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Battalions on move

1986 FOUND our three regular battalions in Northern Ireland, with the Vikings in their second year in Londonderry, the Poachers doing two separate tours and the Pompadours visiting Canada and starting a four-month tour in Belfast.

1987 brings more moves. The 1st Battalion leave Londonderry in January for Gibraltar where they will stay for two years before returning to Colchester in Mar 89. The Poachers are now converting for their future mechanised role in Celle in preparation for their move in Mar 87 to start a six-year tour. The 3rd Battalion return to Minden from Belfast in Feb 87, only to start sending companies in turn to Canada for the second year running. They move from Minden back to Colchester in Feb 89.

Not to be outdone, the 5th and 7th Battalions move to BAOR in Oct 87 for Exercise Keystone 87, while the 6th Battalion camp at Otterburn in August and hope to exchange companies with the National Guard in May. There may also be some company visits to Gibraltar.

1987 promises to be as busy as its predecessors!

Death of Sir Richard Goodwin

AS we go to press we have heard the sad news of the death of another distinguished soldier — Lt Gen Sir Richard Goodwin KCB CBE DSO DL, who was Colonel, The Royal Anglian Regiment from 1966-71.

The sympathy of the whole Regiment goes to Lady Goodwin and his family at this sad time.

LATE NEWS

Appointments and Awards

Command Appointments: 1st Bn Lt Col J.C.B. Sutherland MBE (Jul 87). 2nd Bn Maj T. Longland MBE (Oct 87). 5th Bn Maj N.H. Kelsey TD (Oct 87). 7th Bn Lt Col G.I.G. Brett (Apr 87).

Northern Ireland Awards: Lt Col M.E. Romilly — OBE. Maj D.W. Spalding — MBE. Maj G.F. Tomlin — MID. Cpl K. Ballock — MID.

GOC's NI Commendations: Lt A.C. Wiles, WO2 A. Jones, Cpl W.J. Saunders, LCpl M.S. Harman, Pte M. Bold, Dmr I. Holden.

Gathering postponed

THE proposed gathering at Basingstoke in Jun has been postponed to our Tercentenary Year of 1988. There will however be an Officers' Club Cocktail Party at The Duke of Yorks on 12 Jun.

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2 Lincoln Office Reunion
8 May. Princess Alice names train at Peterborough
15-17 May. EDIST SAAM
27-28 Jun. Royal Tigers Weekend
28 Jun. Essex Reunion
Warley
4-5 Jul. Northampton Reunion. Northampton
11-12 Jul. TA SAAM Bixley
1-2 Aug. Suffolk Reunion
19 or 27 Sep. 8 Lincoln Reunion
26-27 Sep. 8 Norfolk Reunion
6 Nov. Regt Council and Regt Dinner
15 Nov. Beds/Herts Remembrance Reunion

End of an era as Gen Creasey dies

THE COLONEL of the Regiment died at his home on Sunday, 5 Oct 1986 after a long illness. The funeral took place on 10 Oct at St Andrews Church, Belchamp St Paul and a Memorial Service in Bury St Edmunds on 6 Nov 1986.

Tributes in the national and local press have highlighted the outstanding achievements of our late Colonel and, in particular, his personal qualities as a resolute and commanding infantry soldier who was highly respected by everyone

Lt-Gen J.C. Reilly DSO Colonel, the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers writing to the Colonel of the Regiment:

Dear John,

I would like to convey, through you, on behalf of all Fusiliers, our very real regret at the death of Tim Creasey. He did much for the Queen's Division, within which our Regiments have developed, thereby earning our gratitude, respect and affection.

With all sincerity,

Jeremy

who had the good fortune to serve with him.

General Tim, the son of Lt Col G. M. Creasey who served in the Royal Norfolk Regiment, was educated at Clifton and was commissioned into the Indian Army in 1942. He served in the 10th Baluch Regiment in SE Asia, Italy and Greece, transferring to the Royal Norfolk Regiment in 1946.

Regimentally General Tim was Adjutant of 1 R Norfolk until 1950 and commanded 1 R Anglian in Aden and Germany. He instructed at the School of Infantry, Sandhurst and Staff College, was Brigade Major of 39 Inf Bde in Kenya during Mau Mau and in Northern Ireland. He subsequently commanded 11 Arm'd Bde in BAOR. Following a year at the Imperial Defence College in 1971, he took command of the Sultan's Armed Forces in the Oman and was largely instrumental in bringing the Dhofar campaign to a successful conclusion. After a tour as Director of Infantry, he was appointed GOC and Director of Operations in Northern Ireland where he became widely known throughout the Army as a forceful and popular commander. On promotion to General, he became C in C United Kingdom Land Forces in 1980 before returning to Oman to be in turn Deputy C in C and Chief of the Defence Staff and Personal Military Adviser to the Sultan.

Additionally the General held the appointment of Deputy Colonel for Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire, Colonel Commandant of the Queen's Division

and, from 1982, was Colonel The Royal Anglian Regiment.

These are the bare bones of his achievements. As a man he was known and respected throughout the Army as a strong commander who knew what he wanted, and got it. While demanding in his standards, he was intensely loyal to his

Regiment, to his friends and to all who served him.

The appointment which perhaps gave him the greatest pleasure was that of Colonel of his Regiment, where he will long be remembered for his tireless efforts on our behalf, for his sage guidance and for his ability to achieve results.

General Tim was a keen golfer, a fine shot and fisherman who loved the countryside. His final days were spent, as he would have wished, with his wife and children around him. We offer them our sympathy as we say farewell to a great soldier who had dedicated his life to his Regiment and Service.



The General with Cpl Roy Chapman of the Vikings.

New Colonel appointed

Lt Gen Sir John Akehurst KCB CBE has been appointed Colonel of the Royal Anglian Regiment in succession to Gen Sir Timothy Creasey KCB OBE.

Lt Gen Sir John Akehurst joined the Northamptonshire Regiment from Sandhurst in 1949 and, following amalgamations, subsequently served in the East and Royal Anglian Regiments. He was seconded to the Malay Regiment in the 50s, and was BM of 12 Inf Bde and a DS at Staff College in the 60s, prior to taking command of the Poachers in 1968. The 70s saw him instructing at the Imperial Defence College and Commandant of the Junior Division of the Staff College. In 1974 he took command of the Dhofar Brigade of the

Sultan's Armed Forces and subsequently wrote a book on the campaign. A tour followed as DMS(A) before he took command of 4 Division in BAOR, from where he returned to the Staff College as Commandant. Currently, General Akehurst is Commander UK Field Army and Inspector General of the TA, from which post he will be promoted General in 1987 and appointed Deputy Supreme Commander Europe. He is President of the Army Golf Association and a Governor of Harrow.

For the last five years the General has been Deputy Colonel (Lincolnshire, Leicestershire and Northamptonshire), a post he now hands over to Brig Patrick Stone who is to be DMS(B) in Jan 87.



Lt Gen Sir John Akehurst



The Colonel-in-Chief and Gen. Creasey together at Colchester.

Mainly about people . . .

Col Willie Waite writes that he has moved to 32 Ruston Avenue, Rustington, Littlehampton, which needs less effort to keep it going than its predecessor.

Our wishes for a happy life go to 2Lt Patrick Jolly and Miss Siobain Plewman who recently announced their engagement.

Maj Charles Groves and Anne are now firmly established at The Groves, Erimi Village, Limassol and would like to see callers from the Regiment.

Congratulations to Capt Mark Wenham on his engagement to Miss Penelope Sullivan.

Capt Nick Brehaut, who is now in the RAOC, called to see us at RHQ on a visit to East Anglia and asked to be remembered to all friends.

Maj Bill Fairholme has finally left the Oman and is settling down at his house in Hildenborough, Kent.

Maj Mike Jones has left Sri Lanka for Lahore. We have no address as yet.

Maj Willie Hawkins has retired and has bought an almond farm in Alicante where doubtless he will receive many summer visitors.

Simon and Diana Steward (late of 1st Bn) have returned from ten years in South Africa and are now living in Hedgerly Green, Bucks. Simon is working for Chase Manhattan in London.

Congratulations to 2Lt Nick Crawshaw on shooting for England in the Commonwealth Games.

Capt Mike Beard called in at RHQ while on leave. He now works for Lt Col Colin Groves who has moved to Corps HQ from Minden.

We were pleased to see ex Sergeant Majors Watson and Carpenter at RHQ. Mr Watson, who has been SSI at Framlingham for some six years, was passing on some tips to Mr Carpenter who has just taken over as SSI at St

Georges College, Gt Finborough, Stowmarket.

Capt Roger Hare has had a good shooting year. At Bisley he was third in the pistol, second in the SMG and 14th in the rifle. In Canada he won eight gold medals for rifle, SMG, pistol and GPMG team matches.

Congratulations to Maj Bill Prince on his selection for promotion to Lt Col in 1987 to lead the EDIST Training Team, and to Capt Tony Powell and Lts Bob Eke and David Whitehead on their selection for QM Commissions.

We wish Brig Mike Aris and Majs Willie Hawkins and Roland Thompson well on their retirement and hope that we will continue to see them at Regimental functions.

A warm welcome to the following subalterns who recently joined the Regiment from Sandhurst: Nicholas Baker, Ian Gowdy, Andrew Latham, James Lewis and James Woodham.

LCpl Paul of the Pompadours has had a successful sporting year in the British bobsleigh team and winning the BAOR 200m in record time. He and LCpl Maynard represented the Army in the Inter Service Championship.

Pte Paul Thomson of the Poachers did well at Junior Bisley while serving with the JIB. Lt Gen Sir John Akehurst presented him with trophies for the best SMG shot, top 15 SLR, member of winning teams for SMG, SLR falling plate, SLR, IRAQ Cup, and for being in the Infantry Team champion Team and a member of the second team in the snap competition. A fine start to his competitive shooting career.

A warm welcome and congratulations to all those undergraduates who have been granted cadetships of bursaries with the Regiment in 1986. A list of the nine cadets and 15 bursars who are currently potential officers for the Regiment is on Page 19.



The 3rd Battalion recently found this picture of Suffolk Regiment soldiers in front of the Minden Memorial in 1 Aug 45. The 12th Foot fought at Minden in 1759 and the Pompadours are currently in Elizabeth Barracks. Does anyone remember the event?



Mrs Ann Heaton, widow of LCpl Heaton, and her two children Kirsty and Karl photographed at Ponins holiday camp. St Annes where they were spending a week's summer holiday courtesy of Mr Ponin, the ABF and the Regimental Association.

Past and Present dinner

THE DINNER Club held its 19th annual dinner at the Depot Queens Division on 27 Sep by kind permission of Lt Col M. K. Goldschmidt the Commanding Officer. 175 members and guests sat down to an excellent meal produced by the Depot catering staff. We wish to express our sincere thanks to RSM M. S. Moran QGM, Depot RSM, for allowing us to use the full facilities of the Sergeants' Mess, and to the Depot staff who worked so hard to ensure that the evening was a complete success.

Our Dinner Chairman was Brig C. M. J. Barnes OBE, who was warmly greeted by the members. He was in fine form and it was a unique occasion as for the first time our Dinner Chairman had held major posts in all three regular battalions: Adjt in the 1st

Bn, Coy Comd and 2IC in the 3rd Bn and CO of the 2nd Bn. Other guests included the CO of the 7th Bn, two Regimental secretaries and a Dep Hon Col TA.

A small number of new members were attending the dinner for the first time and we hope that this was due to the advertising that appeared in the Regimental journals earlier in the year. We would still like to see more past members of the Regiment attending the dinner.

No Regimental bands were available for this year's dinner and we employed the Lincolnshire Concert Band which is civilian and has some very young players. They played a well-balanced programme and rounded off the evening with our former county Regimental marches.

T.H.B.

Association with Guild

ON 14 OCT 86, the Court of the Worshipful Company of Poulterers formalised with the Colonel of The Regiment an association between the Company and the Regiment.

The actual date of the foundation of the Poulterers Company is not known for, in common with most other London Guilds, the Poulterers combined for "mutual

help and for the protection of their craft" many years before being formally recognised or granted a charter by the Crown, but the Poulterers were appointing their own wardens by 1299.

Over the years the Guilds fostered religious and charitable works in addition to trade protection. Today, the Companies are vigorous and self-contained societies of professional and business people, bound together by traditional customs which have been handed down by generations under the direction of their Masters, with allegiance to the Sovereign and to the Lord Mayor of London.

The Regiment is honoured to be associated with this ancient Guild, and looks forward to developing contacts between our organisations.

Secretary needed

IN JUL 87 Lt Col Alex Turnbull will retire as our man in Norwich. His post is that of an RO2 and is open to application from regular or ex-regular officers who have not been out of the Army for more than five years. The upper age limit for applications is 58, the appointment is pensionable and retiring age is normally 65. Officers who wish to find out further details should contact the Regimental Secretary at RHQ, Bury St. Edmunds.

OBITUARY

Maj (Hon Col) Derek Terence Tewkesbury MBE DL died at home on 18 Sep 86, after a long illness. Derek was commissioned into the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment in Feb 34 and promoted to Major in 1947 in the Middle East.

He served for two years as a company commander in the Royal Norfolk Regiment following which, in 1955, he was selected to command the Regimental Depot in Bedford but, soon after taking up the appointment, the MOD decided to close the Depot, thus removing the geographical basis of the organisation of the Regimental Association.

Derek retired from the Army in the autumn of 1958 and took up the duties of Regimental Secretary. With one part-time clerk and "no home" this posed considerable problems which, gradually, were successfully solved. His qualities caused him to be selected to the appointment of Deputy Honorary Colonel TA (Bedfordshire) and also as Deputy Lieutenant of Bedfordshire. He was President of the Bedford and Hitchin branches of the Regimental Association. The association was strongly represented at the funeral in Bedford on 24 Sep 86.

Derek Tewkesbury is sadly missed. We convey our deep sympathies to Barbara, Richard and Frances.

Pte David Knight was killed in a traffic accident on 26 Jul while serving with the 1st Battalion in Londonderry. A military funeral took place in Felistown on 4 Aug which was attended by many relatives and friends. Our sympathies go to his parents, ex WO1 "Lofly" Knight and Mrs Knight and to the whole family.

Sgt Jim Sole served for 21 years with the Regiment and was Sergeant's Mess caterer with the 3rd Battalion. He had been posted to the 6th Battalion at Lowestoft for his last six months service, where he sadly died of a heart attack on 9 Aug 86. Our sympathy goes to Mrs Mary Sole and to Ann and Tracey.

1987 DIARY DATES

21 Feb	Ladysmith Ball, Leicester
4-5 Mar	2nd Bn SAAM
	TA Band competition
11-12 Mar	7th Bn SAAM
22 Apr	Suffolk Council Meeting
24 Apr	16/44 Officers' Cocktail Party
25-26 Apr	5th Bn SAAM
	R Lincoln Offrs Reunion
26 Apr	R Norfolk Commemoration Service
8 May	Princess Alice names train at Peterborough
9 May	Northampton presentation to Princess Alice
16 May	Hertfordshire OCA Dinner
16-17 May	EDIST SAAM
5 Jun	Regimental Golf, Worlington
5-6 Jun	R Norfolk Officers' Dinner
12 Jun	Officers' Club Cocktail Party
18 Jun	Golf v Queens and RRF
20 Jun	1 Beds Herts Lunch
27-28 Jun	Royal Tigers Weekend
27 Jun	7th Bn Officers' Ball
28 Jun	Essex Reunion, Warley
4-5 Jul	Northampton Reunion, Northampton
11 Jul	7th Bn Sgts' Ball
17 Jul	5th Bn Sgts' Ball
11-12 Jul	TA SAAM Bisley
24 Jul	5th Bn Officers' Ball
1-2 Aug	Suffolk Reunion
29 Aug-12 Sep	6th Bn Camp, Otterburn
11 Sep	Regimental Golf, Flempston
19 or 27 Sep	R Lincoln Reunion
26-27 Sep	R Norfolk Reunion
10-25 Oct	5th and 7th Bns BAOR
6 Nov	Regt Council and Regt Dinner
12 Nov	R Norfolk Council
15 Nov	Beds/Herts Remembrance Reunion
5 Dec	R Leicesters Officers' Lunch



The Mayor of Chenodalle speaking at the unveiling of the Corporal Bates VC memorial at Saurdeval Normandy — Full report page 22.



News from the Vikings



the Colours on parade for Minden Day in Londonderry.



Pte Ward-Wilkinson gets the feel of the SA80.



The GOC chatting with Lt Robert Freedman in Londonderry.



Cpl Stollery briefing the GOC on the streets of Londonderry.

A busy summer in Londonderry

THE "long hot summer" forecast for Ulster by the media proved to be accurate operationally, but wholly inaccurate in terms of the weather and after a long period of inclement conditions and goose-pimples, the Vikings reverted to jerseys, heavy wool in mid-August! The last few months have been busy for everyone and especially the City Company, with the traditional Orange Order celebrations in July and August.

In early June B Coy took part in a long night clearance operation on a van which had been hi-jacked and found to contain a 250lbs remote-controlled bomb before handing over the city to C Coy on the 17 Jun.

The CO, together with QM(T) and Families Officer visited Gibraltar from 12-18 Jun. First reports look good, especially if the sunbats were anything to go by. A final lone rocco was undertaken by the 2IC, Maj Heal, at the end of July.

The orienteering team came fifth in the Army Championships near Scarborough over the period 19/20 Jun, a superb achievement in their first attempt at this level. Training

will continue with sights set on the Infantry Championships in October.

A friendly boxing match took place at Omagh on 19 Jun between the battalion and 3LI. The Vikings, supported by LCpl Saunders in full Viking rig, had a comfortable victory by 26 points to 13. The GOC, Lt Gen Sir Robert Pascoe visited the battalion on 3 Jul, calling at all the City locations and talking to Vikings on the streets and in barracks.

Miss Claudia Martin, voted "Miss Viking 1986" earlier in the year, paid us a call over the period 8-10 Jul. A full programme of visits to all battalion locations in the City, including Ebrington Bks, was arranged and the only fine weather of the entire visit coincided with Sp Coy's barbeque at Magilligan beach.

11 Jul saw the handover of WO1 (RSM) Ludbrook to WO1 (RSM) Cookson. RSM Cookson is the resident expert on Gibraltar, having just spent 18 months there with 1 Queens. Contingency plans were prepared for the traditional Orange celebrations on 12 Jul and the battalion, less Sp Coy, each had their allotted task. In the event the day passed without incident in Londonderry and coys were able to stand down by early evening. Ironically Sp Coy, who were training at Ballykinler in preparation for their next City tour, were deployed to Kilkeel in full riot equipment and successfully dispersed a large crowd.

Sp Coy relieved C Coy in the City on 16 Jul who promptly departed the province for two weeks leave. The band returned to Londonderry on 16 Jul after a month's tour of the Eastern Counties.

Having got the feel of the City again, Sp Coy mounted a high-risk search of the Rossville Flats on 24 Jul. In the early hours of 25 Jul, a civilian worker, while his family were held hostage, was forced to drive his car containing a bomb into Fort George. On arrival he passed through the main gate and declared the car a proxy bomb. Prompt action by the Guard Commander quickly cleared the area. ATO was tasked and, after two controlled explosions, the area was finally declared clear. A plastic drum containing 100kg of home-made explosive and a number of smaller bags containing a total of 10 kg of explosive were recovered from the car. Automatic fire was directed at the sanger at Rose-

mount SF base during the early evening of 30 Jul but there were no casualties. At 1900 hrs the next day a number of shots were fired at a vehicle checkpoint by gunmen from across the border in nearby County Donegal, resulting in the wounding of an RMP NCO in the chest. Sp Coy QRF, deployed from Fort George but the gunmen had returned over the border. In a follow-up search 26 empty cases were found.

The morning of 1 Aug dawned bright and sunny and Minden Day got off to a good start. The Corps of Drums beat reveille at Fort George, and the CO presented roses to members of Sp Coy. Meanwhile, back at Ebrington Bks, the band were touring the lines ensuring everyone was awake and ready to receive his "sunfire".

A battalion parade was held on the square in combat clothing and, after the Colours had been marched on, the CO presented roses to everyone on parade. By mid-morning the weather began to deteriorate and OC Fete, Maj Bill Mooring had to make the difficult decision of wet or dry programme for the afternoon. The wet weather programme won the day and later proved to have been the right choice. The draw for the car was made by Lady Thorne and won by Pte Garnham of the Recce Pl. The Band and Drums went ahead with the ceremony of Beating Retreat in torrential rain. An all ranks dance was held on the evening of 1 Aug, and all three messes held a Minden Ball later during August.

In response to a planned display of weapons by PIRA on 6 Aug, for the benefit of visiting NORAD visitors from the USA, Sp Coy mounted another search of the Rossville Flats and found an imitation Armalite rifle and balaclava hoods and gloves.

The annual Apprentice Boys march on 12 Aug promised to be the event of the season, with the period 8-14 the likely flashpoint. Sure enough, shortly after midnight on the 9th a crowd of between 30/40 youths gathered in the Butchers Gate area of the City and a Viking foot patrol had to fire a baton round to assist in their withdrawal from the scene.

An RUC vehicle came under attack by gunfire and an explosion. A Viking OP returned fire at terrorists who ran off in the direction of the Rossvilles. A hot pursuit was quickly mounted into the flats

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News from The Vikings



Miss Viking being protected by 2PI A Coy.



Lady Thorne makes the draw for the car at the Minden Day Fete in rainy Londonderry.



Miss Viking at the SP Coy barbecue.

Companies under attack

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but the terrorists escaped. The hot pursuit force were confronted at this point by a large, hostile crowd of approximately 200 rioters, baton rounds were fired and reinforcements called in before calm was restored. Later, as ATO was deploying to deal with the earlier explosion, two or three gunmen opened fire from the derelict block of the Rossvilles. Fire was immediately returned by Sp Coy cordon but no hits were claimed. The Apprentice Boys March mustered no fewer than 20,000 marchers and 150 bands. B Coy, deployed in outer cordon duties in protection of the march, had six shots fired at them from an unknown fire position in the Gobnascale Estate, they returned five rounds fire but there were no casualties on either side.

A joint RUC/Army search operation on 13 Aug in the estate revealed an imitation pistol, balaclava hoods, and two bags containing fertilizer. Three empty cases were found close to the COs Land-Rover, and established the firing point used against B Coy on the previous day. Pte Pierce received a cut on the head and Pte Butler a cut wrist in a stoning incident on 15 Aug.

Mid-August marked the end of a very busy period in the City and Sp Coy were relieved by A Coy on 19 Aug.



The CO presents medals to A Coy.



The CO chatting to Bdm Morse after presenting the Minden Roses.

News from The Vikings

More 'Raids' off Scotland

By Maj Bill Mooring

VIKINGS took to the seas around Ulster in 1985 beginning with a minimal nucleus of qualified personnel. Exercise Viking Raid II and III continued this initiative in 1986, introducing offshore sailing to some while building on the experience gained by others the year before. All the sailing was aboard the ASA(NI)'s Dalriada, a thoroughly seaworthy Contessa 32.

Viking Raid II, with a single crew for a week in late April, sailed into the Firth of Clyde, circumnavigating Arran in the process. Off the island we heard the eerie sound of sonar "ping" on our hull — a nearby warship methodically quartering the area. Later, after it cleared well to the south, the target surfaced triumphantly.

A day was lost in the picturesque setting of East Loch Tarbert, with its ruined castle, built by Robert the Bruce, overlooking the islets protecting the entrance. Looking out from the castle we watched as a yacht, small from this height, made its way out into the reported Force 8 and as it battled against wind and wave we could see our skipper, in his infinite wisdom, had made the right decision — to remain in the Loch. Later, even in the confines of the harbour, we registered winds up to Force 8.

The day was spent variously: Rob Neal, a run; Andrew Wiles, shopping; Mark Wenham and Bill Mooring a walk to West Loch Tarbert over the narrow isthmus joining Kintyre from the mainland and over which both Magnus the Viking and later Robert the Bruce, had dragged boats to snatch unexpected gains; Gibbo Gibbs and Brian Raw a bit of fishing (unsuccessful); and for all in the evening, an extended session sampling various blends of Scottish whisky (and occasionally ginger wine).

The next day, not a little worse for wear, we made a long run down past Arran and the Mull of Kintyre over to Galloway and Port Patrick with Ailsa Craig our ever-present companion to port. The last 25 miles were made under spinnaker with a good following breeze making exciting sailing.

Viking Raid III was conducted over the last two weeks of August and involved three crews, the changeovers taking place at Portrush. Day One was wasted drying out at Larne to clear a fouled propeller, then we made a night passage past Rathlin Island into the Sound of Jura. Tayvallich, nestling near the top end of Loch Sween was our first call, followed next day by a short trip to the developing marina at Craobh (pronounced "Croove") Haven, a little east of the island of Scarba. The sail was extended by exploration round Shuna and Loch Melfort and some spinnaker work squeaking past islands and points. That evening, most dined out at the local pub, a rest from the interminable corned beef compo menu to which the CSgt had fudgedly consigned us, no doubt fully aware of the OC's dietary preferences and also, no doubt, enjoying as fully varied a diet as compo allows while himself instructing on the other B Coy sponsored venture, Ex Viking Shikhar in the Peak District.

The last leg with the first crew was made through the notorious Gulf of Corryvreckan where, even at slack water, whirlpools sucked furiously and the currents made helming a vigorous experience. During the Second World War a minesweeper, attempting a similar passage at the wrong state of tide, was reputedly turned completely around. A school of dolphin were encountered as we sailed down the west coast of Jura and off Islay many seals were seen. With Force 8 gales forecast, the skipper decided to press on that night to the shelter of Portrush before things got worse.

The gale never arrived and the bank holiday weekend crew sailed from Portrush to Islay overnight, arriving for sunrise and breakfast. Then across to Gigha, south to Rathlin and back. Rupert Iccav failed to test his new oilskins at all and Mark Williams' sketchpad, carefully placed in the chart table (a hallowed place, for the information of the uninitiated) never surfaced. Sunglasses and shorts appeared at intervals in the beautiful weather and from somewhere, Paddy Braine unearthed a disgustingly fragrant bottle of "EI



Viking Raid II: From left - Mark Wenham, Rob Neal, "Gibbo" Gibbs, Bill Mooring and Brian Raw.

Cheapo" suntan oil. On Gigha, the couth among us visited the famous sub-tropical gardens that grow thanks to a tail end of the Gulf Stream, while the same party hired ramshackle bikes on Rathlin to visit the site where primitive man had once quarried bluestone and fashioned axe and arrow heads beside a now reed-filled lake. The others, sensibly, went to the pub. The evening at Rathlin was extended by night fishing led by Andrew Wiles until after midnight with the aid of a powerful lamp. A number of dogfish were caught, almost the only catches made in the fortnight despite almost continuous efforts by some members of the crew. The skipper wisely retired to bed knowing that, as usual, it would be the skipper who would have to stir life into so many reluctant green maggots in the morning and feeling that it would be a nice change for once for the skipper not to be last into bed.

Returning to Portrush, the third crew came on board as Force 8 gales were reported bearing down on the area — and every other sea area round the British Isles on the BBC's shipping forecast. That evening an extremely brisk sail under almost no canvas was made

almost exclusively in the confines of Portrush West Bay as an introduction. Conditions were Force 8 and felt it beyond the headlands.

Reluctantly we were forced to remain in harbour a further 36 hours amusing ourselves variously and enjoying the hospitality of the yacht club. Finally we broke out on the third day and streaked the 50 odd miles over to Gigha on a single reach on the port tack. Despite the heavy weather and lumpy conditions at the start, the new crew had stomachs of iron and the skipper began laying bets on whether this was to be the first crew in two years in which no one would be seasick. No sooner said than Ned Keller, something of a veteran sailor now by Viking standards, appeared from below sheepishly admitting he'd just parked breakfast in the heads.

Next day we beat to windward up the Sound of Jura, being endlessly soaked by spray despite the sunshine, before seeking the shelter of Loch Sween where seals basked on islets, seemingly in the very positions they had been a week ago. Early next morning a shore recon in a tranquil little bay disturbed a herd of deer, the males barking and coughing, threatening

as they made off.

Returning to Gigha we prepared for a long haul to Portpatrick by each taking an expensive shower in the island's only hotel, followed by a protracted drinking session and hazardous row back to the boat. Another early start next morning saw us deliberately the last of five boats leaving the anchorage and heading south under light following winds. We nursed the spinnaker the length of the Kintyre Peninsula, the skipper refraining from too much fruitless yelling on the occasion of a major "candle" round the forestay and Alec Richardson blessing downwind sailing, at last discovering that there are times when buckets of water do not come over the side continuously to douse the helmsman.

By lunchtime we had reached the Mull of Kintyre and had overtaken all but one boat, the first to leave and now just yards ahead. She turned into the Clyde while we sailed on down to Portpatrick under increasing winds. Eventually after reaching nine knots down the face of a wave the spinnaker came down having driven us steadily for 50 miles. Ten miles on we entered Portpatrick, apprehensively eyeing the forest of masts visible from outside. Evidently the east coast of

Ulster had made across for the weekend and the harbour, normally full with a dozen boats was now chock-a-block with a staggering 47 craft. Manhandling Dalriada round we edged into the only slot available and rigged shorelines round the bow and stern of a long trot of boats moored to the wall. As the skipper slipped below into his snug at the nav table to close the log, a deep plunging splash came from outside as if a cow had fallen in, followed moments later by gasping breaths as Paddy Braine regained the stern of the vessel on which he had been standing just moments before. Two weeks at sea had evidently taken their toll and anyway his clothes certainly needed the wash.

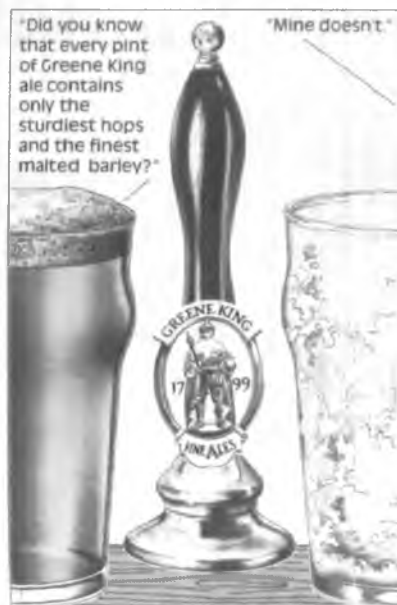
Returning to Larne next day we put the boat back to a pristine condition, reluctantly handed her back to the Secretary, ASN NI and returned to the realities of Ulster. If you can take pleasure in sailing the west coast of Scotland despite the cold and wet, Gibraltar is going to be a ball (Skippers footnote: "For some..."). The Vikings now possess a solid nucleus of qualified and experienced offshore sailors. With the opportunities offered in Gibraltar this character-forming and exciting pursuit is, hopefully, here to stay.



Paul Dunne, son of LCpl Dunne abseiling during the Brigade youth summer camp.



Leigh Gardner, daughter of LCpl Gardner, canoeing during the Brigade youth summer camp.





News from The Poachers

Tragedy and achievement



Above: The aftermath of the proxy bomb in Newry.



Left: The CO and Maj Peter Willbridge, OC C Coy, plotting on Drummuckavall.



Below: War of the Worlds — the tower at Drummuckavall.

THE PERIOD since the last issue of Castle has covered the last three months of the Poachers' tour in South Armagh, from June to September. Apart from normal operations and administration and myriad visitors, the battalion can look back on the successful completion of the biggest change in the TAOR since the troubles started — the construction of the new observation posts near Crossmaglen.

Unfortunately we have also seen the tragic deaths of two of our soldiers, but there have been successes in clearing IEDs and terrorists arrested.

The battalion left the Province with a real sense of achievement following an extremely busy tour in the most operationally active area in Northern Ireland, with the most troops and resources under one battalion's command.

The OPs were inserted in the last week of June. The period was marked only by a couple of Protestant marches which were a prelude to 12 Jul. However, on 16 Jun a body was discovered on the border and a deliberate clearance operation was mounted. Terence McKeever, an electrical contractor from Armagh, had been taken from his car on the way to work, shot, and his body dumped at the Mullaghduff Bridge, some five miles north west of Crossmaglen. PIRA had been warning contractors of the consequences of working for the security forces for some weeks previously. Careful clearance uncovered a device of some 150lbs close to the body and this was successfully defused.

A number of OPs had been incorporated in the TAOR for some time but these were grouped on high ground in the east and north of the battalion's area. The Crossmaglen area had remained largely undisturbed, but all this was to change. In the last 10 days of June D(Sp) Coy returned from Middletown and Keady, where they had been under operational command of 2 UDR, to be based in Bessbrook before being deployed as surveillance company to man the OPs themselves. With the regrouping complete, Op Lagan began at the end of June. This was a major operation, involving the equivalent of an extra five rifle companies and a large quantity of resources to construct OPs on the hill features at Glasdrumman, Drummuckavall and Creevekeeran. Unusually for this area, this involved a road move for the material and vehicles, which in turn meant that the routes had to be cleared and secured. The operation lasted several days at the end

of which the Engineers and other attached elements withdrew, leaving the Poachers to man the OPs and which at this stage consisted of temporary underground accommodation, sangars and trench systems.

PIRA were expected to respond swiftly and on 9 Jul they placed a van bomb outside a sangar at Glasdrumman, manned by members of the Mor Pl. Ptes Carl Davies and Michel Bertram reacted very swiftly and almost succeeded in catching the driver but, tragically, a device of some 800lbs was donated as they followed up. They were both excellent soldiers and are sorely missed. Ptes Danny Feve and Kevin Clark were also injured in the explosion but have now recovered.

The events of 12 Jul in the north of the Province largely passed the battalion by, with very little Protestant activity in the TAOR. However, the OPs had obviously got under the skin of Crossmaglen PIRA for on 16 Jul they attacked again. This time a car bomb had been parked amongst other innocent cars at Drummuckavall. A team carrying out VCPs on the road below the OP was the intended target as the device was detonated by remote control. Despite the device going off close to the team, only minor injuries were sustained by WO2 Goudie, 2IC of the Milan Pl., and Pte Shucksmith, who have now both recovered.

The other major incident in July was the murder of three members of the RUC in Newry which caused the return of the Army to Newry after an absence of six years. The policemen were sitting in their armoured Cortina in the middle of Newry on a busy Saturday afternoon when three gunmen shot them dead from close range, throwing a grenade into the car afterwards for good measure. Other incidents in July included a hijack on the 11th, the clearance of a suspect package in Newry on the 19th and the firing of two low-velocity shots in Crossmaglen on the 24th.

Work on the new OPs continued throughout July, with endless sandbags being filled and continuing minor improvements to the defences. However, at the end of the month there was a new development with the construction of a spider-like tower on each position. These consisted of a scaffolding base with a wooden platform and an armoured box on top. It seemed

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Poacher in his element — Pte Leddie of 2Pl wading across the Creggan River near Crossmaglen.

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as though War of the Worlds had come to South Armagh! Curiously, the expected level of reaction to these structures from the local population failed to materialise, and their completion came just in time for NORAD members to wonder at them as they toured the area on 3 Aug.

Peter Robinson, MP, graced us with his presence on 14 Aug as he crossed the border on the way to a court appearance in Dundalk as a result of his activities in Clontibret, County Monaghan earlier. Even if he was still holding his head high at the end of the day, the pride of his supporters was somewhat battered as they returned from some rough treatment from Republican Dundalk.

We were delighted to see Danny McNamee out of the way on 16 Aug when he was arrested in

Crossmaglen and shipped over the water to be interviewed by Scotland Yard in connection with conspiracy to cause explosions. This was an extremely good lift, and was made doubly so by the look of surprise on McNamee's face as he was transported by Lynx to Bestbrook!

The fact that the OPs were still a thorn in the side of the PIRA was proved on 21 Aug when Glasdrumman again came under attack, this time from MK 10 mortars. The baseplate was on a trailer towed by a tractor and inserted into dead ground behind a hedge before the mortars were fired. 10 bombs flew over a range of 250 metres and landed in a tight pattern on the OP itself. Two were blinds, but eight went off half demolishing a sangar and damaging trenches and the tower. Rounds were returned at the baseplate to disrupt any un-



fired bombs and only one minor casualty was sustained, namely Pte Robbie, who was heard to sing the Lincolnshire Poacher amongst other songs as he was pulled from the rubble! The OP was cleared, rebuilt, including a complete reconstruction of the tower, and was operational within 72 hours. This was not to be the last incident of the tour, however, for we were still to see a proxy bomb attack on an RUC station in Newry, as well as the dumping of another

body on the border, during the handover period to our successors.

The battalion returned to Colchester between 9-11 Sep leaving Crossmaglen and South Armagh to the Scots Guards, having said goodbye to the many friends we made during the tour. With the vivid memories of the last four-and-a-half months the Poachers departed on leave until mid-October when their sights became firmly fixed on Celle in 1987!

Members of the Milan Pl, with the Asst Adjutant as honorary member, on the Glasdrumman OP.



Pte Bull of A Coy, Pte Beesley and LCpl Sullivan of BCoy contravene regulations in a Wessex.



Cpl Cole and Pte McVeigh of the Milan Pl prove that they are masters of military discipline.

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LCpl Morrow of the Assault Pioneer Pl and LCpl Scrimshaw of Drums "at home" on Creevekeeran.



Lt Gen Sir John Akehurst with members of A Coy at Crossmaglen.



Maj Peter Holme celebrates his 21st at Crossmaglen!



The Lord Mayor of Leicester meets members of BCoy at Superbowl.



Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Mr Tom King, meets Sgt Reid of the Int Cell at Bessbrook.



Ptes Hackney, Sharmen, Thornton and Smalley in the "wash-house" at Superbowl.



News from The Pompadours

Adventure training is appreciated

AFTER OUR Medicine Man exercise in Canada, a proportion of all arms from the Pompadour Battle Group took part in adventure training. A total of 75 soldiers were involved; 10 as administrative staff and 65 as participants.

The base for the training was at a small village called Nordrigg on the eastern edge of the Canadian Rockies. The camp consisted of a number of huts and cabins which were a trifle primitive and consequently suited us well. There was a permanent cadre of instructors who, with our own, ran the adventure training package.

The training consisted of six activities: hill walking, cycling, mountaineering, ski mountaineering, Canadian canoeing and kayaking. Due to the time available it was only possible for each individual to take part in three activities, each lasting for five days.

All personnel participated in the hill walking and saw a considerable amount of wildlife including bears. The cycling was particularly hard work with the route from Jasper to Radium Hot Springs involving cycling well over 100km a day for four days. Again the wildlife was spectacular and one group was chased by a Grizzly which improved their speed training.

There was only one ski mountaineering expedition due to the limited number of skis available which took place high up on the Columbia Icefield. Although strenuous, the expedition was a complete success with all participants enjoying themselves. The soldiers soon discovered that in ski mountaineering there is a remarkable lack of lifts to return you to the top. All good exercise.

Mount Athabasca was the main challenge to the mountaineering group. Standing over 12,000 feet it was an impressive sight and not an easy climb. After three days of training, both A and C Coys succeeded in putting teams on the top by separate routes. C Coy followed the standard Col route and A Coy took the steeper Silverhorn route.

Both Canadian canoeing and kayaking proved to be very popular on the North Saskatchewan River. LCpl Jardine, the instructor, took great delight in taking the paddlers through such daunting places as the Devils Elbow and Rieley's Rapids.

The opportunity to complete three weeks adventure training in such beautiful surroundings at the end of the BATUS exercise was greatly appreciated by those who took part. It is hoped that more of our soldiers can do likewise when we return next year.



A platoon advances in line with fascines.



Above: Up goes the Giant Viper on Ex Alamein.

Right: Suppressive fire.

Below right: The RSM surveys the prairie.

Below: A couple of friendly gophers on vehicle inspection duty.



Success in Canada

FOR THE Pompadours, May to September has meant BATUS, a full PRE, a new Commanding Officer, various annual ARU inspections, courses and cadres and Northern Ireland training.

The first elements of the Battle Group deployed to Canada on 15 May because the flights were unexpectedly brought forward by the RAF. Many soldiers took their R and R before the exercise had started! Work really began when the outgoing Blues and Royals Battle Group came off the prairie and the process of vehicle, stores and accommodation handovers began. All the reces for the Special to Arm Exercises took place in the first week in temperatures that were well into the 90s in the shade.

The Battle Group deployed on 2 Jun to the separate sub-unit areas and commenced training where skills were built up from individual

and pairs level to company level in a short period of time. The specialist platoons particularly benefitted with extra space and more ammunition than they are accustomed to in BAOR. This phase also provided the Ops Room at Crowfoot with the unenviable task of controlling all vehicle movement on the prairie with up to six red templates in operation at any one time. The proof of its success was that for the first time in many Medicine Man Exercises no firing time was lost through straying personnel.

The two attached 4/7 DG Sqs together with A and C Coys soon married up for the first Battle Group exercise, the Second in Command's (Maj Julian Lacey) night river crossing which also included a long march and dawn attack on a seemingly impenetrable position.

Following this, company and squadron exercises then started with Ex Goshawk which culminated in an assault on a full size Soviet Motor Rifle Company position, consisting of a maze of trenches and targets. The Commanding Officer's dry exercise practised the Battle Group in advance and attack and trialled our new Orders Cards and the Pompadours own vocabulary of Batspeak.

On Friday 13th, all elements began to dig in for Ex Alamein, the five day exercise which tested all aspects of BATUS training. After 13 days on the prairie, the Battle Group was running like a well oiled machine and no matter how fast the directing staff threw problems at us, the objectives were soon achieved. So much so that we had to wait for the Canadian Air Force before the final attack could begin.

One of the most difficult parts of the exercise began here with the handover of all equipment to the 1 QLR Battle Group. To the credit of all involved, particularly Capt Les Ingham's Q team and the drivers, everything was completed on schedule and the R and R period began. The maintenance record was said to be the best ever seen at BATUS thanks to the REME and vehicle crews.

R and R was taken chiefly at the water slide and cultural establishments in Medicine Hat, Calgary, the Rockies and Banff with some intrepid travellers

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Change of CO

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visiting Expo 86 in Vancouver or Disneyland in Los Angeles.

While the majority of the battalion were in Canada, B Coy were exercising in Denmark — the subject of a separate report.

On our return to Minden we embarked on our second major work programme within a month and full PRE, before the APCs were put aside until our return from Belfast next March.

On 15 Jul the Pompadours said farewell to Lt Col Colin Groves and welcomed our new Commanding Officer Lt Col Alan Behagg MBE.

Having enjoyed leave in August, the Northern Ireland training for our operational tour to West Belfast began in earnest.

After the redistribution of personnel, to comply with the various Op Banner ORBATs and an excellent NITAT package, the command element moved to Senelager for a further week of TEWTS, lessons and demonstrations. Even while the main recce to Belfast was in progress, individual and company training was under way which included all the basic Op Banner drills plus ECM, first aid, driver training, search awareness, CCTV, terrorist recognition, signals, watchkeeper training, fitness and shooting to name but a few.

Additionally a number of CPXs and FTXs have been conducted to continue and confirm the training and numerous courses and cadres have been taking place including a Potential NCOs Cadre.

The battalion has had a variety of most welcome visitors during the past four months including the Divisional Brigadier (Brig C. M. J. Barnes), the Divisional Commander (Maj Gen M. F. Hobbs), 11 Armoured Brigade Commander (Brig R. N. Wheeler) and a group of trainee reporters and journalists.

In addition we have hosted five Officer Cadets, 10 Potential Officers, plus Felsted and Gresham Schools. A particularly enjoyable visit was from six members of the Thurrock branch of the Essex and Royal Anglian Old Comrades Association led by Capt Charles Barnes and Mr Harry Conn. They brought their new association Standard for the battalion to see for the first time. The highlight of the visit was the presentation by Capt Barnes of his Military Cross to the battalion which will hang with pride in the Officers Mess.

The Band and Corps of Drums have had a particularly busy period with the Minden Massed Bands bi-annual presentation of music to the Stadt, playing at the BRIXMIS anniversary in Potsdam and the Berlin Tattoo.



'Compensation' for B Coy

EXERCISE Odin Pompadour gave B Coy two weeks' discounted training in Denmark as 'compensation' for not going with the battalion to Canada.

The OC, Maj Duthoit, spent three days in late March receiving the training facilities and meeting the 1st Bn The Danish Lifeguards. The recce confirmed that the exercise would best be aimed at the lower levels of command, and was consequently broken down into three phases: a dry-training CRW exercise; a dismounted conventional warfare phase, including live firing; and R and R.

The first couple of days of the exercise were spent settling into the barracks of the Danish Lifeguards. A joint parade was held and their CO formally

welcomed B Coy to Denmark.

1st Coy of the Lifeguards were tasked to assist in our training and an enjoyable day was spent familiarizing both coys with each others' equipment — the Lifeguards being equipped with the M113 APC.

The dry training phase took place on the local training area and the Danish LO was surprised to see the exercise start with a 20km night infiltration patrol by platoons. It consisted of three platoon patrol bases with the platoons carrying out search and destroy operations against each other. The finale involved dawn attacks by 1st Coy and the Lifeguards on each of our platoon locations.

The weekend was spent under the direction of the LO and the

company visited Copenhagen and toured the Danish Resistance/War Museum, the Lifeguard Museum, the Royal Palace and other national monuments.

Week two was field firing based on the Jaegerpris Training Area by the coast. The exercise started with a joint Danish/British patrol phase which included a 2km assault boat trip across a fjord, and there was no doubt that the Viking history had passed down its watermanship skills to the present generation.

The field firing included a number of different ranges and the opportunity to shoot with the Danish weapons; the .50 Browning being a firm favourite with B Coy. The most valuable aspect was a section attack range which gave the Lance Corporals a rare chance of leading a live section attack. Perhaps the high spot of this phase was a joint company barbecue where the Danes demonstrated the spit roasting of three pigs.

After the field firing there was a chance for some R and R and a one day sporting competition which included baseball, football, an assault course, athletics and an obstacle race. A good natured "draw" was announced at the conclusion.

Some further visits around the city were arranged, of which by far the most popular was the one to the Carlsberg beer factory, but as the factory produces six million bottles a day, even B Coy were unable to make a real impression on production.

8 Jun and the long drive back to Germany came all too soon, but the Odin Pompadour trip will be remembered by B Coy as one of their most enjoyable exercises, and it can only be hoped that the battalion can host the Danes on a reciprocal basis to try and return some of their outstanding hospitality.

Demonstrating a flexible response in Op Banner training



Hot pursuit in Op Banner training.

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Top left: Pte Otho-Briggs completes Op Banner training during the PNCOs Cadre.

Above: No holds barred for PNCOs.

Left: Alert on Op Banner training.

Below: Op Banner training.



Capt Charles Barnes presents his Military Cross to the CO.



News from the 5th Battalion



Cpl Reed, wondering whether anyone will ever talk to him!



The band at camp — WO2 Beeding's A-Team at Otter

'If it's autumn it must be raining!'

TA SOLDIERING is rather like farming; it follows a seasonal pattern. TA lore says "If it's autumn, then it must be camp". It also says "If it's Otterburn, then it must be raining!"

Fortunately the latter proved not to be the case and the elements smiled on what is, to continue the farming metaphor, our annual harvest.

The build-up to camp normally runs across that fallow period in August known as 'Block leave'. This year saw the battalion's activities continue almost unabated. RAF Wittering received its traditional 'bloody nose' from the recon platoon's invasion at what is fast becoming a popular event, (at least for the recon platoon) and valuable lessons were learned by both sides.

For the last weekend of August, the whole battalion moved to Salisbury Plain and carried out an advance to contact by helicopter and on foot, finishing with a battalion attack on Imber Village. Here 2 (Northamptonshire) Coy, led by Maj John Huggins, and acting as enemy on this exercise, put up fierce resistance. As one soldier from another company was heard to remark afterwards: "At least we know who the real enemy is now!"

Camp was a Brigade affair, with soldiers disappearing during week one to various cadre locations to train as snipers, assault pioneers, GPMG (SF) gunners and medics with the battalion running a Brigade signals cadre. The remainder of the battalion carried out live firing on the excellent infantry ranges at Otterburn. Field firing with live ammunition certainly sharpens up decision-making and by the end of the week, command and control, marksmanship, fieldcraft and, above all, confidence had improved enormously.

Officers who were not already range qualified were put through a range authorisation course: the rare spectacle of a section of company commanders in the attack is a majestic sight!

At the end of week one the battalion had its ARU and the GOC Eastern District, Maj Gen Charles Ram-

say, closely inspected the field firing, the Band and cadre training and was given lunch in the field by Cpl Bottomley and CSgt Alf Segarby from Corby, recalled to the colours for the occasion. We are pleased to say that the General appeared to be smiling when he left.

In week two, the emphasis shifted to field training in which the battalion's first task was patrolling. Half the battalion was lucky enough to be flown into position by the RAF before bad light stopped play, the remainder flying in by the all-too-familiar four ton Chinook!

Next came the NBC phase, during which the battalion was so slick with its warning and reporting procedures that the DS began to suspect we had tapped their line! The final phase was an advance to contact, aided once more by the RAF. Most companies got at least one chance to move up by Puma or Chinook. By the end of the exercise, feet were sore, limbs were aching and sleep was in short supply. Nevertheless, after a pint or two and some sleep that night the next day the battalion bounced back into action with a strenuous inter company march-and-shoot competition across the ranges.

At the end, prizes were presented by Commander 49 Inf Bde, Brig J. B. Greenway and the honours went to the 2 (Northamptonshire) Coy team led by 2Lt Tom Dormer. 2 Coy also won the D'Arcy Trophy for the best performance in Battalion Tackle Fitness Test, but couldn't catch HQ Coy, who won the Battalion Road Race on the middle Saturday with ease.

Brig Greenway also presented the battalion with the Howard Trophy, awarded to the Brigade unit with the highest placing at Bisleigh.

Camp concluded with a successful live shoot by the Milan Pl. The night shoot was particularly spectacular, supported as it was by GPMG (SF), firing simultaneous DF tasks.

Autumn has arrived and with it, some new faces. From the Vikings we welcome Maj David Spalding, our new Quartermaster. We also welcome a newly-



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THE TERRITORIAL ARMY — IT PAYS TO BELONG!



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12Lt Ken Lacey, already well known in and beyond in shooting circles. We return of Maj Nick Kelsey from the gild arrived with two pairs of virgin boots one gets dirty!). He will take over as 2IC for Horrell who is moving to HQ 54 Infantry as the SO2(V). We wish him well in his new post.

ay farewell to Capt Ron Crampton our gh Laughton and Lt Nigel Jones from 1 chard Meads and Gareth Rhys-Williams and our Padre, Mike Brawn and Maj l, OC 5 (HSF) Coy, and offer our con- to WO2 Binley on being awarded his ant's certificate for service with HQ Coy.

camp is over, there has been no slackening we are in the throes of a major recruiting which will ensure that the battalion is fully or Exercise Keystone in BAOR next year 2 HSF Companies are brought fully up to

summer, the Royal Anglian Band (TA) with its busy programme throughout the nities. Undoubtedly the highlight was July ased for the Queen and the Duke of Edin- ay: opening of the new West Ham Town

n with all TA Bands, the Band is in the ransferring to Group A which involves eing trained as Regimental Medical his is due to be completed by 1 Apr 89 they began their medical training under ig, the new Permanent Staff Instructor; truments they were handling during that l mostly medical, they showed that they e of their skills and gave two fine perfor- e 5th and 7th Battalions' Regimental Din- After camp they had their five-yearly Inspection.



LCpl Francis gets out of the sun.



Cpl Salesbury of 2 (Northamptonshire) Coy doing what comes naturally.



Col Bill Packenham Walsh, retiring secretary of TAVRA East Anglia, presents CSgt Duncan with first prize after the battalion road race.

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News from the 6th Battalion



Cpl Baker (QARANC), Cpl Oleszczuk (CO's driver) and LCpl Hunns (HQ Coy storeman and driver) preparing the evening meal for 25 hungry officer cadets on the Eastern District Phase 2 course run by the battalion in September.



Cpl Overall, Sgt Hesketh, Sgt Rivett and LCpl Crisp (C Coy's Q party at camp 86) caught red-handed as they share a quiet moment behind the scenes during the final exercise.



LCpl Baumbach (C Coy) receives the CO's Prize for his section's performance in the Gaza Cup competition, at Wathgill on camp 86.



Each year at annual camp companies compete in a military skills march and shoot competition for the Gaza Cup. Winners, for the second successive year, were C Coy. The cup itself was originally presented by the Countess of Stradbroke to the Suffolk Cyclist Battalion.



With no Regular representation at Bisley this year it fell upon the TA to uphold Regimental pride. The 6th Bn enjoyed their best-ever year as winners of the Yorkshire Volunteer's Cup for the Henry Whitehead competition, second in the Daily Telegraph Aggregate Cup and finishing with three individuals in the TA 50. LCpl Rolph (ex 1 Bn) was third in the A class. Standing (l to r): WO2 Smart, CSgt Budds, Sgt Sinclair, LCpl Baumbach, WO2 (RQMS) Ranson, Sgt Neill. Kneeling (l to r): LCpl Rolph, Sgt Brunton-Douglas, Sgt Willars, LCpl Thompson.



Pte Randall shows Pte Perry and Cpl Roadley-Battin how easy it is to catch mortar bombs as they come out of the barrel. The mortar section took advantage of a slot on 1 R Anglian's mortar line whilst live-firing at STANTA in September.

News from the 6th Battalion



The RSM steps out with Potential NCO Cadre on Frog Hill, STANTA.

Guess who?



OC D Coy, Maj David Denson, tries something new in the FIBUA village at Catterick. Pte Buckle looks on and makes sure that the OC tries it all the way.



GUESS WHO? The first Guess Who? competition was such an outstanding success that we have decided to continue it with two pictures this issue. From literally hundreds of replies the lucky winners of Guess Who? 1/B6 were 1.Cpln Toville and Almslie from D Coy who correctly identified Maj Reeve.

Two prizes will be on offer. The first prize will be an all expenses paid weekend for two people in the Bu CP on Ex Sea Dragon at the end of October. The second prize will be an all expenses paid trip for two people in A echelon on the same exercise. Answers please to the Adjutant 6 R Anglian.



Above: The Chief Clerk emerging triumphantly from the Orderly Room having chosen the winner of the battalion "typist of the year" competition. Well done Chief!

Left: Families' day at Basingbourn. Mrs Morley, organiser of the children's races with three prize winners.

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News from the 7th Battalion

Visitors welcomed during our two weeks at Warcop



WELL OVER 500 men attended a very pleasant fortnight in Warcop, including, for the first time, our HSF Company.

The first week was spent in live firing and although the temperatures were well below freezing at night this was more than compensated for by the clear fine days of beautiful sunshine. The battalion hosted many visiting dignitaries: Lt Gen Sir John Akehurst, Maj Gen Sir David Thorne (Director of Infantry) and Maj Gen C. A. Ramsey. Lt Gen Akehurst presented medals to Maj Martin Mee (TD), Sgt Felstead (TEM), WO2 (SPSI) Smith (LS and GC) and one, dear no doubt to the General's heart, the Steelback Trophy to Sgt Shaw.

Finally, towards the end of the second week, we were visited by Mr Roger Freeman MP — Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Armed Forces).

The second week included three 36-hour exercises sponsored by our battalion, the 5th Battalion and 1 Mercian. Once again the weather held, even at notorious Otterburn, and the lack of sleep was more than compensated for by the satisfaction of having completed three mini-exercises to a high standard and under considerable pressure. The general consensus within the battalion was that this year was one of the best camps for a very long time.

The battalion has had a major drive on recruiting throughout the whole of the area and to this end has had a series of employers and "bring a friend" evenings. Although the response has been sketchy, employers who came have been impressed by what they saw and were given an insight into the work of the Territorial Army. In June the battalion first eleven spent a pleasant, if hard working time, in Germany, and were kindly loaned the facilities of the 3rd Battalion Mess which we shared with the year party of the 3rd Battalion and the Officers of 5th Battalion.

Congratulations to newly commissioned officers Ian Mendis, Christopher Coward and Peter Starcevic all from D Coy, Tim Hallett LDY Coy and Mathew Ellis A Coy.

The Bisley team, under the direction of Sgt Pancost and administered by Sgt Polston continue their build up under the leadership of Capt Mallett.

Five years ago the then Commanding Officer decreed that the battalion would win Bisley. It entered that year and from a very humble beginning is working its way up to the Dragon Trophy. The team achieved 18th place, our best yet. 2Lt Ian Mitchell was equal first in the Kinnaird Trophy and the team were fourth in the China Cup Section Match and fifth in the Mullions Trophy — a very creditable result overall.

A-COY

The highlight of the season was the victory of 3 Pl in the battalion inter platoon competition. Lt Jim Freeman lead his 15-man patrol in very hot weather around the hills and dales of the Leek Training Area arriving at their final checkpoint on the first evening for a delicious meal of chicken. The only problem was that the QM had forgotten to pluck and cook the chicken! It is becoming such an annual event for A Coy to win the inter platoon competition that they are considering only loaning it back to the rest of the battalion.

Another bright spot of the period was the running of an in-house battalion recruit cadre sponsored again by A Coy. This was forced upon us by our successful recruiting campaign in late 85 and Spring 86 which found the battalion with such a surplus of recruits, that we were oversubscribed for our available slots at Depot Queens Division.

The CO decreed that we would run our own cadre. Although time was short, a suitable venue was found at 16 AD Regt, Kirton Lindsey who kindly offered all the support we needed. After a fortnight of very hard work the new recruits finally passed out. The spirit and comradeship during the cadre was unmatched and this could well be because it was run on a Regimental basis.

It is rumoured that the RSM broke his pace stick trying to emulate the world champion pace stick holders, the Coldstream Guards!! The culmination of the cadre was the passing out parade and prizing by Brig J. B. K. Greenway attended by recruits' families.

Our thanks go to the instructors, CSgt Jones — A Coy OPSI, WO2 Harvey (D Coy), CSgt Preston, Sgt Bee and Sgt Shaw.

D-(NORTHAMPTONSHIRE) COY

D Coy have seen changes in hierarchy over the last few months. It commenced with the posting of WO2 Wilson to the 3rd Battalion as RQMS. The company wishes him all the best for the future. CSgt Scott was promoted to WO2 (SPSI).

Maj David Williams left to become Bn 21C and Capt Dan Sweeney was appointed Company Commander. The new cadets centre at Daventry was completed and we hope this will assist our recruiting and retention of new people in the Daventry area.

In August the company took part in an abseiling exercise with 15 men leaping off the top of the Northampton Express Lift Tower, known to all friends of Terry Wogan as the Northampton light-house, to raise more than £600 for the Northampton Premature Baby Unit at the General Hospital. The



Above: PSAC's at camp. From left: K. S. Bruton, A Coy (37 years), P. McNaughton, B Coy (43 years), Lt Gen Sir John Akehurst, A. T. Amos, D Coy (21 years), J. B. Aston, Bn HQ (39 years) and M. N. J. Dawes, LDY Coy (27 years).

Left: Medal presentation at Warcop. From left: Lt Col D. Harris, Sgt Felstead, WO2 (SPSI) Smith, Lt Gen Sir John Akehurst and Maj Mee.

Below left: The CO introduces Mr Roger Freeman MP to the RSAA.

Below: The Director of Infantry meets Maj Newmarch during Ex Polar Bear 2.



News from the 7th Battalion



Recruit Cadre prizewinners with the Brigadier and CO. Left, best recruit Pte Holmes (A Coy); centre, best shot Pte O'Donnell (B Coy); right, most improved recruit Pte Collins (D Coy).



Battalion golf meeting — joint first Sgt Wightman and the RSM

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event was organised by CSM Stuart and Cpl Josleyne.

Sgt Innes continues to run his triathlons and on the Steelback Competition held at annual camp he came in 5th despite running an extra 5km.

WO2 Stuart was selected to train with the National Guard in Virginia for a fortnight in June. He is now trying to teach D Coy to sing as they march!

HQ COY

In June the Mortar Pl attended the 49 Inf Bde mortar concentration where they performed very well under the guidance of WO2 Proud and CSgt Phillips. The coy adventure training is coming along apace under Sgt Williams and Cpl Nunn, and we hope they can get all

the coy away in 1987.

The Izzer marches, held annually in Belgium, were attended by WO2 "GG" Smith and his party assisted by CSgt Galbraith. They put on a fine showing and featured well in local newspapers.

One of the highlights of this year was the USNG and TA annual exchanges. One of the battalion representatives was WO2 (CSM) Taylor who visited 109 Bn USNG in Pennsylvania. He was most generously looked after and returned stocked up on war stories which he has dined out on since his visit. Most unusually for HQ Coy, one of our soldiers was nominated Best Recruit at the Depot Queens Division; well done Pte Chiew and keep up the hard work. He is now reaching the Signal Pl how to do the job properly!

The Mortar and Recce Platoons carried out a loading trial for HQ 49 Inf Bde in August/September. The upshot was the disturbing revelation that they can either go to war with their equipment, or men, but not both. More will follow on this topic — we hope!

Finally, the Drums Pl under the tuition of Drum Major Stamp is growing, and going from strength to strength. They held a two week cadre during the summer camp period and, in October, attended a Corps of Drums Weekend at Litchfield. It is hoped to double their numbers before the middle of next year, and to fully equip them during the next six months. The platoon is very keen to get as much experience as possible, and would be very grateful for any help offered by other Drums platoons.



WO2 (CSM) Taylor on exercise in the USA with the National Guard.



Preparing to go over the top — Cpl Josleyne, LCpl Pritchard and WO2 (CSM) Stuart

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The Musketry Officer eagerly anticipating the issue of the SA80 pamphlets.



The CO presents Pte Tibble with the Colonel of the Regiment's prize for best Royal Anglian shot in Minden Pl. Pte Tibble is now with 3rd Bn in Minden.



Lt Col M. K. Goldschmidt receives Command of the Depot from Lt Col C. M. B. Wellwood RRF.



"Officers' Mess" — high angle — loy" Cpl Elliott (3rd Bn) instructs Ptes Willey (3rd), Lilley (2nd) and Hughes (3rd) on the finer points of the 51mm Mortar.

Many changes as RITO take effect

AFTER a lengthy absence from these pages, the Depot is pleased to force itself back into the recognition that it is very much part of the Regiment.

The Depot continues to evolve and many of the institutional changes which have occurred over the last year are the direct result of the Reorganization of the Individual Training Organization (RITO) which has affected most other similar establishments.

The Depot has always been a multi-cap badge unit with the balance of power in terms of ranks and quantities continually shifting. Twelve months ago the CO, Adjutant, QM, RSM, and all training company commanders were Fusiliers; today the Queen's Regiment provides the majority of the field officers, but in July the Royal Anglian Regiment took control when the post of CO was assumed by Lt Col Michael Goldschmidt, who relieved Lt Col Colin Wellwood RRF.

Despite there being only three other Royal Anglian officers here (all of whom are training subalterns), the Regiment is extremely well represented in terms of quantity and quality by its WO's and Sergeants, and indeed by all its permanent staff.

The principal changes to life at the Depot arising from RITO have been: the removal of all our junior soldiers to the retitled Junior Infantry Battalion (JIB) at Shorncliffe (which also continues to train junior leaders but will now no longer be often mis-titled 'JILB'); the transfer of all junior bandmen training to the JLR RAC at Bovington; the alteration in numbers, duration and content of drummers' training; the end of recruit training here for the RAVC; and the advent of Royal Pioneer Corps (RPC) adult recruit training (previously carried out at Northampton).

The largest proportion of the Regular Army training load at the

Depot is now directed towards adult recruit training (Phase 1 (Common Military Syllabus (Recruits)), of eight weeks, to turn a civilian into a soldier; and Phase 2 (Special to Arm Infantry) at 11 weeks, to turn a soldier into a rifleman.

The move of junior soldier training to JIB Shorncliffe has had the most marked effect on the training balance at the Depot, and has accordingly seen the demise of the RAEC, WRVS and adventurous training staff, all of whom are sadly missed.

Those junior soldiers now undergo a 20-week course at Shorncliffe which includes the eight-week Phase 1 training syllabus; on leaving JIB, they move to Basingstoke where, as "returning juniors" they undergo the 11-week Phase 2 syllabus before passing out as adult recruits. Those returning juniors who show aptitude to be drummers spend some 23 weeks at Basingstoke, encompassing the Phase 2 syllabus and 12 weeks of pure musical training.

The RPC arrived at the Depot in strength in Sep 85 and became C Coy. For the first nine months they ran their own Phase 1 and Phase 2 training, with RPC instructors training only RPC recruits.

For a variety of reasons this was clearly uneconomical, and since May 86 integration has been taking place whereby RPC and Queen's Division regiments' instructors are mixed throughout the training companies, - training mixed platoons of Queens, RRF, Royal Anglian and Pioneer recruits (what the CO calls "The Big Four"). The resulting mix is working efficiently and is more cost-effective all round.

The quirks of the Manning and Recruiting Organizations' requirements (encapsulated in the SCAMPE figures) indicate that from Oct 86 to Mar 87 the Depot will train 92 for Queens, 50 for RRF, 17 (yes, seventeen) for the Royal Anglian Regiment, and 190 for the RPC; so the full integration of Pioneers' instructors and recruits is essential to cope with that recruit mix.

In late November we look forward to the arrival of Maj Peter Ferrary from HQ 1 Armed Div. This will give us one training company commander per cap badge of "the Big Four", a healthy balance.

Maj Ferrary will take over D Coy, the busiest company at the Depot in terms of student throughput. It trains the returning juniors and the drummers, and runs all the cadres at the Depot (eg Pre-PCBC), the majority of which are associated with TA. This year, for the second time, it will run a week-long cadre in November for the MOD-sponsored Selective Training of Army Reservists (STAR).

In amplification of the TA theme of the last edition of Castle, the commitment of the Depot for TA training is extensive. There are some 15 TA recruit cadres per year, each of which has the capacity of 100 recruits; in a short but very demanding two week course the recruit is instructed in all basic military skills culminating in a short tactical exercise. In addition the Depot runs TA Potential JNCO, Section Commander, Platoon Sergeant, Potential Officer Basic and Tactics & Leadership courses.

So, in a TA soldier's career, he is likely to be trained at the Depot several times; he will always be welcome.

Those who have only paid flying visits to Basingstoke or who have been here as part of their training may not have realised the relatively complex administration that the Depot requires to keep it running. Apart from the cap badges of "The Big Four", there are unarguably more "other ones" than would be found in a battalion. Furthermore,

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CSM Pollitt showing slight frustration over a question of signals.

Depot. J.I.B. Allied Regts. R.I.T. Cadets

Student awards

CURRENTLY the following undergraduates are commissioned into the Regiment, in the case of cadets, and accepted for the Regiment, in the case of bursars:

Cadets

2Lt Richard Colgan (Warwick and at Manchester), 2Lt Neil Cooper (Vale of Ancholme and at LSE), 2Lt Nicholas Crawshaw (Uppingham, Essex and at RMAS), 2Lt Andrew Foster (The Leys and at Manchester), 2Lt Lance Gerrard-Wright (Haileybury and at Sheffield), 2Lt David Halsall (Wellington School and at London), 2Lt Christopher Kemp (Stamford, Lampeter and at RMAS), 2Lt Nicholas Nottingham (Haileybury and at Durham), 2Lt Desmond O'Driscoll (Brentwood, Manchester and at RMAS).

Bursars

Ian Astley (Chigwell and at Durham), Richard Cook (Framlingham and at Nottingham), Victor Gysin (Welbeck and at Bradford), James Hart (Fosters and at London Institute of Archaeology), Anthony Haynes (Felsted and at West London Institute of Higher Education), Mark Kitto (Stowe and at London SOAS), Simon Langton (Real HS and at Lancaster Polytechnic), Paul Marshall (Warwick and at Southampton), Stuart Robertson (Newport and at Plymouth Polytechnic), Jeremy Ross (Stamford, Gorton and at RMAS), Ben Runciman (Kings, Ely and at Sussex), Henry Simpson (Framlingham and at Nottingham), Duncan Smith (Westcliffe and at Lancaster), Christopher Stephenson (Oundle and at Gorton), Robert Stoddart (Berkhamsted and at Essex).

Lake Superior hand over

LT Col Barry Wilson CD handed over command of the Lake Superior Scottish to Lt Col David Wilkie CD on 1 Nov 86. Lt Col Wilson visited RHQ during his period in command and we look forward to a visit from his successor.

Newly-weds Cpl Kretay (on leave) and LCpl Kretay (still at work) with thoughts on... Minden.

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we couldn't survive without the cheerful contribution of our uniformed servicemen, of whom there are 20 filling such posts as JIC HQ Coy/Edn Offr, cooks, drivers, clerks, pay clerks, Post Cpl RE, medical and dental orderlies. Nor could we manage without our civilian staff who fill over 100 established posts.

Two of the newer men are the Budget Accountants who keep track of the spending and assist the CO in allocating and monitoring his Executive Responsibility Budget and Staff Responsibility Budget.

In the training arena we are now entering an exciting phase with the introduction of new weapons and equipment. Very shortly we expect to receive delivery of our first batch of SA80. Plans are being made to backload SLRs at a rapid rate to make room for SA80 in the armouries, though some SLRs will be retained indefinitely to cater for TA courses. Pamphlets are ready for issuing; the task of training the trainer is under way.

The 51mm mortar has now replaced the old 2 inch and, with a surprisingly generous ammunition allocation, is adding to field exercises and giving recruits and platoon commanders alike something with which to experiment. We expect the new non-steel helmet



Schools at Bisley

84 SCHOOLS took part in the 1986 Bisley including many of our sponsored or affiliated schools, some of whose achievements appear below:

	Greshams	Kimbolton	Oundle	Uppingham
Cadet Pairs	1st			3rd
Cadet Fours	1st			3rd
Country Life 500*		2nd		
Public Schools				
Snap Shooting		2nd	1st	
The Marling		3rd		1st
The Devon				
Public Schools				
Aggregate	3rd		1st	

The Eastern District Challenge Shield North went to Oundle and South to Bedford.

In the Schools Hundred, N. Booth of Bedford was first, A. Hume of Greshams fourth and A. Wright of Oundle fifth. A further 25 cadets from schools affiliated to the Regiment were in the top 100 and are to be congratulated on being able to wear NRA Schools Hundred badges.



Competition success for Matthew

The RCO with Haileybury Cadets after the Military Skills competition. Matthew Walden won the Regimental Shield. On his right is Chris Nottingham, brother of Nick, who is to join the Regiment from university.

Hectic time for Salamanca Coy

LIFE has been hectic but fun in Salamanca Company with the permanent staff organising expeditions to various parts of Europe. Jldr Tomlinson (Poacher) disappeared to the Pyrenees and took part in a hair-raising white water canoeing trip.

Jldr Ellard (Pompador), Jldrs Watret, Cross, Vangucci, Powell (Poachers) joined Lt Fell (Poacher) and Cpl Millwood (Pompador) in a climbing expedition to Andorra and visited the Mediterranean beaches and also spent time in Paris.

Climbing trips are made every two months to Wales as well as adventure training trips to Cornwall and Snowdonia. These tend to break up the long 42 weeks of military training and give the permanent staff a rest.

(Pompador) are planning to take a few Royal Anglians to Morocco to climb the Jebel Toulkal range of peaks (17,000 feet) early next year. The rest of the Royal Anglian permanent staff are at the moment busy with second term juniors and Sgts Dowling and Hickey (Pompadors) Cpls Sinar (Poacher), Allen and Gant (Vikings) are hard at work trying not to despair. CSgt Wharton (Viking) is our COMS trying to keep us supplied with all the various needs of a company at JIB.

Life is a mixture of hard work and of great opportunities for sports and adventure training here on the South Coast, and even in winter the sea can be used for many activities. We're all off for a fortnight's skiing in Andorra this winter so we've a lot to look forward to.

CCF / ACF activities

Visits: The 3rd Battalion have hosted visits by Felsted and Greshams CCFs in 1986 and the RIT will provide help this year with field days at the Depot for Felsted, Greshams, Uppingham, Stamford, Langley, Ipswich, Aldenham and Merchant Taylors. Cricket: The results of Regimental fixtures against schools are recorded elsewhere. We were very pleased

that so many potential officers made time to join the Regimental team, including Mark Gallop (King's School, Ely), Ben Cooper (Felsted), Anthony Haynes (Felsted), Lance Gerrard-Wright (Haileybury), James Gregory (St. Albans) and Danny Griggs (Felsted). Danny Griggs scored 163 not out against Framlingham — a Regiment record!

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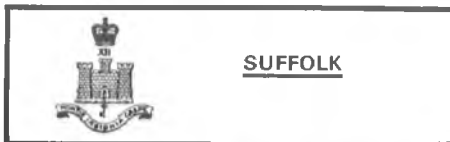
Above: Suffolk at a PoW Reunion at Ely.



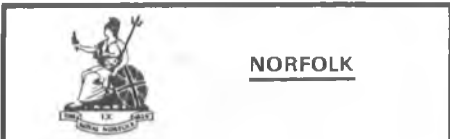
Left: On Minden Day Mr Jack Doughty (right) presented a portrait of Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, to Lt Gen Sir Richard Goodwin (left), President of the Suffolk Regiment OCA. Col Heal and Mr Doughty are seen here holding the portrait which was reproduced from a picture in the 1st Battalion Oakington Tercentenary programme. The portrait will hang in The Keep, Gibraltar Barracks.

Above right: The Bury St. Edmunds branch of the Regimental Association march past on Battle of Britain Sunday.

Right: At the Minden Reunion dance of the T.A. Centre, Blenheim Camp, Bury St. Edmunds, a new Standard for the Bury St. Edmunds and District Branch of the Suffolk Regiment OCA was presented by Mr Jack Doughty (left). It was received by branch president, Maj Tom Warren. Picture by Bury Free Press.



SUFFOLK



NORFOLK

AT THE annual reunion dinner of the Royal Norfolk Regiment on 27 Sep in Norwich, about 180 former members bade farewell to the retiring president of the Regimental Association, Brig Peter Barclay and welcomed new president Maj Gen Sir David Thorne, who presided at the dinner.

Maj Gen Sir David Thorne said that Brig Barclay had been president of the Association for some 28 years but had had to restrict his Regimental activities lately because of ill health.

Gen Thorne reminded members of the highlights of Brig Barclay's career, which covered more than 57 years. In pre-war years he had served in India and Gibraltar and during the Second World War he commanded 4th Lincolns in Normandy and the 1st Royal Norfolk from Jan 45-47.

He won the first Military Cross awarded during the Second World War and the DSO in 1944.

In post war years he served in Canada, commanded a Parachute Brigade and ended

his active career as Deputy Commander, East Anglian District.

Following his retirement in 1961, Brig Peter became actively involved in the Playing Fields Association and in St John Ambulance, Norfolk, of which he was successively the County Commissioner and Commander.

In making the presentation to Brig Barclay of a wrought-iron firescreen embellished with the badge of the Royal Norfolk Regiment and inscribed to mark the occasion, General Thorne thanked the Brigadier for his splendid service and for his inspiring and forceful leadership, which had always been tempered with a strong sense of humour and compassion.

Brig Barclay thanked Maj Gen Sir David Thorne and members of the Association. It had been a great honour to have led the Royal Norfolk Association for many years and it had given him great pleasure and satisfaction.

Continuing his after dinner speech, General Thorne referred to the successful operations



Maj Gen Sir David Thorne, Brig Peter Barclay and Lt Col Alex Turnbull

of the present county Regiment, the 1st Battalion the Royal Anglian Regiment, now in Londonderry, where the battalion is completing a two-year tour before moving to Gibraltar at the end of this year. He commended Lt Col Michael Walker and members of his battalion for their outstanding performance in maintaining the traditions and high standards of their founder Regiments.

The General paid tribute to Volunteers of A(Norfolk) Coy

of the 6th Battalion based in Norwich for the splendid support that they had given to the activities organised by the Royal Norfolk Regiment Association during the year and he thanked OC A Coy, Maj William Prince, who was a guest at the dinner.

Benevolent Fund

General Thorne stated that the Regimental Benevolent Fund had provided during the past year financial assistance to some 89 former members and

families of the Regiment. Total grants exceeded £4,000.

The General referred to the Regiment's 22 War Memorial cottages at Norwich and King's Lynn, which are occupied by disabled former soldiers of the Regiment. A recent amendment to the Trust would enable former soldiers of the successor Regiments — the East Anglian and Royal Anglian Regiments, to be eligible for accommodation in the cottages.

Heritage Appeal

General Thorne also referred to the progress of the Royal Norfolk Military Heritage Appeal, the aim of which was to raise £150,000 for moving and re-displaying the Regimental museum collection from Britannia Barracks into the City of Norwich.

The value of the appeal, launched in Jun 85, under the chairmanship of Maj David Jamieson, VC, was now £85,000 plus.

The General hoped that the Norfolk Joint Museums Committee would be able to confirm at an early date how much accommodation is to be allocated to house the collection in its new home so that the museum design consultants would be able to complete their feasibility study to provide drawings of proposed displays, dioramas etc., which might then be offered to local firms and organisations for sponsorship as a means of boosting funds for the appeal.

Church service

The Association church service was held in the Regimental Chapel, Norwich Cathedral on 28 Sep, conducted by the Regimental Chaplain, Canon Wynter Blathwayt. The lessons were read by General Thorne and the address was by the Bishop of Thetford, the Rt Rev Timothy Dudley-Smith.

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News from the branches

THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE Regimental Chapel fund has now reached £8,000 and the trustees have decided to use only the income on improvements and maintenance. Improvements will consist of renewing the lighting, lifting the Regimental Badge to a more prominent position and installing a designation board explaining the chapel and the Regiment.

Members of the Cambridgeshire Regiment OCA and families were invited to a range day by D Coy on 3 Aug which was well attended in spite of being Minden Day. The weather was terrible, with driving rains and wind and the competition between the OCA and the Company was replaced with a straight competition which was won by Capt J. R. Baggeley.

The scroll and casket of the Wisbech Freedom which was presented to the Cambridgeshire Regiment has now been refurbished and passed to the Ely Museum. A new road at Whittlesey is to be named after Canon Noel Duckworth with a plaque explaining the history. Whittlesey branch is dedicating the new standard on 31 May 87.

Mrs Rawden Briggs has retired from the Lord Lieutenants County Remem-



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brance Fund and has been replaced by Mrs G. W. Crookenden of Fitzroy Farm, Reach.

Mr Claude Smith has resigned as treasurer of the Wisbech branch and has been replaced by Mr Horace Plich until the AGM. Their standard at Ely was carried by Mr Bill Evans and Mr Ken Garner laid the

wreath.

The 6th (Volunteer) Battalion, the Royal Anglian Regiment have invited the Association to present them with a Cambridgeshire Regimental Shield to adorn their headquarters at Blenheim Camp, Bury St Edmunds and this is being prepared by Artificer Roy Hitch.

Maj D. Hoslam leads the Old Comrades at the Regiment's annual service at Ely Cathedral on 15 Jun 86.

County question

Dear Sir —

At different times I have been asked questions regarding Cambridgeshire and its county regiment. To put matters to right on the subject I enclose details which will assure members of the Royal Anglian Regiment that Cambridgeshire did have a regular line regiment until 1881.

The old 30th Foot, raised in 1689, became the 1st Cambridgeshire when county titles were conferred. Its record was second to none and the battle honour "Gibraltar 1704-5" was emblazoned on its Colours. An act passed in 1881 affected a great many old regiments in the way of loss of county titles.

The Cambridgeshire, 30th Foot, became the East Lancashire Regiment and all battle honours passed on to the new regiment. At Salamanca the 30th captured an Eagle from a French regiment, so the old pun of the — "Eagles Fly High", well known in the old Essex Regiment, could apply to Cambridgeshire. Strange to relate, honours on the Royal Anglian Colours are some of the old 30th, in all eighteen before 1881.

Yours sincerely,
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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

67 years, and the 3rd Hussars none for 66 years, the author wrote:

"In contrast to these glittering Regiments, the Northamptonshire Regiment, whose forbears had fought in Canada, Egypt, Spain, New Zealand and South Africa, had no Colonel-in-Chief, its Colonel was not even a Knight (which was most unusual) and none of its 63 officers was titled. However, four had passed the Staff College and one had won the VC. It was the kind of Regiment a serious officer seeking an active career would join."

On Sunday, the weather still in our favour, Comrades were on the move early and by 9.15 am were arriving at Gibraltar Barracks.

130 Comrades paraded under Lt Col Peter Worthy and headed by the Band and Drums of the 5th Battalion marched to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre for their annual memorial service.

The Regiment's wreath was presented at the altar by Lt Gen Sir John Akehurst, who also read the lesson. The address was given by the Rev John Galbraith, a former padre to the 48th/58th in Korea and Hong Kong.

After the service the Comrades marched back to Gibraltar Barracks, giving an "Eyes Right" to General Akehurst before going their various ways; the Comrades to be entertained in the Regimental Club, the officers and their guests to Simpson Barracks for their sherry party and buffet lunch.

Certain deficiencies in our Regimental knowledge were

made good on 11 Aug as we listened to Radio Norfolk's programme "Focus on People" featuring In-

Pensioners Joe Woodhouse, Sandy Pell and newcomer William Chatterton. Joe and Sandy reminisced on THAT frontier — the one where the bazaar sign proclaimed "GOD SAVE THE ALLWAYS KING" and where the only available Khyber was the "Postmaster's Daughter".

And where, according to H. G. Pell, in the tense situation of the Khaisora Valley Operations, the order was given: "Every man for himself — and that was it". As one mother said when told that her soldier son had been decorated for bravery in the field: "It must have been a terrible big field".

William Chatterton, who had been specially hand-picked by his North Staffordshire CO to proceed to the 48th and fight the Japanese, confined his anecdotes to the adventures of his mule and himself on operations in Bishenpur and the Silchar Track. We have a tape recording of the programme which, encased in a lead casket, will probably be deposited for posterity in the National Archives.

Fifty years ago on 2 Nov 36, the 48th marched into Razmak at the start of what was to become the most talked about, written about and bragged about 14 months in the Regiment's history since pigeons flew from Nenagh in 1920.

"For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?" 1 Corinth 14/8.



FROM 8-17 Aug 44, 2 Essex, as part of 56 Indep Bde, fought from the village of Oufflères, across the one remaining bridge over the River Orne at Le Bas, culminating in a stiff action in forest between Croisilles and Bas Brenil.

The picture, showing members of Thurrock Branch with (holding the Essex banners) Rene Ponsardin (with glasses) and M. Noblet, was taken at Oufflères on 14 Jun 86.



ESSEX

Rene joined up with 2 Essex at Oufflères in 1944 and, unpaid but wearing an Essex uniform, served in the Intelligence Section until the end of the war.

M. Noblet was then Cure de La Caire and a Resistance leader; he is now 100 years old. Standing behind M. Noblet is Rev Hugh Barrett Leonard who was the IO with 2 Essex.

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News from the branches



HERTFORD branch of the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association celebrated their golden jubilee at their annual dinner and dance, at Sele School, Hertford on 17 May.

The principle guests were Maj Gen J. A. Ward-Booth (fourth right), Deputy Colonel of the Royal Anglian Regiment, the chairman of the Beds and Herts Royal Anglian Regiment Association Brig A. Robertson (left) and the Mayor of Hertford, Councillor Martin Weale and the Mayoress Mrs Joyce Weale (centre left). Second left is the secretary of Hertford branch Mr Stan Mansfield, whose late father Mr Charles Mansfield, founded the branch 50 years ago.

Pictured (right) are Mr P. Jones, Hertford branch president and Mrs Jones, next to Mrs Ward-Booth.



BEDFORDSHIRE & HERTFORDSHIRE

Below, John Salazar, Sally de Blancy, Jean Salazar, Desmond and Pat Browne at Chateau Blancy, Switzerland, in July. Both served in the nearby amalgamated battalion from 1958 — 60 at Dortmund under John Barrow and in Malaya under Michael Holme.



The PSIs in Canada, left to right, WO2 Rod Allen, CSgt Warren Furbert, WO2 "Black" Bill Dowling, CSgt Henry Campbell, WO2 Nigel Hurrell, and WO1 Brian Bear.

'Hard life' in Bermuda

IN ARTICLES about Royal Anglians in Bermuda, golf and fishing seem to be the main occupation. Although some of both happen. Most time is spent in training the trainers of the conscript part-time Bermuda Regiment.

The British PSIs are each responsible for two companies' administration and training. The Regiment has been sending their own Bermudian PSIs on extended

courses in the UK and each British PSI now has a Bermudian to help. They are CSgts Warren Furbert, Henry Campbell and Sammy Moniz, whom some of you may have met in the UK.

As the main industry is tourism and it is a highly-populated island, live firing and tactical facilities are limited and the Regiment has to go abroad for the majority of such training. This year we have spent four weeks in Jamaica and two in Quebec with a PNCOs Cadre. The Jamaica trip gave each company two weeks intensive training, including live firing in tactical settings, CQB lanes, section fire and manoeuvre, ambushes, patrols and general section tactics. A final exercise also covered internal security operations which are the regiment's primary role. This was followed by two days R and R in Montego Bay! You have to take the rough with the smooth.

The Canada trip was a very intensive two weeks with the PNCOs being taken into the field from day one to be taught minor tactics and the art of living in the field. A 48-hour exercise was followed by an end of cadre party in Quebec and some R and R.

The British PSIs are actively involved in sport. WO2s "Black" Bill Dowling and Hurrell entered the island's circuit of 10K races and the Bermuda Day half-marathon. Both are busy training for this year's circuit which began in October. WO2 Rod Allen plays rugby regularly for one of the local sides and was picked for the Bermuda second XV to tour Atlanta but had to drop out due to injury. Both WO2s Allen and Dowling represented the Regiment in a team superstars competition at the US Naval Base, which consisted of a 200m swim, 200m boat race, 100m and 400m relays, gym skills, a four-mile run and a tug-of-war.

That should set the record straight as to what these over-worked Royal Anglians are up to. The fact that the best beaches on the island are only a stone's throw away from the camp and that it's 80 degrees in October, should be taken into consideration.

The island boasts no fewer than nine golf courses and the RSM WO1 Brian Bear, who has been known to beat WO2 Rod Allen at times, now has a handicap of 30 compared to Rod's which is 29!

Royal Anglians Down Under

By Mrs Jill Wilkinson

ON 3 AUG, the Old Comrades, descendants and friends attended a special service at the Garrison Church, Sydney, Australia, to commemorate the old British Regiments which served in Australia last century. The Rev Brian Seers officiated and the service was based on the service which was held at Bury St. Edmunds last year to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the 12th Suffolk Regiment.

After the service we went along to Victoria Barracks (where the 12th Regiment was stationed 1858-1863) for a very fine curry lunch at the Officers' Mess. A Regimental plaque, donated by the Suffolk OCA was presented to the Army Museum on behalf of the Regiment by Lt Col Phillip Morcombe.

Mr Ray Farrell, 3rd Auckland Regiment, New Zealand (an affiliated regiment of the Royal Anglian Regiment) made presentations to the Army Museum and the Officers' Mess on behalf of the 3rd Auckland Regiment of prints of the Maori Wars.

Those attending included: **Suffolk Regiment:** Lt Col Phillip Morcombe, Maj and Mrs Peter Forrest, Maj Ernie Morgan, Mr and Mrs Danny Biggs, Mr and Mrs Mick Meadows, Miss Alice Bevan, Mr Chris Wight, Mr and Mrs Nigel Wilkinson, and Mrs W Quirk (grand-daughter of Pte Wm. Osborne, 12th (East Suffolk) Regt. 1863).

Northamptonshire Regiment: Mr John Benn.

Auckland Regiment: Mr Ray Farrell.

It is hoped to hold another reunion in Sydney on 2 Aug 87 for past members of all the Regiments amalgamated into the Royal Anglian Regiment, who are now resident in Australia and New Zealand. If you know of anyone who might like to attend please ask them to contact: Mrs J. Wilkinson, 18 Oldfield Road, Seven Hills, NSW 2147, Australia.

(Editors Note: The names of known ex-members of the Regiment have been passed to Mrs Wilkinson who is the daughter of that well known Suffolk, Lt Col Monty Case).

Battlefields revisited

Normandy pilgrimage
4-11 Jun 86

This summer, former members and wives of the 1st and 7th Battalions of the Royal Norfolk Regiment visited the battlefields and war cemeteries in Normandy in three separate groups, including some 16 members of the DV (1st Battalion) Officers' Club led by Maj Gen Jack Dye, a party of 82 members of the 1st Battalion D-Day Veterans organised by Mr Bill Holden and some 20 former members of the 7th Battalion led by Maj David Jamieson VC.

1986 was a particularly good choice for the Regimental pilgrimage as it provided the veterans of both battalions with the opportunity to be present at the unveiling of the memorial to Cpl Sidney Bates VC at PAVEE (Sourdeval), and the memorial to the soldiers of the 7th Battalion at Grimboisq.

On 7 Jun, the Bates VC memorial of carved Cornish granite implanted with bronze replicas of the Britannia badge of the Regiment and the Victoria Cross was unveiled. At the ceremony some 100 French villagers, including the Mayor of Chenodolle, joined the Regimental party which included seven members of the Bates' family, including two brothers and Sidney Bates' nephew Christopher, who had built the memorial.

After the civic dignitaries had paid tribute to the action of the 1st Battalion, the Rev Jim Green, the battalion's wartime padre, conducted the Service of Dedication. At the conclusion of the hymn, ex-corporal Ken Mason of Norwich joined an 82-year-old French Resistance fighter, Raymond Chatel, in drawing away the Union Jack and the Tricolour covering the polished memorial.

On 8 Jun former members of the 7th Battalion returned to the village of Grimboisq to unveil a memorial to gallant actions of the 7th Royal Norfolk who had successfully secured and defended a bridgehead across the River Orne in Aug 44 and where Maj Jamieson VC, then a 23-year-old company commander, had carried on leading his men, despite being wounded, after a gallant action during the fighting to hold the bridgehead.

In the presence of some 250 people, including French villagers and Royal Norfolk veterans, the Mayor of Grimboisq, M. Denis Duval, paid homage to the soldiers of the 7th Battalion.

The memorial was dedicated by a former 7th Battalion signals sergeant, Sid West, now a Methodist lay preacher at Aylsham, Norfolk, assisted by a French Roman Catholic priest.



Unveiling the 7th Battalion, the Royal Norfolk Regiment memorial at Grimboisq, Normandy, 1986

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Sport on camera



The Pompadour's top ten cross country runners.



The Pompadour's swimming team — 4 Arm Div champions for third successive year.



Cpl Ryan winning the Pompadour's cross country championship.

DUE TO BATUS, leave and Op Banner training, the Pompadour sporting effort has unavoidably been curtailed. Nevertheless, there have been a number of notable achievements.

LCpl Paul, in between representing the British bobsleigh team, won the BAOR 200m and broke the BAOR record, and LCpl Maynard won the BAOR 800m. Both runners represented the Army in the Inter Services Championships.

In the Minden Garrison Sports Festival, 17 sub-unit teams competed in the separate sporting events of athletics, tug-of-war, football and volleyball. The HQ

Coy athletes won all bar one track event and convincingly won the event. B Coy were as dominant in the football competition. When all points for each event had been counted, HQ Coy and B Coy were equal first, which is a fair indication of the 3 R Anglian domination of sport in Minden.

Cpl Ryan produced a superb run to win the Minden 20km road race in 1hr 10mins. The battalion did well coming 1st, 2nd, 12th, 13th, 16th, 17th and 18th, a sure sign that our cross country team will continue to produce outstanding results as Infantry Champions. Additionally, A Coy with a team of 38, won the prize for the

strongest team finishing the course. In the Inter Coy cross country competition, B Coy became convincing winners with 6Pl the leading platoon. Cpl Ryan again showed his dominance by taking the individual title.

In tennis, Lt Luke Crawley reached the final of the 4 Arm Div tennis championships and was subsequently asked to represent the BAOR Infantry Team.

With only the winter training behind them, the swimming team did particularly well to win the Divisional Championships for the third year in succession. In the BAOR Championships the swimmers excelled to take third position

against strong opposition. It is hoped that LCpl Comack and Ptes Tabram, Coyne and Port will shortly represent the Army.

The battalion has a thriving squash team and, despite long absences, produced some excellent results in the 4 Arm Div League. Capt Rourke, our oldest and baldest player, captained the BAOR Infantry team in the Inter Corps Competition.

Lastly, but by no means least, our ACC chefs won the ACC Herford Branch volleyball competition in the Southern Catering Region and Pte Forde did well to come third in the Regional ACC Superstars Competition.



Capt (QM) Ross, Ptes Allen and McNeill in the Vikings inter-coy cross country.



Maj Heal (Vikings) during the inter-coy cross country.

Autumn meeting

THE Regimental Golf Society met at Flempton Golf Club on 29 Aug for the annual autumn meeting. Twenty-eight members battled against the course, which was in superb condition, and the weather, which was rather autumnal.

The results were as follows: Handicap Medal — 1st, ex Sgt Bill Thompson, 2nd, Lt Col Leon Paul and 3rd, Lt Gen Sir John Akehurst. Stableford Singles — 1st, Capt Dave Davidson, 2nd, Maj John Perry and 3rd WO2 George Boss. Stableford Foursomes — 1st, Maj Colin Ladley and Roy Jenns, 2nd WO2 George Boss and Bill Thompson and 3rd, Capt Dave Davidson and WO1 (RSM) Gordon Halewood.

The Annual Match against Flempton Golf Club took place the

following day. Our team of 12 battled gallantly against a strong opposition and a close run match ended in our glorious defeat by one match.

Other golf news is that Lt Col Leon Paul won the AGA UKLF 1986 Handicap Championship and was runner-up, when paired with Lt Col Ian Pearce ACC, in the Regimental Foursomes at the ADGS Autumn Meeting at the Berkshire. Well done Leon.

Golf Dates — 1987: 10 Apr — Spring Meeting, Flempton Golf Club, 5 Jun — Annual Meeting, Royal Worlington Golf Club, 18 Jun — Triangular Match against Queens Regiment & RRF, Gog Magog Golf Club, 11 Sep — Autumn Meeting Flempton Golf Club, 12 Sep — Match v Flempton Golf Club.



Pte Carpenter wins his bout for the Vikings.

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THIS season has been the best for many years, with many exciting finishes, notably against Harrow when the Regiment won off the last ball of the match. We have had two centuries: Neil Varian (116) against Felsted — his old school — and Danny Griggs (163 not out) against Framlingham. These were two innings of brilliance and we congratulate them both for their flair and panache. The fact that the Regiment has scored over 1,000 more runs than its opposition speaks volumes for the Regimental batting line up this year. Notably consistent performances were from Graham Bird (157 runs) and Maj Guy Hipkin (186 runs).

The Regiment, having all three Regular battalions out of the country, have relied on potential officers and ex members of the Regiment. We thank them for their generous support and invite them to play again in 1987. We also thank the schools for their very warm hospitality after the matches and the Depot for the use of their excellent facilities.

Finally, we thank Graham Duthoit, Bob Eke, and David Napier for coming over the water to play Regimental cricket during their leave. This was much appreciated.

We must now ensure this standard of cricket is maintained for the future. Thank you all for supporting the matches. We are always pleased to see Mr Ron Hounsell who kindly stands in most of our matches. We hope he will be free again in 1987.

Results

v Baneroffs — RARCC 128 (Lt Col M. Goldschmidt 42). Baneroffs 102 for 8 (G. Bird 5 for 17), match drawn.

131	TOTAL	55
OVERS	213	LAST MAN
		13
LAST INNS	3	LAST WKT
		45

The scoreboard at Framlingham says it all. The Regiment went on to score 278-5 declared — the highest recorded score so far.

v Harrow — Harrow 148 for 8 declared. (Maj Gen Sir David Thorne 4 for 18). RARCC 149 for 9. (Mr Scragg 52), match won.

v Halleybury — RARCC 180 for 7 declared (Maj G. Hipkin 62, G. Bird 60). Halleybury 123 for 8 (WO1 Harding 3 for 32), match drawn.

v EELs XI — EELs XI 159 (WO1 Harding 4 for 52, Col A. Calder 3 for 58). RARCC 160 for 8 (Lt Col J. Browne 53), match won.

v Uppingham — Uppingham 170 for 9 declared (Anthony Haynes 4 for 57, Capt Mike Godkin 3 for 25). RARCC 95 (Cpl Kreyer 36), match lost.

v Felsted — RARCC 248 for 8 declared (Neil Varian 116, Graham Bird 45). Felsted 178 for 6 (Capt T. Page 2 for 21, Neil Varian 2 for 13), match drawn.

v Oundle — RARCC 181 for 9 declared (Maj G. Hipkin 44). Oundle 77 for 9 (Maj B. Davenport 4 for 8, G. Bird 3 for 23), match drawn.

v Greshams — RARCC 128 for 9 (Maj B. Davenport 35). Greshams 129 for 3, match lost.

v Framlingham — RARCC 278 for 5 declared (Danny Griggs 163*, Maj G. Hipkin 55). Framlingham 246 for 9 (WO1 Harding 3 for 64, D. Griggs 2 for 49), match drawn.

Summary — Played 9, won 3, lost 2, drawn 4. Runs for: 2,547. Runs against: 1,332. Catches held: Maj Hipkin 6, Lt Col Browne 3, A. Haynes 3, G. Bird 3, Col Calder 2, M. Scragg 2, Capt Hall 2, Cpl Kreyer 2.

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Old hands survey the new at Framlingham. Lt Col Gordon Brett, Majs Guy Hipkin, Julian Rawlins and Graham Duthoit, 2Lt Andy Foster (The Leys, Cadet) and Anthony Haynes (Felsted, Bursar).



America bound! A very happy LCpl Stainer of 6th Bn (C Coy) presented with his basketball prize by Brig Williams at the end of the battalion sports day. The sports day was the climax of the CO's Champion Coy competition to decide which Coy takes part in the US-UK exchange exercise in 1987. C Coy eventually emerged winners and won the Champion Coy prize as well.

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