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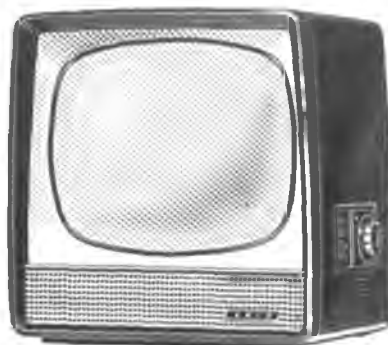
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Regimental Journal:— "The Britannia and Castle," Britannia Barracks, Norwich.

Regimental Association:— The 1st East Anglian Regiment Past and Present Association, Britannia Barracks, Norwich.

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LOCATION LIST OF OFFICERS

(Compiled from official records and information available on 1st June, 1960).

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Brinkley, W. H. p.s.c. A.Q.M.G., H.Q., Western Command.
 Bevan, W. S., O.B.E., p.s.c. ... A.Q.M.G., H.Q., B.A.O.R.
 Brown, C. R. M., D.S.O., p.s.c. ... 1st Battalion.
 Springfield, G. T. O., p.s.c., f.s. ... 4th Bn. Suffolk Regiment (T.A.).

Majors

Greef, A. O., M.C., ... Ministry of Supply.
 Campbell, A. F., M.C., p.s.c. (Bt. Lt.-Col.) ... H.Q., 4 Div.
 Cooper-Key, E. A., M.B.E., M.C., j.s.s.c., p.s.c., f.s. (T/Lt.-Col.) G.S.O.I., Directing Staff, Joint Services Staff College.
 Harvey, H. C., p.s.c. (T/Lt.-Col. Local Col.) British Joint Services Mission to U.S.A.
 Farrelly, T. P., T.D. ... Ministry of Supply.
 Smith, W. C., O.B.E., j.s.s.c., p.s.c. (Bt. Lt.-Col.) ... G.S.O.I., War Office.
 Burton, R. S. M., p.s.c., p.t.s.c. (T/Lt.-Col.) ... Ministry of Supply.
 Robertson, A. J., p.s.c. G.S.O.2, H.Q., B.A.O.R.
 Calder, W. J., p.s.c. ... D.A.Q.M.G., 56 (London) Inf. Div. (T.A.).
 Dean, P. S. W. ... Held Strength, Intelligence Centre.
 Lummis, E. T., p.s.c. ... G.S.O.2, War Office.
 Ingle, F. D., p.s.c. ... Bde. Major, Ghana Indep. Inf. Bde.
 Forrest, P. B., M.C. ... 1st Battalion.
 Fisher-Hoch, C. J. V. ... 1st Battalion.
 Petit, J. M., M.B.E., p.s.c. (Local Lt.-Col.) D.A.A. & Q.M.G., Staff College, Camberley.
 Dye, J. B., M.C., p.s.c. 1st Battalion.
 Athill, A. H. ... Kenya Regiment Training Centre.
 Wiggington, H. E. W., M.B.E. ... Held Strength, Depot, East Anglian Brigade.
 Williams, R. M., M.C., p.s.c. ... 1st Battalion.
 Turnbull, A. W. J., M.C. 4th Bn. Royal Norfolk Regiment (T.A.).
 Creasey, T. M., p.s.c. (Local Lt.-Col.) G.S.O.2, Staff College, Camberley.
 Howgo, G. C., p.s.c. 1st Bn. Cambridgeshire Regiment (T.A.).
 Power, E. W. A., p.s.c. 1st Battalion.
 Haycraft, I. A., p.t.s.c. G.S.O.2, (Int.) H.Q., B.A.O.R.
 Morgan, E. H., M.B.E., M.C. ... 1st Battalion.

Captains

Fairholme, W. D. G. (T/Major) ... Sultan's Armed Forces, Muscat.
 Thain, P. ... Army Apprentices School, Arlorkfield.
 Lywood, K. C. G. (T/Major) ... Trg. Offr., Depot, East Anglian Brigade.
 Mason, F. E. I. ... G.S.O.3, D.G.M.T., Works Team, War Office.
 Styles, T. H. ... Held Strength, Depot, East Anglian Brigade.

Gillmore, A. H. V., M.C. M.I.O., Malayan Police.
 Starling, J. G., M.C., p.s.c. (T/Major) Bde. Major, 158 Inf. Bde. (T.A.).
 Emsden, B. H. C., (T/Major) ... Q.O. Nigerian Regiment.
 Palmer, L. A., p.l. ... 469 G.L. Section, B.A.O.R.
 Deller, W. C., p.s.c., (T/Major) ... Bde. Major, 161 Inf. Bde. (T.A.).
 Fitzgerald, J. D. A. Deputy Commdt., Mobile Special Police Force, Mauritius.
 Pullen, H. N. D., p.l. 1st West Indies Regiment.
 Fleming, F. R. ... Staff College, Quetta, Pakistan.
 Cobbold, A. G. B. ... Staff Captain, H.Q., 10 Inf. Bde.
 Godfrey, F. A., M.C. ... British C-in-C.'s Mission to the Soviet Forces in Germany.
 Holman, R. M. (T/Major) ... Aden Protectorate Levies.
 Horrex, A. B., M.C. ... 1st Battalion.
 Herring, F. E. ... G.S.O.3, War Office.
 Gunton, M. K. D. ... Staff Captain, H.Q., Southern Command.
 Hopper, P. D. L. ... Staff Captain, H.Q., 4 Div.
 Hall-Tipping, J. ... School of Infantry, Warminster.
 Macdonald, J. P. ... Held Strength, Depot, East Anglian Brigade.
 Catchpole, A. K. ... 1st Battalion.
 Jones, J. G., M.B.E. ... 1st Battalion.
 Murphy, B. M. ... G.S.O.3 G.H.Q., Middle East Land Forces.
 Dean, T. D. ... 4th Bn. Suffolk Regiment (T.A.).
 Beck, S. G. ... M.T.O., School of Infantry, Warminster.
 Heath, J. R. ... Mons Officer Cadet School.
 Mills, B. H. G. ... G.S.O.3 H.Q., 4 Div.
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 Churchill, J. D., M.C. Held Strength, Depot, East Anglian Brigade.
 Ford, P. C. ... H.Q. 5 Inf. Bde.
 Frere, J. A. K. W. ... H.Q., Libya and Cyrenaica Area.
 Henderson, M. L. ... Kenya Forces Trg. Centre.
 Wilson, R. G. ... 1st Battalion.
 Trollope, C. J. N. ... 1st Battalion.
 Thorne, D. C. ... Depot, Royal Lincolnshire Regiment.
 North, J. G. M. ... Depot, East Anglian Brigade.
 Herbert, A. C. ... Held Strength, Depot, East Anglian Brigade.
 Raven, P. G. ... 1st Battalion.

Lieutenants

Clarke, D. L. ... Aden Protectorate Levies.
 Thorne, M. E. (T/Capt.) 1st Battalion.
 Gowing, R. D. ... Infantry Junior Leaders School, Plymouth.
 Gunton, B. J. M. ... 1st Battalion.
 Trevethick, R. L. ... E.A. Bde. Junior Bandsmen and Junior Drummers Est.
 Reynell, N. ... Army Outward Bound School, Towyn.
 Morris, J. Y. ... Nigerian Mil. Forces.
 Morton, P. W. ... 1st Battalion.

Pickles, G. K. ... Held Strength, Intelligence Centre.
 Barnes, C. M. J. ... School of Infantry, Warminster.
 Pent, W. J. B. ... Held Strength, Depot, East Anglian Brigade.
 Lewis, N. J. ... Atd. Parachute Regiment.
 Lunn, M. J. R. ... A.D.C. to G.O.C., North Midland District.
 Coates, K. ... Held Strength, Depot, East Anglian Brigade.
 Rowsell, S. A. J. ... Depot, East Anglian Brigade.
 Bally, D. R. ... 1st Battalion.

2nd Lieutenants

Jefferson, I. W. ... 1st Battalion.
 Horrex, H. R. ... 1st Battalion.
 Conder, E. H. ... 1st Battalion.
 O'Meara, M. P. R. ... 1st Battalion.

Quartermasters

Joanny, A. (Major) ... Depot, East Anglian Brigade.
 Albrow, P. J. (Major) ... Depot, R. Malay Regiment.
 Jasper, G. S. (Captain) ... G.H.Q., Farelf.
 Warren, T. C. (Captain) ... 4th Bn. Suffolk Regiment (T.A.).
 Howard, C. E. (Captain) ... 1st Battalion.
 Norman, H. H. (Lieut.) ... 1st Bn. Cambridgeshire Regiment (T.A.).
 Chatting, T. W. (Lieut.) ... 4th Bn. Royal Norfolk Regiment (T.A.).
 McColl, N. (Lieut.) ... 1st Battalion.

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Captains

Seekings, P. C. ... Singapore Guard Regiment.
 Reach, C. W. ... P.S.O., East Anglian Brigade.

2nd Lieutenants

Stone, P. P. D. ... 6th King's African Rifles.
 Gamberoni, D. C. P. ... 1st Battalion.

Quartermasters

Curtis, A. R. (Captain) ... 1st Bn. Sierra Leone Regiment.
 Sewell, J. A. (Lieut.) ... 4th Bn. Cheshire Regiment (T.A.).

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Majors

Tiltmarsh, H. H. ... D.A.D. Hirings, Farelf.
 Parker, T. R. ... G.S.O.S. War Office.
 Buckingham, D. G. ... Camp Comdnt., Lowland District.
 Powell, K. W. ... Staff Captain, Cyprus.
 Green, P. E. ... Camp Comdnt. Kowloon, Hong Kong.

(d) REGULAR ARMY—NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICERS

2nd Lieutenants

Baxter, G. M. ... 1st Battalion.
 Sutherland, J. A. ... 1st Battalion.
 Moore, J. K. ... 1st Battalion.
 Kitching, T. G. ... R.A.O.C., C.O.D., Bicester.
 Smith, F. G. ... 1st Battalion.
 Mather, C. A. S. ... 1st Battalion.

Pattinson, R. S. ... 1st Battalion.
 Abbott, R. J. ... 1st Battalion.
 Belcher, D. J. A. ... Nigerian Mil. Forces.

FORMER REGIMENTAL OFFICERS STILL ON THE ACTIVE LIST REGULAR OFFICERS

Major-Generals

Goodwin, R. E., C.B.,
 C.B.E., D.S.O., p.s.c. ... G.O.C., North Midland District.

Brigadiers

Barclay, F. P., D.S.O., Deputy Commander, H.Q., East Anglian
 M.C., A.D.C., p.s.c. District.
 Freeland, I. H., D.S.O.,
 I.d.e., p.s.c. ... Brig. "Q" (Ops.), War Office.
 Turner-Cain, G. R.,
 D.S.O., J.S.C., p.s.c. War Office.

Colonels

Innes Hopkins, R. H.,
 p.s.c. (T/Brig.) ... D.D.O.S., Southern Command.
 Butler, M. A. H., C.B.,
 D.S.O., M.C., I.d.e.,
 p.s.c., f.s. (T/Brig.) ... D.D.P.A. (O), War Office.
 Prickett, A. J. C.,
 J.S.C., p.s.c. (T/Brig.) ... Comd., 162 Inf. Bde. (T.A.).
 Allen, R. M., C.B.E.,
 J.S.C., p.s.c. ... Col. (Q) Logistics, S.H.A.P.E.
 Heal, W. A., O.B.E.,
 p.s.c. ... Bde. Col., East Anglian Bde.

Lt.-Cols.

Wilson, H. M., M.C.,
 p.s.c., Emp. List (1) ... A.Q.M.G., H.Q., Southern Command.
 Parkin, A., O.B.E.,
 p.s.c., Emp. List (1) ... A.Q.M.G. (Qtg.), H.Q.1. (Br.) Corps,
 B.A.O.R.
 Fraser, D. U., M.B.E.,
 f.s., Emp. List (1) ... Admin. Comdnt., School of Infantry,
 Warminster.
 Hallett, J. N. R.,
 M.B.E., J.S.C., p.s.c.,
 Emp. List (1) ... G.S.O.I., Allied Forces, Northern Europe.
 Dewar, K. M. J.,
 O.B.E., p.s.c., Emp.
 List (1) ... O.C., Ghana Training Centre.

Majors

Shuttleworth, W. P. A.,
 p.s.c. (T/Lt.-Col.) ... A.D.S.T., H.Q., Western Command.
 Ward, J. A. W. ... R.A.P.C.
 Thursby, P. D. F., p.s.c. Para. Regiment.
 Eberhardt, C. E.,
 M.B.E., M.C., p.s.c. Para. Regiment.
 Case, H. S. R., M.B.E.,
 (Staff Q.M.) Emp.
 List (2) ... School of Infantry, Warminster.

Captains

Kelly, J. N., M.C. 7th Gurkha Rifles
 Oddle, W. R. A. Para. Regiment.

Officers are requested to notify the Editor of any changes of location or of any error in this list.

Editorial

We are now nearly four months old and already beginning to feel quite big and strong. This is largely due to the most encouraging letters of appreciation that we have received from many of our readers and for which we are indeed grateful.

We would add, however, that although such letters are most welcome and encouraging to us they are of somewhat negative value. We don't want to get swollen heads. Adverse criticism or suggestions for improvement are of even more value and help us to keep abreast of the requirements of our readers.

It had been anticipated that the sales of our new Journal would be a little sticky to start with and it is pleasing to be able to record that these were well up to our expectations. We sold, or otherwise disposed of only just under 1,250 copies. It is sincerely to be hoped that, as we become better known, this figure will rapidly increase.

We would like again to stress the importance of all our readers keeping in touch with us. One of the most, if not the most important function of a Regimental Journal, is to act as a medium whereby Past and Present members of the Regiment, and in particular the former can keep in touch with one another. This can never be properly achieved unless all our readers keep us informed. Every little piece of news we receive is duly recorded and brought forward for inclusion in our next issue. If you move house or change your job or meet unexpectedly some old, long lost and nearly forgotten friend in the Regiment, let us know. Although our sales may be only 1,250 copies it should be realised that a very much larger number than this actually read the Journal. Your news will, therefore, be spread over a very wide area.

In this issue we are grateful for two very interesting articles. One from Major W. D. G. Fairholme on life with The Sultan of Muscat's Armed Forces which we feel sure will be of interest to many who may be contemplating a tour of duty away from the Regiment and the other from Major J. D. A. Fitzgerald, who managed to arrive in Mauritius just in time to be caught by the cyclone which caused so much devastation.

We would also like to express our most sincere thanks to the Editor of The Devonshire and Dorset Journal for permission to republish a most excellent article by Lieut.-Colonel O. G. W. White, D.S.O., O.B.E., a former Dorset Officer, on the affiliation between the former Royal Norfolk Regiment and The Dorset Regiment. It is, indeed, pleasing to be able to note that in spite of our respective amalgamations this very close link of friendship will continue between The 1st East Anglian Regiment and The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment.

There is, regrettably, one noticeable omission in this issue and that is The Depot notes. For the benefit of some of our readers who are not so well in the picture this may require a little explanation. There is now no Depot of The 1st East Anglian Regiment. At the time of amalgamation and for a few months afterwards a Regimental Depot was in operation at Bury St. Edmunds. This was closed down on the 1st April and its place taken by The East Anglian Brigade Depot, which now has the responsibility, amongst other things, of training Recruits for the 2nd and 3rd East Anglian Regiments as well as our own.

The Brigade Depot is now in the not very happy position of being called upon for contributions to no less than three separate Regimental Journals. It has been agreed, therefore, that the Depot will publish notes three times a year and accepted that these cannot always coincide with the dates of publication of all three Regimental Journals. The first notes from the Brigade Depot will therefore, not appear until our next issue.

REGIMENTAL NEWS

THE MARRIAGE OF HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS MARGARET, COLONEL-IN-CHIEF

On the announcement of the forthcoming marriage of our Colonel-in-Chief the following message was sent from Regimental Headquarters:

To: The Private Secretary to Her Royal Highness
The Princess Margaret,
Clarence House,
London.

All Ranks 1st East Anglian Regiment have heard with great joy the announcement of the forthcoming marriage of their Colonel-in-Chief and join together in wishing Your Royal Highness lifelong happiness.

Maxwell, Colonel.

The following reply was received:

To: Brigadier Maxwell,
Colonel The 1st East Anglian Regiment,
Regimental Headquarters,
Britannia Barracks,
Norwich.

I send you and all ranks of the 1st East Anglian Regiment my sincere thanks for your kind message which I have received with great pleasure.
Margaret, Colonel-in-Chief.

A subscription list was opened to enable all ranks of the Regiment, both past and present, and of the three T.A. Battalions who wished to contribute towards a Wedding Present. Although at the time of writing the list is not closed it can be said that it has already achieved very satisfactory results. The present selected and given to Her Royal Highness before the wedding was an antique circular, folding Rosewood table which had been seen by her and which she had said she would greatly like.

The present was accompanied by a card bearing the four Crests of The 1st East Anglian Regiment, The Royal Norfolk Regiment, The Suffolk Regiment and The Cambridgeshire Regiment and inscribed:—

"Given to Her Royal Highness their Colonel-in-Chief by All Ranks, Past and Present, of The 1st East Anglian Regiment with their Humble Duty and every possible good wish."

The following letter of acknowledgement was received:—

"Dear Brigadier Maxwell,

I am writing to thank you and All Ranks, past and present, of The 1st East Anglian Regiment for the lovely table which you have sent me for my wedding. This present is one which we shall always treasure both for its beauty and for its usefulness.

I ask you, on behalf of us both, to convey to All Ranks our sincere appreciation of this delightful gift and our warmest thanks for all your kind thoughts which accompanied it.

Yours very sincerely,

Margaret, Colonel-in-Chief."

On the occasion of the wedding the following attended in Westminster Abbey at the invitation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother:—

Brigadier R. H. Maxwell, Brigadier and Mrs. F. P. Barclay, Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. C. R. M. Brown, Brigadier and Mrs. E. H. W. Backhouse, Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. W. S. Bevan, Major and Mrs. A. Joanny, Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. H. R. Hopking, R.S.M. and Mrs. Gingell.

The following were appointed to act as Ushers inside the abbey:—

Captain D. C. Thorne, Lieut. S. A. J. Rowsell.

A small detachment, together with detachments of similar size from the 15/19th The King's Royal Hussars and the Royal Highland Fusiliers of which Her Royal Highness is also Colonel-in-Chief lined the approach to the West Door of Westminster Abbey. The following comprised this detachment:—

C.S.M. Denny, Sgt. Kelly, Cpl. Spalding, Cpl. Woodrow, from The East Anglian Brigade Depot.

C/Sgt. Doughty, Sgt. Waller, Cpl. Gaffer, from The 1st Battalion.

R.Q.M.S. Barr from The 4th Bn. The Royal Norfolk Regiment.

Sgt. Brock from The 4th Bn. The Suffolk Regiment.

Cpl. Brightly from The 1st Bn. The Cambridgeshire Regiment.

At the request of Her Royal Highness 50 seats were allocated on the Horse Guards Parade to the families of the Regiment. These were re-allocated to the Norfolk and Suffolk Sections of the Past and Present Association, the Brigade Depot and the three T.A. Battalions.

THE REGIMENTAL SILVER

Sentiment is a powerful force, and there can be no doubt that all officers have at some time or another felt this with regard to the silver and plate, etc., in the Officers' Mess. When the time came to sort out the combined possessions of the Royal Norfolk and Suffolk Regiments it was realised that the matter could not be treated lightly. It is felt that all officers, both serving and retired, would be interested and it is for this reason that these notes are included.

It was decided during our discussions prior to amalgamation that the Regular Battalion should have first pick of anything they wanted from the combined possessions of both former Regiments. This was done very largely at the Battalion at the time of the amalgamation of the two 1st Battalions and subsequently by a visit by a representative from the battalion to the Depots at Norwich and Bury St. Edmunds. At the conclusion of this phase it was decided to concentrate all the remaining silver at Regimental Headquarters. This was then carefully checked with the inventories of both former Regiments and laid out for inspection. It was felt that the next priorities should be given first to the T.A. Battalions of the Regiment and then to Regimental Museums and the East Anglian Brigade Depot. These having made their choice a Board of Officers, composed of members of both our former Regiments, assembled to approve or otherwise the above selections and to decide the ultimate fate of the remainder.

A large number of applications had been received from various Army formations, schools and institutions for the loan of suitable articles of silver. These were examined by the Board and as

many as possible satisfied. The following have received pieces on loan:—

The School of Infantry.
The Army School of Physical Training.
The Corps of Royal Military Police.
The Infantry Junior Leaders Battalion.
The Womens' Royal Army Corps.
The Army Air Corps.
Headquarters, East Anglian District.

It should be noted that all the above items of property remain the property of the Regiment and are loaned. Should they be required at any future date by the Regiment they can, of course, be recalled.

The Board then had to consider what was best to be done with the comparatively small amount of silver which was left over. It was felt that some items should be retained against the possible need for replacements in the future. These were duly selected and are held in store at Regimental Headquarters.

Finally it was decided that what was left should be sold for the best price obtainable with the proviso that where certain articles appeared to have any special value, either intrinsic or sentimental, Officers of the Regiment, both past and present should be given first refusal. It is intended that the money resulting from such sale will be used to contribute towards the cost of putting into a good state of repair all those articles which are being retained.

MEMORIAL CHAIRS

THE SUFFOLK REGIMENTAL CHAPEL

Memorial Chairs are available for presentation to the Suffolk Regimental Chapel, St. Mary's Church, Bury St. Edmunds, in memory of a deceased member of the Regiment.

The cost of a chair is £7 9s. 10d., excluding a brass plate suitably inscribed, the cost of which does not normally exceed £2.

WAR GRAVES IN JAPAN

Captain J. S. Riggs, who served with The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment in the Second World War attended a Service of Remembrance at the British Commonwealth War Cemetery at Yokohama on 8th November, 1959, and has very kindly sent us a list of former members of the Royal Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Regiments who are buried there. They are:—

4th Royal Norfolk

Pte. R. W. Everson, Pte. T. C. Harris, Pte. G. E. Long, Pte. G. A. Tennant.

5th Royal Norfolk

Pte. A. R. Barnes, Pte. B. R. Dack, Pte. F. Fisher, Pte. H. P. Goreham, Pte. A. Hall, Pte. C. F. Hall, *Cpl. A. W. Hayhow, Sgt. W. J. Henden, Pte. J. R. Looime, Cpl. J. W. Lumbers, Pte. T. E. McNeill, Cpl. E. R. Margetson, Pte. E. J. Overland, Pte. G. F. Palmer, *Pte. V. J. Palmer, *Cpl. J. R. Pearce, Sgt. E. J. Theobald, Pte. H. F. Wilson, *Sgt. F. Yarham.

6th Royal Norfolk

Pte. H. P. Aldis, Pte. A. E. Brown, Cpl. T. Hampson, Pte. H. Newstead, Cpl. E. F. Picton, Pte.

S. T. Quarterman, Pte. A. R. Scott, L/Cpl. R. G. Spinks.

4th Suffolk

Pte. R. N. Braysher, Pte. C. Chapman, Pte. W. Fisher, Pte. B. Hales, Pte. A. H. Heath, Pte. T. A. Hughes, Pte. T. Miller, Captain A. E. Mitchell, Pte. P. E. Spooner, Pte. R. C. W. Suttle, *Pte. C. G. Wells, Pte. B. Westwood.

5th Suffolk

Pte. S. K. Durrant, Pte. T. W. Honeyball, Pte. T. Mayes, Pte. F. W. Buckles, *Pte. W. A. Whitehead and Cpl. J. Rowney, A.C.C. attached.

1st Cambridgeshire

Cpl. A. Angell, Pte. K. C. Barber, Pte. A. H. Drew, Pte. S. J. H. Elmer, Pte. A. E. Lambeth, Pte. A. J. Marlow, L/Cpl. H. O. Page, Pte. P. W. Sample, Pte. S. W. Whitley, Sgt. F. D. Jenkins, R.E.M.E. and Pte. C. Ravden, A.C.C. attached.

2nd Cambridgeshire

Pte. W. Chester, W.O. II (Q.M.S.) E. Durrant, Pte. L. F. Howard and Pte. W. D. Pearson.

Where an asterisk (*) appears against a name it means that it appears on the Cremation Memorial and there is no separate grave.

Captain Riggs is willing to carry out any further research should it be required.

FORMATION OF THE

2nd EAST ANGLIAN REGIMENT

The following message was sent from Regimental Headquarters on 1st June, 1960:—

"To Regimental Headquarters,

The 2nd East Anglian Regiment,

Quebec Barracks,

Northampton.

All Ranks 1st East Anglian Regiment (Royal Norfolk and Suffolk) send sincere good wishes on amalgamation Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire Regiments. We are indeed proud that we shall have the privilege of serving alongside you in East Anglian Brigade and of being more closely associated with the glorious past and magnificent traditions of your two former Regiments.

Maxwell,

Colonel, The 1st East Anglian Regiment."

The following reply was received from Regimental Headquarters, 2nd East Anglian Regiment:

"Will you please convey to the Colonel of 1st East Anglian Regiment (Royal Norfolk and Suffolk) the sincere thanks of all members of 2nd East Anglian Regiment for his message of good wishes from all ranks of 1st East Anglian Regiment, which is very much appreciated."

QUEENSLAND CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

The following letters were exchanged between Brigadier F. P. Barclay, D.S.O., M.C., A.D.C., Associate Colonel, 1st East Anglian Regiment and Honorary Colonel, 4th Bn. The Royal Norfolk Regiment and Brigadier J. L. Amies, C.B.E., E.D., Honorary Colonel, 9th Infantry Battalion, (Moreton Regiment) on the occasion of the Queensland Centenary Celebrations:—

From Brigadier Barclay to Brigadier Amies

Regimental Headquarters,
1st East Anglian Regiment,
(Royal Norfolk & Suffolk),
Britannia Barracks,
Norwich, Norfolk. NOR 67A

15th November, 1959.

Dear Amies,

As Representative Colonel of the late Regular element of the 9th Foot, The Royal Norfolk Regiment, and also as the Honorary Colonel of the last remaining unit of the Regiment — the 4th Battalion, The Royal Norfolk Regiment (T.A.) — I write to send you our very sincere good wishes and congratulations on the occasion of Queensland's Centenary.

As you may have heard, the Royal Norfolk Regiment has very recently been amalgamated with the Suffolk Regiment, and they now become the 1st East Anglian Regiment (Royal Norfolk and Suffolk). We are proud to think that our affiliation with you, enjoyed through past years, will continue with the new Regiment which wishes to be associated also with these expressions of good will. It is a matter of pride to us that we have this link with your famous Regiment in Australia, but one of sorrow that opportunities of direct liaison are so few and far between. I was delighted that Major Jack Dye was able to establish direct contact with you during his recent stay in your country.

The amalgamation of the two Regular Regiments has now been completed and the 1st East Anglian is shortly off to Berlin for a year's tour of duty. I hope, after this, it will return to this country. The 4th Battalion, The Royal Norfolk Regiment (T.A.) recruits from all over the county and has its Company H.Q. and Drill Halls dotted about in most of the large towns.

We shall be thinking of you especially on the great date in question, i.e. 10th December, 1959, Proclamation Day.

Yours sincerely,
Peter Barclay.

From Brigadier Amies to Brigadier Barclay

71 Munro Street,
Auchenflower, Queensland.
8th January, 1960.

Dear Barclay,

I was delighted to receive your letter of the 15th November, conveying your good wishes and congratulations to the Moreton Regiment from The Royal Norfolk Regiment, on the occasion of Queensland's Centenary celebrations.

I was most interested to read of the re-organisation taking place with the Royal Norfolks. We too in Australia are just commencing to re-organise our Army, and as yet it is not clear just how the Moreton Regiment will be affected.

The plan appears to be to re-organise on the basis of a Pentropic Division, closely following the American Pentomic Division. This will cut out Brigades, making Divisions of 5 large Battalion groups.

Our Divisions will comprise a mixture of Regular Army Units and Citizens Military Forces

(Territorials) Units. As the oldest Regiment in Queensland, we are confident that the Moreton Regiment will remain in some form in the new Division.

We too enjoyed the visit to our last camp of Major Dye of the Royal Norfolks, and I think he too enjoyed the experience of attending one of our training camps. It is a pity that the distance which separates the affiliated Regiments prevents more frequent exchange of personnel.

I would like to take this opportunity of conveying greetings to your re-organised Regiment under its new title of the 1st East Anglian Regiment, and to wish the 1st Battalion an enjoyable tour of duty in Berlin.

Yours sincerely,
Jack Amies.

**AFFILIATION WITH THE
DEVONSHIRE AND DORSET REGIMENT**

For many years past there has been a very close friendship between the Royal Norfolk and the Dorset Regiments. Recent amalgamations are not to be allowed to interrupt this happy state of affairs as is made clear in the text of the following letters exchanged between Brigadier Barclay and Major-General G. N. Wood, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., Colonel, The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment.

From Brigadier Barclay to General Wood

Regimental Headquarters,
1st East Anglian Regiment,
(Royal Norfolk & Suffolk)
Britannia Barracks,
Norwich, Norfolk. NOR 67A
17th December, 1959.

Dear General,

For many years past The Dorset Regiment has, as you know, had a very close association with The Royal Norfolk Regiment. In addition to the strength of this link being proven on the battlefield, it has revealed itself throughout the years in a number of associations on regimental levels and also on personal ones. Whenever the two Regiments have had a chance of getting together, no time has been lost in exploiting the situation to the full. It is the hope of our new Regiment, the 1st East Anglian Regiment, that this link will be continued with your new Regiment, and we would be delighted if members of your Regiment, The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment, would consider themselves Honorary Members of the Officers' and Sergeants' Messes of the 1st East Anglian Regiment.

Yours sincerely,
Peter Barclay.

From General Wood to Brigadier Barclay

12 St. James's Square,
Bath, Somerset.
27th December, 1959.

Dear Barclay,

The 1st East Anglian Regiment does the Devonshire and Dorset Regiment great honour in conferring on our officers, warrant officers and sergeants the privilege of honorary membership of your messes.

This expression of the old comradeship of the Royal Norfolk Regiment and the Dorset Regiment

has been much in our minds during this period of amalgamation, and many past and present Dorsets have emphasised to me their keen desire for its perpetuation.

It is therefore our most cordial wish to reciprocate by inviting the officers and sergeants mess members of the 1st East Anglian Regiment to consider themselves honorary members of the messes of the Devonshire and Dorset Regiment.

Many of us can recall occasions when our mutual honorary membership has been of the greatest benefit and pleasure to us as individuals, and our regimental histories are proof positive of the value on so many battlefields of the trust and friendship thus fostered.

I hope you will permit me to publish your letter, as your initiative will give great pleasure to a very wide circle of two generations.

Yours sincerely,

George Wood.

Brigadier F. P. Barclay, D.S.O., M.C., A.D.C.,
Associate Colonel,
1st East Anglian Regiment.

DINNER CLUB TIES (SUFFOLK)

Dinner Club Ties, of the old Suffolk Dinner Club are still available at the reduced price of 10/6d. including postage. Applications, together with remittance, should be sent to the Secretary, Increment H.Q., Gibraltar Barracks, Bury St. Edmunds.

THE SUFFOLK REGIMENT WAR MEMORIAL HOMES

A waiting list is being formed for these eight flats, which are situated in Bury St. Edmunds, overlooking the Abbey Gardens. The flats are for elderly ex-members of the Regiment who are of limited means, and their wives, who need convenient, modern and suitable accommodation at a moderate rent. Rent and rates for these flats at

the present time are 14/11d. per week. Applicants desirous of registering their names should write to The Hon. Secretary, The Suffolk Regiment War Memorial Homes Ltd., Gibraltar Barracks, Bury St. Edmunds, when they will be sent an application form.

SUFFOLK COUNTY RIFLE ASSOCIATION

Three Silver Cups, formerly the property of the Suffolk Regiment have been presented to the Suffolk County Rifle Association, as challenge trophies for rifle shooting.

LONG DISTANCE WALKING

Mr. H. B. Claxton, a former member of the 9th Foot, comments that the recent exploits of Dr. Barbara Moore and others fade into insignificance compared with the feats of Infantry Battalions in India before the construction of railways. He points out that the troops were fully armed and equipped into the bargain. He quotes the march of the 2nd Bn. 9th Foot in the winter of 1838-39 when 775 miles were covered without the loss of a man. In December, 1841, the battalion marched the 266 miles from Meerut to Perozepore to join the force assembling for the First Afghan War and then some real marching took place, mixed up with hard fighting for good measure. Perozepore to Peshawar 347 miles, fighting its way into Kabul the battalion covered another 200 miles and before the tour of duty in India was over in 1847 the battalion had marched nearly 4,000 miles in the process of changing stations and fought two wars in addition.

KERVENHEIM WAR MEMORIAL

This memorial, erected to the memory of the officers and men of the 1st Bn. The Royal Norfolk Regiment who fell in battle on 1st March, 1945, has been moved from its former position into the adjoining civilian cemetery. The local German authorities undertook the removal without cost to the Regiment. The move was made necessary because the former site is being developed for



Kervenheim Memorial before being moved. The wreath was provided by Major A. J. Robertson on the anniversary of the Battle.



Kervenheim Memorial in its new position.

building, and, as the memorial is not officially recognised by the British War Graves Commission, we have had to rely on the good offices of a local German farmer for allowing the memorial to remain in its former position for so long.

Major Adrian Robertson, who has been watching the Regiment's interests in this matter, has written to say that the memorial now has a place of distinction, and that those responsible for the removal have made a good job of it, which the accompanying photographs go to prove.

It might be of interest to those who knew Kervenheim to learn that some of the battle-scarred buildings exist today much as they have done since the memorable 1st March, 1945.

2nd BN. THE SUFFOLK REGIMENT (1916-18) DINNER

The Annual Dinner of the Officers of the 2nd Battalion, The Suffolk Regiment (1914-1918) was held at the Garrick Hotel, Charing Cross, on 11th March, when there was a record attendance of nineteen. Dining as a guest, Brigadier E. H. W. Backhouse spoke of the amalgamation of the Royal Norfolk and Suffolk Regiments, and the excellent start made by the 1st East Anglian Regiment. The following were present:— Brigadier H. P. Gardham, who presided; C. J. Hupfield, Hon. Secretary; G. M. Aird, A. S. Baker, Lieut.-Colonel L. J. Baker, F. W. Bailey, W. Burman, J. Coote, H. Grosch, Revd. W. S. Hale, A. Harrison, E. L. Hope, F. W. H. Jones, W. J. Nagle, J. M. Vane Percy, Brigadier V. C. Russell, W. L. Simpson and Lieut.-Colonel F. W. C. Thomas.

ARMY GOLF TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1960

The Regiment made a successful debut at the Army Meeting held over the Royal St. Georges Course at Sandwich in May. In the Argyll and Sutherland Bowl, a team consisting of Bob Scott, Ian Freeland, Dick Freeman-Taylor, Bill Murray Brown and Jack Carroll played into the final only to be beaten by the Welsh Guards.

1st round v. R. Warwick, won by 14 holes to 9.

2nd round v. Irish Guards, won by 14 holes to 12.

Semi-final v. 3rd Greenjackets, won by 21 holes to 0.

Final v. Welsh Guards, lost by 16 holes to 22.

Although beaten on hole aggregate in the final the team won three of the five matches.

The success of the team was a very good effort indeed, but new blood is required.

Who plays golf?

THE SUFFOLK REGIMENTAL GAZETTE

Mr. J. Doughty of Minden House, Elton, Peterborough, wants to obtain copies of The Suffolk Regimental Gazette published prior to 1955. If any of our readers have copies for which they have no further use, would they please get into touch with Mr. Doughty direct.

THE LATE CAPTAIN F. C. DE L. KIRK

We have recently learned that Captain Franklin Christopher de Lamplugh Kirk died in Kenya in June, 1959, as a result of an accident whilst out shooting. Captain Kirk served in The Norfolk Regiment from 1915 until 1925 and was awarded the Panamanian Order of La Solidaridad for distinguished services in Mesopotamia.

PERSONALITIES

Lieut.-Colonel C. R. Murray Brown will relinquish command of the 1st Battalion in December and will be succeeded by Lieut.-Colonel A. F. Campbell.

Major P. S. W. Dean is attending a Language Course at the Army Intelligence Centre preparatory to assuming the appointment of Military Attache at Tokyo in August, 1961.

Major H. E. W. Wiggington, home from Malaya, will join the 1st Battalion in Germany in October.

Major A. W. J. Turnbull hands over Adjutancy of the 4th Bn. The Royal Norfolk Regiment to Captain D. C. Thorne in July and then proceeds to the War Office to take over a G.S.O.2 appointment in M.I.2.

Major G. C. Howgego will be relieved by Major E. H. Morgan as Training Major, 1st Cambridgeshire Regiment in July and will then join the 1st Battalion in Germany.

Major E. W. A. Power will attend the U.S. Command Staff Course for a year from July.

Captains T. H. Styles and A. H. V. Gillmore have returned from Malaya and, at the end of leave, will join the 1st Battalion.

Major W. C. Deller will join the Aden Protectorate Levies when he vacates his present appointment as Brigade Major, 161 Inf. Bde. T.A.

Captain A. C. Herbert's tour of duty with the Aden Protectorate Levies has expired and he is going to the 1st Battalion in August.

Captain M. E. Thorne will join the Staff of the Signal Wing at the School of Infantry in August.

Lieut. W. J. B. Peat is going to the Trucial Oman Scouts in July.

Lieut. K. Coates is attending a course at the Outward Bound School.

When Colonel H. R. R. Conder was dined out at Headquarters, North Midland District on retirement after more than 32 years service, one of the guests was his son Edward, now serving with the 1st Battalion. A unique occasion for father to attend his last guest night on the same occasion as his son attends his first.

Lieut.-Colonel H. B. Monier-Williams, Major T. P. Farrelly and Major W. J. T. Pryer were among recent visitors to Regimental Headquarters and the Royal Norfolk Regiment Museum.

Congratulations to Captains P. C. Ford, P. D. L. Hopper, R. G. Wilson and J. A. K. W. Frere on passing the Practical Examination for Staff College and Technical Staff Course Entrance and for promotion to Major.

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EXTRACTS FROM THE LONDON GAZETTE

19th January, 1960

Territorial Army.

Royal Norfolk.

22144944 Sgt. E. B. Warrington to be 2nd Lt. (on probation) 27th November, 1959.

22nd January, 1960

Territorial Army.

Suffolk.

Lt. (Actg. Capt.) C. O. Goodford to be Capt., 23rd January, 1960, with seniority 12th December, 1957.

29th January, 1960

Regular Army.

Short Service Commission.

Capt. B. T. Reeve (Emp. List 4) relinquishes his commission, on completion of service 1st February, 1960, and is granted the hon. rank of Capt.

Territorial Army.

Cambridgeshire.

Lt. (Qr. Mr.) C. E. Isaacson to be Capt. (Qr. Mr.) 17th November, 1959, with seniority 8th September, 1958.

2nd February, 1960

Regular Army.

Major A. P. McArthur retires on retired pay 1st February, 1960 (Reserve Liability).

9th February, 1960

Regular Army.

Lt. D. C. Thorne to be Capt., 12th February, 1960.

Lt. J. G. M. North to be Capt., 12th February, 1960.

12th February, 1960

Regular Army.

Short Service Commission.

2nd Lt. A. H. Rodwell to be Lt., 14th February, 1960.

23rd February, 1960

Regular Army.

Col. H. R. R. Conder, O.B.E., late Infantry, to retire on retired pay, 25th February, 1960 (Reserve Liability).

1st March, 1960

Territorial Army.

Suffolk.

Capt. G. L. Brown to be Major, 13th January, 1960.

Cambridgeshire.

Capt. J. R. L. Brashaw is granted the actg. rank of Major, 8th December, 1959.

Lt. J. H. V. Bradley to be Capt., 8th December, 1959.

15th March, 1960

Territorial Army Reserve of Officers.

Col. J. S. H. Smitherman, O.B.E., E.R.D., late Infantry from Active List to be Col., 14th December, 1959, retaining his present seniority.

29th March, 1960

Memoranda.

Lt. Col. K. A. L. Hinde, Emp. List 1 (late Suffolk) having exceeded retiring age is placed on retired pay 2nd April, 1960 (Reserve Liability).

1st April, 1960

Territorial Army.

Royal Norfolk.

2nd Lt. P. E. Watson to be Lt., 4th April, 1960.

Memoranda.

Major and Bt. Lt.-Col. J. N. R. Hallett, M.B.E., from 1st E. Anglian to be Lt.-Col. on the Emp. List 1, 15th December, 1959.

5th April, 1960

Memoranda.

Major K. M. J. Dewar, O.B.E., from 1st E. Anglian to be Lt.-Col. on the Emp. List 1, 25th February, 1960.

12th April, 1960

Regular Army.

Major R. A. P. G. Ferrier retires on retired pay, 14th April, 1960 (Reserve Liability).

Lt. A. C. Herbert to be Capt., 15th April, 1960.

19th April, 1960

Territorial Army.

Suffolk.

Lt. C. N. Leaning is granted the actg. rank of Capt., 17th February, 1960.

22nd April, 1960

Regular Army.

Lt. P. G. Raven to be Capt., 26th April, 1960.

26th April, 1960

Regular Army.

Major B. Alkens retires on retired pay, 29th April, 1960 (Reserve Liability).

17th May, 1960

Regular Army.

Major B. D. Chapman, D.S.O., retires on retired pay, 19th May, 1960 (Reserve Liability).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Births.

HENDERSON.—On 24th February, 1960, at the Nakuru War Memorial Hospital, Kenya, to Caroline, wife of Captain M. L. Henderson, a second son, Dougal Malcolm.

HOPPER.—On 11th January, 1960, at the British Military Hospital, Rinteln, Germany, to Gemma, wife of Captain P. D. L. Hopper, a daughter, Joanna Caroline.

Marriages.

In Mauritius on 18th April, 1960, by the Bishop of Mauritius, Major J. D. A. Fitzgerald to Frau Marlies Ulmke of Minden, Westphalia.

Deaths.

SOAMES.—On 23rd November, 1959, at Norwich, after a long illness, ex-C.S.M. William Soames, late The Royal Norfolk Regiment, aged 67 years.

QUANTRILL.—On 19th February, 1960, at the West Norwich Hospital, Norwich, Major Harry Quantrell, late The Royal Norfolk Regiment, aged 75 years.

HALL.—On 18th April, at Great Yarmouth, Lt.-Col. Thomas Batt Hall, T.D., J.P., late The Norfolk Regiment (T.A.), aged 76 years.

JACKSON.—On 29th March, 1959, at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, Pensioner Horace Jackson, late The Norfolk Regiment, aged 90 years.

WALFORD.—On 12th January, 1960, at Torquay, Inez, widow of Major G. H. Walford, The Suffolk Regiment.

BURGESS.—On 21st January, 1960, suddenly, at Cornhill Chambers, Bury St. Edmunds, Major Albert Edward Burgess, late The Suffolk Regiment, aged 62 years.

CANDLER—On 4th April, 1960, very suddenly, at 40 Guildhall Street, Bury St. Edmunds, Archie Candler, J.P., late The Suffolk Regiment, aged 70 years.

MACUE—On 19th February, 1960, at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, ex-Pte. Edward Macue, late The Suffolk Regiment, aged 87 years.

BAILEY—On 29th April, 1960, after a long illness, Walter Bailey, 35 Mildenhall Road, Fordham, Suffolk, aged 63 years.

COUSENS—On 22nd May, 1960, at King's Lynn, Henry Charles Cousens, late Norfolk Regiment, aged 78 years.

OBITUARIES

Lt.-Col. F. E. Walter, D.S.O., The Norfolk Regiment. It was with much regret that we learned of the death of Lt.-Col. Francis Edward Walter, which occurred at his home at Hopton, Great Yarmouth, on 31st January, 1960. We offer our deepest sympathy to his widow and daughter. Col. Walter joined The Norfolk Regiment in 1897 and retired on pension in 1913. He rejoined to command the 7th Battalion in 1914. He saw active service in South Africa and again in France where he was wounded and later mentioned in despatches. He was awarded the D.S.O. in 1916. In the Second World War Col. Walter commanded a battalion of the East Suffolk Home Guard and was Services Welfare Officer for Great Yarmouth and District. Among his many other activities he was a Trustee of the Corps of Commissionaires which was founded by a member of his family. He was a Governor of the East Anglian Trustee Savings Bank, a former President of his local branch of the British Legion, and Treasurer of the Parochial Church Council. As a special constable during the General Strike of 1926, Col. Walter was awarded the Police Medal. His only son was killed in action whilst serving with The Royal Norfolk Regiment in the Second World War. Col. Walter took a keen interest in regimental affairs and was for many years a member of the Memorial Cottages Committee. He presented a number of interesting exhibits to the Regimental Museum, and a collection of medals which he made has been donated to the Museum by his widow. At the funeral the Regiment was represented by Major J. M. Petit, Brigadiers Wilkinson and Long and Major Pope were also present.

Lieut.-Colonel T. B. Hall, The Norfolk Regiment (T.A.). It is with regret that we have to record the passing of Lieut.-Col. Thomas Batt Hall, which occurred at Great Yarmouth on 18th April. He leaves a widow and two sons to whom we offer our deep sympathy.

Lieut.-Col. Hall was commissioned in the 2nd Volunteer Battalion, Norfolk Regiment in 1905 and saw service with the 5th (Territorial) Battalion in the Great War. Demobilised in 1919, he joined the 4th (Territorial) Battalion as its 2nd-in-command a year later, and assumed command in 1928, an appointment he held for four years.

Lieut.-Col. Hall was transferred to the T.A. Reserve but in 1939 he was back in uniform again and served at home, in North Africa and in Sicily before again being demobilised in 1947.

He was a magistrate at Great Yarmouth for 33 years and Chairman of the Bench from 1952 until 1959.

Major H. Quantrill, The Royal Norfolk Regiment. We very much regret to announce the death of Major Harry Quantrill which occurred at the

West Norwich Hospital on 19th February. Advancing his age by more than three years Harry joined the Regiment in 1899 and was soon on active service with the 2nd Bn. in South Africa. He was subsequently posted to the 1st Bn. with whom he served without a break for over 30 years. In August 1914 he sailed with the 1st Bn. from Belfast to join the British Expeditionary Force in France. He was then the Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant, and was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal and the French Medal of Honour for his distinguished services during the war. In 1923 Harry was commissioned as Quartermaster of the 1st Bn. at the beginning of a foreign service tour which took in West Indies, Egypt, China and India. It was from Dacca in Bengal that Harry returned to Norwich as Brevet Major and took over the job of Quartermaster at the Regimental Depot. He retired in 1936 to live in Norwich but the outbreak of war in 1939 saw him back in uniform again, this time as a Major in The Royal Army Service Corps. It was in 1942 that Harry finally retired after more than 40 years service to his credit. The war was still on and there was plenty that Harry did with the Rescue Branch of the Civil Defence. After the war he was almost an "ever present" at all Regimental Reunions, and in his will he bequeathed his eleven medals to the Regimental Museum. Many of his regimental friends attended the funeral at Sprowston Parish Church. They included Brigadiers Wilkinson and Long, Lt.-Cols. Marshall and Hare, Major Pope and four former Quartermasters, Majors Pryer, Chapman and Cripps and Captain Clarke. The Regiment was represented by Lt. (Q.M.) T. W. Chatting of the 4th Bn. Harry, who never married, is survived by his sister who for many years has lived in Canada. Accompanied by her husband she returned to this country to attend to her late brother's affairs and found time to pay a visit to the Regimental Museum. Here she found much to remind her of Harry's long and loyal service with his Regiment.

Mr. William Soames, His many friends will regret to learn of the death of ex-C.S.M. William Leonard Soames which occurred at the West Norwich Hospital on 23rd November, 1959 after a long illness borne with considerable pluck and cheerfulness. We offer our deep sympathy to his widow. Billy Soames joined the Regiment in 1912 and went to France with the 1st Bn. on 6th August, 1914. He was taken prisoner the same month and spent the next four and a half years in captivity. After the war he rejoined the 1st Bn. and was prominent in all forms of athletics and games for many years. Although he retired on pension in 1935 he was back in uniform in 1939 and in 1944 went to France with the British Liberation Army. After this war he continued his association with the regiment by joining the Norwich Home Guard Battalion, and continued to serve until the disbandment of the Home Guard in 1954.

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GENERAL NEWS

Bertrand Stewart Prize Essay Competition 1961.

The subject chosen for the 1961 competition is as follows: "In the past Great Britain has had the free use of a number of overseas possessions spread throughout the world, which have provided facilities ranging from full base installations to refuelling stations. These have greatly eased problems of movement and deployment both in peace and war. Since the war, the tendency has been for these facilities to become no longer available for political reasons, and this trend seems likely to continue. Assuming that, at some future time, Great Britain will have no overseas Bases or staging and refuelling points, other than in the territories of the old Commonwealth (Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa) discuss how her military presence can be brought to bear in the Middle East, Africa and the Far East both in limited and cold war conditions. You may make any reasonable assumptions regarding developments in aircraft and naval vessels, and in weapon systems."

This competition is open to British subjects who have served or who are serving, as officers or other ranks of Her Majesty's Forces. The prize is £80. Full details of the competition can be obtained from Regimental Headquarters.

Army Art Society Annual Exhibition 1960.

The Society which exists to encourage art in the Army and sister services, is holding its 29th Exhibition during October 1960 at: The Commonwealth Institute, South Kensington, S.W.7.

All ranks of the Army, Royal Navy and Royal Air Force, past or present, permanent or temporary, may submit works for consideration. The Society is an entirely unofficial organisation and for several years very successful exhibitions have been held in London each autumn. Service artists can derive more interest from their hobby by aiming at submitting works for the exhibitions, which also give them an opportunity to compare their standard and style with others. This year there will be two awards of five guinea vouchers (on Messrs. Winsor and Newton) and other awards donated by well known artist suppliers for the pictures deemed by the Committee the best, both in Oils and in Water Colour, submitted by non-member "Serving" Artists.

As the Society is non-profit making, the entrance and hanging fees are kept as low as possible. Intending exhibitors are invited to apply after the 1st of May for particulars. Applications should be addressed to:—

The Honorary Secretary,

The Army Arts Society,

Captain A. J. Daldy,

16 King Edwards Grove,

Teddington,

Middlesex.



1st BATTALION

GENERAL NEWS

The Battalion has been kept very busy since its arrival in Berlin and there has been little respite from the constant round of activities. Soon after arrival, the G.O.C. Major General R. Delacombe, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O. and the Brigade Commander, Brigadier G. J. Hamilton, C.B.E., D.S.O., visited Montgomery Barracks and talked with Officers and N.C.O.s, and then followed visits by General Sir James Cassels, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O. and Major General D. A. Kendrew, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., Director of Infantry. The first month was spent in settling in and finding the way about Berlin and there was little time for sport or any real training, added to which the weather was extremely cold and there was snow on the ground.

The first major activity in which the Battalion took part was the inter-unit Platoon Battle Test Competition in which each of the three Infantry Battalions in Berlin produced three platoons to fight a thirty-six hour battle over a course of some forty miles. The Battalion had not had much opportunity to train for this competition and although placed third put up a very creditable performance. 2/Lt. Jefferson and No. 9 Platoon of "C" Company did particularly well and were placed third in the individual platoon results.

Late in March, Support Company and the Band and Drums provided a Guard of Honour for the visit of The Rt. Hon. The Earl Mountbatten of Burma, K.G., P.C., G.C.B., G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., G.C.V.O., D.S.O., L.L.D., D.S.C., D.C.L., Chief of Defence Staff. The Guard of Honour looked very smart dressed in full Ceremonial dress and their drill was immaculate as a result of considerable hard work and practice. During the course of his inspection of the Guard, Earl Mountbatten spoke to a number of the men.

The Band and Drums have been worked hard as a result of the many parties and Guest Nights and they also played in a short Massed Bands Display at the beginning of the Army Rugby Final held in Berlin. Recently they gave a magnificent performance of Beating Retreat before an inter-



1st Battalion Beating Retreat at Berlin on Almanza Day, 1960.

national audience of English, American, French and Russian guests all of whom gave them the highest praise.

During the Almanza Celebrations besides Beating Retreat and a Cocktail Party in the Officers Mess, there was an excellent W.O.s and Sergeants Mess Ball and also an All Ranks Ball. The Sergeants Mess Ball was held in a building in R.A.F. Gatow Camp nearby, thanks to the kindness of the R.A.F., and was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. The All Ranks Ball was held in the Gymnasium and was also very successful. Indeed, seldom have so many lovely girls been seen at an All Ranks Ball and seldom has there been one so gay and orderly!

The Barracks are superbly comfortable and spacious and there are innumerable facilities for entertainment and training within the camp. No bedroom contains more than four men and most contain only two or three, the floors are brightly and easily polished and kept clean and the rooms are large and bright. In every block there is a German civilian cleaner who cleans the offices and passages and there is a vast civilian labour force of gardeners, groundsmen, clerks, cleaners and waiters in the camp who cut down the soldier's chores to a bare minimum. There are two football pitches within the camp and a third will be ready

for use next year, a rugby pitch, a running track and a swimming pool. There is a camp cinema that shows a film once a week, an excellent N.A.A.F.I. and an Education Centre, which provides instruction in a variety of subjects. Particularly valuable facilities in the Camp are the 300 yards range and the thirty yards range on which the Battalion Shooting Team have been practising daily for the last month in order to compete in the Berlin Brigade Rifle Meeting. With the expert training of Majors Fisher-Hoch and Morgan the team has a good chance of winning the Brigade Competition. It is a pity that the Allied Weapons Competition between representative units of the French, American and British armies has been cancelled due to the Americans and French withdrawing from the Competition for it is possible that the Battalion Team would have won that also.

In the sporting world, though not excellent in any sport, the Regiment has acquitted itself well. The football team lost many of their players just after Christmas and the new team has not settled down to playing well together yet, though they are improving at each successive game. The Hockey Team has done well and are the current Berlin Brigade Champions. When the Berlin Combined Services produced two hockey sides to play visiting teams there were no less than twelve 1st East



Representing the Regiment in the Army Golf Team Championship, 1960. L. to R.: Col. R. P. Freeman-Taylor, Brig. I. H. Freeland, Lt-Col. Murray Brown, Brig. R. P. Scott, Col. J. F. Carroll.

Anglian players in the teams! The Battalion athletes are training each evening for the Brigade Meeting shortly due to take place and the Pentathlon Teams are continuing their training to compete in the Army Pentathlon in U.K. It was a tremendous achievement for the Pentathlon Team to be placed second in the B.A.O.R. Competition and an even greater triumph to defeat a cavalry regiment in the riding event! The Cross-Country Running Team did well to be placed fourth in the B.A.O.R. competition and L/C Holden gained the honour of representing Rhine Army in a match against representative French, Canadian and Belgian Army teams. The Battalion Small-Bore Team was very successful and were just beaten into second place in the B.A.O.R. Central Competition at Sennelager. Berlin has much to offer in sport, entertainment and music for there is a constant stream of interesting events taking place and the world's best performers in every sphere visit this city. It is a pity, perhaps, that most of us have insufficient time to enjoy all the opportunities provided, especially the opportunity of meeting and conversing with the American and French people here, for life in Berlin is inclined to be hectic. The men are beginning to enjoy Berlin and the arrival of the warm weather will raise everyone's spirits higher for it will be possible to get out more and use the many facilities for sport and entertainment both in Berlin and in this the camp.

OFFICERS MESS

P.M.C.: Major C. J. V. Fisher-Hoch.
Mess Sgt.: Sgt. J. Bellamy.

The Mess in Berlin is a most attractive and pleasant home to live in. Built as the Sergeants Mess of a tank regiment it has none of the horrors of an army conversion. A sizeable ante room and large pannelled dining room have wall length windows leading on to a large terrace. Surrounded by trees and pines there is a glimpse of the River Havel in the distance. Grouped round these main rooms are a T.V. room, card room, hall and ladies room. The front entrance is on a lower level and leads into a long hall with two other rooms and a bowling alley. Above this making a third floor are the quarters, but only ten rooms. The remaining officers live in an annexe and a bungalow near the main building. Some distance from the Barracks the mess nestles coyly against the border wire of the Russian Zone. This does not appear to disturb anyone and even the mess cat confines its activities to our side. The many rooms and corridors lack pictures but the arrival of more from the Depot and R.H.Q. will make a great improvement.

February was a month of settling in and we received much hospitality as new arrivals. The Yorkshire and Lancaster Regiment were most kind to both our advance party and main body. It is of interest to note that they were formed from a Suffolk Battalion in 1758. We have come to know The King's Own Scottish Borderers well and again we have a link in that, they too, are a Minden Regiment. In the last week we have all been able to infict regimental celebrations on each other with St. George's Day, Gallipoli Day and Almanza Day.

To introduce ourselves, our entertainment started at the end of February. There have been

three curry lunches, two guest nights and the Almanza cocktail party to which we have managed to invite a wide circle of guests and friends. The Almanza party was a protocol affair with two hundred and fifty guests. We were delighted the Russians accepted our invitation and they appeared to enjoy themselves. In addition there have been several luncheon parties including one for the Army Commander, General Cassels and the Director of Infantry, General Kendrew.

The Mess Staff Ptes. Christie, Jackson, Hall and Stribbling ably led by Sgt. Bellamy, Cpl. Beecham and L/C Ingram have, as ever, coped. End of National Service claimed two stalwarts. Ptes. Cubitt and Key but re-inforcements are on the way. We are fortunate in having a good civilian mess staff including two chefs. The standard of messing is high but there are the usual complaints and the food member has taken to dining out on occasions in self defence. After all he has managed to produce breakfast for lunch and dinner, surely unusual if remarkably well cooked.

Departures are again numerous and goodbyes have been said to John Fisher-Hoch on retirement, Bill Peat on his move to Arabia, and Mike Kidner and Roger Ridley Thomas to civilian life.

Arrivals include Peter Raven and our new saw-bones Bob Taylor with their families. In addition there has been the new entry of Ted Conder, Mike O'Meara, Denis Gamberoni and Richard Abbot.

We were delighted to entertain Rupert Gowing and his party from the Junior Leaders Battalion and we have had a visit from Bob Godfrey and wife who are now stationed in Berlin.

Congratulations go to the Commanding Officer and Tony Catchpole and their wives on the birth of a daughter and a son respectively.

We entertained the R.M.A. Hockey Team for three days and the young men appeared to enjoy their visit to Berlin.

The weather has suddenly changed to summer and with sailing, cricket, athletics, golf, pentathlon and shooting claiming much of many members time, we all hope the tempo will slow down just a little. Vintage car owner Peter Morton's tempo has come to a dead halt, having managed to overturn his car flinging all occupants in many directions and inflicting much superficial damage.

Our invitation goes to any members of the Regiment who are able to visit us in Berlin and for no consideration you may sample the bright lights of the city with which most of us are now familiar.

Today is the 6th May and as we go to press we have just entertained the families to T.V. for The Wedding and the Sergeants Mess and their wives to drinks. The weather was perfect and, assembled on the terrace, we were able to drink our toast to our Colonel-in-Chief and her husband on this most memorable day.

Mess Comment Pentathlon 1960

"Great jumping duberees," roars the 2 i/c, knocking over his gin. The youngest subaltern ducks. The senior captain lowers his paper with an air of must we. The junior major, an outspoken fellow queries, "What's b . . . well happened now?" The adjutant frowns, presses the bell and orders another gin . . . for the 2 i/c.

"Listen to this," cries the 2 i/c and reads . . .

"The 10th Royal Hussars yesterday won the team riding, first event of the British Army of the Rhine modern pentathlon championship at Bad Lippspringe, near Herford. They scored 3,170 points. 1st East Anglian Regiment were second with 1,275 and 9th Queen's Own Royal Lancers third with 1,225.—Reuter."

Stunned silence. We all knew a team had left but . . .

Rhubarb, babble and pandemonium.

"Impossible."

"A misprint."

"The other teams must have scratched."

"Our chaps can't ride."

"Like sacks of potatoes."

"Can't even imagine them being on time for the start."

"Remarkable."

"They must have doped them."

"Our lot are dopey enough as it is."

"The horses you fool."

"The judges must have been drunk."

"The other horses must have gone on strike when they saw our lot mounted."

"They probably gave points for the fancy dress they were wearing."

"That's it, points for originality."

"How to ride a horse like a bike."

"Do you remember James riding six times round the newly marked out athletic track then falling off. When taxed as to why he had to select the one place he should not have ridden on he replied, 'The horse appeared to like it, he felt in orbit and more or less safe, and besides I couldn't control the beast anyway.'"

"But they all used to fall off even when the jumps were raised one foot — to one foot."

"They must have walked the horses round the course and through the fences."

"Would you believe it."

"Remarkable."

"Well," chortled the 2 i/c, "I know some of 9th, I'll tell 'em when I see them." And there is no doubt he will.

Morale takes one of those boosts, drinks are ordered all round — on the riders of course. By the shades of Chundra what will we get up to next. Beating the cavalry at their own game, well, well.

For a charitable on the spot report please look elsewhere. Needless to say we are pleased with the team's efforts and wish them success in U.K.

SERGEANTS MESS

Our first three months in Berlin have passed and the Mess has settled down to life in the divided city.

In February the Mess threw a grand house warming and social evening to which all other messes were invited en bloc. In spite of the lack of space, the very large number of guests thoroughly enjoyed themselves thanks largely to the effort of C.S.M. "Hughie Green" Fowler and his committee.

En passant, the holder of the winning prize has not yet been in to collect it. The winning prize was a Regimental Haircut.

We have entered the world of sport with a bang. At football we have played the Sgts. Mess of 1st K.O.S.B. and our own Cpls. Mess, and very

fine games they were too. A merciful veil shall be drawn over the scores in both cases, but all agree that "tempus fugit" and not lack of determination or skill was the deciding factor. Over the Easter period hockey was played versus our fellow infantry messes, beating 1st K.O.S.B. 2 nil and losing to Yorks and Lancs. 2-1.

In the latter game, one or two members of our mess seemed to think they were taking part in "Custers Last Stand" or "The Return of the Vikings" judging by the ferocity of their tackles, facial expressions and wielding of sticks.

C.S.M. Fowler of "A" Company states that it was not true that the rules of the games were read to him just prior to the match, it was at least two days previously.

A very popular innovation is the Married Families Sunday dinner in the Mess. The wives like it because it relieves them of their kitchen chores. Some however have been heard to say it is merely a crafty move to prolong a game of darts.

C/Sgt. Downes and Sgt. Kyne have joined us since we moved to Berlin, and we extend to them and their families a hearty welcome.

C.S.M. Boxall is preparing to leave us to join the 4th Bn. Royal Norfolk Regiment as R.S.M., and we wish him all the best in the future.

Sgt. Williams is also getting ready to brave the dreaded rigours of "civvie" street, in the near future and the best of British luck to him!

Mention must also be made of the extremely fine shooting done by mess members at the Battalion Rifle Meeting. C.S.M. Evans and S/Sgt.



C.S.M. Evans receiving his prize from Mrs. Forrest at a Rifle Meeting in Berlin.



"A" Company 1st Battalion, Berlin, 1960.

Ridout to name just two. It is hoped to hold the mess shoot later in the year.

On the 27th April the Sgts. Mess Almanza Ball was held in the Bavarian Lodge which was loaned to us for the occasion by the courtesy of R.A.F. Gatow. The guest of honour was Brigadier G. J. Hamilton, C.B.E., D.S.O. The complete success of the evening was entirely due to the hard work and organisation performed by C.S.M. Parker and his committee.

This gala occasion gave us the chance to show off our Mess Kit which is the envy of our neighbours.

"A" COMPANY

Coy. Comd.: Major R. M. Williams, M.C.
2 i/c: 2/Lt. R. Ridley-Thomas.
No. 1 Pl.: 2/Lt. E. H. Conder.
No. 2 Pl.: 2/Lt. R. Abbott.
No. 3 Pl.: 2/Lt. J. Sutherland.
C.S.M.: W.O. II M. Fowler.
C.Q.M.S.: C/Sgt. H. Doughty.

Mr. Ridley-Thomas is about to leave us for civilian life, but has just injured his knee in circumstances shrouded in mystery. It looks as though he will leave the Army with one leg in plaster autographed by members of the company wishing him the best of luck.

Major Williams took over the company from Capt. Wilson on arrival in Berlin. Mr. Conder came to us from Sandhurst and Mr. Abbott from Mons Officer Cadet School. C/Sgt. Doughty has joined us from the tangles of married families accommodation. C.S.M. Fowler has seen the longest service with "A" Company, and ensures that the Company loses nothing of its character and traditions.

We arrived in Berlin very much under strength and with a large number due for demobilisation shortly afterwards. In February this large draft was demobbed. Amongst them were two National Service corporals, Witchell and Davie. There has been an almost complete change in the composition of the company, as regards Regular and National Service strength. In September and October 1959, there were one or two regulars interspersed at rare intervals throughout the company. In April 1960, just prior to the arrival of the new, and entirely National Service draft, the situation was reversed. Then it was the exception to be a National Serviceman. In May 1960, there will be but one National Service N.C.O., the Company Clerk, L/C Taylor. The huge draft of ex-Cyprus soldiers that came to "A" Company from "D" Company of 1st Bn. Suffolk Regiment have now disappeared, with a few notable exceptions.

Our first task was to prepare for Exercise Lode Star in March. In this exercise each Rifle Company in the Brigade provided one full strength platoon to take part in a battle test lasting three days. This test covered almost every type of platoon battle activity. So with 4 weeks in hand the Company spent many nights and days marching and performing platoon exercises on the Grunewald. We also practised river crossing on the Havel, where on one occasion the water proved almost a match for us on a very choppy day. Due to its low strength, the whole company found themselves in the platoon, and even so, ten men who arrived in a draft 10 days before the test were incorporated

into the platoon. In spite of these disadvantages, the platoon led by 2/Lt. Sutherland and Sgt. Watson (our 110 mile marchers), did very creditably. The platoon was the first one to start the test, which was somewhat of a disadvantage. However, we came second out of the 3 platoons to start the test on the first day. We were beaten by 1st K.O.S.B., but we in our turn beat the York and Lancaster Platoon.

Shortly afterwards the Company received a new draft which enabled us to re-organise on a full two platoon basis. We are shortly to receive another draft which will give us our third platoon. Most of the new draft come from Lincolnshire, and have fitted very well into the company. They have brought with them a great deal of talent in shooting and sports.

The next main event was the Battalion Rifle Meeting in early April on the Rhuleben ranges. We were lucky in having perfect weather on all three days of the meeting. In the Inter Company Championship the Company came second to Support Company. Sgt. Watson won the Sergeants Class and Pte. Clifton won the runners up prize in the Young Soldiers Class. We had no less than four in the top twenty of the Battalion, namely Sgt. Watson and Ptes. Clifton, Mitchell and Jackson, who were all young soldiers. Ptes. Root and Mitchell won the Company prizes for the best shots in the Company who did not receive a Battalion Prize.

For the next three weeks we were preparing ourselves for the Battalion Drill Competition and the Battalion Athletics. In the Drill Competition we came third. It was a very close competition and we were somewhat disappointed that we did not get a higher place.

Our athletes did very well in the Battalion Meeting. The Rifle companies were overwhelmed by the large numbers in H.Q. and Support Companies, so our main object was to lead the rifle companies, which we did coming third in the Inter-Company Championship. We managed to win the Hurdles relay and came second in the 100 and 400 yards races. Mr. Abbott came second in the Long Jump and Pte. Pitt ran an excellent race to come third in the 1500 metres. We were runners up in the Tug of War at the expense of the Company Commander, who whilst coaching snapped his vocal chords and for some days afterwards was seen but not heard.

Looking back on this quarter which has included competitions in sport, drill and field training and shooting, we have come either second or third in the Battalion which shows we have a good all round standard and have got off to a good start in Berlin.

"B" COMPANY

January was a month of preparation for our move to Berlin, which took the form of packing up and preparing the Company lines in order that they could be handed over to 1st Bn. Royal Ulster Rifles in tip top condition. This was achieved and on 6th February we entrained at Dortmund with high hopes of what we should find in Berlin.

We were certainly not disappointed with the barracks, where we arrived by coach on the extremely cold morning of 7th February, 1960, after an uneventful train journey, and a smooth reception at Berlin - Spandau station. We found them

spacious and well-appointed and with particularly good office and stores accommodation after Iser-lohn. The only disadvantage, perhaps, was the distance from Company Block to N.A.A.F.I. Club and Dining Hall. This was naturally felt far more on our arrival when there was snow on the ground, than it is at the time of writing these notes, with spring in the air. Again, in this spring season, the barracks, with their grey stone buildings separated by well kept lawns and flower beds, the avenues of trees and the beautiful playing fields, are noticeably less barrack-like than many we have been used to.

Settling in on our arrival included a certain amount of instruction in the form of lectures from members of the Military Government and Military Police, telling us of the local unique international and political situation, and how it affected us regarding our general conduct and the limits imposed upon us by the nature of the geography of Western Berlin, that is a Democratic Island, completely surrounded by Communist East Germany. The lectures were most interesting and informative and in some cases very amusing, as, for example, the anecdotes recounted by Mr. Abbotts, the Principal Intelligence Officer, concerning the adventures of various members of the British Army who have been stationed in Berlin in the past.

We have since explored West Berlin for ourselves, and the Company has made two sorties into East Berlin, under the auspices of conducted tours. A great deal could be written on what we have seen and done in this extraordinary city, but suffice it to say it offers an immense amount of amusement and interest.

On our arrival in Berlin, our low strength had only allowed us to organise the Company into two Platoons, 5 and 6 Platoons. Half the Company were due for release in mid-March and they formed 6 Platoon, while the remainder formed 5 Platoon, who were to be our representatives for Exercise "Lode Star" and the Berlin Brigade inter-platoon battle test to be held in the latter part of March. As soon as was possible training started, with Exercise "Lode Star" as the objective, and 5 Platoon with the whole Company supporting it, covered much ground in the Grunewald, Gatow, and the roads of Berlin, and much water in the Havel, training up for the various phases. 6 Platoon did good and very useful work acting as enemy and helping administratively.

5 Platoon eventually took the field for the competition commanded as follows:—

Platoon Commander: 2/Lt. Horrex.

Platoon Sgt.: Sgt. Holden.

Section Commanders: Cpl. Mixer, Cpl. Pope, Cpl. Ridley.

The rank and file were comprised, literally, of every single able-bodied member of "B" Company, with the exception of the Company Clerk. The final placing of 5 Platoon in the competition, ninth, was naturally very disappointing, but in no way reflected the amount of hard work and effort put in by Mr. Horrex, the platoon, and all concerned both before and during the competition. The Platoon did extremely well in some aspects of the competition, but valuable points were lost when, early on, it took the wrong route and missed a complete incident and later failed to find the enemy whilst night patrolling and also made an unsuccessful set-piece attack. However, lessons were learned and

weaknesses exposed which will certainly not occur in the future. In common with the remainder of the Battalion, we were at a disadvantage in having so short a time in which to train and would therefore like to take this opportunity of congratulating Mr. Jefferson and 9 Platoon of "C" Company, in their excellent effort of coming third.

As has been mentioned before, in mid-March, we lost nearly half our small Company on release, when nearly the whole of 6 Platoon left us. We lost many old friends, including the Platoon Commander, 2/Lt. J. M. Kidner, and we wish them the very best of luck in civilian life.

After Exercise "Lode Star" we turned our attention to shooting, in preparation for the Battalion Rifle Meeting in early April. Although we only had 30 odd on strength at the time, a further 48 members of the new draft, still undergoing draft training in Support Company, but destined for "B" Company, shot for us during the meeting. We did not meet with a great deal of success, coming fifth in the inter-company competition. However, our morale received a great boost at the end of the day when we won the balloon bursting competition in a thrilling final against H.Q. Company. The team: Major Power, Capt. Catchpole, L/C Clarke, Pte. Kirby, Pte. Kirby raised a tremendous cheer, when, after the remainder of the team had run out of ammunition, and one balloon remained standing, he burst it with his final shot. We were on form for balloon bursting during that meeting for 5 Platoon won the inter-platoon competition. The team: Cpl. Pope, L/C Griffen, L/C Clarke, Pte. Kirby.

Shortly after the Rifle Meeting we were joined by the new draft, already mentioned, numbering 48. From these 6 and 7 Platoons were re-created, so we are once more organised on a three platoon basis. We welcome these new members to "B" Company, together with the officers and N.C.O.s who helped train them in draft training and joined the Company with them. These are: 2/Lt. Mathers, 2/Lt. Pattinson, Sgt. Hull and Cpl. Gardiner.

Over the Easter Holiday we proved that we had, comparatively speaking, a good all round standard of athletics throughout the Company, when we came a close second to "A" Company in the standards for 100 yds., 400 metres, Long Jump and Shot Putt.

Our Company Athletics Team, however, met with less success, being placed fourth in the Battalion Athletics Meeting, which was held on 27th April. We had no team wins for any event, but were placed 2nd in: the 4 x 200 metres (2/Lt. Pattinson, Pte. Thompson and Pte. Ward), the High Jump (2/Lt. Pattinson), the Javelin (Pte. Clarke, Pte. Kirby) and the Shot Putt (Capt. Catchpole, Pte. Thompson). We came third in the 4 x 800 and 4 x 100 metres relays and had a stroke of very bad luck in the 4 x 200 metres when Pte. Bowness, whilst sprinting for the inside lane, tripped and fell, dislocating his elbow. Fortunately, the elbow soon righted itself again. The following are to be congratulated on individual placings: L/C Holden, 1st 1500 metres, 2/Lt. Pattinson, 2nd High Jump, Pte. Thompson, 2nd Shot Putt.

An event which also took place over the Almanza period was the Inter Company Drill Competition. Here we were placed second to Support Company. An unfortunate loss of step during the

slow march past resulted in the dropping of valuable points, but our excellent standard of turnout and arms drill saved the day.

At about this time we had a change in C.S.M.s. C.S.M. Fowler left us to move to H.Q. Company, where we hope his smile will remain as sunny as ever, and we welcome in his place, C.S.M. Parker who came to us from Support Company where he had been engaged in Weapon Training.

The spectacle of Beating Retreat on Almanza Day was much enhanced by the background of a most impressive Castle with Britannia superimposed. The construction of this edifice owes much to the ingenuity and industry of "B" Company. Our Company Commander designed it and by using one of his many useful contacts in Berlin, saw that the materials needed were available from the sappers. Under his direction and with Sgt. Holden as a very forceful foreman, a jumble of steel tubes and sacking took shape as a Castle as if by magic. Ptes. Ward and Oakes deserve special mention as being the two main artisans.

For the next month or so, the Queen's Birthday Parade will take up much of our time, for we will be engaged in it almost to a man. As always, with the summer months ahead, life takes on a rosy hue and we are assured that Berlin has a particularly beautiful summer, which we look forward to.

Lastly we give an account of an aeroplane flight by Pte. Westerby, the Company Commander's batman, arranged at half an hour's notice, in his own words.

"On the morning of 21st April, I had an experience I shall never forget, I was picked out to go on a flight over Berlin.

On arriving at R.A.F. Gatow I was introduced to the pilot, Squadron Leader Smith, who is also the Commanding Officer. Then I was taken to the aircraft, which was a "Chipmunk." After being fitted with a parachute and head gear, and being shown how to use the intercom, I was strapped into the cockpit. We then took off.

It was a sunny clear day which added more to the colour of the flight; the take off was smooth



Pte. Westerby of "B" Coy about to take off from Gatow Airfield, Berlin.

and in a way graceful. We rose to a height of about fourteen hundred feet, and it was my first real experience of flying, I couldn't realise I was; to me it seemed as though I was at the cinema, but instead of looking straight at the screen, I was looking down, and the view was spectacular, and beyond words to express. The flight took us over houses and fields which faded into the horizon. Somehow they reminded me of models used by children, but on a much larger scale.

On our flight over Berlin Squadron Leader Smith, was not only a good pilot but a very good guide, as he pointed out all the points of interest, making turns so that I was able to take photos of them.

Although we were up for over an hour, to me it seemed like just a few minutes, I could have stayed up all day, but like all good things, they have to come to an end, and I was disappointed when we came into land.

It was for me an experience I shall always talk about, but never fully tell what it was like, as words cannot express it; you can only know by doing it yourself.

"C" COMPANY

Since the last issue of this magazine, a great change has taken place within the Company. Just before we left Iserlohn the Company was reduced to the equivalent of a small platoon and so 10 and 11 Platoons were done away with. However on the 12th February a number of reinforcements arrived and a new 10 Platoon was formed under the command of 2/Lt. O'Meara ably assisted by Sgt. Garwood. Now we are looking forward to a further reinforcement, in order that the company might once again expand and take the shape of a normal fighting unit.

Many of the old faces have left for other duties including Lt. Rowsell who has gone to the Depot at Bury St. Edmunds to help train recruits. L/C Williams left with the intention of becoming (a) a tea planter, (b) a Hong Kong policeman, (c) a Colonial policeman in Rhodesia, (d) just another civilian. In whatever he finally finds to do, we wish him luck. Cpl. Gurnett disappeared one evening, having done a splendid job as N.C.O. 1/c enemy and all the extra bodies. Again we say, the best of good wishes to him. These wishes also go to the many other members of the company, who have left in the last few months, and had served the Company well.

Berlin has been a little bit of a disappointment. Apart from being a veritable mad house, in which the inmates are expected to have four sets of limbs, it is also far from the luxury apartment it was made out to be. Almost from the day of arrival we have trained for some special event. The first, being the "March and Shoot Exercise." Unlike another Company we do mind what people think about us, though we never expected to win. Just the same 9 Platoon came top in the Battalion and only just missed filling second place in the Brigade. Our efforts at the Drill Competition and the sports meeting were of a much lower standard. In the Battalion Rifle Meeting the Company had it's share of the prizes although in the over-all placing we were third. Now, quite naturally, a number of our

members are out training each day with the Battalion Team and should do well in the Brigade Meeting.

The Company canteen has continued to flourish in Berlin and has provided many an evenings entertainment. We have our own Table Tennis Table, Darts Board and Bar games. It is hoped to improve on all this by moving into the cellars and consolidating all in one big room. It is a slow process, but a thing we hope to get done very shortly.

The Company had a social evening on Good Friday, "B" Company were challenged at Darts and Support Company at Table Tennis. Cpl. Sell led the Table Tennis team to victory and claimed the crate of beer which the Company had put up for the winners. The darts team also won very convincingly and claimed a similar prize, so "C" Company had quite a social evening. C.S.M. Evans and 2/Lt. Gamberoni were challenged at darts by two of the victorious team, Ptes. Gollings and Harris and the Sergeant Major managed to carry Mr. Gamberoni to victory.

9 Platoon

Since the last journal there has been a reshuffle in "C" Company and 9 Platoon is now nearly all regular soldiers. From the Depot we welcome Ptes. Norris, Gollings, Smith, Tomsett, Hempstead, Clow and Harris. The last named is a very useful goalkeeper, someone our present soccer team cannot do without! We still have two Platoon Sergeants but Sgt. Bullock has been away on a Platoon Weapons Course, and Sgt. Kelly at the time of writing is at Hythe doing the same course. He went off very worried in case his creditors from last summer's stay at Shorncliffe should catch up with him.

After a quiet settling in period we started to train for the Platoon Battle Tests. During the three weeks hard training we spent several chilly but interesting nights out. On one of these exercises the platoon was assisted by the Director of Infantry who was pleased to find so many Cyprus "veterans," surprised to find so many regulars and glad to be able to talk about Belfast with Cpl. Doherty.

For the test itself we were greatly reinforced by 10 Platoon. Highlights very briefly, were the ambush on the first day when we were the only platoon to kill or capture all the enemy, two of them running into Cpl. Biggs section who were acting as cut offs, the platoon attack on the second day, when we advanced 600 yards over open ground against an enemy armed with three Browning machine guns; the recce patrol on the second night when the platoon commander lost his glasses; the fighting patrol when the snatch party of Cook and Champion was felled by two bush fires; the splendid way in which the platoon covered the 24 miles on the last day in plenty of time and then marched on the range looking smarter than we usually do on the square. How well the rifle shots reacted to the information that we could be the runners-up in the Brigade. Sgt. Kelly, Ptes. Smith 483 and Hempstead shot particularly well but we had to be content with third place.

In the Battalion Rifle Meeting, Cpl. Langham

proved himself to be a very good shot on the Rifle and L.M.G., while Ptes. Gollings and Champion excelled with the Rifle and Pte. Oxford with the L.M.G. All these four are practising for the Battalion Team.

We did not provide many competitors for the Battalion Athletics Meeting. Our best performer, Pte. Cook, was unfortunately detained at the "Haus Whales," but Harris, L/C Cl — ing and Pte. Hempstead all ran well. Hempstead is one of the lucky few going to Norway on Adventure Training at the end of May.

For the future, most of us are looking forward to getting out of Barracks and back into the Grunewald for Company Camp, especially if stories gleaned from the Royal Scots of the nocturnal goings on are true!

10 Platoon

With the exception of the platoon N.C.Os, 10 Platoon is completely new, the majority of its members arriving in the Battalion on the 12th February, having come direct from the Recruit Training at Bury St. Edmunds.

The first three weeks were taken up in training for the inter-platoon Battle Tests, although we were not to enter as a platoon. It was valuable training and helped get the platoon fit and used to living out in the open. L/C King, Ptes. Holmes, Kindell, Scully, Whiting, Lloyd, Peake, Thompson, Smith, Moody, Cotterell and Bowden were chosen to help 9 Platoon. It goes without saying that they acquitted themselves well.

In the Battalion Rifle meeting we helped the Company out and although we had none of the top honours, Sgt. Garwood made second place in the Sergeants' Match and we now have five of our number practising with the Battalion Team.

The next event was the Battalion Sports Meeting. Here we had a couple of successes, with Cpl. Rackham winning the Long Jump and also coming fourth in the High Jump. Ptes. Cotterell and Hedges won the Javelin for the Company, Cotterell gaining second place in this event. Pte. Moore puffed his way round the 5,000 metre course, only to find that it takes more than an evening to pull off an event of this kind. At least he tried and completed the distance.

Pte. Ellis has been filling in with the Battalion Football Team and we hope that the practice will help him to give the Company team a boost. Sgt. Garwood finds much of his spare time taken refereeing matches around Berlin and is gradually becoming a familiar figure at this sport.

Cpl. Taylor became a member of the platoon on its initial formation but like so many of our N.C.Os he has now moved on to H.Q. Company and to a job on the Regimental Police. Cpl. Rackham is masquerading in the gymnasium, having taken over the duties of Battalion Physical Training Instructor. He does however, come along each morning and try to shake the sleep out of our eyes with a short period of physical jerks.

L/C Edis is the next to leave for civvy street and we wish him the very best of luck in the future.



1st Bn. Headquarters. Berlin.



The Brandenburg Gate and entrance to the Russian Section of Berlin.



Entrance to Montgomery Barracks, Berlin.



L/Cs Warren and Muffet and Pte. Mann at the Congress Hall, Berlin.



Ptes. Page and Webb in their Barrack room, Montgomery Barracks, Berlin



N.A.A.F.I., Montgomery Barracks, Berlin.



Dinner time, 1st Battalion, Berlin.



Sgt. "Doc" Newitt and Pte. French at work in the M.I. Room.
1st Battalion.

SUPPORT COMPANY

O.C.: Major J. B. Dye, M.C.;
C.S.M.: W.O. II A. F. Cox;
C.Q.M.S.: Sgt. J. M. Nicholls.

Our last notes were written in anticipation of our move to Berlin. This was safely accomplished in January and February, and on arrival we found that things were even better than we had been led to believe. Excellent barracks, good sports facilities and a host of interesting things to do in off-duty hours. Everyone settled down quickly and got on with the job of enjoying themselves both at work and play.

In both spheres the company has had a very successful three months, winning all three inter company competitions at shooting, drill and athletics. Our winning of the Battalion rifle meeting was a particularly hard pill for the rifle companies to swallow by beating them at their own game.

In the athletics we had an exciting struggle with H.Q. Company, the decision resting on the last event. Our track competitors did excellently, winning all relays. Our outstanding athletes are Pte. Moyses and L/C Cook in the long distance events and Ptes. Jarrett, Goodband, Harriss, Ward, L/C Scarr and Sgt. Cross at the shorter distances. Lt. Peat was a great tower of strength in the team and it is a pity he will not be here for the Brigade meeting. We wish him well in his tour with the Trucial Oman Scouts.

The Company formed the Guard of Honour for the Chief of Defence Staff, Admiral of the Fleet Earl Mountbatten of Burma when he visited Berlin.

We welcome Capt. Raven to the Company and also Sgt. Kine and L/C Hawkrigge. A few have left us and the most noticeable loss in Company H.Q. is L/C Orlebar who soldiered for a long time in the Specialist Company, latterly being company clerk. He takes our best wishes with him. Pte. Fordham has taken his place in the office and keeps the typewriter glowing.

We have our annual support weapons shooting at Hohne in July to look forward to and a month in the British Zone in October. In the meantime preparations for the Brigade shooting, swimming and athletics meetings are well under way plus daily rehearsals for the Queen's Birthday parade, so life has never a dull moment.

Signal Platoon.

R.S.O.: Capt. M. E. Thorne. Sig. Sub.: 2/Lt. M. Baxter. Pln. Sgt.: S/Sgt. Fox. Wrls. Sgt.: Sgt. Waller.

The last notes were written with Christmas in the offing and so we begin with a note that Christmas passed, floating on a sea of food, drink and sleep, with the odd Carol Service and football match thrown in.

As a pleasant start to this period, the platoon went up to Winterberg for three days and had a great time, riding, walking and enjoying the rest. After Christmas, nine members of the platoon took local leave there, which proved how popular this particular weekend was.

As Christmas merged into the New Year, there was some feverish packing up done by the R.S.O., Sgt. Waller, Johnson, Hackford and Curson, who

then came up to Berlin as part of the Advance Party. All their documents were correct. While the rest of the platoon packed up and handed over to the Ulsters, the Advance Party did a few hours hard work taking over some highly polished equipment from the Royal Scots. A month later the Battalion arrived and after a week of fatigues we settled down to a three star Cadre. This ended after the normal six weeks with eight passes and two failures. Since then we have taken part in Battalion Shooting, Company Shooting, Company Athletics and soon Battalion Athletics. Currently we are also slow "walking" round the square in preparation for the Drill Competition.

The following have departed to try their hand at being civilians: Ptes. Backhouse, Bendon, Chapman, Morris, Simmonds, Stares, Hopgood, Carr, Foeman Woodhams (our only Premium Bond Winner), Tye and Talbot. In their stead we welcome Ptes. Goodband, Ward, Putwain, Ball, Brown (54), Grint and Harris.

Soon the management of this particular Limited Company is changing, as the R.S.O. and Sgt. Waller will be relieved by Capt. B. H. Mills and Sgt. Sharpe. The Treasury have been informed that no "Golden Handshake" is involved.

Lastly congratulations to the following: L/C Ratcliffe on promotion to Corporal and Ptes. Flegg, Harper, Colgan and Chandler on promotion to L/C.

The 3 inch Mortar Platoon.

Lt. D. R. Baily. Sgt. H. M. High.

"WHO'S AWARE?" WE'RE AWARE!"

On our arrival, Berlin fulfilled nearly all our expectations. Our accommodation in particular proved to be an eye-opener, the stores themselves being of ballroom dimensions and containing no less than six mortars. The handsome new sign-board aroused the envy of certain other platoons, who hastened to follow our example.

The three-week cadre, with everybody starting from scratch, was a great success. Unfortunately we cannot put up our specialist badges until we have fired live ammunition at Hohne, in July. Continuation training has since been limited by such activities as Guard of Honour rehearsals and practice for the various Rifle Meetings. Incidentally our team were finalists in the inter platoon balloon bursting competition and only just lost to 5 Platoon after a desperate struggle involving four consecutive ties. There are now three of us training for the Battalion Rifle Team.

There are more changes in our personnel to record. Cpl. Beckett, on reversion to substantive rank, has gone in search of the sun and promotion to the Trucial Oman Scouts: we wish him well there, but are sorry to lose him. Sergeant/Colour Sergeant Nichols came back to us as Platoon Sergeant for long enough to say "Hullo-Goodbye" on his way to take over Support Company stores. Pte. Keetley has rejoined permanently. Pte. Goodchild has taken the uncharacteristic job of a Regimental Policeman at Warminster, while hankerings after the Cavalry have won for Pte. Pearl the post of Regimental Groom.

Summit Conferences and (compassionate leave permitting, the rest of us Soldier On.

M.M.G./Assault Pioneer Platoon.

Pl. Comd.: Lt. P. W. Morton; Pl. 2 i/c: 2/Lt. F. G. Smith; Pl. Sgt.: Sgt. P. S. Cross.

Regrettably the life of the M.M.G. Platoon as such has been a short one. Having moved to Berlin we found that the "situation" there demanded more of Assault Pioneers than of Machine Gunners, so we are at present performing a dual role.

Assault Pioneering is in the ascendancy at the moment and is likely to remain so, for we shortly hand in all our Vickers save one service and one D.P. gun. These will be used on a limited M.M.G. cadre in June which in turn will be followed by a week or so on the ranges at Hohne.

Since the last issue of the "Britannia and Castle" the platoon has grown in size considerably. L/C Aldridge, Ptes. Aylesbury, Browne, Moyses, Sharman and Smart joined us from the draft which arrived early in the year at Iserlohn. We have also been supplemented by some genuine Assault Pioneers in the shape of Cpl. Andrews, L/C Savage, Ptes. Bates, Cox and Jarrett. A number of the platoon are dispersed in other jobs and usually only materialise on rare occasions, notably Pay Day. Cpl. Andrews has his own little kingdom in the Q.M.'s Pioneer Shop and Pte. Aylesbury is to be found permanently in the Cookhouse.

The move to Berlin was accomplished with almost unnatural ease apart from the total disintegration of most of the packing cases. On arrival Sgt. Cross ran a month's M.M.G. cadre, notable only for the antiquity of the ammunition issued. Assault Pioneering started soon afterwards and the platoon en masse attended a Mines and Demolitions Course run by 38 (Berlin) Fd. Son. R.E. Experience was gained in using dangerous quantities of explosive and the intricacies of laying and breaching minefields were revealed.

After the Course we became involved in the Easter/Almanza Day melee and, apart from a few spasmodic attempts to construct a digging and wiring area, training came virtually to a standstill. With the rest of Support Company we concentrated on training for the Battalion Athletics Meeting, achieving second place to the Signal's Platoon in Company Meeting. In the Battalion Meeting the platoon were well represented in the Company team which eventually won the meeting from Headquarter Company. Particular mention must be made of Pte. Moyses who won a very well planned 5,000 metres and Pte. Carlile who came 3rd in the Hammer event, never having thrown a hammer before. Sgt. Cross represented the Company in the 100 and 200 metres relays and in the Javelin event, L/C Cook in the 5,000 and 1,500 metres, Pte. Fraser in the Long Jump, Pte. Collings in the Hurdles, Pte. Jarrett in the Hurdles, 400 and 800 metres relays and Pte. Sharman in the 400 metres.

We had to erect a vast wooden stand for Beating of Retreat on Almanza Day. With the help of Cpl. Andrews and by various sinister threats from the Platoon Commander it was put up in record time. Certain doubts were expressed as to whether it would remain upright with twenty tons of human being bearing down on it and the anxiety was heightened when it was learnt that several high ranking Russian Officers were amongst the guests. However, to everyone's surprise it remained vertical throughout.

Finally, we say goodbye shortly to L/C Savage who leaves us for the wilderness of "civvy street." We wish him every good fortune there but hope that when the effects have worn off, he might perhaps rejoin us.

Anti-Tank Platoon.

Pl. Commander: Lt. Trollope. Pl. Sgt.: Sgt. Child.

The Platoon arrived in Berlin to find themselves with 17 pounders again. Will they never leave us? This required a cadre which kept us busy till early April. In the middle of February Lt. Gunton left to grow fat at the I.O.'s desk and Lt. Trollope took over on his arrival from the Depot having finally sorted his family into sizes! (See Depot notes last quarter).

The Platoon was delighted to prove to the unbelievers that they can shoot just as well without a telescope as with one by providing 5 members of the winning Company Bren Team, Lt. Trollope, L/C Calver, L/C Jones and Pte. Blade are now practising for the Battalion Team.

An excellent day out in April acting as enemy for "B" Squadron 14/20th Hussars raised the Platoon's confidence and lowered "B" Squadron's.

Almanza was celebrated by firing four blank rounds to start the Beating of Retreat. This was most enjoyable till it came to cleaning the gunpowder deposits out afterwards!

Before finishing for this quarter L/C Wilson is to be congratulated on his promotion; Cpl. Wilson for returning to the Platoon to do some real soldiering from H.Q. Company Stores; L/C Jones for his part in the Company Athletic team's victory and Ptes. Blade and Spidy's excellent results in the cadre.

HEADQUARTER COMPANY

Major Fisher-Hoch has left us and, like some wounded octopus, H.Q. Company floundered, put out a heavy screen of ink and paper and struggled to continue its fight for existence against the turbulent, ebullient Rifle Companies who live in the belief that H.Q. Company provides a rest cure for tired and aged soldiers and for the lame, the sick and the lazy. In spite of critical comment, the M.T. wheels still turn, even if sometimes with manual aid alone; the cooks produce attractive delicacies fit for a Queen; the M.I. Room, under the critical eyes of Lt. Taylor, R.A.M.C., and Sgt. "Doc" Newitt, patch holes, burst blisters and disperse fungi. The Band and Drums still provide music melodious even to Terpsichore's critical ears; the Orderly Room still fight their losing battle against the heavy seas of paper which flood in daily; and the Q.M. and his minions struggle on with the day to day business of feeding, clothing and accommodating the Battalion and their families. H.Q. Company's problems never change but only increase in magnitude and complexity as the soldier's welfare and standards of living increase in importance.

Leaving shortly after Major Fisher-Hoch will be C.S.M. Boxall who is due to become R.S.M. of the 4th Bn. The Royal Norfolk Regiment. "Bushy" Boxall, his moustachio, his hockey stick and quick repartee will be missed for he has served H.Q. Company well. He claims, for the fifth year in succession, that he has finally hung up his hockey

boots, but no doubt some impoverished Norfolk team will be more than glad of his services at full back where he so often has firmly struck both the ball and the legs of unwary opponents. Pte. Brown has graduated from Company runner to Company Clerk and Pte. Hughes continues in his multi-purpose position as runner and spare time clerk and storeman.

The Company were just beaten by Support Company in the Battalion Athletic Meeting. The tussle between the two companies was close and the result was only decided by the last race when an ardent Support Company admirer stepped onto H.Q. Company's lane and baulked our competitor. The race was re-run and Support Company beat us into fourth place and so won the competition. Pte. Turner proved to be the Company's best sprinter, Cpl. Read and 2/Lt. Moore the best long distance runners, while Bdsm. Maine won the javelin and shot, Cpl. Tidman won the pole vault, Bandmaster Holben won the hammer, Dr. Taylor won the discus and L/C Barber won the high jump. The Company's competitors excelled in the field events but were not so successful in the track events, probably due largely to the sedentary nature of their jobs which tends to build strength and stamina rather than speed. The Company Tug-of-War Team was led to victory by C.S.M. Boxall's training and coaching. Every contest was won in two straight pulls.

Sgt. "Doc" Newitt and the Drums stretcher-bearers for weeks were to be seen creeping and crawling through the undergrowth in the camp bandaging and strapping the most ugly looking wounds in preparation for the Annual Connaught Shield Competition. The shouts of encouragement and admonition from Sgt. Newitt were intermingled with the cries of imaginary anguish and agony as some "casualty" was treated for a multiple fracture of the femur. Their efforts were not in vain for the team were placed third in the Competition, a great achievement.

The ever-changing population of H.Q. Company's multitudes continues to hide away in cubby holes and basements only to be dragged out on parade by an irate Company Sergeant-Major. Life in H.Q. Company must have altered little over the decades.

Battalion Orderly Room.

Since the publication of the last Orderly Room notes the Battalion has moved to Berlin. The move was completed with the minimum of fuss although behind the scenes many of the staff put in much overtime, which, at times was heartbreaking but nevertheless had its desired effect. Capt. Horrex has now taken over as Adjutant, and is keeping everyone's noses to the grindstone. Lt. Gunton took over as Assistant Adjutant and Intelligence Officer from Lt. Clarke, who is now helping to train the Aden Protectorate Levies. The Colonial Forces seem to hold quite an attraction for members of Battalion H.Q. — Lt. Clarke left us for Aden, Lt. Gunton is shortly due to go to Ghana, and Sgt. James is hoping that it won't be long before the Sierra Leone Military Forces accept him.

Civilian life has claimed Cpls. Knight and Shave, Ptes. Wooltorton and Davies. We extend a welcome to Ptes Heathcock and Cunningham and

we expect Pte. Dodsworth to join us in a week or two. To Cpl. Gaffer (on an upgrading course at the moment), and L/C Jacobs we offer our congratulations on their recent promotions. L/C Parnell left us very suddenly in February. We wonder how he is finding life in the Military Police. Regular Clerks are very hard to come by these days, and the Regiment is filling all the possible vacancies on the Clerks' Courses at the School of Infantry, Warminster. The position will not improve over the next few months when Cpl. Johnson and L/C Smith leave us in June and August respectively.

Life has settled down into a steady routine, and all the staff are now able to take a well earned Wednesday afternoon off — sometimes! The staff's job has been made easier by the fact that we employ two civilian typists. Were it not for them several of the staff would be "burning the midnight oil" trying to keep up with the fantastic amount of "bumph" that is churned out daily.

The staff are now looking forward to the Battalion Exercise at Sennelager in September! This should prove to be quite a rest for us—mentally that is! Certain members are keeping their fingers crossed hoping that they will be on the rear party. One feels that the O.R.Q.M.S. has it all worked out already but as yet he has disclosed nothing.

M.T. Platoon.

"It will be different in Berlin," was the catchphrase in Iserlohn. It is different with a vengeance! First class garages, fitters' shop and vehicles. But oh, so many more driving details, parades, leave parties, range parties, inspections, guards, fatigues and all the other activities which demand drivers to be in more than one place at the same time.

The staff of "Maxis Taxis" is still the same as when amalgamated, that is, M.T.O.: Lt. (Q.M.) N. McColl, M.T. Sgt.; Sgt. Ansell, Tech. Sgt.; Sgt. Tidd, R.E.M.E. Sgt.; Sgt. Evans, plus Sgt. Atkins who is our chief Driving Instructor.

We have lost, among others, Cpl. Harris, who was P.O.L. Storeman and a great-hearted footballer. We regularly supply the Company soccer team with seven players, and the Battalion Team with at least four players.

In addition to looking after our W.D. vehicles, we now are called upon to look after some seventy private cars belonging to our rich soldiers! Some get done—some don't.

The accident rate has fallen sharply since we arrived in Berlin. No doubt one of the main causes is the 30 m.p.h. speed limit imposed throughout Berlin.

Our fitters, who are always overworked, still somehow manage to find time for other things. Sgt. Evans and Cfn. Miller play football for the Company and Battalion. Cfn. Dods is a shot superb, having won the Young Soldiers Shoot, Battalion runner-up, and one or two other shooting prizes. Cfn. Eason is our swimmer who, no doubt will be in the Battalion Team.

In closing, if anyone has any spare mirrors we will be glad to have them, because whatever we achieve on the M.T. "it is all done by mirrors."



Drummers of the 1st Bn. practising for the Connaught Shield Stretcher Bearer Competition. L. to R.: Pte. Tompkins, L/Cs King and Barber, Drmrs. Smith, Reeve and Dixon.

Quartermaster's Department.

Capt. (Q.M.) C. E. Howard; R.Q.M.S. C. Bates.
"Bis dat, qui cito dat"

Our absence from the first issue of the "Britannia and Castle" appears to have been more noticeable than we thought and therefore we hasten to rectify this state of affairs. To catch up with the news the amalgamation which had been talked of and planned many weeks ahead became a reality. We lost the services of R.Q.M.S. Denny, to whom we send our best wishes, while R.Q.M.S. Bates, Sgt. Pooley and Cpl. Goodfield remained with the new regiment. The usual old timers Cpls. Henry, Hawes and Turner remained to face the music. Altogether the changes were not drastic and the "getting together" process was easy as the amount of work increased. We moved from the trials and tribulations of amalgamation, Exercise "Random Harvest" and numerous other activities to the move of the battalion to Berlin. The R.Q.M.S. and the other stalwarts moved on the Advance Party and then battle commenced. Despite numerous orders, counter orders and amendments we finally ended up in Montgomery Barracks, Kladow, as fine a barracks as one could wish for. Once in, we started the usual round of activities and after another successful Almanza celebration, closing of store accounts and commencing an entirely new incomprehensible system of accounting, helping to

provide a Kindergarten, etc., etc., with a few guards and duties placed neatly in, we are still in business. Fresh faces (occasionally we get some) have entered the fold and we welcome C/S Downes to the rosy path of N.C.O. i/c Married Families. Cpl. Andrews is on loan from Support Company to replace L/C Patman as i/c Pioneers Shop. L/C Patman has proceeded to the delights of civilian life. We wish him the very best of luck and a thank you for the hard work he has put in during his stay with us. May we wish all ex-members of this department all the very best of luck and hope. If they have time in the wilds of civilian life, they will let us know their varying fortunes.

Corps of Drums.

This is the first time that the Corps of Drums have sent in a report on their work to "The Britannia and Castle" but it is hoped that in future there will be a Corps of Drums note every time that the Regimental Journal is published. Even this article was late but that was due to a disillusioned idealist who thought that time and tide would wait for one man.

We have all seen and heard a lot about the amalgamation of our two Regiments but only a few were fortunate to see the two Corps of Drums unite without difficulty into a very efficient platoon. The main problem was to bring together two schools of thought, one of music and one of

the difference in idea of Corps drill, these then had to be combined and the best of both survived. All drummers think that they live in a state of anarchy and this idea took time to rectify. Now many of the old ideas are forgotten and new ones have taken their place. We are now playing and marching as one.

The combined Corps of Drums have been seen on varied occasions, the first was the amalgamation parade and recently Beating Retreat. The Drum-Major showed us on both occasions a little of his masterful skill with his Mace and his gymnastic movements to retrieve it. The Drums also played at the Rugby Final and as part of the Guard of Honour for Earl Mountbatten of Burma. When Retreat was beaten on Almanza Day, the first time that the new Regiment celebrated one of its Battle Honours, the Drums were highly commended on their efforts. In the very near future we will be on parade for The Queen's Birthday and several more Guards of Honour.

We were sorry to lose so many men on arriving in Berlin but they kept up the good name of Corps of Drums in their new Companies. Some of them were: Drummers Bigg, Bone, Burnett, Butterfield, Last, Smith 78 and Turner 83, all of which were the famous 58; 06 draft left beating drums and singing in such high spirits that they will never forget them. Others to leave us were L/C Clouting, Drummers Bindly, Cremer, Oakes, Myall and Pink. The new recruits to the Corps of Drums were Ptes. Bishop, Bye, Campbell, Fenton, Gee 95, Harman, Last and Olorenshaw, all of whom are keeping the high standards set in the past. To all that have left us we wish the best of luck in civvy street and all that have joined us we welcome and hope they will have a pleasant stay.

The Corps of Drums are very proud to have in their ranks two teams of Stretcher Bearers who were placed 3rd out of 18 competing teams in the Connaught Shield Stretcher Bearing Competition. This is a Stretcher Bearers Competition for all the British Regiments in Germany and this result is better than either the old Suffolk or Norfolk Regiments ever achieved. Third place was only gained by hours of hard work under the instruction of Sgt. "Doc" Newitt in the theory and practice of First Aid and also Field Craft practised mainly on the assault course. We wish the very best of luck to Sgt. Newitt and next year's team and hope that they will be successful in gaining an even higher place than this year's team.

In the Battalion Athletics Meeting we did quite well and special mention should be made of the following: Cpl. Tidman, 1st in Pole Vault, Cpl. Heritage, 2nd in the Hammer, Cpl. Read, 2nd in the 5,000 and 1,500 metres, L/C Barber, 1st in High Jump, Drm. Taylor, 1st in Discus.

L/C May was one of the strong men and Sgt. (Snake-Hips) Huxtable was one of the Beery men who won the Tug-of-War for Headquarters Company. Cpl. Read was also a member of the Battalion Cross-Country team that did so very well last year.

There is very little left to say now except that with new Drums, new Drummers and revived enthusiasm, the Corps of Drums will get their noses to the grind-stone and practice for our future engagements.

Band.

Our move to Berlin was reminiscent of a well disorganised retreat. Families formed the vanguard and arrived in Berlin (believe it or not) to the horror and astonishment of our Russian Allies. During this time the single members had the honour and pleasure to renovate the Band Block and were fortunate enough to be able to call on the expert advice of that well known interior decorator Sgt. "Harpic" Williams. During this period the autobahn to Berlin was considered extremely hazardous as the Band Stock-Cars were straining their "Hot Rods" along it almost daily.

Our new home, Montgomery Barracks, is very good but spread out and our reports on the local brew have proved correct. All our baggage arrived safely thanks to the skill and experience of L/C "Pickfords" Christie.

Our annual Kneller Hall Inspection fell on the 15th March this year and everyone was grateful when it was over so that we could settle down to our other engagements. We were very proud to be chosen to play at the Army Rugby Finals together with the other Bands in Berlin. The best that can be said is that the weather was ideal for Rugby. Imagine our surprise and pleasure when we were again chosen to form part of the Bn. Guard of Honour for Lord Louis Mountbatten also in weather ideal for Rugby. One must not assume that life here is nothing but parades. We have played at the



Bdsman Maine of the 1st Bn. Winner of the Javelin event at the Almanza Day Sports.

Officers Mess, Beating Retreat and produced varied groups to function in Church. Cpl. Paul's ensemble always brings forth gasps of amazement from the congregation.

Sportwise we are maintaining the excellent record we had in Iserlohn, after numerous games of Hockey and Football against the other Bands in Berlin we still remain unbeaten.

We would all like to extend a hearty welcome to Bdsm. Greig and Bdsm. Dodson and hope their stay with us will be a long and happy one. Our social life has been somewhat subdued of late but we did find time to hold a Social and Dance in the Practice Room during which we bade our farewell to our retiring Band President, Major Fisher-Hoch has been both a friend and adviser to us as Band President and Company Commander. The evening proved a great success although Cpl. Wheeler suffered from an overdose of "giggling beer."

Believe it or not, at last it has happened. That grand old man, daddy of them all, Sgt. Williams has decided to draw the curtain on his eventful military career. All of us will feel this great loss to the Band musically and otherwise. As he hopes to become a publican we feel we must let him go, as we always knew he would finally be called to the Bar. We sincerely wish him the best of luck in the future and we will always be more than pleased to see him.

At the time of writing these notes we are in the middle of rehearsals for the Queen's Birthday Parade and preparing for our summer tour in U.K.

Contrary to normal procedure there was no Battalion Parade for Almanza Day. Instead a Sports Day was held along with a Sgts. Mess Ball and All Ranks Ball. This year again contrary to normal procedure we did not play at the Sports as we were kindly invited to participate. All members were keen to gain a place in the Company team, unfortunately some were chosen. For some unaccountable reason Cpl. Ingham and L/C Neal were dropped at the last moment. But those that did represent the Company, Bandmaster Holben, Cpl. Harris, Bdsm. Maine, Bdsm. Taylor, Bdsm. Philbrick and Bdsm. Bains performed very well. The Bandmaster and Bdsm. Maine winning their events. We feel that although the following failed to win a place they deserve special mention:—

Javelin: Sgt. Dickinson, with his throw of 7 ft., this cannot count as a record due to a very strong following wind.

Long Jump: Cpl. McHale, supreme effort of 2 ft. 11 ins. was just beaten by L/C Jobes with a jump of 3 ft.

Shot: Bdsm. Smith retired injured with a broken toe but set up a new record for the Hop, Skip and Jump.

Hammer: Bdsm. Hindmarsh ruined his chances by failing to let go of the Hammer.

The days activities were concluded with Beating Retreat watched by a large international audience and judging by the comments heard from all quarters, they were greatly impressed.

RIFLE SHOOTING

Since the last issue of this magazine the Battalion has fired a large number of rounds into the Butts, both small bore and full. A certain amount of satisfaction has been derived from this along with a limited amount of success.

B.A.O.R. Small Bore Championships

In the first instance the Battalion won the 5th Brigade Small Bore League and so went on to represent the brigade in the B.A.O.R. Final at Sennelager on the 22nd March, 1960. The team for Sennelager was typical of this type of shooting, all the old "gravel bellies" were present. It comprised of Major Fisher-Hoch, Major Morgan, 2/Lt. Smith, C.S.M. Evans, S/Sgt. Ridout, Sgt. Taylor, B., Sgt. Taylor, G. and L/C Hassell. The competition was run on a knock-out basis and there were eleven competing units. In the first round the Battalion came up against the 1st Scots Guards, and won the scores being:

1st E. Anglian 1469 — 1st Scots Guards 1440

In the next round the Battalion met the 1st K.O.S.B. whom it had previously beaten in a league match in Berlin. This was a most friendly match and was fired on the morning of the last day. Once again the Battalion won. This time the scores were a wee bit better:

1st E. Anglian 1493 — 1st K.O.S.B. 1466

The final was between the Battalion and 1st Seaforth, a very splendid team, that had already put up a record score of 1522 in one of their shoots. This time the Battalion realised that the task was reasonably tough and everyone decided to find a couple of more points from somewhere. Alas, it was not to be the Battalion's lucky day, and down the drain it went. In the first half of the shoot the Seaforth's built up a lead of some 22 points. In the second half the Battalion did much better and pulled back some of the lost ground, the final scores being:

1st E. Anglian 1460 — 1st Seaforth 1481

Battalion Rifle Meeting

This was held from the 4th to 6th April and if the weather was the criterion, then it was a splendid three days. Three of the sunniest and warmest days of the year so far. The Ranges are those built for the Olympic Games 1936 and now used as classification ranges.

The practices were patterned on the Annual Classification course, as this gave all the same chance, including the most recently joined draft. As a result, the young soldiers were at the head of the score sheet with many of the older and more experienced trailing in the rear. It must have been the hundred yard sprint that caused this. In the first round of the rifle Major Fisher-Hoch led the field with Pte. Dodds, H.Q. Coy second and Pte. Clifton, "A" Coy, third. Only one point separated first and second. On the last day of the meeting the Top Twenty had a second shoot and the results were the same, and so Major Fisher-Hoch was the Rifle Champion for 1960.

Scores:—

Major Fisher-Hoch	..	104
Pte. Dodds	..	103
Pte. Clifton	..	98

On Tuesday afternoon, the inter-platoon Bursting Balloon Competition was held. This is a substitute for the falling plate competition which is prohibited owing to the danger area of the range. Keen competition was shown here and the finalists were 5 Platoon of "B" Coy and the Mortar Platoon. 5 Platoon whose team comprised of Cpl. Pope, L/C Chisnall, L/C Clarke and Pte. Kirby won after two shoots.

During the morning of Tuesday the Sterling Match was fired on the 30 yard range and this was won by C.S.M. Evans with the very fine score of 382 out of 400. Runners-up being Sgt. Taylor of Special Company with a score of 379. At this stage "A" Coy and Special Coy were trying for the Champion Company, each having 8 points. "A" Coy had won the Rifle match with an aggregate of 1465 and Special Coy the Sterling, with a score of 3614.

On the last day of the meeting the Bren Match was held along with the top twenty on the rifle. A great deal of betting and speculation went into this match, both with regards to individual scores and the chances in the Champion Company. Again this match was won by Special Coy, who became the Champion Shooting Company for 1960-61. Major Fisher-Hoch and 2/Lt. Ross were the pairs winners with Lts Bailey and Trollope as the runners-up.



Major Fisher-Hoch, Individual Rifle Champion of 1st Bn. receives his prize from Mrs. Forrest.



1st Bn. Rifle Meeting, Berlin.

To conclude the shooting an inter-Company bursting balloon competition was held which was won by "B" Company with H.Q. as runners-up.

Mrs. Forrest the wife of the 2 i/c very kindly presented the prizes to the winners, the full list being as below.

Champion Shot

- 1st: Major Fisher-Hoch, H.Q. Coy.
- 2nd: Cfn. Dodds, H.Q. Coy.
- 3rd: Sgt. Watson, "A" Coy.

Champion Officer

- 1st: Major Fisher-Hoch, H.Q. Coy.
- 2nd: Major Morgan, "C" Coy.

Champion W.O. or Sgt.

- 1st: Sgt. Watson, "A" Coy.
- 2nd: Sgt. Garwood, "C" Coy.

Champion Cpl. and below

- 1st: Cpl. Langham, "C" Coy.
- 2nd: Pte. Champion, "C" Coy.

Champion Young Soldier

- 1st: Cfn. Dodds, H.Q. Coy.
- 2nd: Pte. Clifton, "A" Coy.

Bren Pairs Match

- 1st: Major Fisher-Hoch and 2/Lt. Ross, H.Q. Coy.
- 2nd: Lt. Bailey and Lt. Trollope, Special Coy.

Sterling Match

- 1st: C.S.M. Evans, "C" Coy.
- 2nd: Sgt. Taylor, Special Coy.

Inter-Company Bursting Balloons Competition

- 1st: "B" Coy, - Capt. Catchpole, L/C Clarke, Pte. Kirby, Major Power.
- 2nd: H.Q. Coy. - Major Fisher-Hoch.

Inter-Platoon Bursting Balloons Competition

- 1st: 5 Pl. "B" Coy. - Cpl. Pope, L/C Clarke, L/C Chisnall and Pte. Kirby.
- 2nd: Mor. Pl. - Lt. Bailey, Cpl. Riches, Pte. Sutton, Pte. Pardoe.

Champion Company

- 1st: Special Coy, 13 points.
- 2nd: "A" Coy, 11 points.

SPORT

Hockey.

The Battalion has been able to field two good XIs at any one time throughout the season. The standard of the hockey has been high and the Battalion 1st XI has had a successful season.

For two or three weeks after the Battalion's arrival in Berlin it was impossible to play hockey due to the snow and ice covering all the grass pitches, and we had no pitch, tarmac or grass, in the camp. As soon as play was possible an improvised pitch was marked out on the square and practice for the inter-unit Army Cup competition began. The York and Lancaster Regiment beat the K.O.S.B. in the first round of the Berlin Brigade Competition and the Battalion beat the York and Lancaster team 3-1 to become Brigade Champions for 1960. In the second round of the Army Cup Competition the team lost to 1st Middlesex in extra time by 2-0 after a very exciting game which either team might easily have won. The Battalion team were unlucky in having to play their match the day after an Officers' Mess Guest Night and very unlucky to have Major Williams, the centre-forward injured in the first ten minutes of the game. These two facts contributed to the team's inability to score the vital goal.

ing the final of the Berlin Brigade six-a-side Competition. Both teams lost to their opponents by a short-corner having spent almost the entire game in their opponents' half.

Hockey will be continued throughout the summer in Berlin and a pitch is being marked on the square so that instruction and inter-company games can take place.

Rugby Football

Since the last notes we have not played many matches due to the Battalion's move to Berlin. We are extremely fortunate to have an excellent pitch in the barracks which we hope will encourage more people to learn.

We were very sorry to lose 2/Lt. Kidner, Cpls. Berwick, Williams, Johnson and Orlebar and Pte. Summers, who are now playing civilian rugby, in particular Cpl. Berwick who has been the main stay of the team for the last two seasons.

We have only managed to play two matches since our arrival; against R.A.F. Gatow, a fortnight after our arrival, which we lost 3-8, and against a touring side — The Javelins — whom we beat 48-0.

In the Brigade seven-a-side competition we were comfortably beaten by the K.O.S.B. in the semi-final.



1st Bn. Cross Country Running Team 1960. Standing L. to R.: 2/Lt. Moore, Bdsm. Horne, Ptes. Stocker, Baldwin and Gill, 2/Lt. Rowsell. Kneeling: L/Cs Cook and Read, Pte. Ward.

A representative R.E.M.E., B.A.O.R. team visiting Berlin were held to a 1-1 draw although the Berlin Combined Services team lost to them 0-1 the next day! Lt. Gunton, 2/Lt. Pattinson, C.S.M. Boxall, Major Forrest, Capt. Jones and Sgt. Holden have all played for the Berlin Combined Services Team and there is little doubt that any Berlin Combined Services Team would be beaten by the Battalion team.

After a week of hectic activity and late nights the two six-a-side teams were beaten before reach-

We hope to have our Club open very soon, a cellar is earmarked and is being redecorated at the moment.

The results for the season are:—

P	W	L	D	For	Agst.
11	8	3	0	145	42

Since the last notes the following have joined the rugby team: 2/Lts. Pattinson, Mather, O'Meara, Pts. Harris, Stocker, Turner, Cruden.

Association Football

Officer i/c Football: Major C. J. V. Fisher-Hoch.
Captain: Sgt. Watson.

On our arrival in Berlin the grounds were frozen and snow-covered, so little football was played until they cleared. We are fortunate in having two grounds in the Barracks and one under seed should be ready early next year. We arrived in time to be included in the second half of the Berlin Brigade Football season. This included a major unit league in which the three battalions played each other twice. With an almost entirely new team and no training our record was unfortunate and as follows:—

	P	W	L	D	For	Agst.
1st XI	4	0	4	0	7	23
2nd XI	4	1	3	0	8	19

The K.O.S.B. were particularly strong with some top notch professionals. The 2nd XI fixture list was the same and a most successful way of playing new talent.

In the Brigade Company Knock-out all companies were eliminated in the first round except H.Q. Coy who reached the semi-final to be defeated by "A" Coy K.O.S.B. who finally won the competition. Special Coy were unlucky to lose 1-0 in their first round against "A" Coy Y. and L. who were the other finalists.

In a major minor unit knockout we first drew and then lost in the replay to R.A.F. Gatow.

A sporting game was played against R.M.A. Sandhurst during their Berlin tour which we lost in a good game 3-1.

So the season ends and the grounds are out of bounds for returfing. Although a losing team the players have played clean sporting football and enjoyed themselves. Our few spectators felt that they should be playing! However more players are arriving and our latest draft including Pte. Jenkins, who had one good game for us, conceals more talent. We look forward to early training and a more successful season late in the year.

Special mention is made of the following: Sgt. Watson who has played a strong captain's innings in all his games throughout the season and who has been the main stay of the side round whom the team has been built. Cpl. MacFarlane has been a tireless player whose standard of ball play on the ground and particularly in the air has made him invaluable in the forward line. L/C Pygall, only with us for one match in Berlin before demob, set a standard of play and control which was an example to all. We wish him every good fortune with his home club Watford. Pte. Hastings as the most improved player who has been put in to every position in the forward line and seldom his rightful place on the wing. Cfn. Miller has moved up from platoon to company to battalion football and established himself in the first team as a strong and skilful back. Such are the ups and downs of team organisation that none of these players except Cfn. Miller were available in the last games of the season. Finally there are those who have formed the main body of our teams and on whom we shall depend next year. Goal: Sgt. Evans, Ptes. Clarke, Goodband, Sowter. Backs: Ptes. Bridges, Harris, Ward. Bdm. Foster. Halves: L/C Griffin, Ptes. Franklin Hewitt, Lamb, Robinson. Forwards: L/C Barber, Chisnal, Ptes. Bull, Frost, Ellis, Stockbridge, Thompson, Bdm. Philbrick, Hindmarsh.

SADDLE CLUB AND MODERN PENTATHLON

The Regimental Saddle Club was formed by Major Farrelly in March, 1959, when the Battalion was at Iserlohn. The horses were stabled at the B.M.H., which gave easy access to most attractive riding country. At that time we had in the stables Irish Princess and Colburn, army chargers loaned by the Veterinary and Remount School at Senne-lager, and in due course two regimental horses Jasper and Red Pepper were added. The club flourished and we opened it to all the Iserlohn Garrison. Our chief supporters were the staff of the B.M.H. to whom we owe much, for their technical and medicinal help. On one occasion Irish Princess was taken to the door of the out-patients' department for treatment for a cut eye. The surgeon, Col. Watts, in white coat and assisted by a nurse carrying his tray inserted the necessary stitches. Our veterinary bills were not heavy.

One of the more enjoyable features of our stay at Iserlohn was the friendly relations we had with the civilian riding club. Many members took advantage of Herr Kobner's excellent instruction to improve their dressage and jumping techniques.

The move to Berlin meant the loss of the two chargers, which were not allowed out of the Zone. The remaining two, with the groom L/C Robinson, in charge, plus the Colonel's bubble car, were loaded into a horse box at Iserlohn station. Armed with a sack of corn, hay, straw, water, a box of rations and a sheaf of documents we waived them an anxious goodbye on a cold, wet January night! Two days later they appeared safely at Charlotten-burg siding after traversing the Soviet Zone. Now we are housed in excellent stables in our barracks in Berlin and enjoying the lovely surrounding countryside. Jasper, alas has had to be put down, a sad loss, but we have added Lady Jane and Grey Friar from the Royal Lincoln stables so we can cope with the increasing demand.

One of the advantages of having a Regimental stable has been to make possible the training of a pentathlon team for the first time. This competition, which is increasing in popularity in the services and in the country, is the oldest of all sports, being the original event at the ancient Olympic Games. The modern pentathlon requires competitors to ride a cross-country course, fence, shoot, swim and run. Four officers, 2/Lts. Moore, Pattinson, Mather and Conder went into training in March for the Rhine Army competition. Only one had previous riding experience, none could fence and their pistol shooting brought tears to the eyes of their instructor. However, by hard work and abstemious living, the standard in each sport was raised to the level where in two months the team came a creditable second to the 10th Royal Hussars.

This resulted in our going to the Army championships at Aldershot, where of course, the standard was much higher and the team finished 15th out of 17. There were two extremely good individual efforts, 2/Lt. Pattinson finishing equal first in the riding event and 2/Lt. Moore winning the swimming outright and breaking the Army pentathlon record. 2/Lt. Mather shot well. It was a very good effort by the team, who had had comparatively little preparation and virtually no fencing instruction. With the experience gained this year we can build a team now to take part in the future in this most enjoyable form of competition.

J.B.D.

LAYING UP OF SUFFOLK REGIMENT COLOURS

At a service held in the Suffolk Regimental Chapel on Saturday, 26th March, 1960, the Colours of the 1st Battalion (1849-1955), the 2nd Battalion (1935-1955) and the 3rd (Special Reserve) Battalion (1912-1954) were laid up for safekeeping. These Colours had been previously housed in the Officers' Mess at the Depot.

The Queen's Colour of the 3rd Battalion was carried by Capt. T. D. Dean and the Regimental Colour by Capt. J. G. M. North, with R.S.M. H. J. Gingell, Sgt. G. Jones and Sgt. J. Pocock as Colour Party.

The service was conducted by the Vicar of St. Mary's, Canon R. C. R. Godfrey, the address being given by the Archdeacon of Sudbury, the Ven. H. R. Norton. The Colours were handed over on behalf of the Regiment by Brigadier R. H. Maxwell, C.B., Colonel of the 1st East Anglian Regiment.

The Chapel was filled to capacity for the occasion, those attending including Lady Marjorie Erskine, whose late husband Lord Erskine, then Governor of Madras, presented the Colours to the 2nd Battalion in 1935, and Major General R. E. Goodwin, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., who at that time was A.D.C. to the Governor.

The following notes on these Colours may be of interest:—

1st Battalion - 1849 - 1955. Presented to the Battalion on 14th July, 1849, at Weedon, by the Hon. Mrs. Arbuthnot, wife of the District Commander. The Colours were carried and treasured by the Battalion for 106 years. On 23rd May, 1955, new Colours were presented to the Battalion by Princess Margaret, Colonel-in-Chief, The Suffolk Regiment, at Wuppertal, Germany.

2nd Battalion - 1935 - 1955. Presented at Fort St. George, Madras, on 16th March, 1935, by Lord Erskine, Governor of Madras, who was the late husband of Lady Marjorie Erskine, who was a guest at the laying-up ceremony.

Early in the second world war the Colours were laid up temporarily for safe-keeping in Lahore Cathedral. In 1948 the 1st and 2nd Battalions were amalgamated and the Colours were carried by the 1st Battalion in addition to their own. (The 1879-1935 Colours of the 2nd Battalion are hung in the Regimental Chapel).

3rd (Special Reserve) Battalion - 1912 - 1954. Presented at Bury St. Edmunds on 23rd May, 1912, by H.R.H. Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll. These Colours have been seen by most newly joined recruits during their initial training at the Depot.

After the First World War, the 3rd Battalion went into suspended animation (1923) until the Militia Act was finally abolished by Act of Parliament.

The 1853-1884 Colours of the 3rd Militia Battalion are now hanging in the Lady Chapel of St. Mary's church.

The 1884-1912 Militia Colours are hung in Ickworth Church, the then Marquess of Bristol having been Hon. Colonel of the Battalion.

A NOTE ON NORSETS

(By Lt.-Col. O. G. W. White, D.S.O., O.B.E.,
late The Dorset Regiment)

THE ASSOCIATION BETWEEN THE ROYAL NORFOLK AND DORSET REGIMENTS

Before 1881 the county Regiments of Norfolk had been the 9th (East Norfolk) and the 54th (West Norfolk) Regiments of Foot. That is how it came about that when the 54th returned home from India it was to Norwich they came in 1887 to lay up the Colours which had been rescued from the saloon of the Sarah Sands. Under the Cardwell re-organisation of the Infantry of the Line the 54th became the 2nd Battalion The Dorsetshire Regiment and the old 9th became the Norfolk Regiment.

Thirty-three years later the 1st Battalions of each Regiment found themselves in the same Brigade quartered in Ulster. In the spring of 1914 the political situation necessitated the re-grouping of troops in the Belfast area and the Dorsets marched out from Victoria Barracks in the city to share Palace Barracks at Holywood with the Norfolks. Sharing was the operative word, the two Regiments doubled up the available accommodation, a Norfolk giving up half his limited space to his Dorset opposite number. When some six weeks later the Dorsets set out on their famous thirty-six miles march to Ballykinlar, it was the band of the Norfolk Regiment which accompanied them for the first of the fourteen wet and weary hours it took to complete the distance. Three months later on Friday, 14th August, SS Anthony sailed from Belfast with the Dorsets and Norfolks (less two Companies) on board and it was together in the 15th Infantry Brigade of the 5th Infantry Division that these two Battalions were to fight the fierce early battles of World War I.

Meanwhile at the other side of the world the two 2nd Battalions found themselves in the same Division, the 6th (Poona) Division which landed in Mesopotamia in October, 1914. It was in this formation that they fought the big battles from Shaliba to Ctesiphon and in which in December, 1915, they found themselves invested by the Turks in Kut el Amara.

With Townsend's forces locked up in Kut, there were in January, 1916, few British and Indian troops left in the country to come to their rescue. The expected 3rd (Lahore) and 7th (Meerut) Divisions had not yet arrived. All able bodied men were hurried up-river to the front from the bases and hospitals in the rear. Sometime during that month two drafts, each about 400 strong, arrived out from the home destined for the 2nd Norfolks and 2nd Dorsets respectively. For obvious reasons they never reached the Battalions but at Oran on 4th February these two drafts, together with all available Norfolks and Dorsets in the country, were formed into a composite Battalion known as the Norsets.

The Norsets mustered at first some 16 Officers and 1,000 Other Ranks commanded by Major Carroll of the Royal Munster Fusiliers, who very shortly afterwards handed over to Major C. V. Lanyon of the Norfolks. "A" and "B" Companies composed of Norfolks and "C" and "D" Companies Dorset men. In those days there were no such sub-units as Headquarter and Support Companies; battalions consisted of a "thousand bayonets." The

Regimental Sergeant-Major of this battalion was R.S.M. J. R. H. Bolingbroke of the Norfolks, who was later to serve for eighteen years as the Quartermaster of the 2nd Dorsets.

The Norsets were posted to the 21st (Bareilly) Brigade of the 7th (Meerut) Division which had by now arrived and within four days of being formed had taken over a section of the line at Um el Haurah which was at the time about 1,000 yards from the enemy. The weather was atrocious and most of the next cold and wet fortnight in the line was spent in digging and sapping forwards towards the enemy's line.

On 29th February the Norsets were sent on a reconnaissance in force to find a passage through the Suwada Marsh in order to turn the Turk's left flank; frontal attacks in that flat featureless country being, in the words of one historian, "extremely problematical." Their efforts to find a way through the Marsh were unsuccessful which meant the proposed left hook was not possible. Early in March command again changed, the new C.O. was Major H. A. Case of the Dorsets, who remained in command of the Battalion until it was disbanded nearly six months later. For the remainder of the month the Norsets were in the line steadily digging themselves forward until only seventy-five yards separated them from the enemy.

The advance to relieve Kut began on 5th April and the Turks withdrew to their strongly prepared Sannaiyat position. When the attack by the 13th Division failed the Norsets were hurried up in support and re-organised in a most unpleasant flooded position some 400 yards from the enemy where they remained for the next fortnight. Both friend and foe were kept busy fighting the encroaching waters which made the trenches so untenable that fresh ones had constantly to be dug. The final attempt to relieve Kut, the forlorn hope attack, went in on 22nd April over flat featureless ground covered with two feet of flood water and even more hazardous was that it was intersected with old trenches, into which heavily laden men fell and drowned. The composite Highland Battalion (Black Watch and Seaforth Highlanders) made gallant attacks under heavy fire but for some unfortunate reason the attack by the Indian Battalions of their Brigade (19th Dehra Dun Brigade) failed to come off, whereupon the Norsets seeing the plight of the Highlanders rushed to their support and carried their attack through to the Turkish front lines. Here they came up against an obstacle which finally brought them to a halt. Two lines of deep trenches across which waterfilled obstacles the overloaded infantry could not scramble. These obstacles were covered by heavy and accurate fire from the Turkish positions and from which there was neither protection nor was it possible for the men to lie down in the two feet of water which covered the ground. It is hard to picture a nastier situation facing any Battalion at the end of an attack.

In this heroic failure to relieve Kut the Norsets lost 5 Officers and 288 Other Ranks, but for the enemy mistaking a field dressing station flag for a flag of truce and consequently according them an unofficial armistice, during which the Norsets were able to extricate themselves, their casualties must have been much heavier. The Kut garrison was forced to capitulate on 29th April but the Norsets continued in being for many weeks yet. During this time they did not have any serious fighting,

but their worst enemy was the climate and the sick rate increased as alarmingly as the shade temperature which at times reached 130 degrees. The statisticians record that the evacuated sick rate in the Dorset Companies alone between February and the end of June was 337. A large proportion of these invalids would however have been among the unacclimatised reinforcements fresh out from home who formed the bulk of these Companies.

The Norset's "dis-united" themselves on 24th July and as the re-constituted 2nd Battalion of their Regiments continued to pursue a vigorous campaign against their enemies. Although the attempt to relieve Kut had failed, those who served in the Norsets forged a very real and lasting link between the two Regiments. It is significant that of all the many irregular titles which were used during World War I, the only one to attain any official recognition in the War Office History was that of the Norsets.

This connection between the two Regiments on the field of battle did not cease with the Armistice of 1918. Twenty-one years later the same two 2nd Battalions again found themselves in the same Division. This time it was their turn to serve in the British Expeditionary Force in the 2nd Infantry Division. They did not share the same troopship to France, but when it was the Royal Norfolks turn to man a sector of the Maginot Line during the first winter of the war they were reinforced with a Company from the Dorsets. These two Battalions which had fought the Mesopotamian war together were able in the Second World conflict to claim to have fought every major battle in which 2nd Division took part from the River Dyle in Belgium to the River Irrawaddy in Burma. It fell to the lot of each Battalion to be the rearguard of their respective Brigades on the La Basse canal—these were the infantry which caused Field Marshal Rommel no small concern as is recorded in his 'Papers.' This was the same battlefield over which the B.E.F. had fought so strenuously in that first October of the Kaiser's War. In Assam both Battalions made distinguished and decisive contributions to the success of 23rd Indian Corps at Kohima, the Norfolks high up on Aradura spur and the Dorsets in the fighting round the District Commissioner's Bungalow.

However, it was during the race to relieve another invested garrison that history repeated itself and once again an integrated Norset force fought a battle. Although Kohima had fallen it was imperative that the Manipur Road, the main supply route into Burma and the besieged garrison of Imphal, be opened before the monsoon really got under way. Early in June 2nd Division was held up at Viswema, 2nd Dorset, very reduced in numbers after the casualties at Kohima, was lent to 4th Infantry Brigade in which the 2nd Royal Norfolks were deployed high up the mountain on the right of the road. In answer to Lieut.-Col. Jock Carroll's cry for more men the Brigadier ordered the Dorsets to render what help they could. Lt.-Col. Geoffrey White was reduced to three weak rifle Companies of two platoons each and so all he could send was Major Peter Feeney's "B" Company and the Guerilla Platoon under Captain Alexander Mackenzie. At the same time he undertook to keep the route to the Norfolk's position open and to supply them with their needs. If the original Norsets in the desert had suffered from lack of cover, it was

the very thickness of the jungle which proved to be such an embarrassment to the Norsets at Shaving Brush Spur above Viswema. To this day survivors of that battle still argue out the difficulties of accurate map reading in that thick country and if the Norsets achieved no decisive success in their efforts at Viswema, they did much by their aggressiveness to reduce the length of time that the Japanese were prepared to hold this strong natural position. Mackenzie's Guerilla Platoon earned especial commendation for its contribution to the Norset effort.

Before leaving the Burma front, mention should be made of the visit paid by a Norset representative party from both Battalions to the Mahratta Training Centre at Belgaum. During the campaign in Mesopotamia both the Norfolks and the Dorsets had made especial friendships with the two Mahratta Battalions in their Brigades the old 113th and 117th Mahrattas. Though both the successors of these two battalions were fighting in Africa at the time, the Training Centre gave the Norsets a splendid welcome. The Norsets brought with them a silk flag in yellow and green to commemorate the friendship with the Mahrattas and it is understood that this banner still hangs in the Officers' Mess at Belgaum.

Meanwhile at home Infantry Training Centres responsible for more than one Regiment had replaced the old infantry Depots. By good fortune No. 2 I.T.C. at Norwich was formed to serve the Norfolks and the Dorsets. Here under the command of John Hewick of the Dorsets a really first class and happy integrated Norset unit was built up. It was a serious loss to the East African Division when Brigadier John Hewick was invalided out before he could take his Brigade into action. It was however a tremendous gain to both the Royal Norfolks and Dorsets in whatever theatre their Battalions were fighting, that the responsibility for training of their recruits came to be in such excellent hands.

No. 2 I.T.C. has faded along with the Norsets into the limbo of other war-time improvisations to be remembered only by those who were concerned with its short but vigorous existence and to be stumbled upon from time to time by the occasional historian delving through the records. A more permanent reminder is to be found in Sherborne Abbey where, thanks to the active interest and help of the Royal Norfolk Officers of the I.T.C., the old colours of the 54th now hang with every other traced stand of Colours of the Dorsets. Space precludes further reference to the jollier aspect of this alliance, the Norset days at Kigwema and Milestone 82 during those weeks of re-organisation in the autumn of 1944, the celebration of Shaiba Day in Hong Kong nine years later and the splendid playing of the massed bands and drums of both regiments at the Dorsets Primus in Indis bi-centenary Tattoo at San Wai Camp the following spring. May the restored Candlesticks in Norwich Cathedral and the Sarah Sands Colours in Sherborne Abbey serve as a reminder of this particular bond of friendship between the two Regiments and long may it be preserved in their successors, the 1st East Anglian and the Devonshire and Dorset Regiments. O.G.W.W.

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THE SULTAN'S ARMED FORCES

By Major W. D. G. Fairholme

On hearing that I was going out to Muscat many of my friends and acquaintances, whilst wishing me God speed, were obviously ignorant as to where Muscat really was. One even said gaily "how nice for you. All those lovely grapes!" So I make no apology for starting this short article with a geographic note.

The territory of the Sultan of Muscat and Oman extends in an L shape and is the bottom right hand or S.E. corner of the Arabian Peninsula. It is enclosed to the south by the Indian Ocean, to the east by the Gulf of Oman. Its land frontiers are in the main not accurately determined and follow a general line only. To the north are the Trucial Oman States and the disputed Buraimi area. To the west lies the Hadramut. The inland portion is nowhere mapped or marked, bordering as it does on the vast sand sea of Central Arabia.

The longer leg of the L is some 500 miles — the shorter some 200 with an approximate width throughout of some 150-200 miles. The whole lying on its side thus

The normal method of getting there for seconded Officers is by charter airlines to Bahrein, where one is transferred to an R.A.F. aircraft to complete the journey to Muscat, not, I might add, just like that! It's easy to get to Bahrein, but there one is at the mercy of R.A.F. Movements. It took the writer ten days to get from Bahrein to Muscat, total flying time 4 hours, but there are many worse places than Bahrein. The Gymkhana Club has a swimming pool and officers in transit may become temporary members for a modest sum. One is normally accommodated in Speedbird House, the B.O.A.C. hotel, which is reasonably comfortable and has air-conditioning.

Whilst on the subject of air-conditioning perhaps this is a good place to mention the climate. There can be no getting away from it—it's hot and mostly sticky, but, and it's quite a big BUT, there is a winter here where the weather is delightful. Even at times cold and certainly wet. As I write this in my tent on the north side of the Jebel Akdhar it is raining hard, and I am very thankful for the jersey, heavy wool, which I somehow managed to "make" from Cyprus days!

The seasons are much as in England, but it is the very high humidity which makes conditions trying at times. In high summer the temperature is around 110° with 98% humidity or worse, but in the main bases at Baltal Falaaj, near Muscat, which is the H.Q. S.A.F., and at the present time also of the Muscat Regiment, and at Nizwa, the H.Q. of the Northern Frontier Regiment, Officer accommodation is air-conditioned. I will refer to living conditions more a little later.

An idea of the terrain is I think given by that splendid punch line in the A.C.I. which treats with secondment of officers. "Officers are advised not to bring cars. There are no roads." Much of the Oman

is hilly or mountainous. The Jbel Akdhar massif has peaks of 9,000 ft. and heights of 6,000 ft. in this and other areas are not uncommon.

The majority of the Oman is desert, but not the traditional rolling sand dunes. Almost all is stony, varying from flat gravel plains which make ideal M.T. going, to boulder strewn wadis and areas which make walking and vehicle movement a major effort. In the main the hills are great masses of volcanic rock. The colours of Oman are grey, darkening to black and every shade of brown. One noticeable exception is the Batinah coast, north of Muscat, running up to Shajar and the Trucial States. There you find the sand desert, though the coast itself is one of the most thickly populated areas in the country.

Thanks to the engineering genius of the early Persians some 2,000 years ago, a magnificent irrigation system, much of it underground, supplies most areas. Except near the coast this water is perfectly safe and there is no need to have recourse to those hateful little blue and white pills!

It would, I think, be safe to say of the country and its peoples that in outlook and in general conditions things here are much as they must have been in perhaps 1500 - 1600 in England. "Civilisation" has made little progress here. The motor car is still a comparative rarity, the Army having perhaps 50% of all those in the Oman. The Martini Henri is still the most used rifle. Mercifully, except in the commercial port of Muttrah, radio is little used. The Pepsi Cola man has not yet penetrated. Even Shell can only raise its banner in a few places!

By Arab standards the Sultan is an enlightened ruler—there is no capital punishment and punishments such as the removal of a thief's hand, still practised in the Yemen, have been dropped here.

Rule is by the Sultan, through his Ministers, to the Walis who approximate to local governors, to the sheikhs of the many tribes.

The Army of the Sultan consists of a H.Q. commanded by a full Colonel with a small staff, two Infantry battalions and two Artillery troops.

The Infantry battalions are styled the Muscat and the Northern Frontier Regiments. Each have two rifle companies and a H.Q. Company with 3 in. mortar and M.M.G. platoons.

Plans are in hand for recruitment, training and equipping a third rifle company per Regiment, plus an armoured car troop organic to the Regiment.

The Artillery troops are 5.5 and 75mm., based on Force H.Q. There is also a Workshops and Transport Platoon with seconded R.E.M.E., R.A.S.C. and R.A.O.C. Officers in charge.

The majority of seconded officers are from Infantry Regiments. In addition there are British Contract officers, all of them ex-British Army Officers. In each Regiment there are about 12 to 15 officers all told, the majority being seconded officers.

The Force in the past has been recruited from the local Arab population but recently there has been considerable recruiting from the Baluch inhabitants of the former dependency of Gwadar on the coast of Baluchistan, and the Force is now approximately 40% Baluch.

The normal language is Arabic — certainly the first an Officer wants to learn in order that he can carry out the task of conversing with the locals.

Much of an Officer's work is spent in consultation and contact with Walis, Sheikhs and headmen.

With hard work one should be able effectively to crack the sound barrier in about 5 - 6 months, but Arabic is not an easy language to learn. A previous knowledge of Urdu or Swahili is an advantage. Much of one's time is spent living on detachment in tented or barusti (palm frond) shelters. It tends to be an isolated existence which appeals to some — such as the writer. Where I am sitting now I am the only Englishman in a radius of sixty miles.

Quite large parts of the country are unmapped and unexplored by white men. In addition to these very interesting jobs of exploration there is still limited unrest in the interior, and almost weekly vehicles are blown up by mines laid on main tracks. Almost the only form of warfare now indulged in by the opposition.

Living conditions at Baital Falaj and Nizwa are now quite comfortable, being air-conditioned, European type buildings and money is steadily being made available to improve them.

There is a good tennis court at Baital Falaj, bathing and goggling, if you are by the sea, is good. Baital Falaj is inland some three miles from the sea. A shotgun is a good thing to bring as partridge and similar birds are plentiful but very powerful runners.

Leave and pay are extremely good. The tour is two periods of nine months with six weeks home leave after the first nine months and two months after the second nine months actually on strength of A.A.F.

On the pay side one gets a daily rate of 1/5th of one's basic pay. Ration allowance is generous and sufficient at 23/- a day. L.O.A. varies but is about 2/6 a single man and 8/- a married man. The best is one's secondment credit (even if it does get hit an awful crack by the Income Tax man) of one quarter of one's annual basic pay plus that daily fifth. English rates of marriage allowance and normal British Army facilities such as free medical and dental treatment are available.

For anyone thinking of coming out here I would recommend a short list of things to bring or organise before coming. A transistor radio and/or gramophone with records. The latter are virtually unobtainable here. To my way of thinking there is something very satisfying about sitting in the middle of nowhere with a Beethoven symphony going full blast.

This is a great place for photography, especially colour. Those interested should organise a supply of films from U.K. or possibly Aden as here there is a heavy import duty.

A car "cool seat" makes for greater comfort. I would recommend a supply of towelling shirts. Chapplies with good thick soles, or Army boots with thick rubber soles are the best for most of one's patrol work. The N.F.R. are great "desert boot" fans, but these wear out remarkably quickly and give little protection to the feet against stones.

Taken all in all I can thoroughly recommend a tour with the Sultan's Forces. The country and its people are fascinating. The work is varied and interesting. Conditions are often what Americans call rugged but it has many compensations, not the least of which to my mind is being in a country little known to Europeans where one is encouraged to go exploring.

MY NIGHT OF TERROR!

(by Major J. D. A. Fitzgerald)

I flew into Mauritius on the 24th February by Air France. On the short hop between Re'union and Plaisance Airport I first heard of "Carol." "Our airspeed has been cut because there is a cyclone lying 180 miles north east of Mauritius. We shall be an hour late."

We landed at 9 in the evening and were at once invaded by an army of little men with Aerosol bombs, who let us sit for 10 minutes delicately perfumed with D.D.T. I struggled off the plane, one of six Europeans in a crowd of Indians, who had come from Re'union to visit the spot where the sacred waters of the Ganges make their miraculous re-appearance at the Southern end of the Indian Ocean. I was met by the Commissioner of Police, "There's a cyclone, 'Carol,' about 200 miles away; we've only just recovered from 'Alix,'" he said. I was put to bed in the Mess of the 2/6 K.A.R. at Vacoas, where I was to be stationed.

The next day, Mac, the Commissioner, showed me round, including some of the damage of "Alix." Took me to sign in the Governor's book and told me about my job; and above all talked about the possibilities of "Carol" hitting us. She was travelling roughly west at a speed of 7 miles per hour, which apparently meant that she would be a rough 'un. If she hit St. Brandon to the north we should be alright, because cyclones do not normally curve sharply. On Friday too, a Class III warning was issued "Precautions may have to be taken."

On Saturday morning she hit St. Brandon and knocked out the Wireless Station. We were safe! she couldn't possibly curve so deeply south. No word from St. Brandon about where "she" was. After a curry lunch I went to sleep. I was disturbed twice. First a messenger with an invitation to lunch at Government House on Wednesday. Twice, when Don Collie, the K.A.R. Company Commander, burst in "The Met. Station has found 'Carol,' she is heading straight for us — coming at about 8 or 9 tonight. Class IV warning — the Mess staff are

getting together a primus and 3 days rations for you. Pity you are the only one in the Mess," and he was away.

Three days rations, some candles, a primus in my bathroom, a bottle of whisky, a crate of soda, the bath filled with water, a supply of books and a pack of cards. I was ready. I thought it couldn't possibly be worse than that half hearted typhoon we had the day before we left Hong Kong. I then went off with a macintosh, my felt hat and a torch in the gathering dusk and rain to play bridge with the Yates. There the wireless gave its last bulletin for power radios, "Winds of up to 100 m.p.h. by 9 p.m." We played on and at 9.45 the lights went out, so we continued to play in candlelight. At eleven I girded my loins, hitched up my trousers and bent to the howling wind as I walked back.

I woke at 7 the next morning and wondered what on earth had happened! I had a headache from the whisky I had imbibed the night before; that I could understand. What puzzled me, was that never before had I had a hangover in which the whole building thrummed and quivered, in which so much noise went on around me. Then I remembered "Carol." I sat for a bit, petrified, wondering how on earth I would ever make my way down the open verandah to the lavatory. Eventually, with my faithful mac and hat over my sarong I cautiously opened the door. I would have liked to have been able to say that it was plucked out of my hand — and that I only saved myself . . . ! Alas, the direction of the wind lay along the building and by some curious chance the verandah was almost still, compared with the outside world five feet away. My mac and sarong flapped madly, I had to hold on to my hat, but I didn't have to grope my way inch by inch!

I had on my verandah a grandstand view, spoilt only by the visibility which was only 200 yds. The wind was driving the rain so hard that it had vaporised into a mist. As I watched I saw the branch of a tree collapse like a broken match, and then whisk away out of sight—and overall, there was the howling. I saw a play some time ago on

T.V. called "Quatermass and the Pit." Some machine there had produced a noise meant to represent the howling of a witch-possessed mob hundreds of thousands of years ago, to represent the noise that evil makes. "Carol" sounded much the same.

Because I was safe I found the whole experience fascinating and exhilarant, as all vicariously shared danger is. Eventually I went indoors again, to shave and cook some breakfast. In my bathroom I found the wind was driving the rain round the panes of glass, till it bubbled through. My primus and my food were swimming gently in an inch or two of water. I washed, dressed and breakfasted. Suddenly at about 10 o'clock there was a hush. The rain and wind stopped. I went out; the sun was shining. This



St. Andrews Church, Vacoas, Mauritius, severely damaged by the cyclone, "Carol."

tallied with descriptions of "Alix" "a few hours of really bad wind, and then it dies away." "Carol" was over! I went to see if my recruits were alright and on the way met Don Collie, who was as always well-informed. "No, its not over, this is only the centre." Then I realised how difficult it was to breathe. In the eye of the cyclone there was almost a vacuum, the pressure was so low.

I warned the recruits that she would be back in an hour or so and then wandered round looking at the damage. Rows and rows of trees lay on their sides all facing in one direction, like rows of collapsed dominoes. The cinema and Records Office, both long buildings with corrugated iron roofs were sporting enormous junk sails of torn off tin which quivered in the sunlight. The main buildings of the barracks, however, had suffered very little. At the worst, water had been driven under the ill-fitting doors, or slates had been blown away. The barracks had been built shortly after the terrible 1898 cyclone, with, I expect, an eye to future ones. Teak on concrete, with well secured slates, stood up considerably better than the typical straw hut in the photographs.

At the observatory I learned that winds had reached nearly 190 m.p.h. in parts of the island. At the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Mess I was earnestly invited to come in to share the second half with the sisters not on duty. I accepted gladly, dreading the thought of cooking on a floating primus. I collected my worldly goods, a book, my whisky and a pair of slippers and reached the Mess just in time. "Carol" came back at 2 in the afternoon, blowing in the opposite direction. I spent the remainder of the cyclone lazily and finally left about 8 in the evening. I made a tour of the recruits and went to my room to go to bed. In my hurry, I had forgotten to lock my door on leaving. The door had burst open and everything, including my bed clothes were awash.

I shamefacedly crept back to the Mess, and asked if the sisters could possibly offer me a bed. Yes, of course, Matron was on duty, I could have hers, and that was that. Cyclone "Carol" over.

Newspaper reports are sometimes exaggerated and the reports on "Carol's" devastation may have erred in this direction. Thousands of houses blown down! The tin shacks, the straw shanties were blown down; houses built without foundations were shifted; houses with roofs of corrugated iron or thin wood planking, lost them. The tragedy was the vast number of damaged churches; the lack of foresight and the bad workmanship which brought down concrete telegraph poles, buried only a couple of feet in the ground. "Carol" however, was a mighty wind. She did bend iron bars like Sherlock Holmes his poker; she did uproot enormous trees and she did cause an enormous amount of misery and discomfort; and, incidentally, she also cancelled my lunch with the Governor.



Another picture showing the damage caused by the cyclone "Carol."



4th BATTALION THE ROYAL NORFOLK REGIMENT (T.A.)

GENERAL NEWS

It is unfortunately not possible to delay this description of our recent activities until after our return from Annual Camp. Due to the date of publication, so the notes that follow are written on the eve of departure for Redesdale Camp at Otterburn, on the Border.

All Companies and Departments have been very busy during the first part of the year, as shown by the detailed notes that follow.

Recruiting has continued to be most encouraging, with a further increase of 50 during the first four months of the year.

OFFICERS MESS

We are glad to welcome to the mess the Rev. W. Blathway as our new Padre and Capt. D. W. J. Kay, R.A.P.C., to look after our pay and accounting problems.

During the early spring arrangements were made for the disposal of silver and plate formerly belonging to the Regular Battalion of the Regiment and now surplus due to the amalgamation. We were allotted by the Colonel of the Regiment's committee nearly all we asked for, including especially the 2nd Bn. Candelabra and an oval Colour Shield.

We have also been allotted most of the contents of the former Depot Mess, including the Chillianwalla table, although there are no dining room chairs — shooting sticks may have to be used!

A cocktail party was held at the Cattle Market in April, when the opportunity was taken to entertain many in the City and County who gave us help and assistance.

Our activities at Camp will be described in the next issue of the Journal. Shortly after we return "Buckingham Palace" will be pitched as usual on the Royal Norfolk Showground and all present and past members of the Regiment will be very welcome there.

SERGEANTS MESS

R.Q.M.S. Barr was selected as the Battalion's representative in the Guard of Honour found by The 1st East Anglian Regiment on the occasion of the marriage of our Colonel-in-Chief, R.S.M. Mann and O.R.Q.M.S. Pearce, together with their wives, were allotted seats in the stands on Horse Guards Parade.

Since 1947 "Dutchy" Everson has been a faithful member of the Mess. Now this "A" Company C.S.M. is saying farewell to the T.A. We shall miss him on week-ends and particularly at Annual Camp. Good Luck to you "Dutchy," and we hope we shall see you in the Mess on our social occasions whether it be at the Cattle Market or Britannia Barracks.

The position at Great Yarmouth in regard to senior N.C.O.s has had to be reviewed in order to fill the gaps made by the resignations of "Dutchy" and C/Sgt. Durrant, who, it may be remembered sailed for Australia some months ago. Sgt. Pillar

moves into the position of C.S.M. "A" Company and Sgt. Amis joins the ranks of C.Q.M.S.s.

Sgt. Moore has now completed his Type "T" engagement with the Battalion as P.S.I. at Dereham, but is remaining with us as a T.A. C/Sgt. Doogie, by the way, is now employed as a civilian with the Battalion.

No ex 1st Battalion member can fail to remember O.R.Q.M.S. Hilton. Alf has now settled in civvy street, but has decided to be "Twice a Citizen" and thus we welcome him into the Mess.

In the last notes we talked of the Social and Dance we intended to hold. The event took place at the All Saints Green Drill Hall and the result was a resounding success. A certain amount of pressure by the R.S.M. and Sgt. Drew was necessary on those who showed any signs of slackness in joining in the dancing and they proved themselves as worthy M.C.s. Another social and dance, on the same lines, must be held in the near future.

A certain member of the "Q" Staff had quite a chat with the "wife" of a mess member at a recent Company social before finding out that the "Mrs." was in fact "Miss."

If you would like to assist the "I" Sergeant you can do no better than smoke a certain brand of cigarette and pass on your unwanted coupons to him. He is going in for an electric razor, only 3,500 coupons! The Baby Acorns are being tempted to start smoking.

It can be said with some authority, that an out-station C/Sgt. who has long been sweating on his T.A. Medal will not have to wait much longer.

Speaking of C/Sgts., the Inland Revenue must have caught the glitter of their crowns; two of their number have had hard words with the Collector. Did they really earn all that money from the T.A. in 1958?

HEADQUARTER COMPANY

Since Christmas the company has been steadily recruiting for the first time in years. How encouraging to see so many new and young faces about the Drill Hall. Drill nights have become somewhat hectic with the various platoons and sections operating at the same time and practically in the same place, so much so that the M.T. personnel now train at Nelson Barracks.

The first taste of soldiering in the field for most of our recruits came on 2nd March with exercise "Escapade," an escape and survival exercise run in conjunction with the R.A.F. and Special Air Service. Our lads were somewhat disappointed by the fact that the escapers seemed to avoid our section of the force perimeter, but were consoled next day by an impromptu patrol exercise. Their first efforts at this were very good, especially when one considers the limited amount of training that they have had. Pte. Brothers and Boy Sullivan had a vague idea that their patrol commander must be one of the enemy, as they were sure that he was trying to kill them. However, after reaching their objective and being revived by hot sweet tea, they agreed it was all good fun. Boy Seeley found, too, that though he is not built to do the leopard crawl, he is undoubtedly well set up for rolling.

Here we must congratulate L/C Banthorpe on winning the young soldiers event at the Brigade



C.S.M. Everson who is leaving the 4th Bn. after more than 23 years service with the Territorial Army.

rifle meeting and also on being runner-up in the same event at 54 E.A. Div. Rifle Meeting. Congratulations also to Boy Seeley for being third in this event. They have both made a fine start in their first year of competition shooting. From the look of some of the results in the Company classification shoot however, they will have to look to their laurels.

We hear that Cpl. Grant is shortly moving to a new house, but whether the rumour going around, that the reason for moving is the acquisition of his second tape — we are not prepared to say.

At the time of writing we are frantically preparing for Camp which starts on the 21st May. Cleaning and assembling of kit is the order of the day. Of course the first problem is to find where the kit actually is and this often presents quite a problem. It is rather depressing to find ones webbing in with the coals — or as Pte. Brothers says "What is blanco anyway?"

SUPPORT COMPANY

During the early part of the year "S" Company carried out an enjoyable week-end on the Stanford Battle Area when they fired both 3 in. Mtr. and M.M.G.s. During the Saturday night and Sunday morning a patrol exercise was operated in conjunction with "D" Company.

On the 20th February a Children's party was held at All Saints Green Drill Hall for the Children of all members of the company. Ten children from a near by orphanage run by the City Council were invited and judging by results enjoyed themselves to the full. Apart from a minor incident when a small visitor dialled 999 the party was kept strictly under control.

Thanks are due to all those who took part in organising the vast quantities of food, games and the films.

On 23rd April the company held its annual dinner at The Lamb in Norwich. A most enjoyable evening was spent by all and we were very pleased to welcome old and new friends. Sgt. Dance and Sgt. Martin went to great lengths to organise the whole show.

At the time of writing the company is busily engaged in getting ready to move to Camp at Otterburn, where it is hoped we shall have a dry and enjoyable 15 days.

"A" COMPANY

C.S.M. Everson has retired. This is certainly the most notable event that we have to report, for he has been the back-bone of "A" Company ever since it was re-formed in 1947. He first joined the T.A. in 1937, and was with the 4th Battalion at Singapore and during captivity in Japanese hands. His departure will be a great loss to "A" Company, for his enthusiasm, cheerfulness and shiny boots were an example to us all. We said farewell at a Grand Easter Social held in his honour when he was presented with an inscribed silver cigarette case, and Mrs. Everson was given a bouquet. "Dutchy" left us with the strain of his favourite T.A. song, "Viola," still ringing in his ears.

The same evening we were presented with miniature colours of the 2nd Battalion. They are beautifully embroidered in silk, and are believed to have been made in India before the first war.

Congratulations are due to the following on their promotions: Prov. W.O. II R. Pillar, Prov.

C/Sgt. H. Aniss, Cpl. T. Grimmer, Cpl. Olley and L/Cs Cruickshank and Dudding.

Our most ambitious training scheme was Exercise "Waterlog" when we crossed the River Waveney at Fritton in assault boats at midnight. Once across the river the boats' crews again became army sections with a military objective — to "destroy" a lonely windmill a mile away across the marshes. This was accomplished, the only casualty being the force commander, Capt. F. A. Powell, who had to be rescued from waist-deep mud.

At the mill the force was broken down into small groups with two or three men in each, and we set off at intervals by various routes to Pakefield Range. The distance was about 14 miles, much of it across the marshes or down narrow country roads and lanes, none too easy to follow on a map in darkness. Everyone of our young soldiers — the average age was about 19 — completed the course.

There was keen competition between the sections and the best time was achieved by the one led by L/C Grimmer, but those led by Pte. Thompson and Pte. R. Amis took only one minute longer.

By 6.15 a.m. the last party had arrived and breakfast was under way. Every man had carried with him the main ingredients, egg, bacon, sausage and tomato, and these were cooked in mess tins on improvised fires. Some men even had enough energy to have a kick-about with the inevitable football which always accompanies "A" Company.

This overnight scheme justified the Territorial motto, "It's Tough to be in the T.A."

"B" COMPANY

Few changes have taken place in the company since the last issue although two of our members, Ptes. Rodwell and Watson, have left us to join the Regular Army. We wish them success.

Congratulations to Cpl. Jordan on his third tape and to Ptes. Mapletoft and Cook on their first.

We learn with regret that 2/Lt. Warrington will be leaving King's Lvnv for business reasons but will be staying with the Battalion.

Training has been more interesting with the arrival of the longer evenings and North Woolton Common has resounded to the tread of Army boots for the first time in its history.

"C" COMPANY

Since the last edition most of our activities have been on exercises and training run by the battalion and are reported elsewhere.

We congratulate Cpl. Vincent on his promotion and Pte. Roberts on his excellent shooting, which took him to second place in the Young Soldiers' Championship at the Brigade Rifle Meeting. He also took in the Div. Rifle Meeting, a joint third place in the Young Soldiers' L.M.G. Pairs with L/C Banthorpe of "S" Company and best of all a run away first place in the Young Soldiers' Championship.

"D" COMPANY

The Company can look back on a very full programme leading up to our annual camp at Otterburn in the Scottish border country. Socially our best attended function was the Children's Christmas party when over 80 children greeted Santa Claus when he emerged from a specially prepared chimney at the Drill Hall. A great deal of jelly was consumed and the guests received toys

on their way home. Other things than jelly were disposed of at the Annual Dinner at the Kings Head in February when we had the pleasure of the company of both the Brigade Commander and Colonel Flower. Eighty-five of us sat down to dinner, when the main event was the presentation to Sgt. Moore and his wife of a clock and electric blanket to mark his retirement from his long career as Dereham P.S.I. during which he has done so very much for the Company. It is good to report that this did not mean that the Company had lost his services for he is now with us on our side of the fence as Colour-Sergeant. We are glad to welcome Sgt. Stevens as his successor. While we have gained Moore from the Regular Army, we have said a reluctant farewell to Raper, Turrell, Turner and Timm who have left to become regular soldiers. All have since written to us saying how their T.A. service has helped them in their chosen career. Company trophies for 1959 were awarded to Pte. Upton for fieldcraft, L/C Hubbard for .22 shooting and Pte. Ottaway for full-bore shooting.

Boxing has become almost a major industry in the Company in recent months. Starting with a programme of 14 bouts in February run by the Company at Dereham for the benefit of a packed house at which our new Honorary Colonel was present, members have gone on to higher realms. Sgt. Eagle and Ptes. O'Callaghan, Yarham and Hudson went to Colchester to compete in the Divisional finals and from there the three former were selected to box in the T.A. Finals in London in May. Unfortunately none of them brought a title home but they made the Company's name known a long way from home.

Now we face Camp and the summer and you can be sure that we keep well occupied during both. The Dereham Company is still very much alive, recruiting is brisk and things are going well.

BAND AND DRUMS

At the moment we are busy getting ready for camp in Northumberland. We are looking forward to visiting the north where many a battle has been fought in the past and no doubt more will be fought as exercises when we are there.

It is pleasing to relate that last week the Band actually managed to get three recruits. It may not sound much but really its a joy to get musicians, especially good trained ones. Two of the three are former members of the 1st Battalion and are clarinet players so the reed section is now getting into its stride.

On Sunday, 1st May, we played at the Rifle Meeting on the Middlewick Ranges to the Troops of the Division. It brought back happy memories to a few of us who had been stationed at Colchester in 1925. The Drums are going great guns in recruiting. They are about 20 strong now and more are enquiring about joining.

We hope to turn out in strength at Lowestoft when the Freedom of the Borough is given to the 1st East Anglian Regiment. It will be our first big turn-out this year. Other summer fixtures will follow.

We had hoped to receive some useful surplus instruments after the amalgamation of the two Regiments, but we found the instruments sent to us to be beyond repair. Our funds have permitted us

to purchase some instruments however, and the Band and Drums are now much better equipped than for some time past.

RIFLE SHOOTING

We have kept the old members of the shooting team but some new faces have appeared thanks to an influx of recruits into some of the companies. We are hoping to have more Young Soldiers come along so that we can find some understudies for the "old sweats." With this in view we have concentrated on the rifle for the Young Soldier and encouraged the more experienced shooters to take up other weapons. This policy has begun to show results which are an improvement over past years, but the shooting team still needs as many Young Soldiers as possible to build up the future Battalion team.

At the Brigade Meeting we won the China Cup Competition in spite of efforts by Sgt. Toll to dig a hole in front of the target — Sgt. Toll naturally denies this. He had some consolation, however, in the Sten practice in which he was runner-up, losing by only one point. It was also very pleasing to have L/C Banthorpe winning the Young Soldiers' Competition with a score far better than his father could put up in the T.A. Open. Young Soldier Roberts of "C" Company was joint second in the same competition, an encouraging start and a sign of better things to come. The same two Young Soldiers were runners-up in the L.M.G. pairs.

We had a better showing at the Divisional Rifle Meeting, the Young Soldiers coming very much to the fore. There was considerable improvement and Pte. Roberts put over 50 on his usual score and so won the Div. Young Soldiers' competition. His 155 was the second highest score of the day from all sections of competitors. Well done Roberts. L/C Banthorpe, who scored 20 higher than in his Brigade shoot, was second in the same competition, and Boy Seeley surprised us all by scoring 117 instead of his usual 70, and this enabled the Battalion to come in first, second and third in the Young Soldiers Competition.

Sgt. Tallent, one of our older members who recently came back into the fold (though he is no lamb) took second prize in the Divisional T.A. Revolver contest and with W.O. Banthorpe (the father) was third in the L.M.G. pairs. A further success in the L.M.G. pairs was third prize in the Young Soldiers section by L/C Banthorpe and Pte. Roberts.

Generally the Rifle shooting at the Divisional Meeting by our team showed great improvement and we must now keep it going and also encourage a steady flow of Young Soldiers into the Team.

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H.M.S. Yarmouth, 1960.

H.M.S. "YARMOUTH"

On Thursday, 24th March, 1960, a new link was forged between the 4th Battalion The Royal Norfolk Regiment, T.A. and the Royal Navy. An affiliation has been arranged between the Battalion and H.M.S. "Yarmouth" and on this date Brigadier F. P. Barclay, D.S.O., M.C., A.D.C., the Honorary Colonel of the 4th Battalion and Major R. Boulton, who commands the Great Yarmouth "A" Company, went to Glasgow for the commissioning of this new 2,170 ton antisubmarine frigate.

The Commissioning ceremony, for which the Mayor of Great Yarmouth had also travelled north, was conducted by the Vicar of Great Yarmouth. The Ship's Company was drawn up in a hollow square for the Service, which was simple, yet moving. In rear of the parade lay this fine ship at the dock side; facing the hollow square was the stand with all the guests. The ceremony over, the Captain was officially, for the first time, piped aboard his ship.

After the ceremony Captain H. R. Hewlett, R.N., welcomed the guests aboard for a buffet luncheon. He was justifiably proud of his new command, for H.M.S. "Yarmouth" is superbly equipped both as regards fighting efficiency and crew amenities.

H.M.S. "Yarmouth" was built on Clydebank by John Brown & Co., and is the first ship built for the Royal Navy with a view to carrying the Sea Cat guided missile, when it goes into production. Although she is 370 feet long H.M.S. "Yarmouth" has a beam of only 41 feet, giving her a very slender appearance, particularly when looking aft from the bows. Two 15,000 h.p. steam turbines give her a speed of more than 30 knots. She carries all the latest anti-submarine equipment, mostly operated by remote control from below decks, where there is a complicated mass of electronic machinery. In addition there are twelve 21 inch torpedo tubes, six mortars, two 4.5 inch dual purpose guns and a Bofors.

H.M.S. "Yarmouth" has a complement of 17 officers and 195 other ratings and no trouble or expense has been spared in providing for them. The spacious galley, complete with dish-washing machine, is all-electric and meals are served on a cafeteria system. Half the crew sleep in hammocks, but the rest have bunks. There is fluorescent lighting, a laundry and showers.

H.M.S. "Yarmouth" will be a flotilla leader, but unfortunately a sister-ship, H.M.S. "Lowestoft" which has just been launched, will not serve with her. H.M.S. "Yarmouth" will be visiting the town

of Great Yarmouth during the summer, although as she is too long for the harbour she will have to lie in the Roads.

NORFOLK COUNTY CADET FORCE

This is the Cadet Centenary and to mark this year the Duke of Edinburgh presented a banner to the A.C.F. This banner is being trooped throughout the country and we in Norfolk received it for three days in early March. It was unfortunate that our turn to receive it occurred in the middle of a week and therefore all our functions had to be restricted to Drill Halls. Nevertheless over 80 cadets with a very smart guard from the 2nd Cadet Battalion took it over from Suffolk at Lowestoft. Suffolk entertained the whole party most magnificently. The following day a 2nd Cadet Battalion guard handed it over to the Cadet Norfolk Artillery in Norwich. The Cadet Norfolk Artillery Trooped the Banner and were inspected and addressed by the Lord Mayor. The 1st Cadet Battalion parade planned at Red House Farm School had to be cancelled because of rain. The 1st Cadet Battalion in turn handed the banner over to the 3rd Cadet Battalion King's Lynn who staged a very smart parade followed by a magnificent party. The 3rd Cadet Battalion finally handed it over to Cambridge at Ely and the very smart escort provided by the Quick brothers was much commented upon. The County Commandant, Col. P. H. Labouchere, O.B.E., J.P. (late 3rd Hussars) had a very busy time attending at these ceremonies.

Finally a combined C.C.F./A.C.F. Parade was held in Norwich in May at which over 1,100 cadets took part. The Lord Lieutenant took the salute and many V.I.P.s attended.

The King's Cup, the main inter-detachment competition in Norfolk, was won this year by Fakenham. The first time it has left the 2nd Cadet Battalion for a very long time and Fakenham are to be congratulated on their achievement. The cup was presented to the Detachment Commander, Captain J. Dring, by their Honorary Colonel, Lord Leicester at a Unit party attended by some 200 cadets friends at Aylsham. The event was televised.

Our numbers continue to increase and all the normal activities such as sports, football, shooting and boxing are well supported.

If any reader of these notes feels that he would like to help the Norfolk cadets we are certain a place can be found for him and he should apply to the T. and A.F. Association in Norwich for details.

1st EAST ANGLIAN REGIMENT PAST AND PRESENT ASSOCIATION

If you have served, or are still serving, in either the 1st East Anglian, Royal Norfolk, Suffolk or Cambridgeshire Regiments and are not already a member of your Regimental Association, you should join the 1st East Anglian Regiment Past and Present Association.

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4th BATTALION THE SUFFOLK REGIMENT (T.A.)

UNIT DIARY

January.

- /10 Signal Platoon classification at Ipswich. Testing carried out by 1st Bn. K.S.L.I.
- 16/17 Exercise "Third Lap" held. A 54 Division Civil Defence exercise at H.Q. level. Bn. H.Q. was located at West Tofts.
- 23/24 Second in the current series of recruits cadres held at Bury St. Edmunds.
- 30/31 "C" and Sp. Coys fired Annual Weapon Training Courses at Sizewell and Pakefield respectively.

"A" Coy weekend exercise at Sandringham.

February

- 6/7 "A," "B," "C" and "D" Coys fired Annual Weapon Training Course. Major R. C. Smyth and three W.O.s attended Recruiting Salesmanship Course at Colchester.
- 13 Battalion S.M.C. Team practice at Bury St. Edmunds.
- Officers Mess Cocktail Party at Southwold.
- 14 "C" Coy Church Parade at Halesworth, followed by "C" Coy Open Day in Halesworth Rifle Hall.
- 13/14 H.Q. Coy fired A.W.T.C.
- 20/21 "C" Coy exercise "Hellbent III" (See "B" "C" Coy notes). Third in series of recruits cadres held at Bury St. Edmunds.
- Sp. Coy fired A.W.T.C.
- 27/28 54 Div. Winter Study Period attended by Commanding Officer, 2 i/c and 2 Coy Comds.
- Sp., "A," "B" and "D" Coys fired A.W.T.C.

March.

- 5/6 Gadd Trophy Competition.

This competition held for the first time this year will be held annually and is designed to test the basic skills of the infantryman and to give further object and interest to winter drill night training.

The Trophy, a silver statuette of a soldier of the Suffolk Regiment in Battledress and Battle Order, was bought with money left to the Regiment by the late Colonel H. R. Gadd, O.B.E., with the express wish that it should be used for a competition of this sort.

The competition involves teams of seven men from T.A. Centres who undergo tests in weapon training, map reading, signals and first aid. The second day is devoted to a 12 mile march followed by a course of battle firing on the classification ranges.

Results for 1960 were:—

- 1st: H.Q. Coy 1 Team.
- 2nd: H.Q. Coy 2 Team.
- 3rd: "B" Coy 2 Team.

- 12/13 Final session of current series of recruits cadres held at Ipswich.
- 15 The Army Commander, Gen. Sir Arthur Lathbury, K.C.B., D.S.O., M.B.E., visited Battalion Headquarters.
- 19/20 Signal Platoon Cadre held at Felixstowe. Battalion Small Arms Team practice at Bury St. Edmunds and Middlewick.
- 26/27 Inter Company Rifle Meeting held at Bromeswell in preparation for the Brigade Rifle Meeting.

April

- 2/3 R.A.F. Combat survival exercise "Escapade." Battalion H.Q. and 2 Coys acted as defence forces.
- 9/10 161 Bde. Rifle Meeting held at Thetford Range. Battalion teams achieved the following results:—
 - Unit All Arms Championship — 1st
 - Rifle Team Match — 1st
 - S.M.C. Cup — 1st
 - China Cup Competition — 2nd & 3rd
 - L.M.G. Pairs Cup — 3rd

May

- 30 Apr./1 May 54 (E.A.) Inf. Div. (T.A.) Rifle Meeting at Middlewick. Battalion teams achieved the following results:—
 - Divisional All Arms Championship: 1st equal with 5th Northampton (T.A.).
 - Rifle Team Match: A Team 2nd. B Team 3rd.
 - L.M.G. Team Match: 1st.
 - S.M.C. Team Match: 1st.
 - China Cup Competition: 2nd.
- 21 Battalion left for Annual Camp at Otterburn, Northumberland, from 21st May to 4th June.

"A" COMPANY

Bury St. Edmunds — Haverhill

O.C.: Major G. L. Brown; C.S.M.: W.O.II Keeble, L. C.Q.M.S.: C/Sgt. Dye, A.; P.S.I.: Sgt. Mobius, D.

The Company is consolidating well. During the past few months major and minor successes have been achieved and to list just a few: Sgt. Pollen returned from the District Rifle Meeting with three tankards in the company of Sgt. Marsh who had one tankard. The Company was well represented at the Brigade Rifle Meeting which was won by the Battalion. We have several good young shots coming along. The Company by virtue of the Haverhill Detachment came so very near to winning the Pretty Cup, being highly commended. This achievement is all the more remarkable to those who know the T.A. Centre at Haverhill.

"A" Company, ably supported by a detachment of "D" Company took the majority of prisoners on the R.A.F. survival exercise "Escapade" and this was no doubt due to the very well equipped Company Headquarters where the equipment ranged from lemonade to brandy.

Congratulations to the following on promotion: L/C Johnson, L/C Rowling and L/C Chapman now at the dizzy heights of full Corporal. At Bury St. Edmunds a very successful children's party was held — all the little blighters thoroughly enjoyed themselves and went home tired, full and happy. This is a forerunner to the Haverhill children's party which it is hoped to have in the very near future.

Training is taking a serious turn and night signal and compass exercises are very well attended and so far nobody has yet lost their way or failed to turn up at the final R.V. at the correct time. Our C/Sgt. cannot, unfortunately, be with us at Camp due to the change over from Gibraltar Barracks to Blenheim Camp. We hope he will be looking after us while we are away and that when we return our new T.A. Centre in Blenheim Camp will be ready for us. A hearty welcome to our latest recruits — Pte. Hunt, Pte. Upshaw and Boy O'Keeffe. Pte. Regent successfully passed his driving test and is now a Company Driver, having charge of the landrover.

"B" COMPANY

Woodbridge — Framlingham — Felixstowe
O.C.: Major W. Mayhew; C.S.M.: W.O.II Morgan, A.
C.Q.M.S.: C/Sgt. Warne, E.
P.S.I.: Sgt. Freeman, M.

In the last few months the Company has been plodding along carrying out Battalion and Company training. This, briefly, was as follows:— a combined exercise with "C" Coy - "Hellbent III", the Gadd Trophy, Company and Battalion Rifle Meetings and the Brigade and Divisional Rifle Meetings.

During exercise "Hellbent III" our Company acted as enemy to "C" Coy, our object being to stop "C" Coy personnel entering the Woodbridge area. This was very well done. The company was split into two main parties, each having a definite area to patrol. With the aid of 88 Set communication between our two parties, plus a M/C patrol, we were able to capture 14 of the enemy. This figure would have been considerably larger if the enemy had not decided to attend the morning service in the village church, thus avoiding capture.

In the Gadd Trophy competition, the company entered two teams. One team selected from Woodbridge T.A.C. and the other consisted mainly of personnel from Framlingham T.A. Centre. The competition proved very popular. This company took third and fourth places and all agree that if our "A" Team had not taken the wrong turning on the 12 mile march we would have done much better.

The inter-company Rifle Meeting was held on the 27th March at Bromeswell Range. In the overall placings we tied for fourth place. The shooting of the company has improved but with the changing of employment, illness, etc., we had great difficulty in raising a team. With more practice we will do better next year.

In the Brigade and Divisional Rifle Meetings Sgt. Brock, Cpl. Southall and L/C Howlett helped to represent the Battalion. Sgt. Brock had the good fortune to be the lucky member of the Battalion chosen to attend the wedding of Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret. Travelling up to London on the Wednesday, followed by a dress rehearsal on Thursday, on Friday he took up his position at the entrance to the Abbey for a grand view of this great occasion.

We are very sorry to say goodbye to our tame Highlander, Captain Malcolm, who for the past twelve months has been attached to the company. Welcome to the company Boy Beckett, Pte. Bridges, Pte. Clark and a special welcome to Pte. Wright on rejoining the company.

Congratulations to Cpl. Southall and L/C Pitcher who have both become fathers of fine sons.

"C" COMPANY

Leiston — Southwold

O.C.: Major R. A. F. Kemp, T.D.

C.S.M.: W.O. II Smith, A.

C/Sgt.: C/Sgt. Spall, L.; P.S.I.: Sgt. Allright, K.

This being our first contribution to the new and excellent journal it may be appropriate to introduce ourselves. The company covers that area of East Suffolk bounded in the South by the River Alde and in the North by the River Blyth including in its area the small towns of Leiston, Aldeburgh, Saxmundham, Southwold and Halesworth. Coy H.Q. and 2 platoons are based at Leiston, home of the new Nuclear Power Station which is already under construction. The third platoon is based at Southwold some 15 miles from Coy H.Q. The two centres between them muster a present strength of 60 all ranks which makes the company the strongest Rifle Company in the Battalion. The majority of the company, some 50 men, come from the Leiston area where recruiting over the past year has shown a big upward trend. With the influx of labour to the town and the ending of National Service we have high hopes for the future. Leiston has always been a stronghold for the T.A. and between the two wars boasted a full company. We hope the time is not too distant when we are again at full strength. Southwold, on the other hand, is an extremely poor recruiting area. During the six years that we have had that centre under command we have failed to bring in one recruit from the town, all the present detachment coming from the surrounding district. There is a very real danger that the centre will be closed down in the near future through lack of recruits. This is a great pity because it is a most excellent centre with almost every facility available (all mod. con. and 2 mins. sea as the advert would say). Any Unit that would like to spend a weekend by the sea during the summer might well take advantage of this excellently situated centre.

As these notes are being prepared we have obtained our first recruit from Southwold. We were so pleased to get him that we broke all records to ensure we didn't lose him again. He presented himself at Coy H.Q. at 8.20 p.m. saying he wished to join. By 9.30 p.m. he had been documented, had his medical and been sworn in and his measurements were on the way to Battalion H.Q. We admit to breaking a few rules but when one has waited six years for the first recruit it doesn't do to let too much red tape stand in the way.

During the first four months of the year training in the company has proceeded at a steady pace. We have had sufficient recruits with no previous military service to warrant running a Recruits Cadre on training evenings. This cadre has been in the hands of Sgt. A. Sprunt and Cpl. F. Pye who have done an excellent job. In January and March we fired the A.W.T.C. on Sizewell Range with reasonable results. Almost the whole of the first day was devoted to zeroing rifles and this paid handsome dividends when, in April, we took part in the inter company team shooting championship at Bromeswell when the company won the Inter Company Championship Cup. Twelve men of the company were included, in one form or another, in the successful Battalion team that won the 161 Inf.

Brigade Championship and tied for first place in the Divisional Championship.

In February we held our annual tough exercise "Hellbent" over two days. On this exercise the local press sent along a representative and by kind permission of the editor of the Leiston Observer we can do no better than publish his report of the exercise. The winners of the exercise, which was competitive throughout, were:—

The Ogilvie Cup: No. 1 Section, Sgt. Strowger. E.

1st Pair: Pte. Bailey, E. and Pte. Bardwell, A.
2nd Pair: Sgt. Strowger, E. and Pte. Lloyd, D.
3rd Pair: L/C Cornish, N. and Pte. Free, P.
Best Young Soldier: Pte. Hammond, T.

In March, the T.A. Association held their Annual Inspection to find the best kept T.A. Centre in the county. Leiston boasts nothing more than a long, timber built hut of 1914 vintage as a centre. From the outside one would be forgiven for thinking that it was probably a chicken house. Inside, however, it is a completely different picture. The company are extremely proud of their Recreational Room and have already won the Cup on three previous occasions since the War, including 1959. For this year they re-doubled their efforts by completely redecorating throughout by their own efforts and in their own time. They were rewarded for their hard work by again being placed first in the competition. Incidentally this is the only T.A. Centre administered by the Battalion that has ever won the Cup which they have now done on four occasions. During the last ten years they have never been out of the first six places which reflects great credit on the company and also on their caretaker who always enters wholeheartedly in the competition.

On the social side the company has been extremely active. Dances are held every Friday evening with the aid of a record player. This draws the youth of the town who enjoy themselves to the full with their "Rock and Roll." We consider it a poor attendance if less than 100 turn up and we have gained several recruits by getting them into the T.A. Centre in the first place by this means and we hope to influence even more after Camp.

On the 7th May we held the first of what, we hope, will become an Annual Social Evening to which we invited all families and friends to meet us on our own ground. Amongst the sixty guests were the Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. G. T. O. Springfield and Mrs. Springfield; the Adjutant, Capt. T. Dean; ex-R.Q.M.S. W. Goddard and Mrs. Goddard; ex-Sgt. E. H. Bailey, B.E.M. and Mrs. Bailey. A concert party from Ipswich was engaged for the evening and gave a most excellent performance. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all and many asked for a repeat performance within the near future. During the evening Mrs. Springfield graciously presented the prizes to the winner in Exercise "Hellbent" and also, on behalf of the whole company, a suitably inscribed watch and clock respectively to ex-R.Q.M.S. Goddard and ex-Sgt. Bailey in appreciation of their long and devoted service to the company. Bouquets of carnations were presented to their ladies.

Our thanks for the extremely hard work done by the committee in making this an extremely successful evening with a special word of thanks to Corporal and Mrs. "Vic" Cross who were responsible for preparing the excellent refreshments.

In conclusion we congratulate Sgt. Percy Emmerson on his recent promotion. It was unfortunate for Percy that he was standing near the bar when the news of his promotion was broken to him.

"D" COMPANY

Stowmarket — Hadleigh

O.C.: Capt. D. S. Sach
C.S.M.: W.O. II Barnard, J.
P.S.I.: Sgt. Baldry, A.

Since our last notes the company has progressed in strength and enthusiasm.

Capt. D. S. Sach has taken over the chair from Major G. L. Brown, who we must thank for all the hours of hard work he put in. We also extend a welcome to Capt. D. Sutor who is taking over 2 i/c of the company.

Congratulations to L/C Harvey and L/C Firman on their recent promotions, also Boys Cracknell, Vince and Wilson who have just come onto Man's Service.

It is such a long while since Delta Company have been represented in the Battalion Shooting Team. The Company Sten Team represented the Battalion in the Brigade Rifle Meeting and were placed second — well done Jack, Stan and Chas., these members, plus 5 more, fired in the 54 (E.A.) Divisional Rifle Meeting, at which the Battalion shared first place.

We extend a hearty welcome to all our new recruits (14 of them).

In May we held a most successful social evening when a large sum in recruiting bonuses was paid out. Much of this money seemed to find its way back over the bar. We also disposed of a pin of beer — a prize from recruiting funds for the number of recruits signed on in recent months.

SUPPORT COMPANY

Lowestoft — Beccles

O.C.: Major J. G. Lawrie
C.S.M.: W.O. II Vallance; C.Q.M.S.: C/Sgt. Clarke
P.S.I.: W.O. II Richardson

Recruiting has been at its height in the last six months. When the Brigade Commander carried out his Annual Inspection in November he asked if we would reach the hundred mark before camp. The answer was a confident "yes" and now at the time of going to press we have one hundred enlisted men and another three waiting to see the medical officer. However, due to our location in a seaside resort, we regret we will not be able to take this hundred men to camp.

Throughout the year attendances at drills and training have been good. On our last company weekend in the East Ruston area of Norfolk an enjoyable two days hard training was carried out, and although this weekend coincided with the Divisional Rifle Meeting, we still turned out a strength of fifty-two.

We welcome back Cpl. Lockwood, who after completing his National Service with The Royal Norfolk Regiment in Germany is at present busy training the last batch of twelve recruits. Cpl. Reynolds of the 3 in. Mortar Platoon is to be congratulated on his promotion to sergeant.

Our social life continues in the form of Dart matches and three-sided Darts, Badminton and .22 shooting Matches with the local works social clubs.

The Corps of Drums is being reformed under the eagle eye of Drum Major Ted Mingay who would welcome any members of The 1st East Anglian Regiment on their return to civilian life.

HEADQUARTER COMPANY

Ipswich

O.C.: Major R. C. Smyth
C.S.M.: W.O. II Cook, P.
C.Q.M.S.: C/Sgt. Southgate, L.
P.S.I.: W.O. II Loveday, D.

Since the beginning of the year we have been engaged in many and varied activities and pretty successful too.

First the Gadd Trophy, which was held for the first time this year. This competition was intended to test the basic knowledge and skills of the Infantry soldier. We entered two teams which were placed 1st and 2nd. Congratulations to the winning team captained by Sgt. Mowle and his brilliant men, comprising of Sgt. Marsh, Cpls. Columbus and Phillips, L/C Seager, Pte. Foreman and last, but not least, Boy Sparrow.

The following have been promoted to ranks as shown: Sgt. Marsh, L/Cs Frampton, Halley-Frame, Harris and James, B. P. We hope that they will hand over to their ever suffering wives the extra lolly that they now well and truly earn.

We are sorry to lose to the Regular Army Pte. Goodway who has joined the East Anglian Depot, and Pte. Downing who has gone to the Royal Corps

of Signals. Whilst on this subject, the following have had to resign owing to pressure of business: Sgt. Smith, Ptes. Pickering, Hall, Dedman H. and Atkinson. We wish them every success in their future life.

Whilst we have been saying farewell, we now welcome the following to the company: Ptes. Harrison, Yates and Starling, may their stay be long and enjoyable.

The shooting ability of the company is rapidly improving, but we don't think that the acting W.T.O. can claim all the laurels. In the inter-company shoot we came 2nd, and all concerned performed beyond our wildest hopes.

Special mention must be made of "our Don," who was the Sten Champion shot at both the Brigade at 54 (E.A.) Div. Rifle Meetings, also to W.O. I (R.S.M.) Hazelwood who was the champion Regular Shot in the Divisional Meeting and runner-up in the Brigade shoot.

After having seen "Don" acting as unpaid statistician filling his own diary and note books various, an indent has been drafted for diaries, desk, large plus computer, which should assist him in his self appointed task next year.

We have had many lectures on the joys of parenthood from Sgt. George Baldry, because he, with the assistance of his wife, gave birth to a bouncing boy. (He should have a talk with C/Sgt. Southgate sometime!). It has been named after our Sgt. Ian Hammond, whether this is a good thing or not we would not like to predict, but just the same we would like to congratulate them both.

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How do Territorials Train?

Observer Reporter Goes on Exercise "Hellbent III" to Find Out

How far can one go into a wood? The answer to this old chestnut is half-way — after that you should be coming out, but ask some of the Leiston Territorials this and they will tell you that it is not always so. Especially if the night happens to be particularly dark, there is a drizzling rain and you don't possess a torch to study your map.—writes Claude Hart.

How do I know this? Well, last weekend at the kind invitation of Sgt./Major A. Smith, I was privileged to join "C" Company of the 4th Bn., The Suffolk Regiment on their training exercise, "Hellbent III." I had often wondered how the local Territorials trained and I was more than pleased to have the opportunity of watching them at work. Yes, work, for make no mistake about it, it is a job of work they are doing and a very worth while one at that.

Purpose of Exercise

The purpose of this particular exercise was to test the men in map reading, the selection of lines of advance, marching fitness and shooting under battle conditions. To do it, it was necessary to march nine miles on Saturday evening and 11 miles on Sunday morning; locate nine map references (four of them in the dark); cross a river in

a rubber dinghy; go over an assault course and end by firing a rifle with accuracy from five different ranges after running a hundred yards between each—oh, and in case it is thought there was nothing much to all this—it was also necessary to avoid being captured throughout the whole scheme. I think perhaps I should also add that the miles mentioned were definitely country miles and probably only a crow could have got within the figures given.

In Army schemes of this nature it is always necessary to create an interest by adding a little bit of make-believe and in this case, after assembling his company at Poplar Farm, Iken, late on Saturday afternoon, Sgt./Major Smith set the scene with the following story.

"During the middle of 1959 the island of Fantasia had been over-run by the Vandals as a prelude to a major invasion of the Continent. Most of the Fantasian Army had managed to escape to the Continent and the remnants had either gone 'underground' or had been taken prisoner. Unfortunately almost half 'C' Coy—about fifty men—had been cut off from the remainder of the battalion and had been 'put in the bag' by the Vandals and were being held in the desolate Poplar Farm

Prisoner of War Camp. The Vandals, a very illiterate race, considered prisoners as just extra mouths to feed and their answer to this was — extermination. It had been learned that a mass execution of prisoners was about to take place and the men of 'C' Coy had decided to escape that day. They had been able to make contact with the 'underground' earlier on and it had been arranged to have someone meet them after they had got clear of the camp and give them directions where to find their next contact."

The Sgt./Major went on to say that as soon as the escape was discovered the whole area would be searched by "enemy" troops and so it was necessary for the men to travel only in pairs and commit to memory any information they received for if caught by the Vandals they would be searched and any written messages would lead to the capture of others.

And so the men went off in pairs into the fast approaching night to meet their first contact and gain the information they needed on the first leg of their journey.

Points System

A points system was in operation throughout the exercise, each leg having a set number, and the first three pairs who obtained the highest aggregates will receive cups. Each leg of the journey had to be completed within a certain time and if anyone was captured they were held for twenty minutes before being allowed to proceed.

I think perhaps some of the men thought the "enemy" were just a figment of the Sgt./Major's imagination—that is until they reached Sudbourne Street where the first pair were captured. After that it was just one long chase, particularly when it was realised that the "enemy" were in fact Territorials from "B" Coy at Woodbridge. This added much to the exercise on both days because there is a great rivalry between these two companies and for Leiston chaps to be captured by someone from Woodbridge was just unthinkable.

The second contact had to be found in the forest of fir trees between Sudbourne and Chillesford. He was waiting at a track junction and all the escapers had a map and a reference. Sounds easy enough until you've been chased into the forest in the dark and then tried to orientate a map amongst the trees with only a very rough sense of direction as a guide and the chance that the slightest noise may bring the enemy down on your head. Those who won through this leg are indeed to be congratulated but there were even more difficult things ahead. A haystack, somewhere near a very remote farm, and even worse, another wood, this time bigger—and still that ever-present thought—the enemy.

But at last the final point was reached and weariness slipped away with that wonderful feeling of achievement which comes when one has won through any sort of test. A lorry ride to Woodbridge Drill Hall, where the rest of the night was to be spent and where there was hot food and blankets, ended the first part of the exercise except for the inevitable inquests about "what we should have done and what we did," and it was at this point that I noticed the presence of that wonderful spirit of comradeship known only to soldiers. There was

acclaim for those who had done well—friendly "ribbing" of others who had been a bit "on the drag"; advice from the "old sweats" to the younger ones. "How are your feet son? don't forget to wash 'em—and change those socks"; and all those other expressions and acts of consideration which create that sense of belonging—that "We're in this together and there's nobody called Jack in the whole outfit" feeling.

I was surprised to learn there were several men on the exercise who had had no full Army service and I was pleased to see them acquit themselves well under the guidance of their elders. I was particularly impressed by one very young lad who on Sunday morning had an ugly-looking blister on one foot but refused the Sgt./Major's offer for him to ride in a truck and insisted on completing the course although every step must have been agonising.

Assault Course

The second stage of the exercise took the escapers from Campsea Ashe, through Blaxhall, across the river by rubber boats at Langham (some insisted this method was too slow and walked across) through Snape, Friston, Knodishall, across Thorpeness Golf Course and on to Sizewell. Here they had to go over an assault course which included an 8 ft. high wall, walking across a log over a ditch, crossing a rope bridge slung between two trees, crawling through a barbed wire tunnel, jumping a ditch and crossing a dyke by climbing a tree and sliding down a rope on a pulley. These were only some of the obstacles and of course there was a time limit on all this as well. The exercise was only completed when the battle course had been fired on the range and by this time weariness was beginning to show on everyone, but somehow or other each man managed to run that last hundred yards as if his life depended upon it and fire those last two shots which might be all-important when the time came for checking up on points.

The exercise was planned and organised by C.S.M. Smith and with the help of the Woodbridge Company (who, incidentally, had several Army Cadets in their number) was extremely well executed and maintained the interest right to the end.

Volunteers Needed

The Leiston Company are in need of more members and would like to increase their numbers to about a hundred before their annual camp in May. The rewards in money are good, but after watching the Company train last weekend there are a few words of advice I would like to give to any would-be recruits: If you think by joining the Territorials you're in for one long "skive" and it will be money for old rope—don't join; if you think that because your mate Joe happens to be a sergeant, he will see you get preferential treatment—don't sign that form. But if you consider you're man enough to belong to this reserve of organised and disciplined manpower which is trained to fight and is deployed over the whole county available for any emergency, including the unforeseen, then make tracks for the headquarters in Victory Road—you'll be very welcome and will be given encouragement, training and the opportunity of proving that you have what it takes to hold down a man-sized job.



1st BATTALION THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE REGIMENT (T.A.)

OFFICERS

Battalion Headquarters

Commanding Officer: Lt.-Col. P. D. Storie-Pugh,
M.B.E., M.C., T.D.
Trg Major and Adjutant: Major G. C. Howgego.
I.O.: Capt. J. H. V. Bradley.
R.S.O.: Lt. W. H. Keatley.
R.M.O.: Major G. H. Walker.
Q.M.: Lt. (Q.M.) H. H. Norman.
2nd Q.M.: Capt. (Q.M.) C. E. Isaacson.
Unit Paymaster: Lt. M. R. Frost.
Chaplain: Rev. E. Simpson.
R.S.M.: R.S.M. V. G. Lyon.

"A" Company

O.C.: Major J. A. Forsythe, T.D.
2 i/c: 2/Lt. M. H. Osborn.
Pl. Comd.: 2/Lt. A. K. Checkley.

"B" Company

O.C.: Major L. S. L. Brown.
2 i/c: Capt. D. J. Baldry.
Pl. Comd. and Sp. Weapons Officer: Capt. P. Leach

"C" Company

O.C.: Major A. H. Lees, T.D.
2 i/c: Capt. N. M. Bleach.

"D" Company

O.C.: Capt. J. R. Baggaley.
2 i/c: Lt. M. D. R. Knight.

H.Q. Company

O.C.: Major J. R. L. Brashaw.
2 i/c: Lt. C. M. N. Bradford.
Pl. Comds.: Lt. J. R. Wollman, Lt. A. C. Charters,
Lt. T. J. Wisdom.

REGIMENTAL REVIEW

"Nothing happens in January." Was it the Adjutant, or was it the Training Major (Major Schizophrenia, lately of the Suffolk Regiment) who said it? I think it was the Adjutant — but I know the Training Major agreed.

Nothing did happen in January — the C.O. slogged away at public relations and swine fever (or was it foot and mouth disease; they are all inter-related); the Adjutant and Training Major were ex-officio extremely busy; the sergeants were adding up the accounts for New Years Eve; and as far as every one else was concerned they were doing what they normally do. But nothing happened.

Mind you, the Divisional Commander reported on his Administrative Inspection. This was a generous but fair-minded report. There was no carping criticism. It was an appreciation in the non-military sense. He did however comment on

the recruiting position. There has been some success. 55 recruits have been enrolled in 5 months. "D" Coy and "B" Coy have doubled their strength since September, 1959. We have been encouraged to re-open a centre at Chatteris. Nevertheless the Battalion is going to Camp this year capable of putting one weak company only on the ground. This situation cannot be allowed to continue and every effort must be made to stimulate recruiting. It is clear that this is an individual responsibility and we need the help of every individual member of the Regiment and of every friend of the Regiment.

Recruiting drives as such are likely to be unproductive. It is personal contacts which count and which produce the most satisfactory recruits.

There is one unusual element in this problem, the Regiment is faced with a possible shortage of Officers. This is of crucial importance. Any help that anyone can give to recruit potential officers would be invaluable.

In February things started to hot up and, as a supernumary major, Scribe, second class, Pharisee, first class, I must say that I have rarely known a period in the Battalion history when so much was purported to be done so violently and so often at weekends as during February to May, 1960. Of course an early date for Camp largely explains this. Nevertheless when you look at the programme of Company shoots, Brigade and Divisional Rifle Meetings, exercises at Stanford P.T.A. and Colchester, Regimental dinners and Cadet dinners, it is remarkable what has been fitted in.

One or two points arise out of this activity.

Firstly, people have been so busy doing interesting things that a large number of recruits are going to go to Camp not knowing the basic facts of military life, namely how to make a bed, how to make up kit, how to draw pay, how to answer a charge and how to be dumbly insolent. The Battalion has a problem on its hands, with new recruits with no previous military background, which it has never had before. Maybe our Training Major can sort it out?

Secondly, as far as the Annual Regimental Officers' Dinner is concerned, it is noticeable that the number of old comrades attending is declining. It is primarily the occasion of the year designed for them. Is it perhaps that the speeches are too many and too long, so that the opportunity of meeting each other personally and convivially is unnecessarily reduced?

To turn to personal matters. Congratulations to Sgt. Kelly, L/C Bell and Pte. Rix who took rewards at the Divisional Rifle Meeting. Congratulations also to one Deller, of the Brigade Staff is moving to the Aden Protectorate Levies; we have a domestic feeling for him and look forward to photographs in Illustrated News of Deller on his camel (Bractrian for preference) — of his promotion — Bey, Blm Bashi, Pasha, how far could he not go!

We regret however to say that our Training Major/Adjutant, Adjutant/Training Major, Major/Training Adjutant — you know who I mean — Geoffrey Howgego is compelled to leave us and join the 1st Battalion, 1st East Anglian Regiment in Germany. He has been efficient, sympathetic, tolerant, unobtrusive; we regret his leaving us and we know that it is only his wide conception of the



The Brigade Commander talks to the D.R. during his Administrative Inspection of 1st Bn. The Cambridgeshire Regiment (T.A.). L. to R.: Major Howgego, Brigadier Doyle, Lt.-Col. Storie-Pugh, Capt. Baggaley, Pte. Jolly and Sgt. Gay.

needs of national defence policy which has persuaded him that he must not apply for an extension of his service with us.

He is being replaced by one Major E. H. Morgan, M.B.E., M.C., I am told he is below average height for a tall man, above average in physique, energetic and slightly crazy, in the better sense of the word. Frankly he sounds to be the split image of Colonel Storie-Pugh. If I am given the chance I will report further on this Officer (or these officers as the mood takes me) in our next issue.

Lastly we are glad to see Capt. Paul Leach so well recovered from his accident and to report that Mrs. Dora Sheed has given a table to the Officers Mess in memory of her son, our comrade Andrew Stephens.

OFFICERS MESS

P.M.C.: Major K. Scott

Mess Secretary: Capt. D. J. Baldry

Our Mess Secretary, Chris Bradford, has now moved to Guildford to complete his law studies and the post is now occupied by Derek Baldry again after a lapse of over five years.

Successful Ladies Nights were held during February and March and were well attended. Under the special organisation of Sandy Howgego, the wife of our Adjutant, an extra special Ladies Night was arranged for the first Wednesday in April. This function, aptly described as an "April Fools Day Hop" was highly enjoyed by over 30 Officers, their wives and friends. We were well pleased to see on this occasion Majors Peter Dean and Derek Bunkall again. The excellent wines and food were so much appreciated that there were one or two gaps at first parade next morning. However all agreed that this type of function must be repeated more often.

The Annual Dinner Club Dinner was held on the first Saturday in April at the University Arms Hotel. The many distinguished guests included The Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire, Major General J. R. C. Hamilton, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., Bursar of the new Churchill College, Cambridge, Brigadier J. R. I. Doyle, O.B.E., our Brigade Commander, The Mayor of Cambridge, and Mr. A. G. G. Marshall. Brigadier E. H. W. Backhouse was in the chair and there were several interesting and amusing speeches. Our twofold congratulations go

out to Bob Brashaw on the birth of a daughter, Julia, to his wife Anne and on his promotion to Major on assuming command of Headquarter Company at Cambridge.

A mess meeting was held on 4th May, where the final arrangements for camp messing were discussed among other items. This year's camp is at Otterburn in Northumberland from 21st May to 4th June. We are sharing the mess with 535 Coy R.A.S.C. and 161 Infantry Brigade Workshop R.E.M.E. After the meeting a Ladies Night was held at which we were very pleased to see our previous Adjutant, Pat Macdonald, and his wife who have recently returned from Africa.

After Camp we unfortunately have to say goodbye to Geoffrey Howgego who having completed his "sentence" with us now moves on to 1st East Anglian. Our best wishes go out to Sandy and Geoffrey and we will always be pleased to see them in the Mess any time that they may be passing through Cambridge. By the time these notes are published our new Adjutant, Major E. H. Morgan, M.B.E., M.C., will be with us and we would like to take this opportunity to welcome him to our Mess.

"A" COMPANY **Wisbech**

O.C.: Major J. A. Forsythe, T.D.
2 i/c: 2/Lt. M. H. Osborn
Pl. Comd.: 2/Lt. A. K. Checkley
P.S.I.: C.S.M. L. Drew

Since these notes last appeared, we have been involved in a whirl of Christmas festivities. Early in December, Bounties were paid out, so the company was in good heart for the rigorous Christmas programme. At Cambridge at the Christmas Shoot, the company provided three stands — "The Archers" (or Toxophilites), "A Cockle and Wheel Stall," and "Tip the Sgt./Major Out of Bed." This latter arduous duty was shared by C.S.M. Drew and his relief C/Sgt. Emmerson and special mention should be made of this stand, which was adjudged "Best" of the evening. Mention should also be made of the many helpers on the other stands, including L/C Duke, Pte. Garford and several others. A word should also be said for C.S.M. Drew, L/C Brighty, and others who laboured mightily beforehand with saw and plane, to make the three sideshows possible.

Immediately after this event, on Saturday, 19th December, we had our Christmas Dinner at Wisbech, when upwards of 110 members and guests sat down for the Annual Company Dinner at the Drill Hall. An excellent spread was provided and was followed by "The Loyal Toast," proposed by the O.C. and the toast of "H.R.H. The Colonel-in-Chief," proposed by Cpl. Jupp. The toast of "The Guests" was then very wittily proposed by 2/Lt. A. K. Checkley (whose promotion to Commissioned rank had only been gazetted that very morning), and responded to by the Commanding Officer in his own inimitable style (in spite of being restricted to "figured four" minutes).

C/Sgt. Emmerson acted as Toast-master. Among our guests we welcomed the Commanding Officer, Mrs. Alice Clayton, The Adjutant and Mrs. Howgego, Capt. and Mrs. P. M. Clayton, R.S.M. and Mrs. Lyon and many others.

After dinner the annual Prize-giving took place. The prizes, presented by Mrs. J. A. Forsythe were: Best Recruit: Pte. Green; 22 Shooting: 1st C/Sgt. Emmerson, 2nd Cpl. Jupp, 3rd Pte. Burrows; Team Prize Shield: Mortar Squad (L/Cs. Rance, G., Smith, C. S., and Brighty and Ptes. Parner and Walton (inter alia); Company Commander's Special Prize for efficient service during the year, shared between Cpls. Titmarsh and Jupp; and an award of Recruiting Money to Sgt. Doughty was presented with a handsome wedding present subscribed for by the members of "A" Company.

After dinner, the tables were cleared for dancing, but first the Company Wooden Spoon was presented to Boy Ablett who was "marched" in by C.S.M. Bailey (R.A. att.). A short ceremony was conducted by "Pastor" Checkley, who duly pronounced Ablett "Man and Spoon" with his usual benediction. After the ceremony, dancing continued until 2359 hours.

On 3rd January, "A" Company turned out a small detachment for the Mayor's New Years Sunday Parade, and escorted the Mayoral Procession to the Wisbech Parish Church. During January we welcomed our Brigade Commander, Brig. John Doyle, and his B.M., the indefatigable Bill Deller, and others of the Brigade Staff, for the Annual Admin. Inspection. The result was reasonably satisfactory, but the attendance very disappointing. Oh! Men of Wisbech, where do you hide yourselves during the winter.

We have held a number of N.C.O. Cadres on Sundays during the winter. These have been well attended and we hope will give "A" Coy N.C.O.s "the edge" over their rivals at this year's Annual Camp. On 5th February we received a visit from Major P. S. W. Dean (our former Training Major) now at M.I.3, who gave the company a most interesting talk on "The Russian Army," with films. We also welcomed our former C.O., Col. Walter Page, M.C., and Major Derrek Bunkall, who commanded the Wisbech Company in 1939, who also visited us the same day. Next we must compliment Pte. Green on his recent marriage, Cpl. Checkley, A. K., on his promotion to 2/Lt. A. K. Checkley, and our O.C. (Major J. A. Forsythe, T.D.) on the birth of a son Robert Neill, born on 1st November, 1959. We hear that recruiting papers are already in course of preparation and that Major J. R. L. Brashaw (H.Q. Company) has been appointed Godfather (Actg./Unpd.). We should also mention Sgt. Warrington of 4th Royal Norfolk, who has been attached to us for the past six months and compliment him on his promotion to 2/Lt. He has now been posted to the King's Lynn Company of the 4th Bn. Royal Norfolk Regiment.

As we close we are going through the usual hectic preparations for attendance at Annual Camp.

"B" COMPANY **Ely**

O.C.: Major L. S. L. Brown
2 i/c: Capt. D. J. Baldry
Pl. Comd.: Capt. P. Leach; P.S.I.: Sgt. Bryant, H.

With only a day or two before proceeding to Otterburn for Annual Camp we look back on a period of training which has been both exciting and enjoyable. This "tough fun" culminated in the

weekends at Stamford and Fingringhoe where 'night was as day!' "B" Company is still leading in the recruiting drive, and with 70% of the company newly enlisted it was refreshing to see the keenness of these men in this training, for they always turned up in strength.

C/Sgt. Bond (there are now three Bonds in "B" Coy) is to be congratulated on being the leading sponsor of recruits.

We were pleased to re-enlist Pte. Bass, L., and with eight or nine volunteers in Chatteris area we are hoping that a real live platoon will grow up there to give new life to the Chatteris Drill Hall.

We all appreciate the great help we have had from the County T.A.A.F. Association at all times, but especially in the re-decoration of the Club Room which has been given a worth-while "new look."

"B" Company is proud of its M.M.G. teams who have put on some very good demonstrations recently, and Capt. Leach and C/Sgt. Gillett can feel satisfied with the results of their efforts. Sgt. Kelly and L/C Bell, so often "B" Company stalwarts in competition work, were runners-up in the L.M.G. pairs at the Divisional Shoot and although their performance was not up to their usual standard the battalion and company are glad of their success.

At the recent "Bull" competition L/C Bell certainly showed our volunteers "the way ahead" in matters of blanco and polish. Other note-worthy entries were made by Ptes. Gillett and Bond.

Congratulations to C/Sgt. Gillett and Mrs. Gillett on the arrival of Gillett — Mark (I or III?).

Now that Capt. Leach has fully recovered from his enforced stay in hospital — we do not want to report further occurrences of road accidents. A special order entitled "Accidents Shall Cease Forthwith" has already gone out.

Sgt. Bryant and family have now settled in and we are very happy to have him looking after us, and we feel he has every reason to be satisfied with his efforts so far.

The following are to be congratulated on their recent promotion: P/Sgt. Kelly to substantive Sergeant. L/C Rossiter to Corporal.

We apologise that the report from "B" Company is this time a loose collection of notes, but on the next issue we are hoping to have more to say, especially as there will be thirty eight of "B" Company going to camp.

"C" COMPANY

March

O.C.: Major A. H. Lee, T.D.

2 i/c: Capt. N. M. Bleach

P.S.I.: C.S.M. A. D. Robinson

Once again the Xmas shoot was a roaring success, "C" Company did very well at their stall and we must congratulate "A" Company on winning the stall competition. "Where, oh where was "Cs" .22 cup and why was it not presented?" Doesn't H.Q. like to part with it. Congratulations to "C" Company on winning and to all who took part.

The children's party was a great success and thanks to all who helped it to be so.

The Fen air must be good as there seem to be more children as the years pass. Major Lee says it takes him all his time to organise his family and it must have been hard to organise the party, and it would go down as the 8th wonder of the

world. A new and old face turned up, namely "Bill Taylor" and is once again in charge of the bar. The highlight of the evening was the film of H.R.H. The Princess Margaret's visit to Ely. It was an excellent film and thanks to C/Sgt. Gillett for giving up his spare time to work the projector.

Bounties come and bounties go, but P.S.I.s go on for ever. We welcome to the company Vols Fresher, Burnett, Savage, Moate, E. Wells, E. Smith and Fountain, the latter two from Whittlesey. We congratulate Pte. Harris, B. on the birth of a son, "Sign him on." We have had quite a lot of exercises this year and the attendance has been very good. We had an amusing one against "A" Company. They were on one side of the river and we were on the other. "C" Company forgot to take the 88 set so all orders were shouted across the river. A lot of jargon was passed over but no attempt was made to swim the river.

The entertainments committee organised a tombola, in aid of the over 60s Club, on the 6th May, Major Lee handed over a cheque for £13 5s. The Drums are going along very well indeed and we shall be the best at camp this year. The Band is filling in quite a lot of engagements and one can at times see Sgt. Steward breaking the sides of the practice room with his arms when conducting in the absence of Bandmaster Peters.

Agger said the good Chapman was a good Clark and told him to cross on the Lee side so that Sgt. Anderson could get Bleach for his hair. Matthews decided to go round the Moate to the Miller and get a Reed, Wilkins and Sammons were enjoyed by Randall who Stokes the fire. Minett thought he was a Feary and got Fresher with Chapman, D., who told him to Burnett. L/C Anderson got Savage and put Smith under the Fountain but changed his mind and put him in the Wells. Eastol thought Bridgestock was a kind of soup and asked Nicholas for a Spoon. Cheerio all, more next time.

"D" COMPANY

Newmarket

O.C.: Capt. J. R. Baggaley

2 i/c: Lt. M. D. R. Knight; P.S.I.: Sgt. Gay, C.

Brig. J. R. I. Doyle, O.B.E., commanding 181 Infantry Brigade made his annual administrative inspection of "D" Company, Newmarket, in January. He is pictured here talking to Pte. Jolly of the M/Cycle Section, in the background from left to right are Major G. C. Howgego, Lt.-Col. P. D. Storie-Pugh, the Company Commander Capt. J. R. Baggaley and our P.S.I., Sgt. T. Gay.

The year so far has been a very successful period for the company, having taken the request for an all out effort for more volunteers as a real challenge, some very hard work was put in by our P.S.I. and his staunch band of supporters. A few recruits were enlisted by "village drives" during the winter months, but it was not until the spring that we were at last rewarded for our efforts. It was at this time that we welcomed C/Sgt. R. G. Smith to Newmarket as our recruiting sergeant, he soon put to good use several of his effective gimmicks and it was not long before we were signing on a steady stream of good volunteers. Our 2 i/c recently having returned from an excellent T.A. Salesmanship Course in Colchester was able

to put several good ideas into practice and backed up by a helpful local press we reached our target in May. Our target was, of course, the Commanding Officers barrel of beer for the first company to double its strength during the year, this we did when our strength reached 32, but we will not rest until we have reached 50!

Most members of the company took part at some time or other in the various battalion exercises which took place during the early part of this year. The newly formed Motor Cycle Section did particularly well in exercise "Tough Fun" providing six despatch riders to guide the battalion to the battlefield. Our training has been concentrated on the M/C under C/Sgt. Challis and L/C Burch and we are booked to take part in displays at a number of local fetes.

Several members of the company did well firing for the Battalion Rifle Team, Lt. Knight, C/Sgt. Challis and Pte. Rix were in the Battalion Team. We also distinguished ourselves in the District Rifle Meeting where Pte. Rix was runner-up, in the Corporals and Privates class.

Congratulations to L/C Jolly on winning the R.S.M.'s barrel of beer for having the best bulled boots and belt in the battalion — well done.

Promotions always make welcome news and the following members of the company are to be congratulated on their appointments: Cpl. Page to be Sergeant, Ptes. Jolly and Herriven to be sub Lance Corporals.

H.Q. COMPANY Cambridge

O.C.: Major J. R. L. Brashaw
2 i/c: Lt. C. M. N. Bradford
Pl. Comds.: Lt. J. R. Wollman, Lt. T. J. Wisdom,
Lt. A. C. Charters.
P.S.I.: Sgt. Harris

Looking back on this quarter, it seems to have been of shooting highlighted by the Brigade Rifle Meeting on the 9th/10th April. We should like to congratulate Sgt. Harris on scoring the highest rifle score in the meeting. H.Q. Company provided a good many of the battalion team and we are pleased to report that 10 members of the company were selected to represent the battalion team. Whilst the better shots were practising for this meeting the rest of us were busy firing our Annual Range Course.

Shooting was not only confined to the .303 range as our Small-Bore team has been busy and we are proud to record that we won the Cambs. and Isle of Ely Small-Bore Cup. Congratulations to everyone who represented us in this event.

We had an excellent Company Social Night after everyone had been paid their travelling and training expenses. C/Sgt. Croft was M.C. and organised all sorts of activities to keep us amused. The best remembered one was a Talent Spotting competition judged by a committee of ladies. Pte. Todd was the winner of this with a very polished singing performance.

Recruiting has not been so successful recently and whilst we are very happy to learn of other companies' successes, we are very disappointed with our own. On two Wednesdays we manned a stall in the Market Place. This attracted a good deal of attention but no recruits resulted.

TROOPING OF THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S BANNER

The interesting and impressive ceremony of Trooping the Duke of Edinburgh's Banner, which commemorates the centenary of the raising of the Cadet Force, was carried out by the 4th (Cadet) Battalion, The Cambridgeshire Regiment at the Drill Hall, Cambridge, on 12th March, 1980. A large number of guests, parents and friends assembled in the Drill Hall and included amongst them were the Lord Lieutenant of the County. The Mayor and Mayoress of Cambridge, The Honorary Colonel of the Battalion, the Affiliated Formation Commander, the Chairman and Secretary of the T. and A.F. Association, the Chairman of the Cadet Committee, the Commanding Officer and Officers of the affiliated T.A. Unit and representatives of other T.A. Units, the Sea Cadet Corps, the Air Training Corps, the Education Authorities and Old Comrades Associations.

Prior to the Banner being marched on parade, full details concerning the ceremony of Trooping were given over the address system. The Banner carried by S.M.I. B. Gillett and escorted by two armed Cadets of 3rd (C) Battalion and three companies of 4th (C) Battalion entered the Drill Hall, followed by the Corps of Drums.

The ceremony of Trooping commenced with a slow march of the Corps of Drums across the front of the troops on parade and this was followed by No. 1 armed escort guard being marched into position for the Ensign to the Banner (Lieut. A. C. Norman) to receive the Banner from 3rd (C) Bn. Banner Party. The escort guard then proceeded to Troop the Banner in slow time through the ranks of the remaining two Companies of Cadets on Parade. The whole Battalion then marched past the Lord Lieutenant, who took the salute. Also at the saluting base were the Honorary Colonel (Col. C. H. Budd, M.C., T.D., D.L.) and the County Cadet Commandant (Col. J. G. A. Beckett, O.B.E., T.D., D.L.). The Banner was then placed by the Ensign to the Banner in the Banner Stand, where it remained under guard and on view for the remainder of the afternoon.

Following the Trooping Ceremony the guests were invited to take some refreshment, while the Cadets of 4th (C) Battalion, were given a film show, which included the Commandant's films of the training carried out by the Cadets themselves during the year and at annual camp at Gosport and also the Cambridgeshire Regiment's film of the dedication service at Ely Cathedral which was attended by Princess Margaret.

The same film show was repeated for the guests later on and Major G. C. Howgego gave a commentary on the film of the dedication service. All enjoyed the humour of his comments on various aspects of the film.

The Banner was later taken to Biggleswade, still under escort of Cadets of 4th (C) Battalion, where it was handed over ceremonially by Col. Beckett to the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Bedford.



(By the courtesy of the Cambridge Daily News)

Trooping the Duke of Edinburgh's Banner

THE 1st EAST ANGLIAN REGIMENT (ROYAL NORFOLK AND SUFFOLK) PAST AND PRESENT ASSOCIATION

NORFOLK SECTION

President: Brig. F. P. Barclay, D.S.O., M.C., A.D.C.
Secretary: Major W. G. Cripps.

Headquarters: Britannia Barracks, Norwich.

Forthcoming Events.

16th July.—Annual Meeting of the General Committee at 3 p.m. and "At Home," Britannia Barracks.

24th September.—Reunion Dinner, Britannia Barracks.

12th October.—Edith Cavell Memorial Service, Norwich Cathedral.

29th October.—Kings Lynn Branch Dinner.

11th November.—Remembrance Service, Memorial Cottages, Norwich, 11 a.m. London Branch will plant a Cross in the Field of Remembrance, Westminster, at 6.30 p.m. followed by a Re-union Dinner at the Victory Club at 7.30 p.m.

Reunion at Norwich, 16th July.

Members are reminded of the change of date of this annual event. For a variety of reasons, the first Saturday in July was found to be unsuitable and it is hoped that the revised date will be convenient to a larger number of our members.

Although the usual cricket match, Past v. Present will be played during the afternoon we are making a special appeal to members to be present when the combined band and drums of the 1st Battalion Beat Retreat at 6.30 p.m. This is well worth watching as has been proved on many occasions. The dance which usually takes place in the evening has, for the time being, been cancelled. Instead, and following directly after Beating Retreat, there will be a general "get together." Refreshments of all kinds will be available from 2 - 11 p.m.

It is hoped that many of our members will take the opportunity to look round the Regimental Museum in its new home. It is well worth a visit.

So come along, bring your families with you, meet old friends and make new ones.

Norwich Branch.

Over 200 applications for assistance were received during 1959, including some from India and Australia. Nearly £800 was paid out in approved cases. Of the loans made during the year, all were repaid in full.

A grant of £200 has been received from the Army Benevolent Fund to help us in our work of relieving distress.

Reunion Dinner at Norwich.

Although further particulars will be published in due course it is announced that this popular

function will take place as usual on the last Saturday in September in the Gymnasium, Britannia Barracks. Tickets 7/6d. each can be obtained from the Secretary at Regimental Headquarters.

Kings Lynn Branch.

The Annual General Meeting of the King's Lynn Branch was held at the Greyfriars Tavern, King's Lynn on 26th February. The Treasurer reported that there was a balance in hand of £86 and that there had been an increase in the income during 1959 of £2 12s. 0d. Five members had received assistance.

Lt.-Col. C. A. Debenham was re-elected Chairman for the 35th time. Mr. J. Crawford who has been Treasurer for the past 32 years was again re-elected as were Captain T. M. Wilkin the Vice Chairman and the Secretary, Mr. W. E. Fayers.

The Regiment is most grateful for the hard work put in by these gentlemen over such a long period. Their reward is a lively enthusiastic and strong membership.

London Branch.

May I, on behalf of this branch, offer heartiest congratulations to the Editor and his staff for turning out a really first class journal — well done, keep it up.

The Annual General Meeting of this branch went very well, 24 members attended and a very good discussion took place on several subjects. All the officials of the branch had a vote of confidence for a further year in office.

29th April, the XIVth Reunion of the Burma Star Association at the Royal Albert Hall. Never have I seen such an enthusiastic audience. When Field Marshal Sir William Slim entered the hall the ovation was so tremendous that it drowned out completely the playing of the Pipes and Drums of the 1st Bn. The London Scottish The Gordon Highlanders (T.A.). This was the start of the best reunion yet. The box reserved for us was full and overflowing. Final figure of the Royal Norfolk's was 26, including 2 who had made their own way from Norwich. I don't wish to stick my neck out but when one realises that our numbers came from one single battalion, the 2nd, I should say we had the largest representation of any one unit. Those present were Captains Frances and Mclean, Messrs. Tuck, Wheatley, Kibble, Scotcher, Macrae, Childs, Deering, Browne, Farrow, Tremin, Cornforth, Rolfe, Spencer, Wishin, Waring, Soer, Arkill, Allen, Lamb, Winter, Richard, Platford and Hammond. During the evening we were entertained by Vera Lynn, Marie Burke, Mrs. Perla Gibson (Durban's Lady in White), The Butlin Choir and the Instructors Team of the Army School of Physical Training. Also taking part were the bands of the Coldstream Guards, Royal Marines School of Music and pipes and drums of the 1st London Scottish The Gordon Highlanders (T.A.). Major-General Snelting, C.B., C.B.E., paid us a visit during the evening and said how pleased he was to see the Regiment represented as he had spent some of his life in Norfolk.

So far to date I have received 17 names for the coach trip to Norwich for the reunion dinner. The other seats will soon be snapped up so how about booking your seat now? I can assure you that you will not regret the journey.

It was with deep regret that we learnt of the death of Mr. C. Penticost of Grays, on the 3rd April, at the age of 61 years. He served with the 8th Battalion in France where he was wounded. He was discharged at Felixstowe in March, 1919. He was a loyal member of the London Branch and until his illness he attended all our major functions. The Association was represented at the funeral by Mr. A. Lazell.

On Friday, 6th May I had the great pleasure of being a spectator alongside Mr. Terry and Mr. Wise and their families and friends on Horse Guards Parade. The Wedding procession of Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret was something one had to see to really appreciate. The colour, the splendour of the uniforms and the split-second timing. The biggest thrill is that tingle which runs up and down your spine when the cheering of a crowd grows and comes nearer as the procession draws closer. On behalf of those of the London Branch who were with me on the 6th I thank those who gave us the opportunity of watching the wedding in the comfort of a reserved seat.
"Friar Tuck."

1st/6th BATTALION NORFOLK REGIMENT OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION (Founded 1919)

The 6th Battalion of the Norfolk Regiment T.F. was raised by Col. Bernard Henry Prior in 1908 and at once attracted a very representative cross section of the young men of spirit and patriotism from all parts of Norfolk. It was unique in so much as there was no Regular Army counterpart. It was a mechanised "Mounted Infantry" Unit, all the officers and men rode bicycles, despatch riders had "Douglas" twin cylinder motor cycles, and the more daring had "Indian" motor cycles capable of high speeds. The Machine Gun Section had a couple of two ton motor vehicles and there was an establishment of one heavy h.p. motor car for each of the eight companies A to H. The Battalion was about 80% strong when it went into the usual 15 day Annual Training at Pakefield, Suffolk in 1914 with a fine Adjutant (Capt. Frank Higson) and a wonderful R.S.M. (C. H. Vincent, D.C.M.) both from the Norfolk Regiment. Each company had a Permanent Staff Instructor. Norwich had the R.S.M., Great Yarmouth C/Sgt. Richardson and there were C/Sgts. Cocksedge, Heyhoe, White and others in the country companies. On mobilisation we all returned to Norwich, made up to war establishment, loaded ourselves with 150 rounds of .303 ammunition and off we went to our war stations on the coast from Gorleston to Cromer. Four companies on the coast and 4 in intensive training at North Walsham. Every fortnight we changed round and the 4 companies at North Walsham relieved the 4 companies on coast, etc. In September the call came for volunteers for active service (the T.F. was initially for Home Defence only) and I am proud to say 97% of the battalion signed the appropriate documents and were then able to wear the silver badge on the right breast "Imperial Service" surmounted by the Crown. We were about this time issued with the Short Lee Enfield rifle in lieu of the one in use. Things were certainly looking up, and all ranks were anxious to go overseas to France and be in before the war ended. "All over by Christmas" was



1/6th (Cyclists) Bn. Reunion Dinner, 1960.

the usual thought. The boys used to sing on route marches:—

And some have gone to Egypt,
And some have gone to France,
And some have gone to Belgium,
But we don't get the chance.
We stroll around North Walsham
And get the binking hump,
A roaming in the gloaming
Around the village pump.

By the end of 1914 many had been recommended for Commissions and had left. I well remember C/Sgt. Ransome of "A" Company going as I took his place as Col. Sgt. of "A" Company until I too left on Commission to the 4th Battalion Norfolk Regt. T.F. on 4th August, 1915. The War Office would not release the 6th Battalion owing to the dangers of invasion, but drafts went overseas in increasing numbers from 1915 onwards, the largest of 250 going to the Gloucestershire Regiment and there acquitting themselves with honour and distinction with that famous County Regiment. The work of pulling the recruits into shape was rendered much easier by the fine class of man coming along to join the Sixth, which held a good name for smartness and esprit de corps, discipline and manly bearing. Col. Prior took command in Flanders of the 7th and later the 9th Battalion Norfolk

Regiment, being invested with the Distinguished Service Order and Bar, and being wounded and gassed seven times. All the other officers were posted away before the end of 1917 and many were killed and almost all wounded. Such was the spirit and fellowship amongst the survivors that when Col. Prior suggested forming an O.C.A. in 1919 there was a 100% support, and except for the war years 1939-45, a wonderful Re-Union has taken place every year at various places in Norwich and North Walsham.

R.Q.M.S. J. Marshall (Thetford) organised all the re-union dinners for thirty years from 1919-49 when he gave up on account of advancing years. Since then, the organisation has been in the hands of Capt. W. M. Palmer.

The 41st year of the O.C.A. was celebrated by a Re-Union Dinner at North Walsham on 30th April, 1960 and the following notice was in the Press on 2nd May, 1960.

OLD COMRADE FROM YEOVIL COMES TO NORTH WALSHAM

There is a wonderful esprit de corps in the organisation, Capt. Wallace M. Palmer told members of the 1/6th Battalion Norfolk Regiment Old Comrades' Association at their annual dinner at the King's Arms Hotel, North Walsham on Saturday.

One of the 60 members there came from as far away as Yeovil and there was a large contingent from Norwich.

Capt. Palmer said it was now 46 years since the battalion was raised and members were becoming fewer. He was pleased to welcome Capt. C. P. Bassingthwaite, their first honorary member and president of the 9th Battalion Norfolk Regiment Old Comrades' Association.

The dinner was presided over by the president of the Association, Capt. C. B. Bolingbroke, the senior surviving officer of the old battalion. Others present included Lt. W. L. Page, vice president of the Association.

Reprinted from the "Eastern Daily Press,"
2nd May, 1960.

It was Sgt. Cooper (afterwards Capt. Geo. Cooper) who journeyed all the way from Yeovil with his brother Harry (also 1/6th Norfolk Regiment and afterwards Lt.-Commr. Royal Navy).

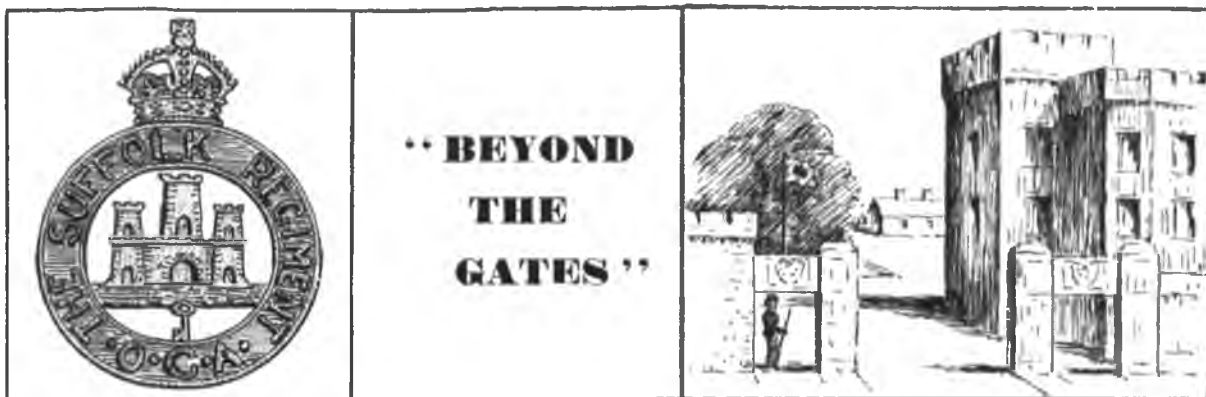
It is with profound regret that our gallant old comrade passed over so suddenly after his visit to North Walsham. His coffin was covered (as he had asked for) by the Union Jack belonging to The Old Comrades Association.

Decease of Capt. George Cooper.

It is with much regret that we report the death of one of the survivors of the 6th Battalion Norfolk Regiment (T.A.) on Tuesday, 10th May.

George Cooper was mobilised as a sergeant in 1914 and promoter to Colour Sergeant in 1915. Granted a Commission he served overseas and was wounded badly on two occasions, eventually obtaining his Captaincy in the Field.

He was present with his brother Harry Cooper (who also had served in the 6th Battalion under Col. B. H. L. Prior) at the Re-union Dinner at North Walsham on 30th April. He spoke with much feeling of the esprit de corps of the survivors of the 1st/6th who had for years had the honour of wearing "Britannia" for their badge. A few days after returning to his home at Yeovil, Somerset, he was taken ill and passed away quietly. The Union Jack belonging to the O.C.A. was telegraphed for and Capt. Wallace M. Palmer sent it off at once. A wreath was also sent from Old Comrades Association composed of roses and carnations in the Regimental colours of crimson and yellow. We understand the Regular Army was represented.



A great amount of work goes into the publication of any established Regimental Journal. The "Britannia and Castle" being a new production altogether, must therefore have given its editorial staff a considerable headache, aggravated by the fact that it had at least to equal the high standard set by its predecessors, the "Britannia" and the "Suffolk Regimental Gazette." The Editor and his associates are accordingly to be congratulated for their splendid effort with the first issue of the new journal. It is to be hoped that all who have the interests of the Regiment at heart will not only become subscribers but also contributors, and so play their part in "keeping in touch."

To those "beyond the gates," the new set-up of the 1st East Anglian Regiment must seem somewhat complicated. As far as the O.C.A. is concerned, the only real change is in the title, in which the words "Past and Present Association" are substituted for "Old Comrades Association." Its affairs continue to be run by a small Executive Committee, and with Headquarters in Gibraltar Barracks. As from 1st April, the Depot became the East Anglian Brigade Depot, where many unfami-

liar faces and badges may now be seen. Also in Gibraltar Barracks is R.H.Q. Increment, 1st East Anglian Regiment, with Lt.-Col. H. R. Hopking, O.B.E., in charge, this increment is the liaison between Norfolk and Suffolk and is responsible, amongst other things, for the Regimental Museum, Chapel, etc.

For many years now the traditional Daffodil Sunday has, on a selected Sunday afternoon in Spring, attracted several hundred visitors from in and around Bury, and this year was no exception. Apart from the show of Blooms, there were indoor attractions of Weapon Displays, Regimental films, and, of course, the Museum. It is a good thing that this bond between Depot and General Public is to be continued, since Daffodil Sunday has come to be regarded as one of the events of the year in the town; so much so in fact that the following headline appeared in the local Press: "The Army will not interfere with Bury's Daffodil Sunday!"

There must be a large number of ex-members about who were on parade at the presentation of Colours to the 2nd and 3rd Battalions in 1935 and 1912 respectively, and who will be interested to

know that these links with the past have now been laid up for safe-keeping in St. Mary's Church, together with the old 1st Battalion Colours of 1849 - 1955. A description of the simple but impressive church service appears elsewhere in this issue.

Another member of the Old Guard died in April. He was Mr. Archie Candler, J.P., of Guildhall Street, Bury St. Edmunds, who served in the 2nd Battalion during the 1914-18 war until being seriously wounded in 1917. On his discharge, Archie threw himself wholeheartedly into welfare work for the ex-serviceman. One of the first members of the British Legion, he served both county and branch right up to the day of his death, and he will be sadly missed in the town.

Ex-Sgt. Donald Dawes of 81 London Road, Ipswich, thinks that he has by now passed out of the recruit stage — he joined the O.C.A. fifty years ago! This should make him one of the oldest living members, but there will doubtless be counter-claims from other directions. We shall be delighted to have them, together with the writers' reminiscences.

Since writing the preceding paragraph, a letter has been received, via the Editor, from our old friend, ex-Cpl. Charles Mills, of 27 Harewood Court, Wilbury Road, Hove, who says: "I have pleasure in enclosing my subscription for the current year, a pleasure somewhat greater than usual as this action completes a rather unique circle of events.

"Seventy years ago I subscribed to Issue No. 1 of 'The Suffolk Regimental Gazette' and am now doing the same for Issue No. 1 of what, I am sure, will be that journal's worthy successor.

"Of course, there has to be a fly in the ointment — if only I had preserved that copy! What a help it would now be to my ageing memory! For every name, face or incident remembered a hundred are forgotten. But one must be thankful for small mercies, and it affords me the greatest satisfaction to be able to testify to the outstanding qualities of at least one individual who contributed so much to the successful launching of that journal, the late Capt. and Quartermaster Wills, then a corporal and "pioneer," whose extensive knowledge and great skill could always be relied upon to meet any emergency.

"Alas, it is sad indeed that, whatever memory of those days I can relate must end up with 'but all the others must now have passed to the Great Beyond.' Even the drummer-boys of that period must now be 85 or 86 years old.

"I have admired (and indeed who would not) the beautiful picture in the present No. 1 Issue of our ever popular Colonel-in-Chief, and call to mind how, in 1889, her great-great-grandmother, Her Majesty Queen Victoria, celebrated in part her seventieth birthday by reviewing the Aldershot Division which then included our 2nd Battalion. Her Majesty was accompanied by her cousin, the Duke of Cambridge, Commander-in-Chief, the Division being led by Lt.-Gen. Sir Evelyn Wood, V.C.

"Among the salutes performed that day was a feu-de-joie by all the nine battalions of infantry in one line of two ranks, about 4,000 men in each. I cannot recall how long it took for the fusillade to travel from the right-hand man of the front rank back to the right-hand man of the rear rank, I'm sure it was a good many minutes, but I do remember the awful stench of burnt black gunpowder. (Our rifle then was the Martini-Henry).

"The total number of troops on that parade must have been around 20,000. It seems at times I am probably the sole survivor as I may also be of the first working-party from Aldershot sent to break ground for what is now Bisley Rifle Range."

Regular readers may remember that Mr. Mills wrote an interesting article on the South African War in the Spring Issue of 1957. He mentions his ageing memory — for an old soldier approaching the age of 90 we think his memory would do credit to many a younger man! On the particular Birthday Parade quoted, three Battalions were present, the 2nd, 3rd and 4th, and this was the first occasion on which roses had been worn by the 3rd and 4th Battalions.

At the time of writing these brief notes, the excitement of our Colonel-in-Chief's wedding is at its height. To those who were fortunate enough to be in London it must have been a really magnificent occasion, but even we at home were able to share in the ceremony through the medium of T.V. and radio, and very well done it was. And so in conclusion, we would express our humble but sincere wishes for the future happiness of H.R.H. The Princess Margaret and her husband.

Annual Re-Union.

As reported in the last issue of the Regimental Journal, the Re-Union, Past and Present Association, Suffolk Section, will be held on Sunday, 24th July, 1960, at Gibraltar Barracks, Bury St. Edmunds.

Those who have not already applied for Lunch and Tea tickets should do so immediately to the Secretary, Past and Present Association, Gibraltar Barracks.

Officers Lunch and Tea tickets — 8/6d. each.

Other Ranks Lunch 4/-, Tea only 2/-.

(In the case of Other Ranks a subsidy of 2/6d. per ticket is paid from the Association Fund).

The day will start with a Church Service in the Gymnasium at 11.30 a.m. The Band of 1st East Anglian Regiment will be present and Band and Drums will Beat Retreat in the evening.

A Cricket Match, The East Anglian Brigade versus The Gentlemen of Suffolk, will be played on the Recreation Ground.

A detailed programme of events has already been sent to Hon. Secretaries of all Branches, Past and Present Association, Suffolk section.

Ipswich Branch.

The Annual General Meeting of the Branch took place on Friday, 22nd January, 1960, and was opened by the Chairman, Major E. C. V. Williams, M.B.E. and presided over by Lt.-Col. G. T. O. Springfield, the Vice President. 33 members and friends were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on a proposition by Mr. Lummis and seconded by Mr. Given. The accounts having been audited by Mr. Brame and Mr. Gilbert were passed on a proposition by Mr. Pugh and seconded by Mr. W. Green. The report of the activities of the Branch during 1959 were read and adopted.

The following were elected to fill offices shown during 1960: President: Lt.-Col. G. T. O. Springfield. Chairman: Major E. C. V. Williams, M.B.E. Secretary: Mr. F. H. Wyartt. Committee: Messrs. Baker, Gilbert, Wright, Lummis, Frost, McGregor, W. Green and Mrs. Gilbert. Auditors: Mr. Brame and Mr. Gilbert. The position of Standard Bearer

was not filled as Mr. Barnes, the present Standard Bearer has recently had an accident and damaged his foot and cannot stand for any long period at present. We hope his condition will improve and that he will once again be in front with the Standard.

During the item of "Other Business" the question of attendance at our meetings was discussed and it was proposed that an advert be inserted in the local press giving details of the time, place and dates of the meetings of the Ipswich Branch. It was also resolved that a letter be sent to various known ex-officers of the Regiment living locally, inviting them to come along to our meetings.

Before closing the meeting at 9.20 p.m. the Chairman thanked Lt.-Col. Springfield as O.C. 4th Battalion, for allowing us to use the Recreation Room as our meeting place. He also thanked Mr. McGregor and Mr. Loveday for the service they give to us in supplying our needs from the other side of the bar and asked that our best thanks be conveyed to the caretaker for cleaning up the rubble after our meetings. Finally he thanked all present for turning out on a wintry evening to be present at the meeting.

We have received letters together with subscriptions from Major F. W. Garrard and ex-C.S.M. Bill Turner. Major and Mrs. Garrard are now living at 20 Chilton Drive, Barton on Sea, Hants. They are both well and hope to pay us a visit some time during 1960. Bill Turner at 2 Queens Close, Combs, Nr. Stowmarket, apologises for not attending our meetings but his job on the Security Staff of the I.C.I. leaves him little time to make evening visits. He mentions various ex-members of the Regiment whom he meets, among them being Lew Ablitt, Lord (ex-welter weight 2nd Bn.) and Coe. He adds "I think they all come from Ipswich and yet I suppose never attend the gatherings. They don't know how lucky they are to have an O.C.A. in easy reach. I should so much like to come up and meet you all and often deplore the fact that there is insufficient support for a similar gathering here at Stowmarket." He also adds "Time seems to fly with grand-children growing up around us and my eldest son due for his L.S. & G.C. (R.N.)." Yes Bill, Time Marches On, and we can do nothing much about it except "give of the best" whilst we are knocking around! We shall be pleased to see you when you can make it and bring Mrs. Spud along too so that she can have a word with our Married Pads!!

Ex-C.Q.M.S. J. Pye and ex-Sgt. H. Bragg have both been visited. It is not expected that they attend our meetings as Father Time comes their way too. They are both well over 80 years of age but are still fairly active. Harry Bragg has been slightly deaf for some time and his eyes are not too good. As real old soldiers they like to talk about the Regiment and bring to mind some of the older ex-members.

We were pleased to welcome at our meeting on 4th March ex-Lt. Peacock and ex-Pte. Andrews both ex-members of the 4th Battalion and F.E.P.O.W. We hope to see them again soon and hope they will bring along with them a few more ex-Suffolk men. This was the start of the response to the advert in the Press.

On 18th March we staged a Darts Competition, post entries, "News of the World" players barred. After some very exciting games and hysterics provided by the ladies, Mr. Pugh and Mrs. Gilbert

became the first Dart Champions of the Branch. We hope to test their prowess again in the near future. Of course the evening could not finish without the usual "House" and the Pub Card as a final binder.

We were pleased to see Mr. Wright at our meeting on 6th May. He has been in hospital for an internal operation and has been off work for some months. We trust he will soon pick up again and enjoy good health in the very near future.

In our passing remarks Jack Collins would like to pass on his kindest regards to Reg Nunn of Welnetham and hope to see a strong contingent from 15 Platoon at the next O.C.A. Re-union.

London Branch.

Our meetings at the Headquarters of the Westminster Dragoons are fairly well attended but could, I think, be improved on. It is hoped that now the better weather is here (to stay, we hope) attendance at our meetings will improve. We have an excellent meeting place and the Steward (Mr. Hookham) does everything he can to make our meetings as pleasant as possible. We owe him quite a lot and without exception I think everyone agrees that the "wallop" is delicious.

At our last meeting in March the bar and floor were one and the same thing for our old friend "Tich" Moulding. He certainly enjoyed himself and complained that meetings were too infrequent!

"Shoey" Yarham had to sit at a table (more shame to his credit so he says) owing to his having to use crutches. It is now over a year ago since his accident and he is still on the sick list. We are however very glad to inform his Wisbech friends ("Happy" and Bert Harlock, Bill Ladds, etc.) that he is still capable of avoiding water for drinking purposes.

At present he is in training for Bury on 24th July, and hopes that "Mary" Gilbert will be equal to the occasion. Incidentally, we hope to be more strongly represented this time. I wonder if we will have the pleasure of seeing "Slogger" Leach at Bury this year? If he does decide to turn up I expect "Mary" Gilbert will get his bat out. I wonder if "Mary" will prove a better bat than "Marty," our ancient and honorable Maltese friend who stood up to some very crafty bowling by Stan Cullum, Mick Meeking, "Shady" Burrows, "Happy" Haylock, "Ginger" Goldfinch, "Tich" Collins and a good many more including myself.

Mentioning these names certainly brings back many nostalgic memories. Remember, you "Shower"?

Another old Suffolk to visit us for the first time last meeting was "Spraso" King who left the 2nd Battalion at Trimulgherry. Now that I have his address we hope to enjoy his company for many years to come.

Amongst our regulars we have "Pony" Moore, Jack Cadman, Peter Langran, Ray Pike, Charlie and Mrs. Flynn, George Hall, Harry Eade, Bert and Mrs. Welch, George Parsons, Frances Smith (2nd Bn's first bus driver) "Pip" Rumble, Eddie Cooper and others who miss now and again.

Brig. Maxwell visits us quite frequently as also does Brig. Russell, Col. Grey and Major Leith-Hay-Clarke. They all show a great deal of interest in this Branch. It is a pity that owing to ill health Col. Grey has not been able to attend and we wish him a speedy recovery.

A number of our members had tickets for seats on the Horse Guards Parade for the Wedding Procession. It seems that they all had an excellent view of the procession and thoroughly enjoyed the show.

Sammy Shields and "Mouthy" Speakman have not paid us a visit for some time now. Let's hope they turn up at our next meeting..

I wonder if the "shower" I mentioned previously remember looking at "D" Coy, Company news 1st Battalion to see what I had written about them?

I will sign off now with the warning that your mis-deeds will again be published in the Gazette. Watch it! H.H.

Bury St. Edmunds Branch.

The activities of the Branch leave little to report since the writing of the last notes, except the Annual General Meeting which was held in the Married Families Hut, Gibraltar Barracks, on 10th May. Sixteen members were present including Brig. Backhouse and Lt.-Col. Josselyn. Apologies were received from Lt.-Col. Hopking and Messrs. Holloway and Challess.

However keen the Officers of a Branch may be they must have support if they are to maintain Branch interest and organise successful functions. In March the response to an invitation to visit Mildenhall Branch was so poor that a coach could not be ordered, but the Chairman of the Branch, Major Chandler and the Secretary, Mr. Sillett, managed to convey about a dozen members which included some wives, so that the Branch was represented at Mildenhall's enjoyable function.

The usual mechanics of an Annual General Meeting took place including the election of Officers for 1960-61 which resulted as follows: President, Major R. Q. March. Chairman, Major A. S. Chandler. Secretary, Mr. W. D. Sillett and Committee: Messrs. Holloway, Beer, Knights, Challess, Woods and Arnold, and representing the Depot of the East Anglian Brigade, R.S.M. Gingell.

Messrs. Borley and Eady were thanked for their services as auditors and re-appointed.

Discussions arising under "Other Business" included an appeal by Brig. Backhouse to members present to try and get more old ex-members of the Regiment interested, for in and around Bury there was a large number and we should certainly show more than sixty-one on the books.

Major March spoke on the sale of the Gazette now known as the "Britannia and Castle." It was agreed that the first issue was excellent value for

the modest annual subscription of five shillings asked for. An appeal was made for members to continue their subscriptions and to find new subscribers. The Editor of the "Britannia and Castle," Britannia Barracks, Norwich, is the address to which subscriptions should be sent.

We did not fail to note on T.V. the presence of Brig. Backhouse at our Colonel-in-Chief's Wedding or that the Regiment was represented in the Guard of Honour at Westminster.

All hail to a new member of the Branch, namely, ex-W.O. Bullen and the thanks of the Branch to R.S.M. Gingel and the Barman without whose efforts at seeing the members present were able to keep the dust out of their throats, the evening would not have been so enjoyable.

5th BN. THE SUFFOLK REGIMENT (T.A.) (1939-1945) ANNUAL RE-UNION

The 5th Bn. The Suffolk Regiment (T.A.) (1939-1945) held its Annual Re-union at the Old Gymnasium, Gibraltar Barracks on Saturday, 14th May. This is the sixteenth Re-union of the Battalion since its return from the Far East at the end of the war. As usual about 80 old members attended and enjoyed a pleasant evening.

Not all members who purchased tickets were able to attend, but the following were present:—

Mr. S. R. Jones, Capt. E. T. Sykes, Major P. G. Wilson, Brig. E. Backhouse, Mr. F. F. G. Stebbeds, Lt.-Col. L. J. Baker, Mr. D. A. Bonnett, R.S.M. D. F. Wakeling, Mr. W. J. Franklin, Mr. F. Peacock, Mr. A. J. Warren, Mr. L. A. Bedford, Mr. W. L. Tovell, Lt. F. W. Yorke, Mr. W. I. Martin, Mr. R. A. Crack, R.Q.M.S. J. Wade, Mr. R. A. Hawkins, Mr. L. G. Cornish, Mr. J. Syrett, Mr. C. A. E. Webb, Mr. R. F. Hills, Mr. B. D. Lines, Capt. P. D. A. Clarke, Mr. S. R. W. Boast, Mr. D. G. Few, Mr. S. R. Brame, Mr. P. Gilbert, Mr. H. W. Ward, Mr. A. Gooding, Mr. L. J. Dockerill, Mr. A. D. L. Lummis, Mr. F. J. Goodchild, Mr. W. Fisher, Major G. N. N. Mayes, Mr. F. G. Brinkley, Mr. N. Mayes, Major C.C. Wells, Mr. W. Dade, Mr. W. C. Crisp, Mr. W. R. Bunting, Mr. C. Birch, Mr. Palfrey, Capt. G. M. Oliver, Mr. Luff, Mr. Power, Mr. A. R. Jarvis, Mr. A. E. Flower, Mr. R. G. Drake, R.S.M. A. A. Newman and guest, Mr. J. Scotchmer, Mr. R. A. Baxter, Mr. H. W. Pettitt, Mr. A. Horrex, Mr. W. Theobald, Mr. Gidden, Mr. A. Merry, Mr. F. Game, Mr. Trevett, Mr. Rose, Mr. Oakes, Mr. Hales, Mr. Bass, Mr. F. Halls, Mr. W. Grinling, Mr. Kingbury, Mr. T. J. Butcher, Mr. Rogers, Mr. S. Watson, Mr. H. Ward, Mr. B. Taylor, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Simpson, Capt. R. M. Oliver.

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