

## Generals' appointments



Lt Gen Sir John Akehurst



Maj Gen Sir David Thorne

LT GEN Sir John Akehurst has been appointed Deputy Supreme Commander Europe in the rank of General from Jun 87.

He is currently Commander UK Field Army and Inspector General of the TA as well as being Deputy Colonel (Lincolnshire, Leicestershire and Northamptonshire).

In his new appointment the General will be based in Mons.

MAJ GEN Sir David Thorne is to be Colonel Commandant The Queen's Division in Oct 86 when he takes over from Maj Gen M. F. Reynolds CB. Maj Gen Thorne is currently Director of Infantry.

# Our Territorials are 'ready and waiting'

"READY and waiting" is the current recruiting theme of the Territorial Army. The Royal Anglian Regiment is fortunate in having three TA battalions, which are specially featured in this edition of the Castle.

The TA is often overlooked by its Regular counterparts, many of whom know little of this vital part of the "One Army". By 1990 the TA will number some 91,000 men and women, 5,000 of whom will be in the newly-formed Home Service Force. The number of TA infantry battalions will rise from its present 38 to 44 when the TA will account for 40% of the Army's mobilised strength. It goes without saying that without the TA, our country could not fulfill its NATO commitments. Two of our three battalions reinforce 1 (BR) Corps and

the third, the 6th Battalion, is part of UKLF responsible for the defence of the United Kingdom.

The 5th Battalion was formed in 1967. Its HQ is in Peterborough and it has rifle companies based in Chelmsford, Braintree, Hertford and Wellingborough. It forms part of 49 Inf Bde at Chilwell and is in turn part of 2 Inf Div. The 5th Battalion also sponsors the Royal Anglian TA Band, which is based in Peterborough.

The 6th Battalion was formed in 1971. Its HQ is in Bury St. Edmunds and it has rifle companies based in Norwich, Bedford, Ipswich and Cambridge. It is part of 54 Inf Bde at Grantham.

The 7th Battalion was formed in 1971. Its HQ is in Leicester and it has rifle companies based in

Loughborough, Scunthorpe, Lincoln and Northampton. The battalion also forms part of 49 Inf Bde, along with the 5th Battalion.

All three battalions have four rifle companies and have the same equipment as their Regular counterparts, only to a slightly reduced scale. Both NATO battalions are scaled for six MILAN and eight 81mm mortars and have their own integral transport. The 6th Battalion has two mortars. All three battalions have a considerable training commitment to achieve the standard necessary to take their places alongside the Regular Army. While the

camp, 12 days out-of-camp training and attendance at weekly drill nights, considerably more is

required to make the soldiers fit for their role. Most volunteers train for two weekends per month.

Volunteers can enlist between the ages of 16½ and 32 and the TA is always keen to see ex-Regulars. Pay is similar to Regular rates and, provided soldiers qualify, they can earn up to an additional £455 a year as a tax-free bounty. However, most join because they enjoy the challenge, excitement and camaraderie. In addition there is the chance to travel overseas, both on exercises and on exchange with our NATO allies. This year, TA units will train overseas in Germany, Austria and Gibraltar.

All battalions are supported by Regular staff. Currently there are 11 officers and 46 Warrant Officers/SNCOs and JNCOs serving

with our TA battalions; without them the TA could not function. Although many are sceptical when they arrive, they subsequently find that life with the TA is demanding, varied and, for the most part, enjoyable!

Finally a word about the new Home Service Force — a relatively new force formed for home defence. It has enabled Regular and TA infantry battalions to be released from static tasks and a total of five companies are being raised by the Regiment. They are based at Bedford, Norwich, Peterborough, Chelmsford and Leicester. Volunteers can join between the ages of 20 and 50 and serve until 60. It is aimed at the older ex-serviceman who must have at least two years Regular or part-time service behind him before he can join. There is a lower training commitment of only 10 days per year. At present our companies are recruited to about 60% strength and they are still looking for more recruits.

Our three TA battalions thus provide a vital complement to our Regular battalions and certainly provide value for money. They also maintain our county links, especially the TA Band, which will be even busier in the coming year when all three regular bands will be out of the country. In addition, the TA battalions recently assist the Regular battalions with manpower, providing officers and men on attachment.

All three TA battalions are always glad to see officers and soldiers who are finishing their Regular service yet feel they do not want to lose touch with the Regiment and the Army way of life. Anyone settling in the regimental area who is interested is encouraged to call in on their local TA company where they will find a warm welcome. They will also find that our three TA battalions are thriving concerns, proud of their regimental heritage and every bit living up to their reputation of being "Ready and Waiting".

## Viking's triumph

VIKINGS Drums recorded an impressive victory in June when they won the UKLF (SF) GPMG taking the UKLF, BAOR and Hong Kong Cups and Combined Services Shield.

Congratulations go to Capt Bowns, Drum Major Bokenham and the whole team.

## Poachers' Armagh tragedy

WE sadly record that on 9 Jul 86 Ptes Carl Davies and Mitchell (Geordie) Bertram were killed by a terrorist bomb while on active service in South Armagh: Ptes Kevin Clark and Danny Feve were injured in the same explosion.

All were members of a Poacher Mortar Platoon position investigating a suspicious vehicle.

Our deepest sympathy to Mrs Jacqueline Davies, who lives in Colchester, and to the parents of both Pte Davies and Pte Bertram.

We wish Ptes Clark and Feve a speedy recovery.

## Selected for promotion

AS we were going to press it was announced that Majors B. H. M. Davenport, P. R. C. Dixon, R. E. Haes, J. D. Lacey and T. Longland MBE have been promoted Lt Col.

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## Diary Dates

1 August, 1st Bn Minden Ball  
2-3 August, Suffolk dinner and Minden reunion  
29 August, Golf Autumn meeting Hampton  
30 August, Golf v Hampton  
20 September, 4 Essex dinner  
21-22 September, Lincolnshire reunion  
27 September, R Norfolk reunion dinner  
18 October, Post & Present Dinner (TBC)  
4 November, Field of Remembrance  
7 November, Regimental Dinner  
16 November, Bedfordshire & Hertfordshire Remembrance Service

## Poachers in charge after train blast



This freight train, carrying fertiliser, was blown up on the Newry/Dublin line in April, soon after the Poachers' move back to the Province. The battalion assumed command in the middle of the clearance operation. See Page 8.



Maj French, pictured just a few hours before his death

## Maj Andrew French MBE

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ALL those who knew Andrew French will appreciate what a loss the Regiment has suffered by his death in an IRA landmine explosion on 22 May near the Milltown Bridge outside Crossmaglen.

In his 18 months with the Pouchers, as 'A' Company Commander, he won the respect and affection not only of those whom he commanded but of all those with whom he came into contact. It is a reflection of the scope of his contribution to the life of the battalion that this embraced such a large number of people.

Whether as PMC of the Officers' Mess, or as OIC hockey, whether organising a TWT for the Brigade or playing cricket for

the Regiment, he managed to combine efficiency and professional competence with an infectious enthusiasm and an unfailing sense of fun and the enjoyment of life.

Leaving Felsted School in 1969, Andrew French enlisted at Derby on 24 Sep 69 into the Prince of Wales Division in which he served three months on an 'O' Type engagement before going to RMA Sandhurst on 2 Feb 70.

He was commissioned on 14 Apr 72, joined the 3rd Battalion on a Banner Tour in the Lower Falls in Belfast, thereby beginning his career in the theatre in which so much of his service was to be spent. Here he quickly demonstrated that he not only had a very promising career ahead of him, but also a particularly acute feel for, and shrewd understanding of, the terrorist scene in Northern Ireland.

This was confirmed by subsequent tours as a platoon commander in Londonderry and Belfast, by a tour on Intelligence duties in Belfast in 1978/79 for which he was made an MBE, and by a year as SO3 G2 Int on the staff of 8 Bde in 1982/83.

It is indeed ironic that Andrew French of all people should be struck down in this manner by the Provisional IRA, for few officers in the Army have a clearer insight into the terrorist war in Ulster or a sharper awareness of the risks attending operations around Crossmaglen than he had.

However, it is not so much for his professional ability and competence, which promised such a successful career, as for his warmth and generosity of spirit and sheer good comradeship that he will be especially remembered

by the huge number of people who were privileged to count him among their friends.

While he was not always smiling on the rugby field playing for Blackheath, or the Regiment, he was surely always enjoying himself and the smile was never far away.

Proud though he rightly was of his MBE and his command at Crossmaglen, his dreams were more likely to have been of hitting sixes in the final over and towering victory in the beer tent afterwards than of professional recognition.

If the test of a true gentleman is that he should be remembered with respect and affection by all who knew him, then in Andrew French the Regiment lost a fine officer and a true gentleman. Our heartfelt sympathy and understanding goes to those who will miss him most, his family.

## Changing faces and places . . .

WE welcome Col J. L. Lowther CBE JP, Lord Lieutenant for Northamptonshire, as Deputy Honorary Colonel TA for Northamptonshire in succession to Col R. C. Jeffery TD DL who we thank all he has done.

Congratulations on their inclusion in the Northern Ireland Awards to Sgt M. J. Rutland for being awarded a BEM, to Sgt K. Donnelly and Cpl K. Baddock for being mentioned in Despatches and to Maj F. J. Perry MBE, WO2 D. P. Smith, Sgt Huddleston and Pte Kellest on the award of GOC's Commendation.

Congratulations also to C/Sgt R. D. M. Livingstone on the award of BEM while serving with HQ 3 Arm Div and Sigs Regt.

Brig Bob Pike has been appointed DA New South and will

in the last Castle we reported that Lt Col Pat Hopper was to be the next secretary TAVRA East Anglia. His deputy is to be Lt Col Pat Macdonald and, to complete the takeover, the "QM" is Maj Tim Silnn.

A very brown Maj Danny Bebbington has been seen in Bury St Edmunds having spent five months caravanning in the Spanish sun.

Peter Welby Everard took time off from masterminding a revolutionary new dustbin collection with large wheeled bins, to call in at RHQ. He hopes to see a lot of friends at the Officers' Dinner.

Capt Nick Brehaut is now with HQ & Ord Bn and will return to Andover in Aug.

Congratulations to JRSM Smith on passing out from JIB Shorncliffe on 11 May and for receiving the Director of Infantry's Prize for

Leadership of his intake. The parade was taken by our Deputy Colonel, Maj Gen Sir David Thorne and JRSM Smith joins the Pompadours for his adult service.

Capt Roger Hare, Lt Nick Crawshaw, C/Sgt Todd and Sgt Kirkcaldie represented The Queen's Division and won the Inter Corps Long Range Target Competition at Bisley on 1 Jun. The team were greatly helped by a magnificent 195 from Lt Crawshaw who shot possibilities of both 600 and 900.

Congratulations to the following on their selection for promotion to Major: Capt R. B. Bruni, Capt I. R. M. Hall, AMaj N. J. Richardson.

Li Robert Knox has become engaged to Miss Lucy Stafford Charles and we wish them every happiness.



## Col W. G. Wallace OBE TD, DL

COL William Gaskell Wallace died on 7 May 86, at the age of 52.

In 1952 he was granted a National Service commission in the Royal Leicestershire Regiment and served in the United Kingdom and the Far East before joining the 5th Battalion in 1954. He served continuously with this battalion, which subsequently became the 4/5th Battalion The Royal Leicestershire Regiment, until 1967, when he moved to Command No 4 Company, 5th Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment based at Leicester.

In 1971 the 7th (Volunteer) Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment came into being. Bill Wallace formed the battalion and commanded with distinction until Sep 74. He was awarded the OBE in Jun 74 and appointed a Deputy Lieutenant of the County of Leicester in May 75. In 1975 Bill Wallace was promoted Colonel and appointed TAVR Colonel, Eastern District (North).

He was also a prominent businessman, having his own company in Leicestershire and later

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joining the Distillers Group in an executive capacity. For many years he was a leading member of the ABE Committee for Leicestershire and Rutland and was Commander St John Ambulance in Leicestershire for three years.

Bill Wallace was a likeable, popular man with a keen sense of humour and that quality of leadership that commanded respect and admiration. He gave his services to the community with generosity and enthusiasm. His contribution to the County of Leicestershire was a great one and everything he did was done with ebullience and efficiency. He will be remembered by all who knew him with a great deal of affection as a man who enjoyed life and was respected by all.

His funeral, attended by a large number of friends and Regimental comrades, took place at Gaddesby on 15 May 86. He is survived by his widow Maureen, his sons Richard and Alastair and daughter Anne.

### VISITORS

Lt Cols D. J. W. Browne MBE, P. F. Sherrington MBE and M. J. D. Walker OBE have been selected for promotion to Colonel.

We welcome from Sandhurst 1st Bn Lt Richard Beven, Gary Cartmole and Alan Wylie, 2nd Bn Lt David Tili and 2Lt Simon North, 3rd Bn Lt Luke Crawley and Andrew Dyer.

Maj Brian Upson is now settled at Caister, Great Yarmouth, and is adjusting to civilian life.

Congratulations to Capt Robert Edmondson-Jones, David Napier and Simon Porter on passing the Staff Promotion Exam and to Capt Mike Godkin, Simon Lamb and Max Mariner on passing the promotion examination to Major.

Capt Roger Brunt has announced his engagement to Miss Susan Rogerson: we all wish them both a happy future.

We wish Brig Mike Thorne and Lt Col Hugh Lambert well on their retirement and hope that we will continue to see them at Regimental functions.



OUR Regimental Information Team has been equipped with new tentage and display boards for the 1986 show season and we are most grateful to the TAVRAS of East Anglia and the East Midlands for making generous contributions.

The RITs plan, with the help of TA battalions, to incorporate TA

recruitment in their activities: when possible TA representatives will be present at appropriate shows.

The RITs always welcome up to date photographs of battalion activities so as to update their displays. Contributions should be sent to The Royal Anglian RIT,

c/o Depot The Queen's Division, Basingstoun Barracks, Royston, Herts.

● If sponsored schools CCFs would like to have a "field day" at the Depot in October they should contact the RCO next term. The 1986 Log Race is still open for competitors.



GOC E District with Lt Col John Le Mare (CO Ipswich School CCF) at the CCF annual Guard Inspection. The CO retires this term. (Picture: East Anglian Daily Times).



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# Territorial Army myths dispelled

The Modern TA, by WO2 D. G. Wilson, 7 R Anglian

THE NOTION that the TA is an extension of Dad's Army still prevails in the Regular Army. Having served with a Home Defence unit and whilst currently serving with NATO-based TA battalion, my intention is to dispel some of the myths and misconceptions attributed to this large and growing citizen-army, which is taking an increasingly important role in the nation's defence commitment.

The escalating cost of equipping and maintaining even a small, modern, highly-trained and mobile Regular Army needs no elaboration. To employ such forces on static or rear area tasks would not only over-extend them but would also be a waste of resources. Such tasks, when defined, planned and rehearsed, can be executed as effectively by well equipped and motivated TA units at a fraction of the cost, thus freeing Regular, more mobile elements to concentrate at the sharp-end of any conflict. Hence the increasing size and role of the TA.

In the event of a threat to NATO, the TA will be mobilised. The Home Defence units will move to key points in the UK and the NATO-based units to prescribed positions in the rear-corps areas as reinforcements to BAOR.

The peace-time strengths of TA units are constantly monitored and, in the event of mobilisation, any disparities are "topped up" automatically and immediately by Regular Reservists.

The selection, induction, training and retention of the TA recruit

is as important for the TA as it is for the Regular Army. Enlistment and medical standards are the same. The major difference is the loose contract and the relative ease with which the TA soldier can walk away from commitment. If training is not of the highest order or if personal or work problems overtake him, he can, and sometimes does, fail to fulfill his obligations and rapidly falls by the wayside. This possibility throws a heavy demand on the abilities and ingenuity of Regular PSIs who have to keep their fingers constantly on the pulse. In my opinion, the TA deserves PSIs of the highest calibre, not only because the Regular Army must rely on them in war but also because the PSI worth his salt is as busy as he ever was in his parent unit and must be able to handle all aspects of training.

The average TA soldier has a substantial commitment to make in order to keep himself fit for role. He is likely to be a military enthusiast, reasonably fit, with a busy job, married with young children or with a host of other attractions around him all the time. He attends one Drill Night each week and two highly-organised training weekends each month. Weekends usually start on Friday nights to get him to the training area, often far afield. He is thus away from home at weekends far more frequently than his regular counterpart. Considerable pressures are imposed on him to forsake his family and other attractions to attend weekend training. This comes from his section commander upwards, together

with written instructions which appeal to his sense of duty, loyalty and comradeship. But the best inducement to attend is the guarantee that training will be well-organised, interesting, enjoyable and worthwhile. Woe betide the staff which neglects any of these vital factors. The average soldier attends 42 days a year including annual camp.

NCOs are expected to attend virtually every training opportunity, commensurate with their rank and responsibilities, as well as to attend courses. Promotions are largely conditional not only on their ability to perform but also on their overall reliability to attend. NCO attendance averages 60 days a year.

Recruiting is an ongoing process throughout the year. Recruits are trained by a specialist team at company-level until they have completed a two-week cadre at the Depot and reached trained soldier standard, usually within 4-5 months of their enlistment. From an early stage in his training, the recruit frequently joins in the company training, to rub shoulders with the trained soldiers; to emulate them and to learn from them.

On completion of his basic training, the recruit joins the mainstream of company activities at any stage in the annual training cycle which is divided into three well-defined phases:

Phase 1 — 1 Oct to 31 Dec — Individual Training.  
Phase 2 — 1 Jan to 30 Apr — Section/Specialist Training.  
Phase 3 — 1 May to 30 Sep Pl/Coy/Bn Training.

This annual cycle enables each rifle company to build up in a natural progression, largely under its own steam, but with frequent battalion concentrations and exer-

In many ways the TA unit is very versatile for the citizen-soldier brings his own trade, skills and experience with him. Thus we are never short of drivers, mechanics, welders, builders, carpenters, electricians, plumbers etc., all of whom are very useful when required. Moreover, some have high academic qualifications or are otherwise gifted. They are in the TA because this is their "hobby" and they are happy to indulge their time and serve as soldiers and to progress from the ranks. They combine to give the unit a rich, mature mix of personalities.

You would be surprised how effectively and quickly we can up-sticks, with all our baggage of war, and move out into the night, covering long distances, to concentrate with the battalion on some training area, far afield, in the early hours. And all this without the reams of paperwork covering everything from warning order to order of march, release and checkpoints



A Milan detachment gets to grips with drills under the watchful eye of the PSI.

etc., associated with the move of a Regular unit. Our movement into the field twice a month is very good training in itself.

The days when the TA soldier joined a "drinking club" died long ago! That is not to say that a healthy social life is not as important as it ever was. It is, indeed, part of the soldier's way of life that he should enjoy the cheapest beer in town. But he is, rather, proud to be part of an exclusive club which serves Queen and Country and has a useful role to play, with the social life being the icing on the cake. Wives and girlfriends are encouraged to partake in social activities to the full. Their understanding and support is essential for the health of the company. My unit organises a disco-dance each month and has a thriving wives club which shoots, plays darts and socialises at least once a week. The TA is, after all, an absorbing and time-consuming pastime, and to be able to work hard and play hard is, perhaps, the best possible combination.

It is not a problem. A soldier who makes a nuisance of himself is soon told to hand his kit in. Those who fail to fulfill their commitment are given only so much rope before steps are taken to recover their kit and to discharge them.

The current TA strength is close to 83,000 and units large and small are located in or near the major towns and cities nationwide. To all you Vikings, Poachers and Pompadours, I would recommend that you call in at the unit nearest to you when next on leave. You will, without reservation, be welcomed, and you will be surprised how closely they resemble your own units for they have the same equipment scales, training procedures and the same uniforms. Have a good look at the photographs with this article and I will defy you to see any differences. Who knows, you may be induced to join yourself on completion of your Regular service in which case your skills, experience and know-how will be put to good use.



Guess who's respirator didn't work properly.



The One-Army concept! A QPSI and a TA CQMS — can you tell the difference?

## New Deputy Colonels appointed

ON 1 Nov 86 Maj Gen Sir David Thorne will hand over as Deputy Colonel (Norfolk, Suffolk & Cambridgeshire) to Brig Tony Pollard. Brig Pollard is currently Commandant of The School of Infantry and is to be GOC SW District in Mar 87.

On 1 Jan 87 Lt Gen Sir John Akhurst will hand over as Deputy Colonel (Lincolnshire, Leicestershire & Northamptonshire) to Brig Patrick Stone. Brig Stone is commanding the Berlin Infantry Brigade and will attend the Royal College of Defence Studies in 1987.

On 5 Feb 87 Maj Gen Tony Ward Booth will hand over as Deputy Colonel (Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire & Essex) to Brig Bill Dodd. Brig Dodd is Chief of Mission BRIXMIS and stationed in Berlin.



Brig Tony Pollard



Brig Patrick Stone



Brig Bill Dodd

## Appeal for memorial

HARDWICK Hall is today a National Trust Elizabethan mansion with no sign that in 1941 it was the formation place for the first Parachute Brigades. Now, 40 years later, a stone memorial is to be raised and contributions are being invited from individuals who served in the Airborne Forces. It is hoped to unveil the memorial in the autumn.

Contributions should be sent to The Parachute Regiment Fund (For Hardwick Memorial), RHQ The Parachute Regiment, Browning Barracks, Aldershot.

### £1,650 brooch

N. BLOOM & Son, 40 Conduit St, London W1 have a fine Royal Anglian badge brooch of diamonds set in 18ct white gold, with the castle and motto in 18ct yellow gold. The brooch was made some ten years ago and is for sale at £1,650 which, we are told, is well below the cost of a new one.

## Dinner date for officers

THE annual Officers' Dinner Club dinner will be held on 7 Nov 86 at the Naval and Military Club, Piccadilly. A proforma is enclosed for all members of the Officers' Club. Please contact Maj Cobbold at RHQ if you have any queries.

Have you booked for the Regimental Reception at The Duke of Yorks on 25 Jul. If not please contact Maj Cobbold at RHQ.

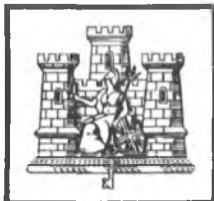
## Badges wanted

RETIRED Royal Anglian Officer wishes to purchase cap badges of former Royal Anglian parent regiments both regular and territorial battalions.

The following are of particular interest to help fill gaps in the collection: East Anglian, Bed & Herts, Royal Lincolnshire, Royal Norfolk, Royal Leicestershire, Suffolk, Essex.

Major E. T. Searle, 45 Stoke Road, Poringland, Norwich NR14 7JN.





## News from the Vikings



LCpl Fleming and LCpl Smith pass the bombed-out Heritage Library in Londonderry's city centre

# Ulster troubles keep battalion on its toes

DURING the last few months there has been a slight reduction in the battalion operational commitment due to the attachment of a platoon, initially from 1 KOSB, and currently from 1 A and SH, to the Fort George Company, enabling the Reserve Company to "retrieve" its own platoon and concentrate in Ebrington Barracks, resulting in a few more nights in bed for its members. However, the City Company are kept fully stretched, not only by their own patrol programme but also by the activities of the Londonderry PIRA.

The routine workload involving bomb hoaxes, real bomb clearances and support to the RUC during search operations received a smart injection of adrenalin in late February when a Viking foot patrol, after some quick thinking by the commander, shot and killed

a terrorist and wounded and captured a second after they had attacked Fort George. This was the first direct terrorist death by uniformed troops for some considerable time.

In early March a bomb was detonated near a Viking foot patrol as they passed a library in the city and Pte Milne was lucky to receive only a slight cut to his left ear. During the celebrations for the 70th anniversary of the Easter Uprising, Pte Gilbert was hit in the head by a shot fired by a sniper and sustained facial and neck injuries. He is making a steady recovery in England.

In addition to our operational roll the normal training requirements of the battalion have not been neglected and Trg Wing have recently completed both a Potential NCOs and LCpl — Cpl Cadres.

The MT continue to train new drivers and also to train up others for HGV. A Standard II Cadre has just been completed by Sigs Pl and the second First Aid Cadre is about to begin under the eagle eye of the Medical Centre.

The Drums did it again, winning the NI GPMG SF Match 83 competition with a well-deserved score of 1,515 points, more than 200 points ahead of the runners up. They retain the NI Trophy won last year and now qualify to go forward to the UKLF finals.

Reporter Louise Hunt visited the battalion over the period 11-13 Mar and as a result the Vikings received a two-page spread in the Bury Free Press. Other visitors to Londonderry during recent times have included the Rt. Rev J. Walsley CBE, RC Bishop to the Forces, Brig M. Scott DSO, Comd 8 Inf Bde for the ARU, and last

but by no means least, recce parties from 1 Green Howards.

In the world of sport, the orienteering team won the NI Championships, thus qualifying them for the UKLF Championships, where they came a creditable fourth and now go forward to the Army Championships.

Maj Richard Haes recently handed over as Second in Command and Maj (QM) David Spalding has departed for the 5th Bn at Peterborough. We wish them both well and welcome Maj Willy Heal on his return to the Vikings as 2IC.



Ptes Crowley and Hollings on the Signals Cadre



Ptes Botley and Traves nearing the end of the NCO's Cadre

*It's got to be Gordon's.*



The Brigade Commander with the Buglers on the ARU

# News from The Vikings



Potential NCOs Cadre held in Londonderry.



Pte Harris leads the section on the NCOs Cadre.



Pte Garwood passed out top of the NCOs Cadre.



The CO presents Pte Gardiner with the trophy for the most improved student following the NCOs Cadre.



Passing out parade of the LCpl-Cpl Cadre.

# News from The Vikings



CLF with the Drums Pl after they win the NI GPMG competition.



Working hard on the First Aid Cadre.



The CO presenting medals to A Coy.

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Lt Dennis Vincent of B Coy presents an aerial photograph of Belmont Special School to the headmaster.



## News from The Poachers



The aftermath of the Kelly's Road bomb.

## Return to Northern Ireland

THE last issue of Castle saw the Poachers returning from Northern Ireland after a month's tour as the Spearhead Battalion in January. We had handed over to 1 KOSB, who are our neighbours in Colchester, and returned by a variety of transport in which Chinook and C 130 featured largely.

The battalion then went on two weeks' leave on 3 Feb; this was appreciated and used to the full after the cancellation of most of Christmas leave and the tour itself.

Having worked the Spearhead tour out of its system, the battalion returned from leave on 17 Feb. The end of CAX - Northern Ireland's farewell message to the battalion had read, "We look forward to seeing you again in the near future" and so the battalion embarked on a period of Northern Ireland training again.

There was much to do for we had to fit in all of the unit training in the period from 17 Feb to the middle of March when the CPTA package started with rifle companies carrying out their individual and collective training as well as several specialist cadres.

Cadres ranged from specialist weapons and protective driving to helicopter handling and signals, all of which took place in the space of three-and-a-half weeks; the Intelligence Cell and Search Teams

had previously undergone their own training. The Commanders were also brought into order on their cadre which started on 18 Feb.

There were, however, other events apart from training during this time. Firstly there was the boxing. On 30 Jan the Poacher team beat 7 RHA 7-2 to reach the UKLF semi-finals in Colchester against 2 Cold Gds on 27 Feb.

All the bouts were won by Poachers until the final bout when, one of our boxers,

after a sparring in the dressing room a walk over was awarded to the Guardsmen, making the final score 8-1.

The next day Councillors Coleman and Mrs Field, the Mayors of Great Grimby and Cleethorpes, visited the battalion. Both boroughs had presented new Colours Belts to us in the tercentenary year of 1985 and, in recognition of this, the CO presented them with Band Banners.

March brought two events of note, the CPTA package and the UKLF novice boxing finals.

The period in Kent was a continuous round of ranges and NITAT training. After a busy and rewarding time the battalion returned to Colchester in the last week of March

In the middle of the CPTA period, however, the UKLF novice boxing finals took place at Topcliffe in Yorkshire on 13 Mar. Only a small contingent of Poachers could be present but it included the RSMs of the 2nd, 5th, 6th and 7th Battalions.

Our opponents were 49 Fd Regt RA and by the interval the Poachers were down 4-1. Everything was therefore to be gained in the second half and wins by Ptes Fisher and Andrews and SSgt Andrews brought the victory.

Auckland who fought a terrific battle and emerged victorious to make the Poachers the UKLF champions.

After the battalion returned from Lydd and Hythe it had a week to sort itself out before going on two weeks' pre-embarkation leave over Easter on 27 Mar. During leave the Army novice boxing finals were held in Germany against the BAOR champions, 1 RRW. A party of Poachers travelled over at their own expense, but despite unstinting encouragement the battalion lost 6-3.

Leave finished on 10 Apr and two days later we deployed on the final exercise of the Northern Ireland training.

The training was very realistic and involved live firing and an intensive exercise which tested all our acquired skills. Having "killed and captured" many terrorists it was also decided to make a Wessex a casualty by breaking its tailwheel on landing. Frantic efforts were made to fill sandbags back at base as support when it landed again.

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The Band v C Coy on NITAT training at Lydd and Hythe.



# News from The Poachers

## Return to N.I.

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The battalion acquitted itself well on the exercise and found much value in the training.

The next project the battalion faced was the move to Northern Ireland. The G and Q Advance parties had only a few days after the exercise to make final preparations. They moved about a week before the main body, who used the intervening period for training, packing kit and a final free weekend before deployment at the end of April.

We took over from The Black Watch and the tam o' shanters with the red hackle were soon replaced by the practical R Anglian khaki. The battalion thus embarked on its Op Banner Tour in South Armagh.

Apart from the professionalism of the terrorist there is the difficulty of the TAOR. This results from a combination of the boggy ground and the fields being divided by blackthorn hedges and barbed wire fences. Patrolling under these conditions is always tiring and could become tedious but past incidents have made us very aware of the dangers of operating in this area.

This lesson started even before the battalion arrived when Advance Party members were included in a Black Watch patrol which culminated in an RCIED attack at Glasdrumman on 24 Apr. 2Lt Adrian Gosling was only a few metres away but suffered only ringing ears.

On 28 Apr a freight train carrying fertiliser was blown up on the Newry/Dublin line. The train was cut in two by the device of about 200lbs and the Poachers assumed command in the middle of the clearance operation. On 7 May a large RCIED was detonated on a road just inside the border without there being any apparent target. No security forces were in the area but a Newry businessman had a severe shock in what was nearly a fatal case of mistaken identity.

On 15 May, Mr Herbert McConville, a one time member of the UDR, was delivering goods in Newry when he was murdered by two terrorists who shot him at close range. Colm McKevitt, a well known Catholic petty criminal, was unceremoniously dragged out of his house, taken to a lane 200 metres away and shot on 20 May. He had been given warnings before to stay away from the area but had decided to ignore them and paid the price.

All these events were, however, overshadowed by the tragic loss of Maj Andrew French, OC A Coy,

and two RUC constables on 22 May. They were killed by the blast from an RCIED, cleverly concealed under the bank of a fence they were crossing. Maj French, whose obituary appears on page 2, is deeply mourned by all ranks of the battalion who join in sending heartfelt sympathy to his family.

The IRA maintained their pressure when on 28 May C Coy HQ and 7 Pl came under fire from Mk 10 mortars on the hill position of Drummuckavall, two miles south east of Crossmaglen. All troops were standing to at just after 2200 hrs when three loud reports were followed by the sight of Mk 10 mortars sailing through the air towards them.

Fortunately all the bombs in the very accurate spread of shot failed to detonate. It turned out that a tractor had parked innocently enough in the farmyard just below the hill, the mortar baseplate having been concealed under black plastic and hay. The area was cleared by last light on 30 May.

The last three months have been a busy period for the Poachers during which much has been achieved. We have finished one tour in Northern Ireland, trained for another and already completed just over a month of the current Op Banner tour in South Armagh. As we go to press we still have another three months of the tour left before we return to Colchester in September.



A Wessex brings fresh water supplies to one of the OPs



Pte Chillingsworth, of C Coy, on guard at Drummuckavall



Lt Whitehead in his palace near Crossmaglen



The mortar baseplate from Drummuckavall



The security forces base at Crossmaglen



## News from The Poachers



Above: LCpls Nuttall and Colishaw lead a B Coy working party on an OP.



Right: Pte Grech, of Drums, on patrol in Middletown.



Sgt Cotton keeps watch over B Coy's area



Cpl Josephs meets Mrs Field, the mayor of his home town, Cleethorpes

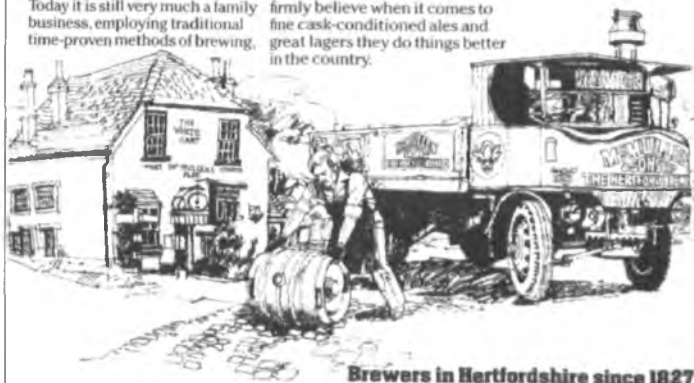


Cpls Waddington, Thorpe, LCpl Delaney and Pte Goddard in an off-duty moment

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## News from The Pompadours

### Testing time for platoons

THE battalion field firing period at Sennelager included an original competition containing five stands involving live firing. All nine rifle platoons participated with A and C Coys at their full BATUS strengths and B Coy with fewer men but the experience of being at BATUS and the advantage of continuity was valuable.

Due to range availability and programming, the events did not run in the same sequence for each platoon but in most cases consisted of a series of static stands testing vehicle maintenance, NBC, signals and an inspection. 4 and 5 PI from B Coy performed especially well on these stands, both gaining a considerable points advantage over their adversaries. On completion of the static stands, the platoons were despatched on a road move along which they were rerouted, then met by a major roadside catastrophe arranged by Capt Mike Grevitt and his medical section. Lt Guy Skingsley's 6 PI performed especially well on this stand.

The platoons then set up a hide and had time for a meal and a break before moving to CSgt Terry Southwells' night orienteering stand. At this stage, 4 PI and Sgt Thomas led 5 PI and Sgt Carter with 8 PI and Lt Wadman in third place. 5 PI unfortunately lost a section and slipped backwards by scoring -3, with 8 PI lifting themselves with the top score.

Each platoon completed the competition with a platoon attack, a defence shoot, a fight through an ATK and AFV stand and an initiative test. The B Coy platoons scored particularly well on the tactical stands, as did Lt Tony Miles 9 PI. No-one could however catch 4 PI and Sgt Thomas, especially as his B team under Cpl Green scored a maximum 200 points on CSgt Luckman's initiative test.

The final tally saw Sgt Thomas and 4 PI first, Sgt Cater and 5 PI second and Lt Miles and 9 PI third.



Battalion HQ takes to the water

# Preparing for BATUS

MOST of the battalion's work over the past four months has been geared towards BATUS. Since the exercise Medicine Man 2, however, time has not been too tight to discount sport, hosting a TV film crew and journalists, holding a Grade One board, looking after a French platoon and sending a few individuals on tours to Uganda.

The WDR TV film titled "Für Konigen und Land", (For Queen and Country) was completed and shown on 10 April, making a few of the Pompadours German TV stars. The cameras sought to follow various members of the battalion through their routine and created some interesting and amusing situations as cameras appeared at breakfast with the Beaumonts and in the billets and washrooms of A Coy whilst on field firing at

Sennelager. The crew were quite willing to work hard for interesting views but the results were not as good as hoped.

Early March also saw the completion of a Grade One board with more than 40 soldiers successful and gaining a welcome pay rise.

In mid March, the Recce PI deployed to Hohne for their annual firing camp, and the Mortars to Munsterlager for their pre-concentration shooting. The rest of the battalion moved to Sennelager for their third annual field firing period. The companies carried out their own individual section and platoon training before the start of the platoon competition in the second week. During week one, we were joined by a platoon from the French 16 Chasseurs, who were split into sections to train with the companies. Many Pompadours were given the opportunity to look over their weapons and some to fire them. On the middle weekend of the exercise, all of the French joined HQ Coy for their ICFT and entertained everyone to some very fine marching songs. In and amongst participating in the platoon competition, A and C Coys were able to carry out company attacks with tank and artillery support. The attacks were particularly impressive and exciting due to the reduced safety distances gained by having the artillery support firing from right angles. There was also some frantic post-attack activity as a number of range fires had to be extinguished.

Shortly before breaking for Easter block leave, the CO and Padre managed to guide the Bn HQ team to victory in the inter-departmental five-a-side football competition. While the battalion were enjoying their Easter break, Capt Bill Willmott and the Mortar PI were hard at work on their annual concentration.

Shortly after block leave, the battalion deployed to its old

friend, Soltau Training Area for a fortnight's pre-BATUS training with all elements of the Pompadours.

The pressure of time was such that platoon and company training was very limited, indeed, on day two both company/squadron groups had to give demonstrations.

Maj Roland Thompson's C Coy, along with D Sqn of the 4/7 DG gave a most amusing leaguer demonstration whilst Maj Tim Otters A Coy and B Sqn demonstrated a minefield crossing. The demonstrations were followed by an excellent barbeque for the whole battlegroup. All who were involved in the organisation of the barbeque are worthy of congratulation. The companies were then able to exercise on their own for a few days before the CO's exercise commenced. Fortunately, the weather had remained very kind to the battlegroup although

the considerable quantities of dust blown up led to many contact reports reading "Hello, this is R23, there is a large dust cloud moving east to west across my front, over." On completion of the CO's exercise the battalion leaguered up in the ferryman to rest, shower and repair vehicles before the Brigadiers' test exercise for the battlegroup, Sweet Medicine. Unfortunately, space at Soltau limits training to such an extent that squeezing a battlegroup in can be quite difficult at times, however everything ran very smoothly and came together well.

Poor Soltau, the major problem became the rearrangement of flights as the BATUS deployment had been brought forward by up to four days, leaving the pre-advance party only seven days to get themselves totally organised. With the reduced time available, much

of early May was spent frantically packing boxes and kit to go to Canada. Companies were also able to practice river crossings on the Weser to train for one of the major exercises at BATUS.

On 15 May, a group of journalists visited the battalion as part of a familiarisation and training trip to Germany. They visited the usual round of displays and demonstrations before gamely signing indemnity certificates and throwing themselves on to the assault course.

Currently, the battalion is in transit to BATUS for Exercise Medicine Man 2 where the temperatures are in the high 90s and with the limited shade available, life could be hard. Other lucky men enjoying a bit of sun are CSgts McCafferty and Corcoran who are both enjoying a short spell in Uganda at the moment.



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Exercise Wives Folly.

## Wives on two-day exercise

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a four-mile march and four-ton lift, with bergans that Chris Bonnington would have been proud of (rumour has it that a spoof packing list and the odd duvet may have been the major cause of this). After lessons in basha construc-

tion and cooking, the girls were split into four teams and set up patrol bases before taking out patrols to try and find each other. The atmosphere became a little blue on occasions but most of the team were in early enough to get a

few hours sleep. The girls were then whisked back to Elizabeth Barracks for a champagne breakfast before going home to tell a few stories to their husbands, most of whom were probably totally fed up with babysitting by this stage.



Cpl Simmons demonstrates the SLR to a trainee journalist.



Mrs Sandy Smith leads her squad off on Ex Wives Folly.



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## News from the 5th Battalion

C Sgt Hilton and his platoon on a BFT

# Helicopter procedures practiced

SPRING is traditionally the busiest time of the year for the TA and 1986 has been no exception for the battalion, even if this year's Eastern District SAAM was cancelled because of Regular Army commitments elsewhere.

March started with Ex Polar Dawn, a 49 Bde exercise involving headquarters and all of 3 Coy from Chelmsford, commanded by Maj Charles Thomas.

The main aim of the exercise was to practice helicopter procedures and this went well until Saturday evening when the weather turned against us with thick fog. At the end of March some of the battalion HQ and Echelon took part in 2 Div Ex Spring Tide at York.

The last weekend of the month saw 2 and 4 Coys pitting their skills against each other during a lengthy weekend on Salisbury Plain. As 4 Coy and the Milan PI from Hertford were in Gibraltar during the CO's test weekend for the battalion last autumn, they had his undivided attention during this weekend.

Bridge demolition and Coy attacks were practised and Maj John Huggins and Alan Gregory decided honours were even by the end of the weekend.

The battalion SAAM was held on 12/13 Apr at Colchester and, after several weeks of practice in

dismal weather, the sun shone and the wind abated.

On the Saturday evening the Officers entertained the WOs and Sgts Mess to a buffet and drinks in the Drill Hall at Colchester and we were pleased to welcome Lt Gen Sir John Akhurst to the evening.

Sunday saw the culmination of all the competitions and it was no surprise to find Sgt Verden (4 Coy) Champion SLR Shot and Cpl Barlow (3 Coy) Champion SMG Shot. However, to everybody's surprise and delight, HQ Coy produced the Champion Team and ended up winners of the Champion Coy Cup.

This was a fitting tribute to CSM Binley, on his last weekend with the battalion, for all the hard work he has put in to competition shooting both for HQ Coy and the battalion at Bisley over many years. Lt Gen and Lady Akhurst joined us for lunch on the range and then presented the prizes.

May saw 1 Coy go to Longmoor and 3 Coy to Salisbury Plain and the battalion take the opportunity during a recruit selection weekend at Colchester to run NBC and First Aid cadres.

In May the battalion was heavily involved in the running of the final pre-RMAS training weekend for officer cadets in Eastern District. The assault pioneers have also



been busy attending a brigade concentration run by 73 Engr Regt.

The last weekend of May saw all the battalion, apart from the Mortar PI who were at camp in Seneybridge with 100 Regt, on Stanford Training Area for a major battalion FTX.

The Training Major — Andrew Duff — had been so busy obtaining Chinooks to move defence stores and Engrs with combat diggers that it provoked the comment from more than one PSI that they had never seen so much supporting arm activity on an exercise. The battalion was kept extremely busy by a large enemy made up from our own HSF Coys and 7 Royal Anglian.

During June, the CO and Coy Comds were off to Germany for BAOR Recces and the Milan PI went to Salisbury Plain for the UKLF concentration. We also eagerly wait the results of the battalion team in the GPMG (SF) Match 83 competition and hope they beat last year's success.

The RSM, WO1 Smith, has again organised a battalion team to take part in half-marathons and so far the team of nearly 20 runners has successfully taken part in runs in Peterborough, Braintree and St. Neots. In battalion colours they have been very prominent, making an ideal promotion vehicle for the battalion in recruiting and at the same time they run for a different charity in each town.

During April, the Band gave an excellent concert at the Cresset, in Peterborough. This was sponsored by the Mayor Mr Bob Burke, with all the proceeds going to the Army Benevolent Fund and the Mayor's charity — The Sue Ryder Foundation. The evening was hosted by Hereward Radio, the local independent radio station which broadcast an edited version of the concert the following week.

A small dinner party was held to say farewell to our Deputy Honorary Colonel for Northamptonshire, Col Bob Jeffery, in May at Corby. In appreciation of all his sterling work the battalion presented him with a "Poachers" statuette. That evening we also said goodbye to our Quartermaster Maj John Fletcher, who is off to Berlin and the RSO. Capt Ron Crampton, who has more than 35 years service to his name.



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News from the 5th Battalion



HQ Coy, winner of the Champion Coy Cup, at the Battalion Rifle Meeting



WO2 Binley and WO2 Lacey, winners of the GPMG Pairs, receive their prize from Lt Gen Sir John Akehurst



The CO addresses the battalion



Lt Gen Sir John Akehurst presents the champion CSM Binley, HQ Coy.



Decisions, decisions! 4 Coy dither in the Lake District

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## News from the 6th Battalion

### SAAM contest keenly fought

**PHOTOGRAPHIC:** honours following their success in the 1985 TA Rifle Association matches went to HQ (Suffolk) Coy in the last issue while winners of the Rifle and Machine Gun competitions were C (Suffolk) Coy based at Ipswich.

The battalion SAAM was held in Colchester on a traditionally cold, wet and windy weekend in April. The occasion was chosen by Commander 54 Inf Bde, Brig Peter Williams, as his formal ARU visit.

The overall team competition was fiercely fought out by B (Bedfordshire) and D (Cambridgeshire) Coys with B Coy taking the champion company prize by just one point. Sgt Neill (D Coy) was the CO's Champion Shot and the rest of the team and individual prizes were evenly distributed around the battalion. One result of particular note was LCpl Watson F (HSF) Coy who won the MMTT competition.

A second SAAM was held in mid-May to take advantage of the range space left vacant by the ED-SAAM cancellation. An inter-company competition was held, primarily to assist with Boley selection which heralded the start of the 1986 champion company competition. The winners of which receive an all-expenses (and LOA) paid trip to the USA next year. The honours were again shared, this time between B (Bedfordshire) and HQ (Suffolk) Coys.

Commander 54 Inf Bde has presented Territorial Efficiency Medals in the last three months to CSgt Ground and Sgt Turner, A (Norfolk) and to Cpl Christie, HQ (Suffolk) Coy.

Both B and HQ Coys have carried out adventure training

weekends. HQ Coy spent a cold, wet weekend at the end of March in central Wales while B Coy waited until the May Bank Holiday and fared better in the Peak District.

It was during this weekend that Sgt Taggart fell while abseiling on Stanage Edge. His recovery is continuing slowly and he has just been moved from Sheffield to QEMH Woolwich where he will be in Ward 2 for some time and would welcome visitors from the Regiment.

The battalion took part in the UKLF orienteering championships in April and, like the 1st Battalion, did very well. Both men's and women's teams from HQ Coy qualified through the Eastern District Championship in March and both teams finished 4th in the UKLF event.

A four-man team consisting of Adjutant (Capt Antolik), LCpl Locke (B Coy), Ptes Taylor (A Coy) and Moore (C Coy) competed in the Welsh 1000s mountain race on 7 Jan. Despite disappointing personal performances they managed to finish in 3rd place in the TA section and in 6th-7th place overall out of 40 teams.

The county show season has begun and C Coy have already been active in providing the Regimental tent manpower team at the Suffolk Show. Regrettably we were at Camp for the Royal Norfolk Show and were unable to take part.



## News from the 7th Battalion

# Winter shock for rifle coys

### Competitive tradesmen

IN 1985 REME tradesmen attached to an infantry battalion entered Exercise Southern Craftsman for the first time. The team, drawn from 7 R Anglian and 5 RRF with an officer from 118 Rec Coy REME, were presented with a crate of beer for their efforts. In 1986 enthusiasm and numbers had increased and 7 R Anglian-attached tradesmen entered a team to compete for the Hare Cup for the best attached tradesmen team in the competition.

Just after Christmas HQ Eastern District plans to enter another team started to take shape. REME-attached tradesmen from 5 R Anglian, 6 R Anglian and 3 WFR attended the weekends that we had organised with the idea of forming a composite team. These weekends were designed to reinforce skills which should have been at our fingertips but were rusty through lack of use. The composite team were very much in the same position as we were last year but had the advantage in that we passed on our impressions from 1985 and suggested areas of training on which to concentrate.

In the competition, Cpl Clive Rennie, ably assisted by Cfn Glynn Hodgkinson, Stu Wilson and John Bradbury came third in the manufacture task. The recovery mechanics Cpl Clive Rennie, Cfn John Bradbury and Paul Chivwell did well to be event leaders with only three teams to finish their task. It's perhaps just as well that recovery mechanics are notoriously poor at figures as they can't work out how their numbers add up at the prize giving! The whole team did very well on the march and shoot phase, coming equal first, but under the 133 rule didn't get a prize.

Cpl Neill (Scouse) Wells is still on painkillers but we are not sure if these are for his legs after the march phase or whether they are to ease the mental pain of overhearing scorers say "give it to 133, they tried harder".

AFTER sitting at their firesides over Christmas and the New Year the rifle coys were a little shocked to be put on ranges in early January. However, apart from it being "traditional" to carry out anti-tank and grenade practices in January, it does serve as a toughening-up process for the rest of the year! The crisp weather seemed to continue throughout February and naturally when the Mor Pl visited Warcop, a well-known spot on the Northumbrian Riviera, renowned for long warm summer evenings, they caught the only day it snowed for their live firing.

On the last weekend in February the battalion was out in strength at Beckingham to qualify for bounty and, among the many hectic activities, noddie suits and shell dressings were much in evidence. The battalion driving and field cookery competitions were held. The driving competition was particularly fierce and, although B Coy won the Bedford team competition and D Coy the Land-Rover competition, A Coy narrowly scraped home as the overall winners. D Coy, ably led by Sgt Bert Burke, won the battalion and Eastern District Cookery Competitions (see separate article) — and came a very creditable sixth in the UKLF TA field cookery competition in April.

In February our Adjutant, Capt Simon Lamb, completed his tour. We thank him for all he did for the battalion and wish him well back with the Vikings. We are delighted to welcome his successor, Capt Max Mariner, also from the 1st Battalion. We hope his time with the TA is a happy one.

March was yet another hectic month, starting with a ceremony of re-dedication on 6 Mar (see separate article). On the 8-9 Mar two rifle coys, and 1000 reservists, part in Ex Polar Dawn 2, a 49 Inf Bde SH concentration. It was a highly mobile, realistic and exciting exercise. Chinook and Puma helicopters airlifted troops into defensive or cut-off positions in reaction to covert "enemy" activities and was ideal training for our operational role. A fortnight later, rifle coys were out again on the ranges or field firing while on the weekend in between the battalion hosted the East Midlands

TAVR recruiting and publicity study day.

Also in March, on Recruit Course 139, Pte Cartwright of B Coy was chosen as the best recruit on the Cadre held at the Queens Division Depot. In particular he scored the very high mark of 63 out of 67 to achieve marksman standard on his SLR APWT and we look forward to seeing him at Bisley next year!

A scratch battalion six-a-side hockey team reached the semi-finals of the Eastern District tournament being finally knocked out by the eventual winners who also happen to be UK Army finalists. Special thanks must go to WO2 "Gee Gee" Smith who, although not a hockey player, donned the goalie's protective armour and kept goal admirably.

April started with the rifle companies field firing on 5-6 Apr. The companies at Catterick experienced just about every variation in climatic conditions possible — all within 24 hours. Nothing daunted, they all kept going, getting in some useful practice for the battalion SAAM which was held on 19-20 Apr (see separate article). Also in April, and all reported on separately, LDY Coy played host to a major international competition when the Reserve Forces Association held their equestrian event Challenge Saumur at Loughborough, our REME attached tradesmen entered a 10-man team in Ex Southern Craftsman 1986 and the battalion team were victorious in the Eastern District Golf spring meeting.

The first weekend in May, 15 PI E (HSE) Coy were on exercise under the command of Lt Mike Taylor, whose time and hard work had gone into the extensive planning of Ex Warriors Roost. They operated as "friendly" and "enemy" provided by B Sqn 23 SAS (V) (see separate article). The next weekend the battalion was together for the first time this year for collective training on the Stanford Training Area. On the Saturday the battalion less D Coy concentrated on NBC warfare, watched by the Comd 49 Inf Bde Brig J. B. Greenway CBE.

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Mrs Linda Platt, Lt Col D. K. Harris and CSgt Sandie Sanderson.

14 May was an auspicious occasion at Sobron Barracks in Lincoln, when the CO presented a GOC's Commendation to Mrs Linda Platt and his LS and GC

medal to CSgt "Sandie" Sanderson. Mrs Platt, the wife of ex R Lincoln and 2 R Anglian Asstl Pnr Sgt "Spam" Platt, was highly commended for her magnificent

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## We will remember them



Remembering — from left, Lt Col J. L. Wilson, Mr Sydney Pearson, Sir Christopher Lever, the CO and Lord Mayor of Leicester Cllr Janet Setchfield.

A CEREMONY of re-dedication was held on 6 Mar at Saffron Hill Cemetery in Leicester. The hosiery firm of Hart and Levy had always taken a great interest in those of its employees who served in both World Wars and erected and had dedicated a tablet to those who died, on the wall of the firm's factory in Leicester.

The firm closed down and the tablet was in danger of being

forgotten, however, a surviving ex-serviceman and previous employee, Mr. Sydney Pearson, had it transferred to the wall of the chapel in the cemetery and added a plaque of his own.

He requested assistance from the battalion for the ceremony and four memorial services and a drummer/bugler were provided. The CO and RSM were present along with many ex-servicemen

and standard parties.

A large number of those remembered were Royal Leicesters so it was fitting that the battalion should be represented.

By coincidence much of the former Hart and Levy building from which the memorial tablet was removed is now occupied by the firm belonging to one of the battalion's subalterns, Lt Nick Page.

## News from the 7th Battalion



All the SAAM prize-winners with the Divisional Brigadier and the CO.



Above: 'Back room boy'. Sgt Felstead REME armourer effects swift repairs to an ailing SLR.

Right: The CO shows the results of his pistol shooting prowess.



### B Coy win shooting

THE battalion SAAM was held at Colchester over the weekend 19-20 Apr. On day one the gods smiled on us and we had excellent shooting weather. The competition was fierce but it soon became apparent that B Coy and notably 4 Pl were better than the others.

Day 2 saw the weather change for the worse but spirits were not dampened and a visit by the wives of D Coy served to brighten the day. B Coy continued their domination and collected the Champion Company Cup with 4 Pl Champion Platoon. At one stage we thought our resident Bisley expert, Capt "Camel" Mallett, was going to leave empty handed, however he squeezed in with the Best Officer's trophy. The

last competition was the falling plate and in atrocious conditions an excellent Reece Pl team won the final. The annual Officers v WO's and SNCO's produced close competition but having been carefully briefed, (threatened?) by the RSM, the team won in close competition. The Commanding Officer vows it will be different next year. The RSM knows better!!

Brig C. M. J. Barnes OBE, presented the prizes and managed to meet and talk to many of the battalion. Individual results were: Best SLR shot: 1 Cpl Jenkins (4 Pl B Coy); Best SMC shot: Cpl Walker (5 Pl B Coy); Best Pistol Shot: Sgt Mills (Milan Pl HQ Coy); Best JNCO Shot: 1 Cpl Jenkins (4 Pl B Coy); Best WO/SNCO Shot: C Sgt Venn (4 Pl B Coy); Best Officer Shot: Capt C. A. Mallett (LDY Coy); Best Moving Target Shot: 2Lt J. M. Mitchell (D Coy); Best GPMG Pair: Pte Grant/L. Cpl Day (4 Pl B Coy);

Section Match: Defence Pl; Falling Plate: Reece Pl.

### Winter shock

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While this was going on, D Coy were turning Tottington village into a FIBUA training area and as dawn broke, the battalion attack went in on the village. Fighting was fierce and little quarter was given but with a large breakfast as the objective, company rivalries were forgotten for a short while. A week later the battalion A Ech was taking part in a 49 Inf Bde CPX to practise the logistic chain, and so the build-up to annual camp goes on.

We congratulate WO2 D. P. Smith, SP51 of LDY Coy, on his award of the GOC Northern Ireland Commendation for service in the Province.



LCpl. Jenkins, 4 Pl B Coy, receives the cup for being the best SLR shot from the Divisional Brigadier. The RSM looks suitably pleased.



## News from the 7th Battalion

# Ex Warriors Roost

IT WAS during the second world war that Oxcombe Manor had been attacked by Special Forces in preparation for the Dieppe raids and now, some 40 plus years later, the serenity of the Lincolnshire Wolds was to be broken by gunfire and simulated attack.

15 Pl of E(HSF) Coy under the command of Lt Mike Taylor, were to operate in their defensive role by using the manor house as a KP, and the surrounding grounds as the GAD, together with the assistance of the civilian police under the guidance of Superintendent Bob Bates.

The enemy was provided by eight four-man patrols of B. Sqn 23 SAS (V). Their role was that of Spetsnaz, quite a formidable enemy.

And so to war. 15 Pl moved into the KP under the cover of darkness. Once the manor house and the immediate area was checked, Pl HQ was established within the manor itself. First light proved to be uneventful and the day was spent in establishing individual section positions,

fields of fire and patrolling. All roads were manned by checkpoints but by last light no sighting of the enemy had been made and for the second night tired eyes checked and re-checked their area with their night visual aids — but nothing!

The enemy. The temperature dropped somewhat giving way to a clear night. At 0300 hrs the stillness of the early dawn was broken by GPMG fire from the east side of the building with the main attack coming from the west — the battle for Oxcombe Manor was on. The most forward positions within the GDA were quickly overrun, with prisoners being taken. The SAS moved quickly and the adjoining water tower and generating room designed as KP's were blown.

At 0335 hrs the Spetsnaz withdrew, leaving 15 Pl to lick their wounds. The second attack came at 0450 hrs, and Exercise Warriors Roost finally came to a stop at 0600 hours.

Later that morning Lt Gen Sir John Akehurst flew in, his pilot

being a member of the TA. Other visitors included the CO, Lt Col D. K. Harris, and Capt Max Mariner.

A church service took place in the adjoining Manton Church when a wreath was laid on a small memorial to a number of men of the Lincolnshire Regiment who fell in the first world war, one being a relative of Cpl Hyde, a section commander in 15 Pl. The whole of the exercise was culminated by an excellent curry lunch laid on by 23 SAS.

Exercise Southern Craftsman 1986 must be one of the few occasions in the competition's history where an experienced team has helped what turned out to be its only competitor to train for the competition. 7 R Anglian REME attached won the Hare Cup but, having had experience of the special problems involved in organising, training and entering a composite team, all of our team members would like to say a big "well done" to the composite team and look forward to more competition next year.



Lt Gen Sir John Akehurst visits E (HSF) Coy and talks to Ptes Turner and Clarke.

## Cooks concoct winning dish



The winners, kneeling from left, Sgt Burkey, Pte Ainge, Cpl Lucas, Pte Sgollupi. Standing, Maj (QM) D. R. Edwards.

THE Eastern District Cookery Competition was held on 23 Mar on Purfleet Ranges, a bleak place at the best of times, but with a howling NE wind blowing conditions were hardly ideal for field cookery!

The battalion represented by Sgt Burke, Cpl Lucas and Pte Sgollupi of D Coy and Pte Ainge from HQ Coy scored high points for organisation and setting up of the field kitchen; they could have done better on their military skills but were obviously saving their energies for the all-important cookery phase of the competition.

They produced a very imaginative menu of savoury pancake rolls stuffed with chicken served on a bed of rice with a cheese sauce. The dish was superbly cooked and presented and set a very high standard for the other teams to follow. All the hard work, determination and enthusiasm displayed by Sgt Burke and his team resulted in a well-deserved win for 7 R Anglian.

**Why not visit the Regimental Museums at:** Britannia Barracks, Norwich. The Keep, Gibraltar Barracks, Bury St Edmunds. Abingdon Park, Northampton. The Magazine, Leicester. Luton Museum, Wardown Park, Old Bedford Road, Luton. Oaklands Park, Moulsham Street, Chelmsford. Museum of Lincolnshire Life, Burton Road, Lincoln.



2Lt Nick Page jumping for the British team.

## French ride to victory

THE Saumur Cup is an annual mounted one-day event for Reserve Officers for the UK, France and Belgium with the standard largely depending on the ability of the horses provided by the host nation. In spring 85 the competition had taken place on the banks of the Loire at the French cavalry school at Saumur and made full use of their extensive facilities which combine both their modern Armoured Corps School with an immense equestrian centre, the home of their legendary Cadre Noir. Faced with the daunting task of going one better, the equestrian committee of the Reserve Forces Association picked Leicestershire as the 1986 venue and, having secured a pledge of horses and help from the RAVC Depot Melton Mowbray, tasked LDY Coy 7 Royal Anglian to organise the event for the weekend of the 12/13 April.

On the eve of the competition the invading teams, complete with a bevy of attractive camp followers, were welcomed to dinner at The George, in Grantham, where they were staying. As members of former winning teams it had been hoped to persuade the Commanding Officer, Lt Col Harris, and OC Support Group, Capt Luke Smith, to take part, but both declined in favour of Melton Pl Comd Nick Page, who rode in the Great Britain A Team.

First parade was 10 am at the RAVC Depot where team captains drew for horses, and some rather apprehensive-looking competitors set off to walk the cross-country course. The riding master, Capt Macgregor, and his staff had produced a stiff course, but his horses, which would not have looked out of place on a Quorn Monday, went flying round it. A break then followed and the assembled

multitude retired to the Melton Drill Hall for liquid refreshments and an excellent cold buffet laid on by SQMS Roxby and the battalion cooks. Over the final show jumping phase the French managed to maintain their earlier lead and won the trophy which was presented to them by the chairman of the Reserve Forces Association, Lt Gen Sir Peter Hudson.

Moët and Chandon provided considerable assistance and a liberal sparkle of champagne throughout the weekend, and there followed the vin d'honneur when some more of their excellent vintage was consumed to toast the winners. A banquet at Belvoir Castle followed and, for those with sufficient stamina, a tour of the Oerlikon cannon factory in Grantham on Sunday morning.

Thank goodness it is another three years before we have to arrange it again!

# News from the branches

BRANCHES annual dinners have been held with Lincoln in February, Grimsby in March and Grantham in June. All were successful and well attended.

The Officers Reunion was held on the 26/27 Apr when 32 past and present officers dined on the Saturday night. Col John Gleadell presided and among those attending were Maj Gen Sir Christopher Welby-Everard, Cols Tadman and Dale and Maj Derek Drabble, the latter being a wartime officer who served in the Far East with our 1st Battalion. The majority who came to the dinner also turned up on the Sunday with their wives for the curry lunch. This weekend get together is now in its fourth year, has proved to be very popular, and gives the officers' wives a chance to meet and exchange news.

The transfer of our Regimental Collection to the Museum of Lincolnshire Life has proved most successful and



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the numbers viewing the displays has increased a hundredfold. A quantity of Regimental items are now available from the museum. These include hip flasks at £9.99, paper weights at £1.50, glass half-pint tankards £1.35 and executive jotters at 95p. All have the Royal Lincoln ORs cap badge included in the design.

Our OCA reunion will be held at Cleethorpes on the weekend of 20/21 Sep 86. Branch members should apply to their own secretary, non-branch members to the Lincoln branch and Officers to RHQ at Lincoln.

Since the last issue of Castle

the following have died: Mr W. T. Brown (ex Bandmaster), Mr J. Collinson, Mr B. Kent, Mr B. Robson.

Here is an update of those involved in the administration of our OCA and its branches: President — Maj Gen Sir Christopher Welby-Everard, KBE., CB., DL. Executive Committee: Chairman — Maj C. H. Macklam, MBE. Secretary — Capt A. R. Smith; Grimsby secretary — Mr D. Bryan; Lincoln secretary — Mr R. Charlton; Grantham secretary — Mr P. C. Halls; Spalding Secretary — Mr A. Waterfall. Addresses of the above can be obtained from RHQ at Lincoln.



Maj David Jamieson VC views the VCs exhibition with Mrs Gillian Shephard, chairman of Norfolk's Joint Museums Committee.

THE Royal Norfolk Regiment's sole surviving holder of the Victoria Cross launched a campaign to boost his old regiment's heritage appeal at the Norwich Castle Museum on 5 Mar 86.

Maj David Jamieson, who won the VC with the Royal Norfolk 42 years ago, is spearheading the push to raise £150,000 to pay for the regimental museum collection's move to a new home in Norwich's Shirehall.

The latest bid to win greater public support took him back to the action for which he was awarded the nation's highest military honour. For a special display, unveiled in the Castle Museum by Mrs Gillian Shephard, chairman of the county's joint museums committee, featured the Royal Norfolk Regiment's two Normandy VCs — Cpl Sidney "Basher" Bates and Maj Jamieson.

Cpl Bates won the honour



## NORFOLK

posthumously after halting a German attack on the 1st Royal Norfolk near Sourdeval. Maj Jamieson was decorated for his courage at Grimsby when the 7th Royal Norfolk beat off a series of heavy counter-attacks.

Recalling the action in which he was twice wounded, he said: "It's a bit blurred now. But at the time I certainly would never have expected to be around today to do this sort of thing."

It was a feeling shared by two Royal Norfolk veterans, Mr Stan Wiseman of Halesdon, and Mr Ken Mason, of Sprowston, who

were invited to the unveiling ceremony.

Mr Mason was in the same company as Cpl Bates on the August day he won the VC. "It was terrible," he said, "the Germans caught us on the hop, and I didn't expect to get out of it."

Steady progress is being made towards achieving the Heritage Appeal target and at present, about £76,000 has been raised.

A party from the DV Club of The Royal Norfolk Regiment made a pilgrimage to Normandy on the 42nd anniversary of the Normandy Landing.



## ESSEX

THE Thurrock branch annual buffet dance at Chadwell St Mary on 11 Apr was enjoyed by 96 guests and the raffle for the overseas Veterans raised £100.

26 branch members visited the Tower on 2 May when the Yeoman Warder conducted them on a tour followed by the Ceremony of the Keys.

The main recent event has been the dedication of the new branch Standard in the Regimental Chapel, Warley on 1 Jun. The Rev A. G. Willet took the service and the Standard Party consisted of Harry Conn (chairman), Bill Brown (Standard bearer), Sid Gibb (deputy Standard bearer) and Bill Nicholson (Escort). Capt. George Green read the lesson.

"2nd Bn The Essex Regiment — D Day to VE Day". Fifty orders have been received, but fifty more are needed at £3 each to make printing viable. Please send your order to HQ Warley or to Harry Conn.

Forty-six members of the

Thurrock branch of the Essex Regimental Association, including Capt C. Barnes MC, branch president, and Mr H. M. Conn, branch chairman, visited Normandy for a battlefield tour from 12 - 17 Jun.

For most of the party it was the first time they had been back for more than 42 years but they were nevertheless able to identify the spot where 2 Essex landed at Gold Beach, near Le Hamel (now Asnelles) all that time ago.

Other places visited included Bayeux, the first major town to be liberated after the Normandy landing when taken by 56 Bde (2 Glosters, 2 Essex and 2 SWB), the Abbey Monday, Essex Wood (Verriers Wood) scene of a particularly savage action where 2 Essex fought with distinction on 11-12 Jun 44, Tilly sur Seuil, Buceels and the River Orne.

Wreaths and crosses were laid at the War Cemeteries at Hermanville, Le Bonouville, Fontenay Le Pesnel, Tilly Sur Seuil and Bayeux.



## ROYAL TIGERS

THE Royal Tigers Weekend was held on 21 and 22 June and again it is pleasing to report that attendance was up to scratch.

The weekend, some with the annual meeting, 73 old comrades attended and the chair was taken by Col T. Holloway. Among the items discussed was the continued success of the sweep on the Grand National. This year a profit of £860 was made.

The president announced that Mr F. Norwich and Mr T. J. Marston MBE had been made honorary life members of the association. Mr Norwich has been a member of the general committee since 1954 and Mr Marston has been standard bearer for 21 years and had been vice-chairman of the general committee for 15 years.

The meeting was followed by the annual dinner. 156 old comrades were present and after dinner the talk went on into the small hours. 1988 was a major topic for discussion.

At the Sunday parade service in the Regimental Chapel we were honoured by the Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire, the High Sheriff of Leicestershire, the Lord Mayor of Leicester, the chairman of Leicestershire County Council and the Chief Constable of Leicestershire Constabulary.

After the service the Lord Lieutenant took the salute at the march past of the old comrades. There was a very good attendance for this parade, which fortunately took place in dry weather.

The final event was a drinks party at Ulverscroft Road. Over 200 old comrades and their guests were present.

It was a splendid weekend and it was so good to see so many Tigers present. For 1988 we intend to have an enhanced Royal Tigers Weekend and plans have already been drawn up by the "1688 Committee", chaired by Maj Bill Brogan.

THE Suffolk Regiment OCA is having a busy 1986. Various events previewed in the last issue of Castle have taken place and more are planned.

Before this issue is published we shall have had the OCA's annual meeting on 14 Jun and many of us will have attended the Cambridgeshire Regiment's annual service in Ely Cathedral the following day. Indications are that both these occasions will be well-attended.

Bury branch held their annual dinner at the TA Centre, Blenheim Camp, Bury St. Edmunds, on 19 Apr. It was well attended and the committee had worked hard to produce a memorable evening.

Our newest branch, at Hemel Hempstead, now boasts more than 50 members with Lt Col Pat Hopper as president

THE Hitchin branch, although small in comparison with other branches, continues to be active. In addition to organising our own events, we attend those of other associations when possible.

In April we held a successful supper dance and we were sorry that our friends from Bedford were unable to be with us.

Events attended were the annual dinners of the Burma Star Association and of the Royal Tanks. More recently a small party attended the Ware branch annual dinner at which we were pleased to see Jimmy Crane.



## SUFFOLK

and Mike Lunn as vice-president. Secretary Michael Gilbert, reports a successful joint dance/buffet with Bury branch on 26 Apr. Their new Standard will be dedicated at the Drumhead Service at the Minden Reunion at Bury St. Edmunds on 3 Aug.

For this year's Minden Reunion we are hoping for better weather than last year: but, whatever the weather, Maj Tommy Warren and his reunion sub-committee have arranged a full programme and we look forward to enjoying it

with a record number of fellow members of the Suffolk Regiment, the East Anglian Regiment and the Royal Anglian Regiment with their families and friends.

It promises to be a day to remember, beginning with the Drumhead Service at 1115 hours and the dedication of Standards and finishing with Beating Retreat by the Band and Drums of 5th (V) Bn The Royal Anglian Regiment at 1730 hours. The Suffolk Military Band will also perform during the day.



## CAMBRIDGESHIRE

THE Officers held their annual dinner on 12 Apr at the University Arms Hotel, Cambridge.

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Col R. A. Shervington, Honorary Colonel took the Chair and proposed the toast to the Regiment. Maj D. S. Denson replied on behalf of D Coy and outlined the successful events which have occurred during the year.

The guest of honour was Brig C. M. J. Barnes the Divisional Brigadier, Queen's Division.

Apologies for absence were received from Lt Col E. L. V. Mapey, Col S. C. Aston, and many others who all sent their best wishes.

Thanks were expressed to C Sgt H. S. Taylor and his staff for helping with the silver and assisting at dinner.



## BEDFORDSHIRE & HERTFORDSHIRE

It was with some satisfaction that the application of one of our members, Mr George Hopper and his wife, for the home at Oakley proved successful and we wish both George and his wife many years of happiness. This, of course, has meant that George has now left us to join Bedford branch, but we have one new member, Mr R. Albane, who served in the

1st Battalion Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment.

Our next supper dance will be on 11 Apr 87 at Ickleford village hall. In July a number of members and wives joined the Royal Tanks for a visit to Bovington on their Open Day, and we are planning a family day outing to Windsor in September.

## Poachers' victory in UKLF Novices



Above: The winning team in the UKLF Novice Boxing.

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Left: LCpl Spolton shows his delight at winning.

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Right: Pte Baker in action against 2 Cldsm Gds.

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Below right: The moment of victory.

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Below: Pte Auckland battles in the final bout.



# Sport on camera



Above: CSgt J. W. Lawton receiving the veteran award following the Berlin Cross Country Championships. SSgt Lawton, who is serving with 29 Sigs Regt, was captain of the 29 Sigs Regt minor units team.

Left: Vikings team are Northern Ireland Major Unit orienteering champions.

Below: Cpl Martin of the Vikings competing in the NI orienteering champions.

## Potential officers support cricket

WITH our three Regular battalions out of England for the cricket season, we have been most grateful to all the potential officers who have achieved such creditable results with bat and ball. This support has been invaluable and we hope that they have enjoyed the cricket and the company.

The Regiment have so far played three matches with six matches remaining.

V Bancrofts — match drawn.  
RARCC 128 — Lt Col Mike Goldschmidt 42, Maj Brian Davenport 24, Capt Tim Page 24.  
Bancrofts 102 for 8 — Graham Bird 5 for 17 in 7 overs, Maj Brian Davenport 2 for 29 in 8 overs, Col Tony Calder 1 for 13 in 8 overs.

V Harrow — match won.  
HARROW 148 for 7 dec — Ben Cooper 2 for 23 in 8 overs, Mark Collop 2 for 54 in 15 overs, Maj Gen Sir David Thorne 4 for 18 in 9 overs.

RARCC 149 for 9 — Mike Scragg 52, Tim Page 31, Andy Foster 19.

V Haileybury — match drawn.  
RARCC 180 for 7 dec — Maj Guy Hipkin 62, Graham Bird 60.  
HAILEYBURY 123 for 8 — WO1 Harding 3 for 32 in 9 overs, Anthony Haynes 2 for 16 in 9 overs, Alex Snow 2 for 42 in 9 overs, Lance Gerrard-Wright 1 for 27 in 10 overs.

On 22 Jun the Regiment won against Edward Evans Lombes XI at Marlingford on a magnificent day in a lovely setting, supported by the Poachers Band.

RARCC scored 160 — 8 (Lt Col Julian Browne 53). EELs were out for 159 (Col Tony Calder 2 for 41, WO1 Harding 4 for 45 and Richard Jefferson 3 for 20).



Lt Fairclough of the Vikings with the ball during a seven-a-side rugby competition.

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Vikings' B Coy won the battalion basketball competition.



Above: The Vikings' team for the Northern Ireland 6-a-side football competition at Ballykinder.

## Regimental golf meeting

THE Regimental Golfing Association held its annual meeting on 13 Jun at Flementon Golf Club.

Friday the 13th was far from being "unlucky for some". The weather, quite unusually for us, was brilliant, not a cloud in the sky, no wind and together with a superb course made the conditions perfect.

Twenty-nine members competed and the trophies were won by: Isham Salver (scratch) Maj John

Perry gross 79, runner up Cpl Woods. Pompadours Cup (handicap) Cpl Rowe net 65, runner up Cpl Woods on countback. Suffolk Cup (Stableford) Cpl Woods, runner up Cpl Rowe. Pansony Cup (Foursome Stableford) Col Peter Badger and Lt Col John Marriott 43 points. The Vikings won the Inter Battalion Trophy.

The Regiment was represented at the Queen's Division Triangular

Match played at the John O'Gaunt Golf Club, Sutton Park on 20 June by Lt Col H. H. Moore (captain) Maj R. Jenns, Maj F. J. Perry, Maj A. G. B. Cobbold, Capt D. Davidson, WO1 G. Halewood, Mr Frank Matthews and Mr Bill Thompson.

The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers won, The Royal Anglian Regiment were runners up with the Queen's third.



Right: The successful Vikings' team — Cpl Rowe and the Pompadour Cup, CSM Shrubhall, LCpl Pye and the Inter Battalion trophy. Lt Tilbrook, Cpl Woods and the Suffolk Cup and CSgt McAnally.

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LIFE has been fairly quiet with such interruptions as Sennelager, Soltau and block leave. However, it has not been without its high (and, unfortunately, low) points.

Following the success of the Pompadours cross-country team CSgt. Twell, LCpls Maynard and Ryan and Ptes Reid and Watson were all selected to run for the infantry team in the BAOR Inter-Corps Cross Country at Verden on 12 Mar. All performed creditably and helped the infantry to second place behind the R Signals. (It was generally felt that if a full strength Pompadour team had been available it would have done very well on its own).

The hockey team finished second in the 4 Armd Div league with a 100% record but was unsuccessful in the Infantry cup, producing probably its worst performance of the last two years losing 5-2 to 1 R Irish. Hopefully, the gym should soon be prepared for indoor hockey which will be of a great benefit to the team during the winter months.

The rugby team went down

bravely to the Devon and Dorset in the Infantry Cup quarter final with a very inexperienced team. They have plenty of keen young players available for next year.

The number of squash players increases almost monthly and the team has strengthened recently with the arrivals of Maj Seymour Blyth and 2Lt Luke Crawley. With a little more experience they may well have a good season next year.

A Coy won the inter-company swimming competition, although it was swum individually by companies with points being scored for speed. The swimming team looks strong again and are hopeful of retaining the 4 Armd Div Championships despite the fact that there is little opportunity to train on the prairie.

Unfortunately, BATUS prevents the battalion participating in athletics on any scale, however, most of the budding Coes should be able to stretch their legs in the garrison competition or with Eintracht Minden, the local German club.



Above: The Pompadours cross-country team which won the Infantry championships. Five of the team went on to run for the Infantry at Verden.

Right: CSgt Twell, LCpls Maynard and Ryan after the Infantry cross-country championships.

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## 7th Bn win EDIST golf

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EDIST champions, from left, Sgt Tom Wightman, WO1 (RSM) Gordon Holewood, Capt Clive Mallett and WO2 Geoff Peck.

ON THE 23 Apr Eastern District held its spring golf meeting at Bury St. Edmunds. The weather held fair and the battalion mustered

just enough players to enter a team for the first time. All had an enjoyable day which was nicely rounded off when we realised we

had won the rather splendid team trophy. WO2 Peck also managed second place in the high handicap division.