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Councillor Michael Cufflin and Mrs. Cufflin with the Colonel of the Regiment, Lieutenant General Sir John Akehurst and Brigadier Tony Pollard at a dinner to mark the close connection between the City of Leicester and the Regiment. Picture - Leicester Mercury.

Fine display of pageantry at Albert Hall.

## Tercenary tributes begin

TERCENTENARY year started with a bang. On 17 Jan a Colour Party, the Band and Drums and some actors from the Poachers represented The Regiment at the Albert Hall for a Tercenary Tribute to Famous Regiments in the presence of our Colonel-in-Chief.

The Albert Hall was sold out for what proved to be a fine display of pageantry. Many members of the Regiment and our Founder Regiments were present, led by Gen Sir Timothy Creasey and Lt Gen Sir John Akehurst.

On 10 Feb the Poachers celebrated Schraon Day in style by Trooping The Colour in America, an event fully reported elsewhere.

On 27 Apr the Poachers accept the Freedom of Wellesborough on behalf of The Regiment, and on 13 May they provide a Guard of Honour when the Colonel-in-Chief is

at Liverpool Street Station (Platform 9) for the naming of an engine after The Regiment. Her Majesty will arrive at 11.30 hrs and spectators are welcome, although there will be no special arrangements to view the event or after the ceremony because of the venue.

The main Regimental celebration for the year will be on 13 Jun when the Massed Bands of The Queen's Division Beat Retreat on The Horse Guards in the presence of our Colonel-in-Chief and of Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester. All are welcome at the parade, but the size of the Banqueting House limits the number that may attend the following reception and it may be necessary to hold a ballot.

Full details about tickets have been published by battalions and in OCA newsletters. Application forms giving details are enclosed

for subscribers not with battalions.

On 28 Jul the Poachers plan a Regimental Day in Colchester in the presence of Princess Alice, for which details may be obtained from the 2nd Battalion or area of flow at Northampton, Leicester or Lincoln.

The 1st Battalion will follow their 1984 Trooping at Oakington by marching through their county towns of Ely (30 Jul), Norwich (31 Jul), and Bury St. Edmunds (3 Aug). Details may be obtained from the Norwich area office, as can arrangements for the Minden Day celebrations to be held at The Keep, Bury St. Edmunds by the Suffolk and Royal Anglian Regiment Association (Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Branch) on 4 Aug.

The Pompadours are Trooping

The Colour at Minden on 17 Aug in conjunction with a Regimental weekend when Blenheim Day will be celebrated with balls in the Officers' and Warrant Officers' & Sergeants' Messes. Write to the Pompadours for details (BFPO 28).

In September the Poachers are exercising the Freedoms of Boston/Grantham (6 Sep), Lincoln (7 Sep) and Grimsby and Cleethorpes (8 Sep). The 8 Sep parade is in conjunction with the 10th Foot Royal Lincolnshire Regiment Association who will be holding their reunion at Cleethorpes, and will be in the presence of Princess Alice. Details from the Lincoln office.

We hope that past and present members of the Regiment or its founder Regiments will attend these functions and make this a memorable Tercenary year.



Sgt Hibbert explains the secrets of hitting the target to an intense Pte Clarke (D Coy) 7th Bn. More news on Pages 14, 15.

## Massed Bands to Beat Retreat

THE Massed Bands of The Queen's Dragoon Guards, the 1st and 2nd Battalions The Royal Anglian Regiment, the 1st Battalion The Staffordshire Regiment, the Junior Band of The Queen's Division and the Corps of Drums of the 2nd Battalion The Queen's Regiment - about 150 musicians in all - will Beat Retreat at Bassingbourn Barracks at 7 pm Fri 5 Jul.

The performance will be in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund. Admission will be £1.50 for adults and 50p for school children. Bars and refreshments will be available after the ceremony.

Tickets are available from Army Career Information Offices at: 24 Mill Road, Cambridge, 40 Ash

## Territorial appointments

Col P. W. Raywood TA took over as Deputy Honorary Colonel (Norfolk) TA on 31 Mar from Lt Col A. W. J. Turnbull MC. Col Raywood commanded the 6th Battalion, was subsequently Colonel TA, Eastern District and is chairman of the Norfolk TAVRA.

burnham Road, Bedford, 18 West Side, Luton, 21 Hereward Centre, Peterborough.

It will be possible to pay at the gate on 5 Jul but advance booking by OCA branches or other parties will facilitate speedy entrance.

Entrance to Bassingbourn Barracks will be through the airfield gate, to the north of the barrack main entrance, from the A14.

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### Diary Dates

13 Jun;	Massed Bands and Reception in presence of Colonel-in-Chief, Horse Guards.
19 Oct;	Past and Present Dinner.
1 Nov;	Regimental Dinner.



B Coy The Poachers escort the Colour during the Trooping in the Dome. See Page 7.



## Congratulations

We congratulate on their inclusion in the New Year's Honours: CB Maj Gen R. E. J. Gerrard-Wright CBE, Maj Gen K. Burch CBE, CBE Brig A. J. G. Pollard, Lt Col A. J. K. Calder, Lt Col H. W. Lambert, Lt Col M. J. D. Walker, BEM CSgt W. J. Brown.

Col Charles Barnes is to be Divisional Brigadier, The Queen's Division in Sep 85.

Welcome to 2Lt Andrew March and Alan Wellfair (1st Bn), 2Lt Guy Skingley, Timothy Smith, Stephen Taylor and Tim Weightman (2nd Bn), and 2Lt Robert Vass and Stephen Wormald (3rd Bn) who joined the Regiment from Sandhurst in Dec 84.

We wish the following well on their retirement and hope to see them at Regimental functions for many years: Maj Gen Dick, Gerrard-Wright, Col Chris Dale, Maj David Ridgway, Maj Julian Rawlins, Maj John Keep and Capt Brian Graham.

Congratulations to Lt Bob Eke (3rd Bn) and Lt David Whitehead (2nd Bn) on commissioning.

Congratulations to Capt Robert Goodin on his engagement to Dominique Dale, daughter of Col &

Mrs Chris Dale. Col Dale has recently retired.

Lt Col Alan Thompson writes from Zimbabwe that he visited Col Loftus, late Essex Regiment, on his 101st birthday and is glad to report that he was in fine fettle. Alan and Ginty are enjoying their tour.

Chaplain (LTC) Marvin Edgar Hollwell Jnr of the United States Army visited RHQ just prior to the Poachers leaving for Fort Bragg where he is stationed. He has been appointed Honorary Chaplain to the 2nd Battalion and now wears a Regimental stable belt.

Lt Richard Clements arrived at Brabant Island from the Falklands on board HMS Endurance on 29 Dec as part of the summer boat party under Lt Col Clive Waggoner, who subsequently broke his leg and was evacuated. The summer party are due back in UK this month.

We wish Maj(QM) David Greenfield and his wife a happy tour with the UDR and thank him for his loyal and outstanding service during the last three years.

The Past and Present Dinner will be held at Basingstoke on 19 Oct 85.



## Maj Harry Staff dies aged 97 at Chelsea

In Pensioner Maj Harry Staff, late Essex Regiment, died on New Year's Eve at The Royal Hospital, Chelsea. At 97, he was the oldest In Pensioner.

Harry was born at Chase Cross, near Romford, on 25 Jun 1887. In 1907 he joined the Essex Regiment at Warley. After basic training he joined the 2nd Battalion in Ireland, then, in 1908, he answered the call for volunteers to join the 1st Battalion in India, where he served in Raniket and Quetta and had a spell working with Dairy Farms India.

In 1913 he moved to Mauritius with the battalion, then home to Warley after the outbreak of the First World War. Harry Staff, now a sergeant, survived the Gallipoli Campaign but was wounded in the elbow and evacuated to Alexandria. He then went home with the battalion and to France in 1916.

Seven days' leave in Aug 1916 and a special licence allowed him to get married. He then remained in France until Jun 1918, when he went to the United States to give instruction in gas warfare methods. There he stayed until the

end of the war when he rejoined the 1st Battalion in Southern Ireland. From 1923 until his discharge from the Service in 1930, he was RSM of the 7th Battalion.

He earned the 1914-15 Star, War Medal and Victory Medal for World War I as well as the Meritorious Service and Long Service and Good Conduct Medals.

In the Second World War he joined the Home Guard, rising to the rank of Major and receiving the Defence Medal.

From his discharge from the Regular Army in 1930 until his admission to Chelsea in Oct 1975 he was Secretary of the 7th Essex (Eagle and Gun) Association, thus giving nearly 70 years continuous service to the Regiment. The Association presented him with an illuminated scroll and a carved Eagle on leaving.

Harry was cremated at the South London Crematorium on 11 Jan 1985. A memorial service will be held in the Regimental Chapel at Warley when the roof repairs have been completed.

To his son we offer our sincere sympathy.

## Veterans' appeal launched

This month a major one-off appeal for Commonwealth Veterans is to be launched under the patronage of Prince Philip.

The appeal is being sponsored by The British Commonwealth Ex-Services League, which, since its formation in 1921 by Field Marshal Earl Haig with nine member organisations, has maintained its aim of ensuring that "no ex-serviceman of the Crown, ex-servicewoman, widow or dependant would ever be without help if in need."

The League's membership has

now increased to 53, spread throughout the countries of the Commonwealth and old Empire. It has given aid both to ex-service organisations and to individuals in need from the millions of servicemen from Commonwealth countries who joined with Great Britain and fought her in Europe, Africa, and the Middle and Far East.

While the League still has many veterans from the First World War in its care, the number of Commonwealth ex-servicemen from the Second World War, widows, and dependants now reaching their sixties, seventies and eighties

## Soldier spent two year out of 20 in UK

Pte George Chaplin enlisted Hornsham 3 Jun 1893 in the E. Yorks shire Regiment. Transferred 8 Jun to 2 Suffolk. Went to coal strikes in Yorkshire in September of the same year for six weeks. Left England 27 Sep, 1894, arrived Bombay 18 Oct.

Left Bombay for Secunderabad, stopped four days then left Secunderabad for Nilgiri Hills, stationed there until 28 Mar 1895 then left for Madras in Oct of the same year. Boarded the ship Dilwara for Rangoon. Ran into cyclone arrived 24 hours late. Battered for 48 hours. Three days late arriving at Rangoon. Left Rangoon in Oct 1894 for Andaman Isles Port Blair. Stayed 18 months there.

Left Mar 1899 for Karachi, arrived 18 days in an Indian Marine Boat. From Karachi to Quetta in 1899 from Quetta on bounty furlough. Stayed at Quetta four years. Went to Karachi, stayed two years. From Karachi to Madras, stationed there for three years. Left Madras in Oct 1906 for Aden.

Left Aden in 1907 for Parkhurst, Isle of Wight. Arrived 28 Dec 1907. Went to Bulford Camp, Salisbury Plain. Volunteered for Malta in 1908. Arrived Malta Sep 1908, stayed two years, left for Alexandria en route for Cairo, stayed 12 months. Left Cairo for England April 1912.

Total sailing distance 42,000 miles - two years out of 20 in UK!

## Applications sought for vacant flats

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The Dubai Branch used this distinctive invitation when they dined out Col Chris Dale and Simone. The Colonel of the Regiment appreciated receiving a signal in the Oman passing on their greetings and regards.



## News from the Vikings

# Battalion has busy time in N. Ireland



Cpl Callaghan prepares to go on patrol.

Since the last Castle, the battalion has undergone a major change of role and location. We are now in Ebrington Barracks, Londonderry, with the young soldiers being regaled by stories from the old and bold who were here in 1970-72.

The Army's role may have changed considerably in the intervening years, but the city itself has changed less than we expected.

Training for Northern Ireland filled the period between block leave and our departure, hampered to some extent by having to share equipment with the Paras, whose training period virtually coincided with ours.

The net result however, when we arrived at Lydd and Hythe for our NITAT package, proved to be generally satisfactory. The absence of some NITAT personnel, helping the Paras, meant we had to run our own rural training exercise, which had some lighter moments.

OC HQ Coy proved that even with relatively fresh and alert soldiers doing the searching, it was quite possible to move weapons and ammunition through VCPs

undetected. A sobering lesson for all, though hilariously funny at the time to observe the dropping of jaws as the weapons were produced from their hiding places.

Once the NITAT package was over, we moved to Londonderry, and by 4 Dec we were all here and 2 Queens were all in Oakington. Things were very quiet at first, but "aggro" has increased since our arrival. Two Provisional IRA members were shot dead in December but so far we have not suffered serious attack from terrorists. We have, however, been much busier than we originally expected, finding that the companies not committed to the city are frequently committed in other ways. Training time is therefore at a premium.

Good news came with the publication of the New Years Honours list, in which both the outgoing CO and his successor were awarded the OBE. Perhaps this is some kind of first, or perhaps not?

We intend to make our mark in the sporting and military competitions in the Province and have started with the Drums Platoon winning the NI GPMG (SF) Match 83. The narrow winning margin (1345 points against 1320 points for the Queens Own Highlanders) shows how formidable the opposition was. We were runners-up (by one point) to IRRF in the NI Knockout Basketball Championships. At least we kept it within the divisional family, though the team leader, Sgt Bodger, has publicly asserted that 16 Feb 85 is forever graven on his heart. Football is coming along well, with our most spectacular success to date 14 - 0 win over 8 UDR.

In short, we have settled down and are making the best of life as usual, even sending a shooting team to Bisley this year. This will be Capt Roger Hare's last year as team captain - we wish him the best of luck.



WO2 M. Abbott on an 'E' posting to the Bermuda Regiment receives his long service and good conduct medal from Princess Margaret who was visiting the Bermuda Regiment as Colonel-in-Chief.



The new CO Lt Col M.J.D. Walker inspecting the Potential NCO's Cadre in February.



Dmr Wildney of the highest scoring battalion GPMG (SF) pair being presented with the match shield by CLF.

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## News from the Vikings



Drums Pl (winners of the N.I. GPMG (SF) Match 83 championships) with CLF Maj Gen J.D.G. Pank, their drums and the GPMG (SF) shield.



The outgoing CO says farewell to the RSM and 2IC



The Divisional Brigadier presents long service and good conduct medals to WO2 R.J. Allen (left) and Sgt D. Long.



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## News from The Poachers



A Coy setting up camp.

## US visit is a great success

The aim of Dial a Poacher was to have as many soldiers as possible meet the American people and see some of the country.

The operation was based at Bn HQ and DAPC took more than 160 invitations of hospitality ranging from fishing trips to sight seeing and parties to dinner with the family. The telephone was manned 24 hours a day and the office borrowed the local "Denny" slogan of "we're always open".

More than 400 soldiers took the opportunity and benefited from generous offers of hospitality. A few invitations were hard to fill, for example 15 men for a Buddhist meeting, or a couple of men with Masonic tendencies!

A classical example of Army relationships with the GIs came from a Ranger who wanted five to six men to join a party, "to have some deer meat, drink some beers and swap a few lies".

Offers of hospitality usually led to further invitations and everyone always having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The Americans enjoyed the company of the soldiers for the "English accent" and for their courtesy and manners.

Note: DAPC Team consisted of persons injured sking on Crystal Mountain: Lt War - broken ankle, Lt Fell - broken leg, Sgt Carr - broken collar bone (7 R Anglian). Huckleberry Creek Mountain Training Camp is a Ranger training camp 70 miles east of Fort Lewis.

An instructor organisation based on the Bn Training Wing was established and a small admin party based on the QM organisation kept the machinery well oiled and allowed everyone to experience the delights of being cold, wet and hungry!

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Recce Pl abseiling with US Special Forces.

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# News from The Poachers

## US success

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Companies enjoyed a varied and interesting training package. Weather conditions played a great part in the survival courses and both B and D Coy should be congratulated in overcoming really foul wet weather which plagued both their courses.

A winter survival exercise included four days of instruction in shelters, firecraft, trapping of animals, climatic injuries, first aid, mountain navigation, avalanche awareness and search techniques. Instruction was given during the first two-and-a-half days and patrols were then given the task of moving to a pick-up point over the remaining 36 hours.

Each day the "survivalists" were presented with a different type of animal to sustain them. The majority formed quite strong opinions of the culinary strengths and weaknesses of goat, rabbit, and chicken, all of which were slaughtered, butchered and cooked in a multitude of most imaginative and somewhat bizarre methods.

To complement each survival package, a skiing course of two days downhill and two days cross country was enjoyed by rather more than the numbers who appeared for survival training. A number took the opportunity to supplement their R & K with free skiing at the mid-way stage.



Full credit must go to the Padre, Maj Alan Stockbridge, for his undertaking the survival package completely unprompted. (As far as we mere mortals were able to ascertain!) Well done sir.

We would like to thank for their assistance, the Rangers, HCMTC Maj Phil (I think this is the real thing) Wilkinson RA, Sgt (this really is the real thing) Church RAMS Sgt (I wish he'd just get on with it)

Wilkinson, on loan from 7 R Anglian.

In addition, the following are congratulated on their efforts to ensure that the Medical Centre was unable to join the ranks of the unemployed at North Fort Lewis: 2Lt Fell, knee injury, Lt Ward, broken leg, Pte Permdge, broken ankle, LCpl Carter, broken ankle, Pte Maloney, broken leg, LCpl Ursons, knee injury.



Left: Cpl Osman gives LCpl Griffin the needle.

Above: Pte Miller in the freezing Lewis Lake.

Below: Some of the battalion visit Vancouver.



D Coy being inspected in the snow at Hyderabad Barracks.

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The 10th secure the Sikh camp and raise the Union Jack at Sobraon.



The Sikh cannons in action against the 10th.



Watching the Trooping - Brig Stopford, Senator Dan Evans, Lt Gen Sir John Akchuril, Gen and Mrs Pelestra and Capt C. Webster.



Band and Drums at Trooping in Tacoma Dome.

## The British are coming

At 1900 hrs precisely on 10 Feb 85 the lights were switched on in the vast Tacoma Dome in downtown Tacoma and the ceremony of Trooping the Colour started.

General Palstra, Commander of 4(US) Corps, Senator Dan Evans accompanied by Lt Gen Sir John Akchuril had arrived to witness the parade. The band and the Corps of Drums.

The Escort for the Colour was found by B Coy (The Champion Company) and the Regimental Colour was carried by 2Lt Stephen Taylor. The drill was faultless and the parade was admired by 3,000 Americans, some veterans from the last war.

Large, colourful posters had been displayed all over Fort Lewis before the parade and the pageant depicting Trooping the Colour, and the headline read "The British Are Coming".

The pageant followed the parade and D (Sp) Coy provided the Sikh Army and the 10th Foot in the re-enactment of the Battle of Sobraon (1846), directed by Maj Dick Gould.

**The British: They're coming - this time in peace.**

An extract from the News Tribune, Fort Lewis: The Commander of a distinguished British Army battalion that fought against Americans during revolutionary times has brought his unit back to this country, this time to test his men's mettle in a peacetime yet harsh environment.

Lt Col Julian Browne, commander of the 100-year-old battalion, which suffered the first casualty of the Revolutionary War on its first "tour" and burned the White House in 1814 on its second visit, said he required tough, demanding conditions for realistic training. The Poachers received their first dose of the North West's environment when they took turns jumping into ice-coated Lewis Lake - the Rocondo - swimming 25 yards with their gear stowed in a plastic bag and then running to a warm tent for dry clothing.

By the time the battalion leaves, the war-tested veterans will have attempted three days of combat survival on their own in the Snowy Cascades and will have had Alpine training at Huckleberry Creek near Mount Rainier, in addition to basic soldier skills at the sprawling military reservation and at the Yakima Army firing centre.

## Royal Hospital vacancies

Each year there are vacancies at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea for In Pensioners where old soldiers may spend their latter years in a secure and happy atmosphere. As many holders of Army pensions are unaware that they are eligible for admission, the rules for entry are published below. Outstation HQs have full details and have copies of a brochure giving an account of life at the Royal Hospital. Association or individuals who know of suitable candidates should contact their area secretary for details.

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# News from The Poachers



Above: Junior NCO's Tactics Cadre.



Much anticipation at the Cpls Mess Christmas draw.



Maj Tony Domeisen (OC BCoy) holds the Champion Coy Shield aloft.

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## News from The Pompadours

# Surprises in the Soltau snow



CSgt Phil Pecey explains to Comd 11 Armd Bde, the tactics he intends to use on the Inter Pl Competition. They must have worked – he won.



LCpl Brickbank's winning section reorganising after the Section Attack phase of the competition.



Lt Col Colin Groves and Capt Tim Page give the girls some ideas of where they would be going during the escape and evasion exercise – the map was bigger than they thought!

Almost a year to the day after we arrived in BAOR, the Pompadours were once again off to Soltau to begin the training year with a vengeance, our anniversary present from the various training staffs of 1(BR) Corps.

The battalion arrived at Rheinsehlen camp on 4 Jan, the fourth day of the big freeze. The conditions were almost perfect for skiing but the day-time temperatures left a little to be desired and the night-time ones did not bear contemplation.

To start the snowball rolling, the CO and his sidekick, Capt Tim Page had devised an escape and evasion exercise with several surprises. The young officers, platoon SNCOs and some intrepid guests, all of whom were to do the escaping, were ambushed on their way to the exercise area by WO2 "Black Bill" Dowling, an various hoods from A Coy. Surprise number one. Surprise number two consisted of the luckless escapers being incarcerated in freezing buildings for some 30 hours – a sojourn they are unlikely to forget.

The temperature continued to

drop, cold sapped the will to resist, and hypothermia was a very real enemy. However, help was just around the corner for the convoy move of prisoners the next day was ambushed and the prisoners freed by Capt Adnan Miles's parusana. Having made good their escape in rent-a-vans, the runners began three days survival with the bare minimum of equipment, on the run from the rest of the battalion – which was determined to recapture them as quickly as possible.

Their tortuous escape was to take them 80 kms across the Bergen – Hohn impact area, then down the entire length of the Soltau training area.

At this point Lt Col Colin Groves sprang his next surprise. The senior officers stepped back leaving newly promoted RSM WO1 Shaun Sweeney to command the battalion with CSMs in charge of the companies.

The effect of this was that corporals found themselves acting as CSMs, CSgts or platoon commanders and many sections were firmly run by private soldiers.

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# News from The Pompadours



RSM Shaun Sweeney during his inspection before the March and Shoot Competition, the two competitors trying to find their compasses.

## Surprises at Soltau

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Over the next three days, the partisans continued to make brief contact with the frozen escapers. Among the partisans were six battalion wives, Mrs Lynn Botting, Anne Lacey, Tracy Urand, Frances Lloyd, Angela Ingram and Janice McCoim, who had pressed for the opportunity to go on exercise and nobody was more enthusiastic than they were. They established rendezvous points at dead of night with up to 27 degrees of frost and added realism and not a little surprise and charm to a very rugged exercise.

Eventually the runners made good their escape, despite the closest of close attention from the rest of the battalion, which was conducting an extensive programme of air mobile and vehicle patrols, OP lines and ambushes.

After a night in camp to recover, the mechanised companies began final training for the second weeks inter-section and inter-platoon competitions. The competition had been designed by Maj Robin Chusnall and the format was much the same as the rigorous Connaught Shield competition in which the battalion so distinguished itself last year.

There were additions of his own which produced 16 activities to be tackled over a 60-hour period. The emphasis at section level was on the practical skills required by every good infantry soldier, including tests on general medical knowledge and first aid, AFV and air craft recognition, map reading, NBC, vehicle maintenance, BATCO and call sign tests, and stamina - in the shape of a 3 km stretcher race.

The competition was fierce and the effort expended enormous but it was all in a good cause. The winning section's prize was to be a trip to Hong Kong and Brunel.

After a ding dong struggle the final result depended on the second day's reconnaissance patrols, and LCpl Paul Bricklebank's section from 6 Pl held off the strong challenge from another B Coy section led by LCpl John Green to seize the prize.

LCpl Bricklebank, LCpl Simpkin and Pte's Forder and Seal left for Brunel for a four week patrol course in January, after which they spent six days on leave in Hong Kong where the remainder of the section joined them for the last few days for the holiday of a lifetime.

The section competition ran into the platoon competition and although B Coy had established some narrow advantage at the end of the section competition, the whole thing had quite some way to go and when the platoon commanders and platoon sergeants joined the fray, efforts and resolve were redoubled.

The tactical tests saw day and night moves, attacks, withdrawals and chemical recce, the construction of obstacles, guarding of demolitions and the occupation of hedges. And when the body and brain were beginning to tire, good planning was required to overcome a tricky initiative test and a cunningly devised vehicle and foot night orienteering course.

Fortunes ebbed and flowed with first Cpl Mike Hodgkin, leading 6 Pl for the first time, hanging on to a lead given him by his sections, only to be caught by CSgt Phil Pacey of 4 Pl. Determined efforts were made by Lt Tony Miles with 9 Pl 2Lt Simon Etherington and 1 Pl and, right at the post, escaper ex-



Inter-Section Competition - C Coy during the stretcher race - the body consisted of three full water jerrycans, LCpl Hamilton shouts his men on.



A downhill class snow-ploughing down the sunny slopes of Oberjoch. LCpl Harris leads his class down.

traordinary, Sgt Graham Goodchild with 2 Pl.

The result of the competition was decided, as all good infantry competitions should be, on the last stand - the march and shoot. Tired men willingly ran themselves to exhaustion. Nothing was held back and, in a competition where excellence became the accepted norm, 4 Pl produced a storming finish to clinch the trophy for CSgt Pacey. The Champion Platoons sword will hang in the Sergeants' Mess for 1985.

### Exercise Snow Queen

Half a dozen lucky Pompadours have managed to spend the last four months in sunny, snowy Bavaria. Maj Rob Jackson, assisted by WO2 Turner and ski instructors Cpl Okopski, LCpl Lake, Pte Lancey and Pte Harris have run seven Snow Queen courses, each of some 30 students. Although some of those attending had skied before, for the majority it was their first taste - sometimes quite literally - of the thrill of skiing. Each course lasts 14 days with seven

days downhill skiing, five days langlauf, or cross country skiing, and two days travelling. The weather in Bavaria has been extremely fickle this year, with very little snow, extremely cold nights and bright sunny days, so although the snow is not as deep as it could be, and some slopes are quite icy, the sunny weather made up for it.

The Pompadours have seen quite a lot of changes in key appointments this period, with the departure of three company command

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# News from The Pompadours



Above: The Christmas cake competition. Maj Stan Bullock deliberates with the panel of Mrs Sue Groves, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Burford & Mrs Rourke.

Right: When Santa ran out of presents. Sgt Langridge asks Lt Bob Burford whether he has been a good boy all year.

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ers, the commissioning of the RSM and the changes of Adjutant. We welcome Maj Tim Otter, Graham Duthoit and Roland Thompson who take over A, B and C Coy. We said farewell to Maj Peter Dixon, who was succeeded as ZIC by Maj Julian Lacey, and congratulations to Lt Bob Eke on his commissioning, his chair has been taken over by WO1 Shaun Sweeney who in turn handed over to RQMS Jim McBride. We also welcome to the Pompadours Capt Frank Froud, who takes over as Adjutant from caretaker Capt Kevin Tansley.

## Christmas Parties

Congratulations and hearty thanks to Maj Stan Bullock and his team who were in some way or another involved in all of the 21 different Christmas functions held in and around Elizabeth Barracks.



Wives Club Christmas dinner - Waiters: CSgt Jim Stark, WO1 (Now Lt) Bob Eke, CSgt Billy Eke and WO2 John Mackness.



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## News from the 5th Battalion



The Band in full flight at the concert in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund. (Photograph by Peterborough Evening Telegraph).

## Shooting is high priority

SINCE launch the battalion has concentrated on individual training with platoon and company exercises, range work and study periods.

Shooting is a high priority and all companies have been out field firing. Company shooting teams are also training hard for the battalion SAAM in April and EDSAAM in May.

The battalion has continued to show success at shooting. In December our GPMC(SF) took part

in the EDIST Match and being easily the best TA team with an aggregate score of 551. LCpl Miller and Pte Moon (Suffolk Coy 145), LCpl Smith and Pte Aker (Essex Coy 143), Cpl Kubo and Pte Grace (Suffolk Coy 138) and LCpl Bradenhall and Pte Thornby (Northamptonshire Coy 125).

The battalion is now looking forward to the UK finals and in case anyone should feel that our chances must be reduced by the transfer of 1 (Suffolk) Coy to the

6th Battalion, we can assure them that our 1 (Essex) Coy are no slouches at shooting. They won Match 1 (ETR) of the IARA skill at arms competition 1981 gaining the Lord Wakefield Challenge Cup and eight silver medals.

Although shooting may be a priority at the moment, other skills have not been neglected in recent months and field training, CPX's and all the other prerequisites to maintaining a well-trained and efficient battalion have continued to

keep us busy.

On 16 Dec the Regimental TA Band, under the baton of Bandmaster WO1 B W Crossman, gave an excellent concert in the presence of our Deputy Colonel-in-Chief Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester. The proceeds of the concert, held in the Werrington Sports Centre, Peterborough, amounted to well over £900 and were donated to the Army Benevolent Fund.

The Band gave a varied and lively

performance which was greatly enjoyed by the audience. It is impossible to select any of the individual items for particular mention but one of the most impressive was a duet of the Post Hum Gallop featuring Sgt Tutton and Cpl Clydesdale with one soloist on the stage and the other behind the audience.

Princess Alice was escorted by Lt Gen Sir John Akehurst who presented the CO, Lt Col Paul Long. He in turn presented the Mayor and Mayoress of Peterborough and senior officers.

After the performance guests were entertained in the Messes and at the sports centre. Our thanks go to the Mayor and Corporation of Peterborough for their co-operation and help in allowing us the use of the excellent facilities at Werrington.

On 17 Feb the Colonel of the Regiment, Gen Sir Timothy Creasey visited battalion headquarters at Peterborough.

Gen Creasey spoke to the officers who were gathered for a study weekend. He then moved to the WO's and Sgts Mess where he presented Long Service and Good Conduct medals to WO2 C Norman, SP51 1 Coy; WO2 P A Staples, SP51 HQ Coy; Efficiency Medal (Territorial) 2nd Class to WO2 R Eden, HQ Coy; CSgt M J Papworth HQ Coy; Sgt J M McIvor, 2 Coy and LCpl P J Newton, HQ Coy.

The officers had gathered the previous day for a study weekend during which we looked at the capabilities of the Warsaw Pact forces and of some of our own supporting arms. Much was learnt during the study despite a highly successful dinner night.

The officers of 1 (Suffolk) Coy, renamed C (Suffolk) Coy since its transfer to the 6th Battalion in January, were being dined out which made it a rather sad occasion.

1 (Suffolk) Coy had been part of the battalion since its formation in 1967. The loss of the company was bound to break many well-established traditions developed over the years. As with all TA units, the company had suffered its ups and downs but it left us well recruited, well trained and full of heart. We shall miss them but we wish all members of the company every success with the 6th Battalion.

In return we welcome C (Essex) Coy 6th Bn, new 1 (Essex) Coy 5th Bn. Their officers were also present at the dinner night and appeared to find the welcoming to their taste.

The same night the officers dined out the CO Lt Col Paul Long, who should perhaps have been mentioned first. We trust that he will excuse this, but it is more common for the battalion to see the departure of a CO than to have a change of companies.

The CO was not due to depart until early April, so the dinner was slightly premature but these things can be so difficult to arrange in the TA.

Our QM (Tech) was also dined out. Capt Les Halliday has had a long career with the army amounting to 37 years. Les was present at Suez where he was reported killed. However, the reports were somewhat premature and he leaves us fit and well.

The changeover of companies was also marked by the WO's and Sgts Mess. They held a dinner at Ipswich on 12 Jan but this did not stop many of the Mess members turning out for the battalion orienteering competition the following day and putting up excellent times. Sgt Batchelor was third and his team from 4 (Hertfordshire) Coy won the competition.



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## News from the 5th Battalion



Princess Alice and Lt Gen Sir John Akehurst with the battalion's officers (above) and members of the Warrant Officers and Sergeants' Mess (below).



## Big changes afoot for IJLB

We are recovering from a deluge of snow here in Kent, an unusual occurrence in Shorncliffe but it gave IJLBs a chance to ski on the sports pitches and cheerful platoon commanders to be snowed in at home with the last of the Christmas beer. Things are back to normal now as people lose the post Christmas waistline as training gets into full swing.

Big changes are afoot this summer with the demise of IJLB as we know it. Many of us will be sad to see this organisation dissolve despite the Queen's Division maintaining a strong presence after the changes.

Everyone except for the Queen's

Division and the Prince of Wales Division are leaving and a company of junior soldiers will move from Basingstoke to take their place. Salamanca Coy will remain largely unchanged and will soldier on as if nothing had happened next door.

The new junior soldier's company will have a marvellous time down here with the extensive facilities and pleasant climate (not to mention the topless beach at the bottom of the hill).

Good news from the Permanent Staff is that CSM Thurston has picked up the RQMS of the 3rd Battalion and should be returning in about a year's time.

Poor old Lt Wenham (Viking) has been in the wars again. Not only did he leap off the top of the climbing wall narrowly missing death by landing on his backside, but he has also sliced his arm open while skiing in Austria. Not to be stung by this, he is back on the sea cliffs of Cornwall struggling up with his remaining seven fingers and one buttock!

A new face is WO2 Hilton from the Vikings who has just taken over as CSM HQ Coy. We wish him all the best for the next few years.

Congratulations to Cpl Bob Hayton and his wife (Poachers) on the birth of their second son Richard John on 10 Feb.

## News from the 6th Battalion

# Battalion loses Essex Coy but gains another in Suffolk

TERCENTENARY year began with the visible effects of the dreaded and long drawn out Joynson Report.

On 16 Jan we bade a sad farewell to our C (Essex) Coy at Braintree and its outstation at Vange, where the "Vange Vandals" under Chrs Vince and Keith Parker increased in numbers week by week. We trust that they will enjoy their new overlord at Peterborough and that the 5th Bn will be pleasantly surprised by the standards and professionalism of their new No 1 Coy.

In return we have gained a second company in Suffolk. Under Maj Bob West our new C (Suffolk) Co have taken the transition of masters and roles with their normal unflappable style.

The expansion of the Home Service Force has also affected us. In 1982 the battalion was chosen to sponsor the pilot scheme. Such was its success that it has now been expanded to some 3,000 strong.

We have been allotted a second company. E (HSF) Coy is based at Bedford with its HQ company and two of its platoons. The third platoon is at Cambridge.

Congratulations to John Churchill who has been promoted to Major (once again) and now commands E. HSF Coy. E. HSF Coy will have its HQ Coy and two platoons at Norwich with its third platoon at Ipswich. This enhancement means that the battalion will soon be nearly 800 strong.

Training has been going on apace. It has mainly concentrated upon individual and section level tactics designed to lead up to Ex Brave Defender later in the year.

Shooting has formed a large part of the early training. Companies are busy selecting their teams for the battalion SAAM which takes place at the end of April. A study weekend was held at Grantham on 9/10 Feb, where the platoon commanders were put through their paces.

Standing knee-deep in snow the morning after a dinner night seemed to have the desired effect, although the RAF believe OPs were best mounted from the inside of Land Rovers.

Sandhurst has seen three of our officer cadets pass through its portals recently. To newly appointed Second Lieutenants Chris Revell, Charlie Fik and Alastair Kirk many congratulations - now the serious work begins.

As all three come from Norfolk, A Coy has been somewhat restructured. Ian Wardle has taken over as Coy 2IC, Alan Wakeley has assumed the appointment of IO and Chrs Overton has gone to help the HSF get started before moving to Ipswich to become Coy 2IC.

We have also said farewell to four valued members of the battalion. To Maj David Standley, Capt Miles Green, Lt Richard "Soldier of Fortune" Wesson and 2Lt Richard Pattison, many thanks for

your many years service and do not lose touch completely.

Our Brigade Commander, Brig John Davey, has visited twice already this year. On 23 Jan he went to Bedford to see Maj Alan Spear and B Coy while on 6 Mar he travelled to Ipswich to visit Maj Bob West and C Coy. Brig Deller, Deputy Honorary Colonel Suffolk, visited HQ Coy on 20 Feb and at the end of the evening presented Sgt Ted Guy, our Provost

Sergeant, with the second clasp to his TEM. Well done Ted!

Finally commiserations to the HQ Coy football team. Under the leadership of Sgt Andy Thomas, and with the help of several other old Poachers, they managed, against all odds, to reach the district final of the TA Football Cup. A 4-3 defeat, after extra time, was perhaps a fair result, especially as the Coy Christmas party took place the night before, even though a disappointing one.

## DATES FOR 1985

27 Apr	Freedom of Wellingborough.
10 May	Spring Golf.
13 May	Naming of Regimental Locomotive by Colonel-in-Chief, London.
17 May	Golf v Queen's Regiment, Canterbury.
8 Jun	7th Bn Officers' Mess Summer Ball.
13 Jun	Massed Bands and Reception in presence Colonel-in-Chief, Horse Guards.
22-23 Jun	OCA Weekend, Leicester.
30 Jun	Essex Reunion, Warley.
6-7 Jul	OCA Reunion, Northampton.
7-27 Jul	Bands at Royal Tournament.
19 Jul	Annual Golf Meeting.
28 Jul	2nd Bn Tercentenary Open Day Colchester.
30 Jul	1st Bn Tercentenary, Ely.
31 Jul	1st Bn Tercentenary, Norwich.
3 Aug	1st Bn Tercentenary, Bury St Edmunds.
4 Aug	OCA Reunion, Bury St Edmunds.
30-31 Aug	Autumn Golf.
6 Sep	2nd Bn Tercentenary Boston/Grantham (to be confirmed).
7 Sep	2nd Bn Tercentenary Lincoln.
7-8 Sep	OCA Reunion, Cleethorpes. Deputy Colonel-in-Chief present 8 Sep.
8 Sep	2nd Bn March Grimsby/Cleethorpes.
28-29 Sep	OCA Reunion, Norwich.
1 Nov	Regimental Council Meeting and Regimental Dinner.
10 Nov	2nd Bn Remembrance Day, Lincoln.
17 Nov	Remembrance Sunday, Bedford.



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## News from the 7th Battalion



OC A Coy, Maj A Hemming demonstrating the art of relaxation.

### Officers welcomed

THE Officers Mess has welcomed to its ranks a number of newly-commissioned officers. Following a long and arduous period of training within the battalion, 2Lt Martin Fielder (HQ Leicester Coy), 2Lt Ian Clarke (A Scunthorpe and Grimsby Coy), and 2Lt John Stanton (LDY Coy) all successfully completed the RMA course and received their commission. Congratulations to all.

We also welcome Maj Lawrence Chell, who joins us as RSO from 1 Mercian and Lt Keith Freeman who takes on the appointment of Trg Offr under the watchful eye of Maj Ed Marshall, OC HQ Coy.

The Bn HQ Officers have also seen changes. Sadly, due to work commitments, Lt Rod Rayner, RSO, has had to leave us. From Apr 85 the position of Mortar Officer will be filled by Lt D. J. C. Taylor, Capt Geoffrey Taylor to move back to MTO. Lt Cox, who lives in Grimsby, will be commuting to Leicester to attend training.

Another notable change, is that after over more than four years WO2 G. G. Smith has released his gnp as CSM HQ (Leicester) Coy to become WO IC Recruit Training. His place as CSM has been taken by WO2 "Tich" Gould.

The March and Shoot Competi-

tion held at Beckingham in December is an annual event which exhausts everyone during Saturday so that they fall asleep over the traditional Christmas dinner in the evening.

During the Saturday the teams completed a nine mile march along country roads and tracks. To ward off the cold winter air NBC kit and full fighting order was worn and 84mm and GPMGs carried. Following the march, weapons were fired and grenades thrown under simulated battled conditions.

The traditional Christmas dinner followed in the evening with a



The LDY (Leicestershire and Derbyshire Yeomanry) Coy proudly paraded, with Guidon flying on Remembrance Day in Nov. The Guidon is being carried by CSgt 'Shaky' Hubbard and escorted by Sgt Smith and Sgt Timms. The Parade was followed, in traditional manner, by a buffet at the drill hall.

three-course meal including turkey and Christmas pudding served by the officers. Afterwards everyone adjourned to a "smoker", where each platoon took its turn to entertain the others with sketches and songs.

Sunday was competition day with the following results Inter-pla-

toon March and Shoot: 1, 2PI (2179), 2, 4PI (2027), 3, 11PI (1941).

Inter-company drill: 1, A Coy (119), 2, D Coy (118½), 3, B Coy (118).

Inter-company driving: 1, HQ Coy 2 (275), 2, HQ Coy 1 (194), 3, D Coy (615).

Battalion Smoker: Best contribution - B Coy.

Target golf: 1, WO1 Taylor, 2, Pte Denford (A Coy), 3, Sgt Harrogate (HQ Coy), Pte Newbold (HQ Coy), Pte Tointon (HQ Coy).

Five-a-side football: 1, HQ Coy, 2, A Coy Team 2, 3, 5PI.

Wellie throwing: 1, LCpl Masnik (A Coy), 2, Maj Marshall (HQ Coy), 3, Capt Newmarch (B Coy).

Air rifle shooting: Equal 1, 2Lt Page (LDY Coy), Pte Nagra (HQ Coy), 3, LCpl Hinks (LDY Coy).

AFTER the excitement of Lionheart, "A" (Scunthorpe and Grimsby) Coy has now settled down into the bread and butter job of training and, of course, winning competitions.

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Late entries to the Polar Dawn - bring and buy sale



2Lt Ian Clarke looks to the future following the successful completion of his RMA commissioning course.



# News from the 7th Battalion



2Lt Nick Page turns back the clock 200 years when he led his platoon in traditional Yeomany costume in the Battalion Drill Competition.

## LDY Coy turns the clock back

With LDY Coy's usual flare, 2Lt Nick Page led his men on horseback through the Inter Company Drill Competition held at Beaulieu Camp on Sun 2 Dec 84. Whilst his turnout in the uniform

of the Leicestershire and Derbyshire Yeomany was immaculate and the foot drill of the company was well up to standard he did have trouble deciding which foot to give the halt on.

All-in-all it was a very close competition which was judged by the Paymaster, Maj John Barrell and RSM Edwards from the Depot. In usual words, the standard was much better than they thought pos-

sible, given the low priority that drill has on recruit cadets and in our busy training programme. The final result was A Coy 119, B Coy 118, D Coy 116, Coy 110 and HQ Coy 96 points.

## Following Lionheart

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The Coy executed its prime role on Lionheart as the battalion's reserve company and quick reaction force and to this end it was a definite measure of our success when the families at home saw the company on national television when we staged a counter attack on the bridge at Rinteln.

The exercise itself tested the company in total for the full two weeks and by the end even the command personnel were managing to cope with "flexible" timings for vehicle and aircraft departure times!

Following Lionheart we moved smoothly into the competition season and it was a definite feather in our cap when the team entered for the Cambrian March, under the leadership of Lt David Cox. Despite atrocious weather, which stopped some of the Regular Army teams in their, the 3 (Grimsby) Pl team managed a creditable fifth place in the TA section.

Slightly closer to home and continuing the competition theme, 3 Pl again showed their strength on Ex Devils Leap, the NE District Military Skills Competition, by achieving a hard-earned ninth place in the TA placing with 917.5 pts, only 187 pts behind the overall winners.

The section team led by Cpl R. Garner is now training for 1985.

A Coy is pleased to claim domination in battalion competitions so far this year, we nearly had a clean sweep of trophies with the Mess

now proudly displaying the inter-platoon competition shield won by - guess who - yes, 3 Pl led by Lt David Cox, and the inter-platoon March and Shoot cup won by 2 (Scunthorpe) Pl in December. The Coy also now holds the battalion drill competition cup, which it won by the narrowest of margins, half a point from B (Lincoln) Coy.

PSI Sgt S. Wilkinson took four members of the company to the USA on Ex Trumpet Dance, courtesy of 2 R Anglian undergoing winter warfare training.

A recent highlight for A Coy was being asked to provide enemy forces for Ex Polar Dawn on 9-10 Mar where we were lifted from Coy HQ in Scunthorpe to STANTA in Norfolk by four Puma and one Chinook. This should prove good grounding for our future task as heli borne enemy for a similar exercise in NE District in June.

Our congratulations to the recently returned 2Lt Ian Clarke, from his RMA course. Ian has been with us nearly three years and can now look forward to his 1st command at the head of 2 (Scunthorpe) Pl.

All-in-all a fairly exhausting calendar for 1984, but one of considerable success. As this shot depicts, a little time was slotted in for "Oscar Charlie" to grab a little well-earned rest!

Since returning from Lionheart, D Coy have maintained and built on the enthusiasm generated during the two weeks in Germany. Instead of falling attendance following camp, as has happened in previous years, attendance figures have grown.

The level of enthusiasm and training is now being reflected in the results of a variety of competitions. Under instructions from Sgt Harris, D Coy shooting team have achieved first place within the battalion in the TARA Non-Central Match and third place in the overall competition. The team is confident of further successes in the winter small-bore rifle championships.

The newly-formed cross-country team have also achieved an excellent result in the EDIST competi-

tion. Cpl Innes and his team gained sixth place out of 28 teams, well ahead of any other team from the battalion and second out of all teams from the 5th, 6th and 7th. With the formation of a new platoon base in Daventry under 2Lt Pennington and the growth of the Northampton base, D Coy's future looks more promising than it has for many years. 2Lt Pennington is in his first year as a commissioned officer and he now faces a great challenge in setting up this new base.



Brig J. B. K. Greenway CBE, Commander 49 Infantry Brigade has made his first formal visit to some of the drill halls of the battalion. On 23 Jan he went to that far flung

northern stronghold where he visited B (Lincoln) Coy commanded by Maj Bev Smalley, seeing the company during their evening drill night.



Pte Prichard of D(Northamptonshire) Coy enjoys a leisurely descent on a sunny day in January.



Above: Cpl Innes followed by Pte Oelrich, both of D (Northamptonshire) Coy plough on come "hell or high water" in the Edist cross country.

Left "You didn't really finish up there did you", Brig Greenway shares a joke with from left Pte Cole, Pte Ballie and LCpl Cuthbert of B (Lincolnshire) Coy. Maj B Smalley looks on. Picture by Lincolnshire Echo.

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# News from the branches



## CAMBRIDGESHIRE

Freedom Ceremony - Ely - 30 Jul 85

A Contingent from the 1st Battalion will exercise the Regiment's Freedom of Ely on 30 Jul. The contingent will parade on Palace Green, Ely at 11 am when the Parade is to be inspected by the Mayor of Ely, accompanied by Maj Gen Sir David Thorne. The contingent will then exercise the Freedom of the town of Ely by marching through it when the mayor will take the salute from a dais at the War Memorial, Market Place.

At 6.0 pm the Band and Drums of the 1st Bn will Beat Retreat on Palace Green and an official

reception will be held afterwards in The Maltings.

Other major events contained in the Cambridgeshire Regiment OCA summer programme include:

FEPOW dinner at the University Arms Hotel, Cambridge on 6 Apr at 7.00 pm.

Cambridgeshire officers' dinner at the University Arms Hotel, Cambridge on 13 Apr at 7.00 pm.

Cambridgeshire sergeants' sausage and mash at the TA Centre, Coldhams Lane, Cambridge on 17 May at 7.00 pm.

Cambridge Regiment annual reunion at Ely on 16 Jun.



Chairman of the Suffolk and Royal Anglian Association (Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Branch) on show.



## LINCOLNSHIRE

In a letter to Lt Gen Sir John Akehurst, Maj J. E. A. Bazalgette sadly reports the death of Capt Chas Rousseau in France on 6 Jan.

Chas first developed his tremendous affection for the English while studying at the Regent Street Polytechnic between the wars. In 1939 he founded a Resistance group and helped escaped POWs and downed pilots to get onto the underground trail to Spain.

By 1944 he was working near Rouen, helped with the cross-

ing of the Seine, was "commissioned" into the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment, and saw service with the 4th Battalion in France, Belgium and Holland, publishing an account of his activities in 1981.

Chas was tremendously proud of his connections with the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment and had been keenly looking forward to Tercentenary year. He will be sadly missed by his many friends in the Regiment and our sympathy goes to his wife.

3rd Battalion (Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Essex). The Royal Anglian Regiment Officers' Dinner Club exists to provide opportunities for serving officers of the Regiment to meet officers of the former Regiments.

Club functions include an annual cocktail party on the last Friday in April and a Saturday lunch, which in 1985 is planned for 20 Jul.

The following are eligible for membership: All serving or retired officers of the 3rd Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment and its predecessors, the 3rd East Anglian Regiment and the Regular battalions of the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire and Essex Regiments.

All officers of other Arms and Services who have been attached permanently or posted

for a minimum period of one year to the 3rd Battalion, The Royal Anglian or to the Regular battalions of its predecessors, provided that their names are submitted to and approved by the committee.

All past honorary colonels and commanding officers of Territorial Army battalions of the counties of Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Essex.

The Commanding Officers of 5th and 6th TA/TAVR battalions, the Royal Anglian Regiment and honorary colonels and commanding officers of the companies of these battalions located in the counties of Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Essex.

The annual subscription is £1. Anyone interested in joining should contact the Regimental Secretary at Warley (Telephone (0277) 213051).



## SUFFOLK

The major events for the summer include: The Suffolk Royal Anglian Regimental Association's Tent at the Suffolk Show, Bucklesham Showground, near Ipswich on 29-30 May. Old Comrades annual meeting at Gibraltar Barracks on 15 Jun at 11 am. Regimental Church Service at 5 pm on 3 Aug to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the Rais-

ing of The Regiment at St Mary's Church, Bury St Edmunds.

The traditional Minden Reunion will be held at Gibraltar Barracks, Bury St Edmunds on Sunday 4 Aug, commencing with a Drum Head Service at 11.15 am and ending at 6 pm with the Beating of Retreat by the Band and Drums of the 1st

Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment.

An Old Comrades Association "All Ranks" supper dance is to be held at The Royal Anglian Club, Blenheim Camp, Bury St Edmunds on 3 Aug commencing at 8 pm. Applications for tickets to Mr J. Gungell, The Suffolk Regiment OCA, The Keep, Gibraltar Barracks, Bury St Edmunds.

In Suffolk the major event to celebrate the Tercentenary of the Regiment will take place on Sat 3 Aug when a contingent of the 1st Battalion will exercise the Freedom of Bury

St Edmunds, with a parade in the Abbey Gardens at 12 noon in the presence of the Mayor of Bury St Edmunds and Maj Gen Sir David Thorne.

At the conclusion of the Parade, the contingent will exercise its Freedom of Bury St Edmunds by marching through the town.

At 6 pm, the Band and Drums of the 1st Bn will Beat Retreat on Angel Hill followed by a joint Royal Anglian and Suffolk Regiment Association reception to be held in the Athenaeum.



## BEDFORDSHIRE & HERTFORDSHIRE

A hundred years ago, on 9 Mar 1885, a gallant Bedford soldier was born at Kobe, Japan, eldest son of the Right Reverend Hugh James Foss, Bishop of Osaka.

Educated at Marlborough (1899-1902) and the RMC Sandhurst, Charles Foss joined the Bedfordshire Regiment in 1904.

2nd Bedfords were in South Africa at the outbreak of the First World War and were brought home at once to be included in 7th Division which landed at Zeebrugge early in Oct 1914.

The first battle of Ypres reduced the battalion from 29 officers and 900 men to the adjutant, transport officer and quartermaster and only 350 rank and file. For his conduct at Ypres Foss received the DSO

On 12 Mar 1915 at Neuve Chapelle: "After the enemy had captured a part of one of our trenches, and our counter-attack made with one officer and 20 men having failed (all but two of the party being killed or wounded in the attempt), Capt Foss, on his own initiative, dashed forward with eight men, under heavy fire, attacked the enemy with bombs, and captured the position, including the 52 Germans occupying it."

"The capture of this position from the enemy was of the greatest importance, and the utmost bravery was displayed in essaying the task with so very few men" - London Gazette 23 Aug 1915.

An eye witness described him as leaving the trenches "with a pistol in each hand like a we-

term sheriff, blazing away and, accompanied by a small number of men, captured a trench full of the enemy." For this act of gallantry he was awarded the Victoria Cross.

He was appointed Brigade Major of 20 Bde, and was at Loos in 1915 and in the battles of the Somme in 1916, leaving the 7th Division in the October to become GSO2 on the staff of the 2nd Canadian Division. In Jan 1917 he went to the 1st Canadian Division in a similar capacity, serving at Vimy in April and the subsequent fighting north of Arras. In July he was appointed GSO2 on the staff of the Canadian Corps, where he remained until after Passchendaele.

He was then brought home to be GSO2 Instructor at the Staff School at Camberley, going out to France again in Oct 1918 as GSO2 of XXII Corps which, in the First Army, took part in the advance in Picardy and the battle of the Sambre early in November.

In addition to the decorations

already mentioned, Foss was Mentioned in Despatches five times and received the brevets of Major in 1916 and Lieutenant Colonel in 1919 and the Fourth Class of the Order of Danilo of Montenegro.

He commanded 2nd Battalion the King's Regiment 1930-33 and Rangoon Brigade Area until he retired in 37. He was an ADC to the King 35-37 and became a Companion of the Bath in 37.

In the 39-45 war Foss became an Area Organiser of the LDV in 1940. Lt Col in the Home Guard 41-42 and Col Home Guard 42-43. He was also County Cadet Commandant of Bedfordshire ACF 42-47, a Deputy Lieutenant for Bedfordshire from 1943, a Justice of the Peace from 42 and Assistant County Commissioner for Rover Scouts for ten years. He was also a competent and knowledgeable botanist.

This distinguished and public spirited soldier died aged 81 on 9 Apr 53.



# News from the branches



## ROYAL TIGERS

The period under review has been quiet, but a number of reunions have taken place and many old comrades have taken the opportunity to get together.

The 1st Bn (old 8th Bn) reunion was held at Ulvercroft Road on 3 Nov 84. The attendance was slightly down on previous years, due mainly to a clash of dates, but the evening was a great success.

The 7th Bn held their reunion at Enderby on 6 Oct 84. This venue is obviously popular as the attendance was higher than ever. It was a most enjoyable evening in very pleasant surroundings.

The Officers Dinner Club held its annual luncheon for the officers and their ladies in London on 1 Dec 84. Maj Gen Sir Douglas Kendrew took the chair and 90 members, ladies and guests attended.

The 4/6th Officers Dining Club held a dinner in London on 13 Oct 84. Col Michael Wilkes chaired the evening.

The Hindoostan Club goes from strength to strength. Quarterly meetings are held, usually in Leicester and the annual dinner took place in December when the guests were Lt Col David Harris, CO 7 R Anglian and Mrs Harris.

Future events include Royal Tigers Weekend (Leicester) - 22 and 23 Jun 85. Officers annual luncheon (London) - 1

Dec 85. 1st (old 8th) Bn reunion - 26 Oct 85.

It is with great sadness that we have to report the deaths of two vice presidents, Col C J German DSO TD and Col M Moore MC TD DL.

Col Guy Johnson German, who was prominent as a sportsman before distinguished service in the Second World War, died on 17 Oct 84.

He obtained an MA and rugby football Blue at Oxford, playing against Cambridge in 1922 and 1923 as scrum half and he played three seasons for Leicester RFC.

In 1921 he was gazetted 2nd Lieutenant TA to the 5th Battalion, The Leicester Regiment. In April 40, he sailed from Rosyth in command of the 1st 5th Battalion in HMS Devonshire on the ill fated Norwegian campaign.

Fighting a rear guard action 100 miles north of Oslo, he was taken prisoner, but this action saved the battalion which re-embarked in HMS Rodney, returning to Glasgow on 6 May.

As a POW at Spangenburg he flouted his captors by publicly burning the German magazine for prisoners, which he branded as "dangerous propaganda", and was sent to Colditz in Nov 40.

As Senior British Officer of that camp, he showed his qualities as a leader, quick in decision, good tempered, down to earth, and defiant of the Germans. He was transferred back to Spangenburg in Jan 42, but by Jun was back in Colditz as *Deutschfeindlich*.

After the relief of Colditz in

Apr 45, he was awarded the DSO.

In professional life, he became a partner of John German and Son, estate agents, and managing director of Messrs Keeling and Walker. He was a Fellow of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors.

From 1959 to 1969 he was Honorary Colonel of the 5th Battalion, Royal Leicestershire Regiment. He married Rosemary Keeling in 1926, and is survived by his son David.

Col Michael Moore died on 13

Aug 84. Mike Moore joined the 5th Battalion The Leicestershire Regiment (TA) as a 2nd Lieutenant in Nov 34. In 1940 he commanded a company of 2/5th Battalion in France, was badly wounded and evacuated from Dunkirk on a stretcher.

He was Adjutant of 2/5th Battalion during the campaigns in Tunisia and Italy and during the landings at Salerno received an immediate award of the Military Cross for his gallantry, determination and skill.

After the war he rejoined the

family firm becoming chairman and managing director until his retirement in 1982.

He continued his service with the 5th Battalion and commanded the Battalion from 1952-6. In 1979 he was appointed Deputy Honorary Colonel (TA) of the Royal Anglian Regiment (Leicestershire and Rutland), a post he held until September 81.

Since Sept 74 he was chairman of the Royal Tigers Association, an appointment he continued to hold until his death.

Mike Moore was, above all, a gentle man. He had many fine qualities but uppermost was his friendliness, fairness, kindness and his caring attitude to individuals. He was a brave soldier, an outstanding leader and a man utterly respected and admired by all who served with him.

He was a man full of fun, with a lovely sense of humour. His sound advice was often sought and always freely given. He was in many ways larger than life.



## NORFOLK

As we emerge from the discomforts of a very cold February, we look forward to the events of a full summer season. Notable regimental association functions include:

Commemoration Church Service in the Regimental Chapel, Norwich Cathedral, Sun. 28 Apr at 10am.

London branch dinner/dance at the Florence Nightingale Club, Westminster, Brighton Road, London on Sat 4 May at 7.30pm.

Regimental Cricket Match Royal Anglian Regiment XI versus Edward Evans Lombe's XI at Marlingford, Norfolk, Sun. 2 Jun.

Royal Norfolk Officers' Club dinner/luncheon at the Norfolk Club, Friday evening, Sat. 7/8 Jun. respectively.

Royal Norfolk/Royal Anglian Regimental Tent at the Royal Norfolk Show, Wed/Thur 26/27 Jun.

The major event in Norfolk to celebrate the Tercentenary of the Regiment will take place on Wed. 31 Jul, when a contingent of the 1st Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment will exercise the Freedom of the City of Norwich with a parade in front of the City Hall at 12 noon, in the presence of the Lord Mayor of Norwich and Maj Gen Sir David Thorne.

During the parade, the Lord Mayor proposes to hand over to the Deputy Colonel of the Regiment the scroll, which confers the Freedom of Norwich to the Regiment. The Freedom of the city was granted to the Royal Norfolk Regiment (1945) and the 1st East Anglian Regiment (1963).

At 7pm, the Band and Drums of the 1st Bn will Beat Retreat in front of the City Hall.

The Blackfriars Hall, St Andrew's Plain, Norwich has been

hired for the use of former members of the Regiment, their families and friends for a Tercentenary party from 7.30pm, after the Beating of Retreat at City Hall.

Blackfriars Hall can supply a full range of drinks and snacks. The Band of the 1st Bn will play during the party. Serving and former members of the Regiment may apply for tickets £1 per head to the Area Regimental Secretary, The Royal Anglian Regiment (Norfolk), Britannia Barracks, Norwich. (The cost of the tickets is to cover the hire of the hall only).

Readers are aware that for some time the trustees of The Royal Norfolk Regiment Museum have been endeavouring to secure the regimental collection at present housed in the Regimental Museum, Britannia Barracks. In Sep 84 Norfolk County Council was invited to accept responsibility for the collection and to find a suitable home for it in Norwich.

In Dec 84 a statement of intent was received from the council. It stated that, the Joint Museums Committee will take over the custody and safe keeping of the regimental collection and will make arrangements to display part of the collection in an appropriate place on a permanent basis.

A joint working party has been set up to plan the details of the transfer but it may be some time before a suitable home can be found for the collection in Norwich.

In the near future an appeal committee, under the chairmanship of Maj David Jamieson VC, will be launching a public appeal for funds to pay for the setting up of the collection in its new location and it is hoped that the appeal will receive full and tangible support.

## Regimental shop

Ash Tray Heavy Clear Glass Engraved Badge	£ 1.98p
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1 pt heavy	£ 4.58p
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White with R. Anglian Badge - XL, Lge, Med, Small, Childs	£ 2.35p
28"	£ 2.35p
26"	£ 2.35p
Tea Towels	£ 1.60p
Tea Towels Irish Linen	£ 1.65p
Tie - R. Anglian	£ 3.32p
Lapel mins cap badge with clutch or brooch pin	£ 0.75p

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## NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

Lt Col Charles Watts, who died on 8 Feb, was commissioned into the Northamptonshire Regiment in Feb 1926. His pre-war regimental service took him to Khartoum, Colchester and Aldershot and in 1935 he was appointed Adjutant of the Kedah Volunteer Force, Malaya where he served until 38.

He then rejoined the 2nd Battalion in Ballykinler and served with them in Belgium and France until Aug 40 when he was appointed Brigade Major of a Regular brigade. In Oct 41 he was posted as 2IC 5 Suffolk and sailed with them to Singapore and was a POW in Siam until Aug 45.

In 46 he commanded 48 PTC in Northampton and then from 48 to 51 he commanded 6 KAR.

He retired from the Army in 51 and became Regimental Secretary until his retirement in 64.

Charles Watts became a JP in 54 and was a member of Northampton Rural District Council from 51, holding the office of vice-chairman in 61. He was a member of St Crispin Hospital management committee from 59.

During his military service he was Mentioned in Despatches in 40 and 46. A good all round sportsman, he represented Essex at cricket in 28.



Pte Beesley of the Poachers (C Coy) in action during the Inter-Coy swimming competition.



There was plenty of action when the Poachers beat the 1st Bn Scots Guards 7-2 at Pirbright.

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Pte Backhouse of the Poachers – best boxer in the Inter-Coy novices competition.





The Poachers cross country team which were runners-up in the EDIST competition.



Pte Bruce of the Poachers wins against Lowestoft.



Poachers B Coy langlaufing in the Cascades.

## Runners pull off BAOR upset

The battalion cross-country team have continued their successful run from last season. With several changes in the team, notably the arrival of Lt Andrew Wadman, the Pompadours are currently holding second place in the 4th Armd Div League with three fixtures still to run.

Our greatest success this year was the winning of the BAOR Infantry championships at Sennelager on 13 Jan. This was the first time the event has been held and it will become an annual fixture. Very hot favourites were 1 PWO, the current Army champions and from pre-race comments it seemed that the result was a foregone conclusion. However, the Pompadour runners pulled off the upset of the season by beating the PWO by 69 points to 73. Of the first 15 runners, in eight were Pompadours, and six 1 PWO. Final placings were 2nd - Lt Wadman, 5th - Cpl Smith, 6th - Cpl Coleman, 8th - Cpl Stanley, 10th - Pte Mole, 11th - Pte Reid, 12th - Sgt Jones, and 15th - Pte Maynard. All eight members of the team were picked to run a selection race for the infantry team taking part in the inter-corps' championships. Unfortunately, due to the inter-platoon competition, only four were available and they travelled to Berlin to run a selection race. They were all selected for the Infantry team and on 23 Jan, Lt Wadman, Cpl Coleman, Pte Reid and Pte Mole were all among the eight counting runners for the victorious Infantry team.

Others continuing to do well this year include the hockey team, hoping to defend their Infantry Cup. Initial matches have gone very well, and the team is through to the semi finals, having beaten 1 Black Watch (4 - 1) and 3 Queens (5 - 0) in previous rounds. Unfortunately, the side is not doing quite so well in the league with so many players continually unavailable. Capt Alistar Wild and LCpl David Millgate have played for the Divisional side and Capt Wild has also been selected for the BAOR team.

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# CASTLE

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## Successful season for Pompadours



Lt Bob Eke has had a very successful season with the boxing squad this year.

In November we started off well by beating 10 Regt RCT, traditionally a fine boxing regiment, by seven bouts to two, then in December we took on 39 Heavy Regt RA, last year's winners at Paderborn, and again won by seven bouts to two. In January, just after returning from Soltan we travelled to Hameln and fought against 28 Amphibious Engineer Regt, winning this time by six bouts to three. Pte Hazlewood, at heavyweight, was unlucky to be disqualified for hitting his opponent after the referee had called for a break. It was an extremely telling punch, however, for the engineer heavyweight remained on the canvas for considerably more than 10 seconds!

At this stage, the Pompadour boxers had won their way to the 4 Armd Div finals, to be

fought against our local rivals 2 RGJ at home in Minden on 13 Feb. It must be said that the "Jackets" boxed extremely well and at the interval were four bouts to one ahead, but the Pompadours have always been better in the heavier weight classes, and after excellent performances by Pte Strudwick, Cpl Brooks, Pte Hazlewood and Pte Day, the Pompadours emerged victors by five bouts to four. We go on to box against 1 Green Howards in Osnabruck in March in the BAOR semi final. All the boxing squad are to be congratulated on a magnificent performance so far, and special mention should go to the following who have all boxed with skill, guts, fitness and determination: LCpl Sampson, Pte Young, Pte James, Pte Webb, Pte McKinstry, LCpl Demeyer, Pte Stenhouse, Pte Strudwick, Pte Judd, LCpl Brandon, Cpl Brooks, Pte Day and Pte Hazlewood.

Left: Cpl Steve Brooks intent on GBH during the Pompadours vs Green Jackets contest.

The Poachers A Coy boxing team - runners-up in the Inter-Coy competition.



Lt Andrew Wadman coming home to convincingly win the 4th Armd Div Quadrant League match held at Elizabeth Barracks.



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