a 24 Inf Bde exercise in which the battalion provides the enemy forces, and to our Cyprus exercise early next year.

As we go to press we find ourselves at very short notice at Greenham Common.

Information wanted

Lyn Macdonald is the author of three books - They Called it Passchendaele (the story of the third battle of Ypres), The Roses of No Man's Land (a history of the war from the point of view of the casualties and medical services) and The Somme (a history of the 1916 campaign).

Three more books are planned and the author, who depends mainly on first hand information from survivors, would be very interested to hear from, or be put in touch with, any surviving soldier of the First World War through the publishers, Michael Joseph Ltd, 44 Bedford Square, London WC1.

Casualty evacuation during the attack - part of the Vikings' display at the Royal Norfolk Show - Pte Eales doing the lifting. Picture: Eastern Daily Press.

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News from The Poachers



Pte Leadbetter, LCpl Hocking and Pte Van Der Walt dig in.

No slowing of pace during busy summer

"Did somebody say that after the first six months in Colchester the pace of life would slacken a little?" If anything quite the reverse has happened and we have all been as busy as ever.

As part of July the Poachers took to the field. On July 1 and 5 the interplatoon march and shoot competition was won by 3 PI (Lt Nigel Burrell) with the Assault Pioneer PI

(Sgt Moore) winning the Support PI Competition. Each platoon marched 10 miles in NBC kit, and completed many arduous tests of military skill including the assault course.

This was promptly followed by the Company Test Exercises at Seon Bridge. Each company completed a tough and exacting test with good humour and enthusiasm, de-

spite 90 degree temperatures and a few cases of heatstroke! At the same time Exercise Cumbrian Poacher took place in the Lake District, organised by Capt Roger Antolik. 140 Poachers enjoyed hill walking, canoeing, climbing and abseiling and all managed to return unscathed.

On July 27 we celebrated the Battle of Talavera with an open day for the families and old comrades. It was a marvellous day for our families with many stalls and amusements laid on by the companies. Over 1,200 people were present to enjoy themselves, except for the poor pig in Capt Kevin Hodgson's "roll for a pig" stall which now fills the freezer of two lucky winners. On July 30 the Officers' Mess held a Talavera Ball for 225 people and it was splendid to be able to welcome back many old Poachers who we have not seen for ages! A beautiful evening allowed us to have a floodlit Sounding of Retreat and fireworks courtesy of the Band and Drums and the Assault Pioneer Platoon.

The Brigade sports festival was held on August 1/2 and the Poachers' HQ Coy six-a-side hockey team claimed the trophy in fine style. At the same time Cpl 'Wally' Taylor convincingly won the 400 metres. It is good to see him back in action again. The remainder of the battalion took some well deserved leave, but not before B Coy went to Porton Down to the NBC battle run.



Ptes Morrow and Shields get a rocket!



At the Upgrading Cadre in October, Pte 'Choggy' Chauhan receives instruction from LCpl Zeidler, from Canada.



Ptes Green and Heycock (A Coy) arrive with fresh rations



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News from The Poachers



The Band and Drums lead the battalion through Lincoln.

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The battalion returned from leave looking sun tanned and refreshed and immediately set about preparing for the Battalion Group Exercise (Hindoostan) which took place from September 2-9 at Stanford. Lt Robert Knox and two platoons went to Gibraltar (Exercise Marble Tor) with the 6 R Anglian from September 9-24 and enjoyed a pleasant sojourn on

the Rock. At about this time we were delighted to hear that Capt David Baylis and Capt Kevin Hodgson had been selected to attend Div III of Staff College next October. In addition, the Poachers became UK tug-of-war champions at the 560 kilo class. Another UK championship scalp for our belt! From September 10-17 D(HW) Coy became heavily involved as "revolting Irish

men" helping to train 1 Grenadier Guards for their forthcoming South Armagh tour. From all accounts this was a most successful exercise, without too many casualties. While this was going on the Milan Pl carried out live firing at Netheravon while the Recce Pl tested their guns at Lulworth. The eight Foxes were in service at last, but the question is for how long! We exercised our Freedom with Marches in Northampton and Lincoln on September 19 and 20. The numerous rehearsals obviously paid off as both A and B Coys as well as the Band and Drums were given a marvellous reception in both places. We were pleased to welcome a visit by Capt George Huff of the US Army Reserve from September 18-21.

We had our Annual Inspection on October 3 and everyone in the battalion was flattered by the brigade commander's kind words when he spoke to all the Poachers after the finals of the Inter Company Boxing Competition which marked the end of the visit.



The Adjutant, Capt Mike Beard, hands over a cheque for £300 to the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association. An additional £200, raised by competing in the London Marathon, has been sent to ABF.



The CO and Parade Adjutant lead the battalion through Northampton.

Important roles in Eternal Triangle

The climax of the battalion training season was Exercise Eternal Triangle in BAOR, which took place on October 16-27 and was split into three parts. Exercise Panthers Polygon in the first week - which was the 19 Brigade work up exercise, umpired by the Pompadours. Exercise Canny Kat in the middle weekend - when we acted as controllers and hunters in an infiltration exercise for 7 Armd Bde, and Exercise Eternal Triangle itself for the second week, as part of 1 Armd Div. Like all formation exercises there was perhaps not as much action for the lower echelons as we might have liked, but the value of operating on different real estate from normal training areas and it being similar to ground over which we might have to fight - together with the

practice of offensive and defensive procedures, was great. Also a lot of the younger soldiers had never been to Germany before and that was good for their experience - if only to learn about German beer and bratwurst!

At various times during the exercise all companies had important roles to play - be it reserved demolition guards, helicopter ops or being integral and vital parts of the Poachers designs for battle. The Recce Pl in its first outing with its Foxes performed in imitable fashion with a constantly varying number of vehicles on the road and some individual interpretations of radio discipline. At the conclusion of the exercises both our brigade commander and our divisional commander were most complimentary about the battalion's work.



Lt David Napier and Max, winner of the Champion Dog contest at Talavera Day.

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LCpl Sean Loffy, Pte Peter Frank and Pte Tim Beighton, all from Leicester, crew one of the Recce Pl's Foxes.

Princess Alice attends Trooping the Colour parade

On October 4 Princess Alice attended the Trooping the Colour parade in Hyderabad Barracks. She arrived in a helicopter of the Queen's Flight and watched the first Trooping for some time. After attending a reception in the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess and lunch in the Officers' Mess she watched a dramatic battle-field tableau in Friday Woods put on by Capt Chris Groom and members of D(HW) and HQ Coys. During the visit the following honours and awards were presented: BEM: WO2 Tom Wesley (35) from Brighton and WO2 Ken Taylor (38) from Grimsby Comd XI Awards: Lt David Napier (29) from Hitchin, Herts, Sgt Peter Woodcock (25) from Cleethorpes, Lincoln, Cpl Paul Mann (25) from Wel-

lingborough, Pte Malcolm Griffin (25) from Lincoln. ISGC: CSgt Bill O'Driscoll (34) from Manchester, Sgt Mike Horan REME (34) from Kirkcaldy, Fife, Cpl Michael Lemmon (34) from Peterborough.

At the time of writing Sgt Sam Martin is in Australia and Sgt Peter Lawson in New Zealand - both on exchange visits, while Sgt Jim my Payne continues to enjoy his 'secondment' in Suffield, Canada.

The Champion Company Competition was completed by the time of Princess Alice's

visit and resulted in a win for C Coy with A Coy close behind.

The 83/84 competition, which will start in Cyprus will be keenly contested, with some changes in rules, including HQ Coy operating as one Company - they will win it somehow!



Princess Alice was presented with a bouquet by Tammy Lemmon (7) when she arrived at Hyderabad Barracks.

The Colour is Trooped by Colour Ensign 2Lt Adam Turner, with Sgt Keith Tilley and Sgt Barker.



The Princess views the demonstration troops, with the CO in attendance



RSM WO1 D Whitehead takes over the Colour - the only time the RSM draws his sword on parade.



Pte Griffin (D/HW Coy) was presented with GOC NI Commendation certificate.



Cpl Michael Lemmon and Cpl Paul Mann were presented with GOC NI Commendation certificates by Princess Alice.



Princess Alice talks to LCpl Powell (HQ Coy) in the Corporals' Mess.

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News from The Pompadors

Conversion is now complete

The battalion has now completed its programme of mechanised conversion with 629 members of the battalion attending 25 different courses.

Because the first AFV 432 courses were held in May, Colchester inhabitants are having to get used to the four APCs on loan to the battalion to refresh all drivers and commanders and, in particular, those who qualified six months ago.

On October 17 the first steps were taken to reorganise the battalion's establishment in preparation for BAOR. The Corps of Drums moved from HQ Coy to C Coy and the Signals, MT, Milan and Mortar Pls received reinforcements.

The Minden information room has been well visited by both soldiers and families alike. The baggage officer, Capt Kerin Tansley and the unit emplaning officer, Maj Simon Underwood have issued their instructions on the move and are busy collating returns. The Domestic Pioneers are busy making crates for deep freezers, fridges and other delicate items of household furniture. Meanwhile Lt Bill Burford and Sgt Langridge have arrived at Minden with the Pre Advance Party tasked with the reception of families and the allocation of quarters. We now await 1 KOSB Advance Party and embarkation leave prior to the move.



Drum Major Staples leads the Band and Drums for the Freedom march in Dunstable.

On July 23, the Pompadors celebrated the anniversary of the Battle of Salamanca with a battalion parade and fete.

The inspecting officer, the Deputy Colonel of the 3rd Battalion, Maj Gen Ward-Booth, took the salute as the battalion marched past followed by Old Comrades with Col Peter Franklin leading and Maj Martin Franks bringing up the rear.

The original Salamanca Eagle, the standard of the French 62nd Regiment, captured at Salamanca, was carried on parade by Drummer Flack.

After lunch in respective messes, during which there

was torrential rain, the Salamanca fete was opened and families enjoyed losing money to funfare stalls provided by companies.

The battalion exercised its Freedom rights on July 26 in Dunstable and on July 28 in Watford. As the battalion marched through the towns, salutes were taken by the respective mayors accompanied by Maj Gen Ward-Booth, Deputy Colonel 3rd Battalion. The Freedom marches were followed in both cases by civic receptions, much enjoyed by all ranks. The battalion also marched through Colchester on November 18 as a farewell before leaving for Minden.



The Mayor of Dunstable and Maj Gen Ward-Booth take the salute during the Pompadors' Freedom march.

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News from The Pompadours



Left: Maj-Gen Ward-Booth takes the salute as the old comrades march past on Salamanca Day.



On Salamanca Day, Maj-Gen Ward-Booth was preceded by the captured eagle of the French 62nd Regiment as he inspected the Pompadour guard of honour.



'Excellent' rating for band



Col Loftus talks to Sgt Baldwin as Bandmaster WO1 Byrne looks on.

As all bandmasters will tell you, the moment of truth for every band comes every five years when a high-powered team from the Royal School of Music, Kneller Hall, carries out a formal inspection. On September 21, Col Loftus, Commandant of the Royal School of Music, and

Lt Col Beat, the Chief Instructor, inspected the band which first gave a marching display together with the Corps of Drums.

They then played selected scales and elements of music and a performance of selected works, before playing the seven pieces of music chosen

by Bandmaster WO1 Byrne, as a full concert band.

The average report on a band tends to be "good rather than very good", so the battalion shared the pleasure of the bandmaster and his musicians when the inspection teams graded the band as "excellent".



Many generations of Pompadours gathered for the Salamanca Day celebrations and CSgt Orton is pictured with some of his predecessors.

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Lord Trefgarne, Under-Secretary for Defence has the intricacies of Milan explained to him by LCpl Adams. Picture: Yellow Advertiser Group



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Top team at Brightlingsea

The Pompadours defeated strong local opposition in the six-and-a-quarter mile Brightlingsea Run to win convincingly the team event on October 16. The race was run in aid of the Sunshine Appeal for Children and before the start, team captain Cpl Devaney presented event organisers with a cheque for £100. Individual placings were: 2, LCpl Ryan; 3, Pte Maynard; 4, Pte McKay; 9, Cpl Devaney; 28, LCpl Smith, pictured above.



CO Lt Col Alan Thompson says goodbye to Sgt Asela Waqiroba, who has left the Army and returned to Fiji.



News from the 5th Battalion

Clean up time at the Royal Anglian Way

Immediately after annual camp a 120 strong composite company flew to Gibraltar under Maj Terry Robinson where from September 16 – October 10 they found time for normal military training, adventure training and recreation in addition to carrying out the duties expected of a TA company on tour in Gibraltar. They also undertook to clean up the Royal Anglian Way which had fallen into a very sorry state and, with the help of 1 DWR, the PSA and the PWD, they restored it to its original condition. The Way was reopened on October 7 by Mr Maurice Leathers, Minister of Works, at a ceremony attended by Brig Pegg, Deputy Fortress Commander and Lt Col Cumberland CO 1 DWR. Adventure training included windsurfing, canoeing, climbing, sailing and caving while an active group of five members of the company also entered the Rock Race, an arduous two-and-a-half mile uphill course with some 170 entrants. Pte Nimmo, of 4 (Hertfordshire) Coy, came fourth in a time of 24 minutes.



Annual Camp on Salisbury Plain – the Potential NCO's Cadre demonstrates how to cross a road. Picture: Essex Chronicle.



Brig. M. E. Thorne, CBE, chats to Sgt McIver in the Sgts Mess at Prince Maurice Barracks.

Three camps for the price of one

The battalion has had a somewhat unusual camp this year, effectively attending three separate events. The main camp was Exercise Polar Bear 1 on Salisbury Plain from September 3–17. Prior to this, the Mortar PI had taken part in the UKLF Mortar Concentration at Otterburn and subsequently a composite company visited Gibraltar.

From June 11–24 the Mor PI joined three other platoons from 49 Bde at Otterburn. They expected a hard camp and were not disappointed as on the first day they were pitched into a live Part III Shoot, an event only rarely undertaken by TA mortar platoons. However, they gave a good account of themselves and from then on it could only get better as they worked their way through a combination of good weather and enthusiastic mortaring to the fi-

nal exercise when, at 0500 hrs, the platoon deployed to defensive positions. Sleep was in short supply with most managing to get about two hours early on day 2. The exercise continued at similar pressure, but they returned to camp pleased at having achieved a good result in an exercise which made no concessions to the TA.

Altogether, it was a very enjoyable camp, helped by the good weather and the social events. Apart from the valuable training, the mortars benefitted from measuring their performance against other TA and Regular platoons.

The main battalion camp was with 49 Inf Bde on Salisbury Plain where, unlike the mortars, they did not enjoy the best of weather!

Camp consisted mainly of cadres organised at both brigade and battalion level covering signals, GPMG (SF),

HGV, Milan, first aid, potential NCOs, recruits and assault pioneers.

We were lucky to be accommodated in Prince Maurice Barracks, Devizes. Although the barracks were some 40 minutes drive from the training areas we had ample space to accommodate the cadres and the convenience of a nearby town for those rare occasions when we could escape for the odd drink.

As a result of the mortar concentration, Gibraltar and other courses in lieu of annual camp, our numbers at camp were rather low. Those not still on cadre training were organised into two composite companies for the second week of camp and spent two days on helicopter drills, fighting in built-up areas and patrolling. Then, after a short break for the Tickle Test, the companies came together for a battalion exercise acting as

enemy to the 7th Battalion in an interesting and hard fought exercise.

In the last Castle the 75th anniversary activities of the TA in Hertford, Ipswich, Colchester and Brentwood were reported. On July 9 it was the turn of HQ Coy in Peterborough as they exercised their right to the Freedom of that city by parading mounted on vehicles led by the band and drums, with the salute being taken by the Mayor of Peterborough. We are still waiting for OC HQ Coy, Maj Tony Elsey, to produce some of them on exercise including the Fox scout cars from one of which he commanded the parade! After the drive past, the Mayor kindly entertained the officers to tea and the day closed with Beating Retreat and an all ranks ball.

The next event was the TA Pageant at the Royal Tournament when soldiers from HQ

Coy and the Mor PI were honoured to perform in front of both her Majesty The Queen and our Colonel-in-Chief. Our troops, led by Capt Keith Swetman, were in pride of place, in front of the Royal Box.

The final celebration was on August 13 when 3 Coy exercised Freedom rights in Chelmsford. The day started with a parade through the town, led by the band and drums and commanded by the OC, Maj Mick Brighton. The salute was taken by the Mayor of Chelmsford, accompanied by Maj Gen Ward-Booth. After the parade, councillors, past mayors and other guests were entertained to a buffet luncheon. The formal celebrations were completed by the Beating Retreat which was followed by an all ranks discotheque in the evening.



The Royal Anglian Way is re-opened.



Brig J. B. Howard makes a telling point to the GPMG (BF) Cadre on Ex Polar Bear 1



News from the 6th Battalion

Gibraltar keeps us on our toes



Marching back to camp on the Rock of Gibraltar.

Anyone who believes that life within the Territorial battalion quiets down after annual camp is quite mistaken. Virtually every weekend has been taken up by various commitments – both internal and external.

No sooner had we unpacked from annual camp at Folkestone when preparations for Exercise Marble Tor II in Gibraltar began. All the admin arrangements were handled by B (Bedfordshire) Coys PSAO, Capt Tony Thompson. He deserves a pat on the back for his unflappable way of overcoming problems. Hopefully his golf handicap will decrease now he can play regularly again!

Under the command of OC B Coy Maj Alan Spearing, some 120 members of the battalion flew to Gibraltar on August 13 for a fortnight. From all accounts everything went well with many varied

aspects of training being carried out. A party of eight soldiers led by Lt Paul Chapman of D (Cambridgeshire) Coy went to Morocco for Exercise Atlas Walk. They too enjoyed the scenery – a change from flat East Anglia – and even managed to get back on time without serious mishap.

No sooner had this exercise finished when preparations for Exercise Marble Tor 5 began! On this occasion D (Cambridgeshire) Coy in the guise of their PSAO, Capt Boh Day, were responsible for the arrangements. He too deserves much praise for his efforts – if only for getting the Exercise Company Commander, Maj Ron James, the Bn 21C, to the right place at the right time with the right kit! On this occasion our company replaced the Infantry Company of the Gibraltar Regiment during their fortnight's stay. We were extre-



Lt Col James, left, with Lt Col Veitch

mely glad to welcome platoons from the Poachers and the Pompadours who were able to accompany us. Under their respective platoon commanders, Robin Knox and David Moorat, they were a credit to their battalions and gave us much of their professional expertise. We would like to thank the RAF for bringing the party back to Manston, Kent, on a night when the Dartford Tunnel was closed!

Once the Gibraltar dust had settled, earnest preparations for the ARU began. This was to be the first such inspection by the Commander of 54 Inf Bde, Brig K J Davey MC and the first time the new CO would have command of his entire battalion in the field. On such an auspicious occasion the Territorials rose to the challenge and by nine o'clock on October 15 some 350 soldiers, including more than 50 from the HSF, were deployed in company bases on STANTA. Brig Davey visited all elements of the battalion and spent a considerable time with the HSF, as did Larry Harris from BBC's Radio 4.

Hardly having returned to TAC's it was time to prepare for the inaugural 54 Bde FTX the following weekend. Our small commitment resulted with almost half the battalion deploying under command 3 WER as KP guards with the other half acting as a controlled enemy. Most of the time we were in the field in hire cars. Happily no mishaps or accidents were reported and we await our turn to be exercised properly early next year with eager anticipation.

The Ipswich and Suffolk Book League under Norman Scarfe's imaginative direction, decided to launch a book on the Normandy Landings at Bn HQ at Bury St. Edmunds. The book, written by an American Carlo D'Este, entitled "Decision in Normandy" gives a full account of the part played by the Third Division in the landings. Princess Margaret attended the launch and spoke to many members of the Suffolk Regiment who had been invited.

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The Atlas expedition displays the tread that will take it over the hot Moroccan terrain. Left to right, Lt Paul Chapman, Pte Gary Daynes, Cpl John Tyrer, Pte David Billings, Cpl Russell Smith, Sgt John Taggart, LCpl Patrick Larke and Cpl Robert Rogers.

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Canoe instruction in Gibraltar harbour, LCpl Philip Drewery, Pte Michael Lewin, Cpl Graham Bond and Pte Craig Boddington.

News from the 6th Battalion

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B Coy completed their move to their new TAC at Kempton on November 5 when the centre was opened officially by Lord Trefgarne. B Coy, in their new, luxurious surroundings, are to be congratulated on their handling of the day.

On September 30 the old CO, Lt Col David James was dined out at Bury St. Edmunds. Both the officers and Warrant Officers and Sergeants Messes were proud to receive his generous gifts of two framed portraits of the Colonel-in-Chief's visit to Colchester on May 10. We also said a sad and fond farewell to our Padre, Ken Belben, who retired after 19 years and 25 annual camps with the TA. Why the two figures don't match Ken wouldn't say.

The new CO, Lt Col Alastair Veitch, is now firmly in the chair. He has spent much of the last couple of months looking for his permanent staff, most of whom have taken up residence in Grantham. We also have a new RSM, courtesy of the Vikings, WO1 Bowden. He, too,



Warpaint! Pte Annette Faux applies foundation of a different sort.

has spent much of his time at Grantham, but is now gradually working his way into TA life.

One event which must be mentioned is the loss of CSgt Danny Frodsham's bachelorhood. We wish him and his new wife, the former Cpl Elspeth Raymond Cox, every happiness for the future. HQ Coy applauded her decision to send her new husband to Pirbright on a drill course the day after the wedding!



Knots the Army way. On board HMS Apollo in Gibraltar harbour are Sgt Janet Hisscott, Pte Annette Faux, Pte Belinda Lyon, Officer Cadet Angie Caulder and Cpl Elspeth Raymond-Cox.

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News from the 7th Battalion

Exercise focal point of year's training

In September almost 450 members of the battalion were at Westdown Camp on Salisbury Plain for the fortnight of Exercise Polar Bear 1 - 1983's annual camp and thus the focal point of the training year.

The first nine days, and for some specialists the whole fortnight, were devoted to ten different cadres - from JNCO's tactics to assault pioneers and surveillance to first aid.

Concurrently at Westdown Camp and lasting for the whole fortnight, 48 new recruits attended their recruit cadre sponsored by A Coy (Scunthorpe). High standards were recorded and these competition resulted in Pte Nick Page of the LIDY Coy (Loughborough) achieving overall best recruit. 15 signallers passed standard II proficiency, 5 OCdts and 7 SNCO's completed a wide ranging and demanding command cadre sponsored by D Coy (Northampton) and some 45 JNCO's achieved

credible standards on the tactics cadre run by B Coy (Lincoln).

The battalion's representatives acquitted themselves well on the brigade cadres - Pte Ogden being placed best student on the UBRE Operators, all 10 assault pioneers passing tests in mine warfare, watermanship, water supply, field defences and demolitions (who needs Sappers anyway?) and the battalion's nine medics passing their tests on the first aid cadre.

The crack shots of the Milan

Platoon who were the only ones out of eight others to score 100 per cent hits in live missile firing.

"These were all most valuable courses which undoubtedly raised the individual skills of all who took part", said Maj Mike Boocock, Training Major.

An opportunity to put a number of new skills to practise arose over the final 72 hours when the battalion exercised in what proved to be a testing and realistic manner.

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The 7th Bn's Iceland expedition approaches the summit ridge of Mt Helka - known as "The Gates of Hell".



● Above, Communicating from the Vatnajökull Glacier with the base camp.

● Below, the Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire tries his hand at the wheel of the Stonefield, as the Exercise Arctic Fox team gets ready to depart for Iceland.



Brig James Howard, accompanied by Lt Col Hugh Lambert, inspects recruits at Westdown Camp - Cpl Jollands and WO2 Cookson (A Coy Scunthorpe) make sure all is well.



Summer assault on Europe's largest glacier

A month's climbing and skiing among some of the most remote and demanding glaciers and volcanoes in the world is how an 11 strong team from the battalion spent part of the summer.

"Probably our most outstanding achievement was the ascent of Europe's largest glacier, the Vatnajökull, which is almost as big as Wales and overlies several active volcanoes", said expedition leader Capt Bob Wylie the battalion's Intelligence Officer.

Youngest members of the team were Pte Graham Cottingham and Joe Della-Porta - both 18 year old students serving with the LIDY Coy.

At the Grimsvotn crater, Iceland's most active volcano, more than a mile above sea level and which last erupted in June, the team was forced to shelter for two days sitting out a force nine gale of the legendary ice-rain. Towards the end of their 'trip' members of the expedition climbed Mt Hekla - the "Gates of Hell" to medieval Icelanders. All in all the battalion flag flew in some unlikely and remote places.

The expedition was a real challenge for both men and equipment. The Stonefield proved its ability to roll over several times and still carry on, while Land Rovers had to be rescued on several occasions. Pte Cottingham had a lucky escape when the icy waters of the Tungaa River attempted to carry him away. Overall the expedition proved to be an enormous success and very rewarding for all who took part.



Maj Mike Boocock gets down to the detailed planning of the 7th Bn's exercise at summer camp.

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Padre prays for sunshine — commander prays for rain.

The flow of incidents was much aided by the 5th Battalion who acted as enemy. Helicopters, tanks and engineer plant were amongst the support received from "local friends" to all of whom the battalion is grateful. The principal battle raged continuously but unobtrusively as the padre, Rev Ken Farmer, prayed for sunshine while the brigade commander prayed for rain. After an evenly matched first set, the experience and stamina of Brig Howard began to show, resulting in a conclusive victory for the "wets".

The battalion was fortunate to obtain a vacancy for the Cambrian March Patrol Competition which took place during the middle weekend of camp.

All other subalterns were downhearted when it was announced that 2Lt David Cox (Grimsby) was to lead the battalion's attempt — the team is heartily congratulated for achieving a highly commendable 8th place.

The battalion was delighted to host a number of visitors including the Director Terri-



Will anyone recognising this Warrant Officer please refrain from communicating with his unit!

torials and Cadets, Maj Gen Gerrard-Wright, the Divisional Brigadier Thorne, the T Brigadier UKLF Brig Wilkinson, the Brigade Commander Brig Howard and Deputy Commander Col Hunt, Representatives of both East Midlands and Yorkshire and Humberside TAVR Associations and the Deputy Honorary Colonels and Sponsor Officer — Maj Gen Toler (Lincolnshire and South Humberside), Col Wilkes (Leicestershire), Col Jettrey (Northamptonshire) and Col Bowlby (LDY Sponsor Office).

er). The battalion was equally delighted to welcome the Regimental Secretary Col Blyth.

The battalion was particularly pleased to welcome a party of 10 officers and senior NCOs from the West German reserve forces, who remained for the full two weeks, thus continuing the contacts forged during Exercise Keystone last year.

The weekend of July 22/24 saw keen rivalry in the Inter Platoon Battle Efficiency Competition held on Stanford PTA. After the statutory inspection of all competitors a series of well dispersed stands provided searching tests throughout a 36 hour period.

Map reading, NBC, weapon training, first aid, tactics, signals and AFV recognition were followed by the assault course. Competition was such that the order of results at each stand varied hugely and it was not until the last moment that the winning team was known. Place of honour went to Lt Charles Szabo's 2 Pl from Scunthorpe. A highly creditable close second was the Milan Pl from Loughborough commanded by Capt Luke Smith with Grimsby's 3 Pl, under 2Lt David Cox, in third place.



● Above 7th Battalion Mortar beds in during the Mortar Concentration at Otterburn.

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Cleaning up after breakfast are Pte David Brett, Stephen Pearce.



2Lt Richard Ilisley checks his map with Sgt Daniel Heggs.

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News from the 7th Battalion

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No less than 12 members of the battalion completed marathons on September 25 in the Leicester and Humber Bridge events. Capt Alistair Walpole completed the Leicester course in 3 hrs 34 and WO2 'Dave' Paine and Cpl 'Ronnie' Scott who crossed the Humber in 3 hrs 44 and 56 respectively.

Twenty-eight members of the battalion's Mortar Platoon attended the UKLF Mortar Concentration at Otterburn between June 18 to July 2.

This was the first of a series of centralised concentrations which it is intended will take place every other year.

Prior to moving to Otterburn the platoon spent four days of preparation, dry training, at Stanford PTA with the rest of the battalion, using the Inverton with 40 Fd Regt RA at Colchester.

All regular and TA mortar platoons serving in the UK took part and the programme included section and platoon shoots and a tactical night shoot with co-ordinated illuminating and GPMG(SF). Since it was centralised in Leicester the battalion's platoon has made considerable progress with both manning and levels of training.

The Concentration proved to be an ideal opportunity to exercise the skills acquired so

far and to learn and develop new ones. There was a particular emphasis on the tactical use and deployment of the 81mm mortar which was enhanced by the many practical lessons that had been learned in the South Atlantic. The training was run by the 3rd Battalion, The Parachute Regiment.

This was a most successful fortnight for the platoon who are already looking forward to 1985.

Lyke Wake Walk



Trying to find his feet — WO1 Taylor learns the hard way not to become RSM on the day the battalion did the Lyke Wake Walk.



Pte Tim Race B (Lincoln) Coy in the Himalayas — on Expedition Sagarmatha Steppe.

Porters preferred tourist route

Pte Tim Race writes about the Himalayan expedition.

After a circuitous journey via Dubai, Dacca and Katmandu our Sandhurst-organised expedition finally set off from Barabise (2,800ft) with 70 porters and Sherpas through the foothills, where we met people living as they must have done for hundreds of

It took us eight days of walking and problems with porters, who preferred the tourist route and were three days behind with some of the food and kit, before we crossed the Lanjura Pass, thick with snow but giving us grand views of the Rowaling Himal range. From the pass we descended

to the Dudh Kosi river, a three day journey, and then turned north following the river Namche Bazar, a "stroll" of some six spurs to climb and descend in hot weather before we made camp at Khumjung (12,100ft).

At this altitude we were affected physically as we moved through beautiful valleys surrounded by white snow. From there we followed the Khumbu Glacier, finding it hard on the legs until we reached Gorokshep (17,100ft), our last stop before base camp.

The next day was the climax of the expedition as we fol-

lowed the dry river bed above Goroshep onto the glacier. It was like walking over a great ice river, covered in rocks with huge pillars of ice rising to 40 feet, with gaping crevasses and avalanches to add to the dangers before we reached base camp. Here we met an American team preparing an assault on Mount Everest and were invited to take equipment to the peak. The return took us only three days and at Katmandu we had a few days to sort out our equipment and rest."

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Maj Alan Hemmings leads the Guard (A and B Coys) on a March Past before the Queen at York earlier this year

Depot, IJLB and Allied Regiments

Learning just what makes the junior leader tick

No-one can say that the IJLB is not an interesting and lively place at which to be an instructor. Despite the fact that a visit to the incredible programme room can tell you exactly what you will be doing in 18 months time, you still can't tell from hour to hour what is going to happen next. Often the random factor that throws a spanner in the works is the junior leader himself.

Having been posted into Salamanca Coy from the Pompadours, I am still learning a great deal about what makes junior tick. I am amazed by their ability to knock themselves out whilst dusting their bed space or stick a six-inch nail through their hands or fall over a lone wheelbarrow and gash their heads.

Yet, at the same time, the junior who falls over his own feet or capsizes his canoe in six inches of water produces great sporting feats on the

in the produces certificates for five O levels and six CSEs cannot get beyond reciting the second marksmanship principle!

It is, of course, early days as yet and the junior intake is only in week five of its Army career. So far they have been

out in the field for one weekend, done SLR live firing one, had an introduction to Army hygiene and are about to pass off the square. The Coy has had a very mixed bag of sports results up to now. Despite having some excellent boxers the company was unlucky not to feature in the boxing finals. The orienteering is looking promising already and two out of the three platoons are still doing well in the football and rugby competitions. The bulk of the competitions are yet to come and we are hoping for some good results.

There is a fairly healthy number of Queen's Division staff here at the moment - many in key appointments which often makes life slightly easier. However, a few more Anglians would not go amiss. The command of Salamanca Coy is being handed over very soon as Maj Robert Pepper leaves for Germany. This may mean the Queen's Regiment are the upper hand for a while but we won't let this worry us too much.

In the meantime the Royal Anglian contingent of Sgt Maj Taylor, CSgt Dent, Cpls DeLara, White, Cornell, Wiggan, Hayton, Sgt Maj Turner, Maj Pepper and Lt Jones will soldier on.



The Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick presents the Regimental Colour to 2Lt King, while 2Lt Charman holds the Queen's Colour.

Send in your photographs

During the year your RITs have visited 33 ACF units, sponsored visits of 30 CCF units to the Depot, helped with 13 field days and six PR events and attended 143 major and minor shows.

We would welcome any photographs of battalion events for use on our photographic display boards and information rooms. Colour prints are best as they stand out on the display screens. Sorry we cannot return them as they will be used as a backdrop for posters.

We are constantly looking for young, energetic volunteers to come along and spend up to 18 months with the RIT and operate in and around your battalion's areas to sponsor good relations and continuity. See your company commander quickly - the list is growing.

H.M.S. Hermione, the Poachers' affiliated frigate, now undergoing a major refit at Plymouth which will involve the replacement of her 4.5 inch gun, anti-submarine mortars, Wasp helicopters and traditional ship's boats. In their place will be Exocet surface-to-surface and SeaWolf surface-to-air missiles plus anti-submarine torpedoes. A formidable fighting ship! The inter-service affiliation began on June 17 when the Poachers' band played for the recommissioning service at Chatham.

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Caricature assassination

When he is not repairing the targetry, Cpl George Wolfe will be found, pen in hand, assassinating by caricature some unsuspecting character at the Depot.

It all started he tells us, 13 years ago when he joined the Vikings and was soon discovered as a graphic hit man. For his own safety he was moved around from the Recce Pl to Signals to MT and eventually had to be employed as the CO's driver/operator/cartoonist.

Cpl Wolfe was a regular contributor to the "Visor" in Northern Ireland and surreptitious up-market graffiti found around the walls of St Angelo Camp may well be attributable to our man! But don't knock it, and you won't be framed if you pay upwards of £25 on the open market for a Wolfe original cartoon. At the Depot they are to be



Cpl George Wolfe

seen everywhere - trackuits, office walls, training aids - you name it.

In the summer some promotional art work he completed for a golf tournament and two large commercial firms earned £300 for the Army Benevolent Fund.

More such work is coming his

way as George is shortly to finish his time in the Army and intends to set up, self-employed, at Pinchbeck, in the Fens.

Now you've had the publicity, how about a piece for the next edition George? By the way, good luck in your next career.

New colour for Lake Sups

Mr Walter Kelso, a former member of The Lake Superior Scottish, visited RHQ at Bury St. Edmunds on October 5 and presented a Regimental Plaque on behalf of Lt Col Wilson, who commands the Regiment. The plaque is now much admired as it hangs in The Keep.

We were interested to hear of the parade on January 1 when, on a very wet day, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of New Brunswick presented new Colours to replace those presented to the Regiment in England during World War II and reflecting the battle honours won by the Lake Superior Regiment (Motor) who were predecessors of the present Regiment. Some 250 serving and retired members of the Regiment were on parade.

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News from the branches

Minden Day 1983 – The annual reunion took place in the grounds of the old Gibraltar Barracks, Bury St. Edmunds on July 31 and, due largely to the efforts of our Regimental Secretary and the Minden Day Committee Chairman, Maj Tom Warren, proved to be a resounding success.

Attendance records again appeared to go by the board. Sadly some old familiar faces were missing but their places were taken by an ever-increasing number of new ones. This apparently illogical fact can perhaps be explained by the fact that, 24 years after the Regiment officially ceased to exist, at least three Old Comrades, now in their sixties, were attending their first reunion!

Herein may lie the explanation for the poor turn-out of ex Royal Anglian Old Comrades and the answer to the Royal Lincolnshire scribe's comments in the 1974 (yes, nearly a decade ago) issue of "Castle", when he wrote, "The recently-discharged chaps ... do not seem to have much inclination to join. Perhaps it is that the 'comradeship' in the Forces today bears little comparison to what we had and can still look back on".

Surely, with the dangers experienced in Northern Ireland where dependence on and confidence in the man next to you is vital for survival, this cannot be so? Rather, would not the apparent lack of interest by our Royal Anglian comrades be explained by their following the pattern set by so many Old Comrades in the past?

So often one left the Regiment to start a completely new life and career and with these, the house and family occupying all attention. Army life was quickly forgotten. The years pass, the family grows up and, in our fifties or sixties, nostalgia sets in and the memories come flooding back.

Visitors to Northampton invariably meet a number of people wearing the Northamptonshire Regiment tie and had they visited on September 19 they would have noticed a profusion of such ties, worn by former members of the Regiment who wished to be identified with our successors, the 2nd Battalion, the Royal Anglian Regiment, who that day exercised their prerogative – first granted to the Northamptonshire Regiment on June 8 '46 – of marching in the Borough with bands playing, bayonets



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Old friendships are renewed, an appearance is made at the reunion and the OCA has yet another new and dedicated supporter. If this is not the explanation, how else can one account for our Bury Branch membership being twice the number it was 15 or 20 years ago, or for the progressively increasing attendance on Minden Day?

But back to the reunion. Among the notables present were Maj Gen Sir David and Lady Thorne, Col Mapey (Cambridgeshire Regiment), Capt Sheepshanks (Chairman, Suffolk County Council) and Mrs Sheepshanks, Mrs B Jennings (Deputy Mayor, Bury St. Edmunds) and Mr Eldon Griffiths MP, all of whom attended the drumhead service and heard a witty and self-deprecating but inspiring sermon by the Rev. Tim Lawrence.

This was followed by the now traditional address by our President, Lt Gen Sir Richard Goodwin whose reminiscences stirred the memory of many on the calm summer's morning. Not only did the General recall the past, but looked forward to next year in anticipation of the 40th anniversary of the D Day landings and to our tercentenary in 1985.

In the march past, led by Peter Dean, OCA Chairman, most of those taking part were in their sixties or seventies and all sported the essential red and yellow roses. For some, it was obvious that not all locomotion problems are confined to British Rail, but the efforts they made to complete the course showed the spirit which is the very basis on which the Association was founded and continues to survive.

Then lunch; a time to talk, and possibly to learn, with sadness, that old friends will attend no more reunions.

A time, also, to exchange addresses and phone numbers and to make arrangements for our own individual mini-reunion in the near future.

The beer tent did a brisk trade throughout the day but could hardly have proved more profitable than the ice cream van. Again, this emphasises the nature of these reunions; they are a day out for the whole family to enjoy and far removed from the old image.

In the background, the Suffolk Military Band performed while, on the square, the Sudbury and Great Cornard Majorettes, the ACF Band and the Southwold and Reydon Corps of Drums each treated us to performances that did them much credit. As always, the museum was a big attraction, the queue at times resembling that for Lenin's tomb. Terry Calver was on duty there for the whole day and, hard to believe, at the end a distinct note of hoarseness was detected in that infamous voice.

Being unable, on this occasion, to secure the services of an Army band, proceedings were brought to a close by a highly entertaining and novel Beating of Retreat by the Southwold and Reydon Band and Corps of Drums. We are greatly indebted to them and the other youthful performers for entertaining us throughout such an enjoyable day and hope that they gained as much pleasure from holding the stage as the audience.

It is natural for us now to turn our thoughts to next Minden Day, hoping that it will prove to be just as successful.



Hyderabad Officer's Mess circa 1874



The Officers of the 10th Colchester who would have used the Mess in 1874

Reunion – Our annual reunion was held at the Beacholme Holiday Camp, Cleethorpes, on the weekend of September 10/11. Unfortunately our numbers dropped to just under 200 for the first time.

Maj Gen Sir Christopher Welby-Everard presided at well-attended annual General Committee and Annual General meetings on the Saturday afternoon.

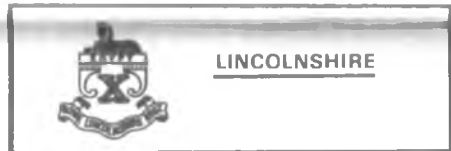
In-Pensioners Millhouse and Winter were our guests for the weekend and both wore their finery for the occasion. We hope to see them both next year.

The 1984 reunion will be taking place at the Beacholme on the weekend of September 8/9.

tarism, et al, were drowned by the cheers – and by the deluge of rain.

Was it just pot-luck, or did the fates decree that the Royal Anglian Regiment should combine with the Queen's and the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, to become the Queen's Division?

Most readers are aware of the close affinity between Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire and that the old 5th (Huntingdonshire) Bn, Northamptonshire Regt (TA),



LINCOLNSHIRE

Freedom March – The highlight of the past few months was the visit of the "Poachers" to the City of Lincoln on September 20. Many favourable comments were received from ex Poachers, although many asked why the Royal Norfolk's march was played as they passed the saluting dais! Needless to say, they are now "in the picture".

Tercentenary 1985 – The 300th Anniversary of the rais-

ing of the Regiment will be celebrated in conjunction with our normal annual reunion. Details of the arrangements will be completed next year.

Headquarters – Due to establishment cuts the Lincoln office will be losing all its staff except for the Area Secretary. Viewing of the Regimental collection will therefore be by appointment only with effect from March 81.

formed in 1920 with its headquarters at Huntingdon, claimed to be the natural successor to the Huntingdonshire Volunteers and the Hunts Cyclist Battalion.

Not all will be aware that the 31st Foot, raised in 1702 as Villier's Marines and the 70th Foot, raised in 1756 as the 2/31st Foot became, in 1782, the 31st (Huntingdonshire) Regt and the 70th (Surrey) Regt. In 1881, under the Cardwell reforms, there was a family reunion when the 31st and 70th came together again as the 1st and

2nd Bns the East Surrey Regt. In 1959 they amalgamated with the Queen's Royal Regt (2nd Foot) to become the Queen's Royal Surrey Regt and in December 1966 they amalgamated yet again with the Queen's Own Buffs (the Buffs and the Queen's Own Royal West Kent), the Sussex Regt and the Middlesex Regt, to become the (large) Queen's Regiment. How very appropriate it is that the Depot, the Queen's Division, should be at Basingstoke – a short march from Huntingdon.



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fixed and Colours flying.

The waving and cheering which greeted the immaculately turned-out soldiers as, in the best traditions of the old 48th & 58th, they marched past the Guildhall, in driving rain and under the watchful – and approving – eyes of for-

mer commanding officers and members of the old Regiment, proclaimed beyond doubt that this was "our" Regiment. The shouted "Sieg Heils" of a pathetic band of "peace campaigners", making their Fascist salutes and demonstrating against mili-

News from the branches



CAMBRIDGESHIRE

Old Comrades – In an excellent turnout for the AGM at Ely on October 2 all five branches reported increasing membership and a long list of activities organised for and enjoyed by, their members. The President, Lt. Col. Mahey, is to remain in office at the unanimous wish of all members. The feeling of the meeting was expressed so warmly that Col Victor agreed to continue, and he called on vice-presidents to take a greater share of the load. Capt 'Pip' Clayton and Mr G A Street were elected as additional vice presidents and all other officers were returned en bloc.

In addition to the reunion at Ely, Minden Day at Bury St. Edmunds and the Field of Remembrance at Westminster Abbey other branch activities include:

CAMBRIDGE. A cheese and wine 'President's' party and a cheese and wine party on December 9.

FLY. A film evening. **MARCH AND DISTRICT.** A holiday party to Llandudno and five other outings including one to a Nottingham pantomime, and on February 12 a Service of Remembrance will be held in St. Peter's Church, March at 6.30 pm. **WISBECH.** A Branch Shoot, a trip to the Norfolk

Broads and on December 3 there will be a Social and Dinner.

Memorial Service – The 1984 Memorial Service and reunion will be held in Ely Cathedral on June 17 at 2.30 pm. Maj Gen Sir David Thorne is to be invited to take the Salute at the march past and Old Comrades of the Suffolk Regiment are invited to attend.

Honorary Chaplain – It was the unanimous wish that the Rev Canon F Stallard be invited to become Honorary Chaplain to the Cambridgeshire Regiment OCA.

Endowment Appeal – Col Beckett reported that the draft Declaration of Trust had received the approval of the Cathedral authorities and Charity Commissioners. Trustees have been appointed and progress to launch the appeal was to be made at a Sub-Committee meeting in November. Funds resulting from the appeal will be used for the purchase and

furnishings of the Chapel. OCA Representative – Mr Douglas Baddock, Chairman at Bury Branch, attended the AGM at the Chairman's invitation. His efforts and those of Col Peter Dean, to further cement the close liaison that already exists between the two Associations are much appreciated in Cambridgeshire.



ROYAL TIGERS

The highlight of the year so far was the annual Parade Service in the Regimental Chapel of Leicester Cathedral on June 19 when HRH Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, honoured us with her presence.

Princess Alice, together with the Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire and Mrs Martin, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Leicester, the Lieutenant of Leicestershire and Mrs Haywood, the High Sheriff of Leicestershire and Mrs Everard, the Chairman of Leicestershire County Council and other distinguished guests attended the service and afterwards Princess Alice took the salute at the march past, having inspected the parade beforehand.

More than 300 Old Comrades paraded and following this ceremony, a reception and luncheon party was held at the TA Centre, Ulverscroft Road for Old Comrades and their guests, with Her Royal Highness Princess Alice as guest. This reception and luncheon was very well attended and proved a fitting climax to a splendid day.

The annual meeting of the Association, followed by the annual dinner and reunion was held on June 18. At the annual meeting, the chair was taken by the President, Col M



The standard of the Association, carried by Mr T J Marston MBE, leads the parade past Princess Alice.

St Pallot. Col Pallot particularly thanked 7 Royal Anglian for their continued assistance and help to the Association and also all those who had so willingly supported our major money-raising effort, the sweep on the Grand National.

At the meeting Lt Col R Howe was appointed a Vice President of the Association. It was pleasing to see an increased number of Old Comrades and their wives at the dinner and reunion. We were particularly pleased to welcome Maj Gen Akehurst as our new president.

It is with deep regret that we report the death of Sandy Sanderson who had been associated with the Regiment for over 50 years and for the past decade had been a prominent member of the general committee of the Association. His many friends in the Regiment will remember him with affection.



Princess Alice inspects the parade.

Secretary Bill Hawkins writes:

A meeting between 4th Essex Comrades and wives and the Associazione Nazionale Combattenti took place on September 24.

We were staying at the Hotel San Pietro at Maiori where a coach picked us up for the two hour ride to Naples, where we were met by a large party of Italian partisans and members of the Army, Navy and Air Force.

After a great welcoming ceremony we left by Italian army coach for the Italian cemetery at Monte Lungo, where I laid our poppy wreath (normally laid at Cassino) at the memorial. A short service was read by Professor Testa ending with the Exhortation. From the cemetery we moved to the museum which proved of great interest with several tanks and pieces of artillery surrounding the building. At the British and Common-



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wealth cemetery it was the Italians' turn to lay a huge wreath and again a short service was followed by the Exhortation.

On arrival at this beautiful place, one found a change, difficult to explain. All I know is that I was standing somewhere very special, and for a few moments my mind slipped back and the faces of those brave pals seemed to be looking up at me.

Eventually we wound our way up to the Abbey where we spent an interesting hour sight-seeing, the first time some had seen this magnificent building. We approached the Castle and saw the pits and hovels in which, some 40 years ago, I am sure we all felt our time

was near, especially three members of the party, all from A Coy 4 Essex, who helped to stem the German counter-attacks on the morning of March 15 1944.

For a meal at the Cassino barracks, we lined up Army fashion and mountains of excellent food were heaped on huge trays.

We can only thank and admire the staff for their hospitality.

We later crossed the hot and dusty parade ground and headed for the officers' mess, lined with Plaques that brought back memories of famous Italian Divisions we had encountered in the Western Desert and a toast was proposed by each party in turn.

Bill Hawkins, Secretary of the Comrades, thanked Professor Carmelo Testa for the large part he had played in making the reunion possible and received an Essex Regiment plaque, while an Essex Regiment bannerette was presented to the Camp Commandante in appreciation of his hospitality. In return the Commandante presented a plaque from the 80th Regiment of the Rome Commando Unit.

As we passed through the camp gates the guard was turned out in our honour and just before Professor Testa left us he thanked his party for making the day's function a success and called for three cheers for the Essex party. He then took off his triangular scarf and put it round my neck saying "Bill, we are pleased to welcome you as Honorary Commandante of the Associazione Nazionale Combattenti."



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News from the branches

Reunion Dinner – Brig Peter Barclay, President of The Royal Norfolk Regiment Association, presided over the Association's Annual Reunion Dinner at the TA Centre, Norwich on September 24, when some 150 old comrades enjoyed a delicious dinner and a convivial evening.

In the absence through illness of the Regimental Secretary the evening was organised by Lt Col Bill Brinkley, Maj Ben Chapman and Mr and Mrs W G Banthorpe, the caterers, ably assisted by Messrs. Pead and Case of the permanent staff of the Norwich Out-station.

Brig Barclay referred briefly to the Association's activities during the past year and noted that the generous donations from members and the Royal Anglian Benevolent Fund, had made it possible for the Benevolent Committee to provide timely assistance to former members in need.

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the Regimental Association, including the 22 War Memorial homes, the Regimental Chapel and museum are in a satisfactory state of repair despite ever-rising maintenance costs.

Brig Barclay also acknowledged the generous support the Association is receiving from the Royal Anglian Regiment in all aspects of activities which was most encouraging for the foreseeable future.

Brig Barclay also mentioned the activities of the 1st Battalion and commended Lt Col Tony Calder and his men for the excellence of their parade at King's Lynn on July 15, when the 1st Battalion received the Freedom of the Borough of King's Lynn and West Norfolk on behalf of the Royal Anglian Regiment.

Maj Gen Sir David Thorne then told Old Comrades about Royal Anglian regimental activities during the past year, with particular reference to the 1st Battalion and their recent successful operational tour in Belize under the command of another Royal Anglian, Brig Tony Pollard.

Since the return of the 1st Battalion to Cambridgeshire, its activities had been directed towards renewing the links with the parent counties and the founder Regimental Associations including a fine parade at King's Lynn and Lowestoft and a Beating of Retreat at Wisbech.

Association Service – The Royal Norfolk Regiment Association service in the Regimental Chapel in Norwich Cathedral on September 25

was well attended and some 100 Old Comrades and their families were able to admire the beauty of the Chapel, enhanced by the beautiful flower decorations arranged by Mrs. Peter Barclay.

The service was led by the Association's Chaplain, Canon Wynter Blathwayt and Brig Peter Barclay read the lesson. An address was given by R. Drayson DSC, Lay Chaplain to the Bishop of Norwich who revealed a wide knowledge of the history of the 9th Foot and used some of the major events in its history to illustrate his theme.

Remembrance – The traditional Royal Norfolk Regiment Service of Remembrance was held at the Regimental War Memorial cottages on November 11.

Veteran Returns – Maj Sam Horner, who served with the 2nd Battalion during the Burma campaign, visited York in May with some former wartime colleagues to attend the 2nd Division's homecoming celebrations.

Maj Horner reports: In April 42 the 2nd Division, which included the 2nd Battalion of the Royal Norfolk Regiment, left Glasgow for "Destination X" in the then largest convoy ever to have left these shores. The recapture of Madagascar was the original aim, but by the time the ship arrived at Cape Town, the destination was switched to India to meet the threat of civil disobedience organised by the Congress party.

Eventually in early 1944, the Division was committed to battle against the Japanese. The savage and prolonged battle of Kohima, in which the 2nd Battalion played a distinguished part, finally put an end to their ambitions in the Far East and has been acknowledged by historians as one of the decisive battles of the war.

To celebrate the final return home of this famous division in 1983, and also the 75th anniversary of the Territorial Army, a great parade was held at Imphal Barracks on

May 16 in the presence of the Queen and the sun shone all day!

The Colour parties of no less than twelve battalions of the three brigades, one Regular and two Territorial, of the Division, were a splendid sight and those present will long remember the culmination of the march past when, after the Colour parties, escorts and detachments of the 5th and 7th (Volunteer) Battalions, the Royal Anglian Regiment, went proudly past to "Rule Britannia" from the massed bands and parties from three battalions of the Light Infantry marched past at the double.

After a "drive past" by fighting vehicles from the Regular and Territorial Armies, the parade culminated in a fly-past by AAC and RAF helicopters and Harriers.

In her speech, the Queen referred to the Battle of Kohima and the Division's memorial erected there with its famous inscription.



The Association dinner dance guests with Maj and Mrs Townsend and Mr Stan Mansfield, organiser.



BEDFORDSHIRE & HERTFORDSHIRE

The Association annual dinner dance held at Sele School, Hertford, on May 7 was very ably organised by Mr "Stan" Mansfield, to whom we owe thanks for his efforts. This was probably the best and most enjoyable annual dinner dance we have held. Some 180 members and their families sat down to an excellent meal followed by a pleasant evening of dancing which ended with the Regimental march.

Brig David Carter, our Association Chairman, and Mrs Carter, once again travelled

from Yeovil to be with us. We were also pleased to welcome Maj Gen and Mrs Ward Booth, and Lt Col and Mrs Thompson. Our special guest was Maj "Donald" Girdwood, who was thanked by Brig Carter for all the work he had done for the Association during his term as Regimental Secretary. Brig Carter also

welcomed Maj D B Riches, our new Regimental Secretary, who was accompanied by Mrs Riches.

It was especially gratifying to receive a week later no less than 13 letters saying how much the writers had enjoyed the evening, which makes the hard work involved so very worthwhile.

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ONE MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP (one half fee place) plus a number of MUSIC BURSARIES will also be awarded. Auditions and examination will be held in February.

Entries at 7, 9, 11 and 13 – Scholarships and Exhibitions at 12 – Government Assisted Places and Harpur Bursaries at 11, 13 and 16.

Further details, including Prospectus and Application Form, for all entries, from the:

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Sport on camera



Regimental cricket v the Gentlemen of Essex – the day after the Talavera Ball. Back row, Ron Hounsell (umpire), Capt Badger, CSgt Ali, Maj Hipkin, Maj Slater, Lt Napier, Maj Amberton. Front row, Maj Rawlins, Maj Davenport, Lt Col Browne, Lt Col James, Sgt Whitfield. Gentlemen of Essex 255 for 7 declared. RARCC 104 all out.

Sport on camera



Above, Poachers C Coy Cross country winners.

The Poacher's cricket team played in the EDIST League final against the Vikings at Oakington and went down by 28 runs, but remain EDIST League South Champions. The winter sports have now begun and the hockey team continues its winning way as usual with victories over the Depot and the Pumpadours. Incorporated into the inter company competition were a number of sports; A Coy won

volleyball, C Coy the rugby, cross country, football and hockey, D(HW) Company the athletics and swimming and HQ(Comd) the basketball, cricket and tug-of-war.

Below, Pte Curry gets the ball back for the Poachers v. the Pumpadours.



The Pumpadour cricket team after their victory over 40 Fd Regt, RA. Highest scorers were Capt Page (second from right), Lt Moorat (fifth from left) and Sgt Whitfield RAPC (extreme right). The most effective bowlers were WO2 Mallett (extreme left) and CSgt Peck (fifth from right).



Poachers C Coy hockey team, winners of the Inter-Coy contest.



RQMS Sweeney (HQ Coy) attacks Pumpadours' A Coy defence during the 19 Inf Bde sports festival.



The heavyweights from LDY Coy 7th Battalion add pull in the Inter-Coy Tug O' War at Westdown Camp. On the rope are, l to r, Lt David Livingstone, Maj Edmund Marshall and WO2 (CSM) Charlie Dutton.



The Vikings winning C Coy team.

The Vikings return to Oakington was the signal for frantic preparations to begin for the inter company novices boxing tournament.

The sight of hooded and track-suited bodies running around the airfield punching

thin air became commonplace. The tension built up over a 10 day period while the preliminary bouts took place and when the finals were held on October 25, the companies were virtually level-puging.

There was some very good boxing and some very hard fought contests, particularly the heavyweight bout between Sgt Brothers of HQ Coy and Cpl Prime of A Coy. The result of the tournament, which was very close, was a victory for C Coy.



Pte Maynard (A Coy) Pumpadours, in full flight during the athletics phase of the 19 Inf Bde sports festival.

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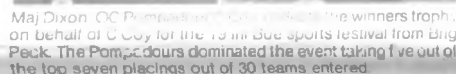
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The autumn meeting was held at Flemspton Golf Club on September 9 and once again the weather and the course were perfect and all competitors had an enjoyable day.

The Scratch was won by Sgt. Bill Eke, with second and third prizes going to Maj. John Growse and Lt. Col. Harold Moore; Stableford singles went to 1st-Col. Peter Badger, 2nd-Lt. Col. Harold Moore and 3rd-Maj. John Growse. The afternoon foursomes

were close and on a count back were eventually won by Lt Col Harold Moore and Maj Stewart Betts with 2nd prize going to Cols Peter Badger and John Marriott and 3rd to WO2 John Templeman and Sgt Thomas.

The highlight of the society's golf calendar is the annual match against Hempton Golf Club which this year was easily won by the club, however, as always it was a most enjoyable day.



The Pompadour's most successful sporting teams have been the soccer and cricket elevens. The cricket team beat 40 Fd Regt RA in the E.DIST final in a close and exciting match. The team led by Maj Julian Rawlins then progressed to the UK semi-finals but were beaten by Depot Regt RA. The welcome influx of young players promises well for the team in BAOR.

The battalion fielded two soccer teams to reach the final where it defeated 1 Staffords to become E.DIST six and earned a place in the Army six-a-side tournament in Aldershot.

The team managed by Maj Stan Bullock and captained by Sgt McCollm APTC included Pte Bell of C Coy who has since played in the Army Youth team.

Company teams were highly successful in the 19 Inf Bde sports festival, an event designed to get as many soldiers in the brigade to compete in sub unit teams in athletics, swimming, tug-o-war, volley ball, basketball, football, hockey and cross country.

Thirty teams entered and the results were heartily cheered by all Pompadours who were placed. Winners overall C. Cox, 2nd B. Cox, 4th H. Cox.

6th Hy Wpns Coy; 7th A Coy. A Coy won the athletics with a most impressive performance by their 400m and 200m relay squad consisting of LCpl Miller, LCpl Paul, Pte Coggin and Maynard. B Coy just defeated C Coy in the crosscountry with an excellent individual run by Pte McKay. Fine team performances were also produced by HQ Coy's hockey, football and swimming teams. Individual winners included Pte Mole of HQ Coy who cleared 1m 97cm in the high jump (only 5cm short of the Army record) Sgt Waqaroa in the shot and 1st Lt E. J. in the

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