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The Great War — 42 Battalions — Mons — Le Cateau — Retreat from Mons — Marne, 1914 — Aisne, 1914 — La Bassée, 1914 — Givenchy, 1914 — Ypres, 1914, '15, '17, '18 — Neuve Chapelle — Gravenstafel — St. Julien — Frezenberg — Bellewaarde — Aubers — Hooge, 1915 — Loos — Somme, 1916, '18 — Albert, 1916, '18 — Bazentin — Delville Wood — Pozieres — Guillemont — Fliers Courcellette — Morval — Thiepval — Le Transloy — Ancre Heights — Ancre, 1916, '18 — Arras, 1917, '18 — Vimy, 1917 — Scarpe, 1917, '18 — Arleux — Oppy — Pilckem — Langemarck, 1917 — Menin Road — Polygon Wood — Broodseinde — Poelcappelle — Passchendaele — Cambrai, 1917, '18 — St. Quentin — Bapaume, 1918 — Lys — Estaires — Messines, 1918 — Hazebrouck — Bailleul — Kemmel — Bethune — Scherpenberg — Amiens — Hindenburg Line — Epehy — Canal du Nord — St. Quentin Canal — Beaurevoir — Courtrai — Selle — Valenciennes — Sambre — France and Flanders, 1914-18 — Italy, 1917-18 — Struma — Doiran, 1918 — Macedonia, 1915-18 — Suvla — Landing at Suvla — Scimitar Hill — Gallipoli, 1915 — Egypt, 1915-17 — Gaza — El Mughar — Nebi Samwil — Jerusalem — Jaffa — Tel'Asur — Megiddo — Sharon — Palestine, 1917-18 — Shaiba — Kut al Amara, 1915, '17 — Ctesiphon — Defence of Kut al Amara — Mesopotamia, 1914-18.

The Second World War — Defence of Escourt — St. Omer — La Bassée — Dunkirk, 1940 — St. Valéry-en-Caux — Normandy Landing — Odon — Caen — Le Perrier Ridge — Brieux Bridgehead — Falaise — Venrai — Rhineland — Hochwald — Lingen — Brinkum — N.W. Europe, 1940, '44-'45 — Johore — Muar — Batu Pahat — Singapore Island — Malaya, 1942 — North Arakan — Imphal — Kohima — Aradura — Mandalay — Burma, 1943-45.

Korea, 1951-52.

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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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Regular Battalion : 1st — Harwich

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Colonel :— Maxwell, Brigadier, R.H., C.B., 29th August, 1959.



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(Compiled from official records and information available on 31st May, 1961).

(a) REGULAR ARMY

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Brinkley, W. H., p.s.c. Deputy O. i/c Records, Exeter
 Bevan, W. S., O.B.E., p.s.c. Ministry of Defence.
 Brown, C. R. M., D.S.O., p.s.c. G.S.O.1 and Dep. Cmd. Royal Hong-Kong Defence Force.
 Campbell, A. F., M.C., p.s.c. 1st Battalion.

Majors

Greef, A. O., M.C. Clothing & Equipment Research Establishment, Farnborough.
 Farrelly, T. P., T.D. A.R.D.E., Fort Halstead, Sevenoaks.
 Robertson, A. J., p.s.c. G.S.O.2, H.Q., B.A.O.R.
 Calder, W. J., p.s.c. U.K.S.L.S. (AE), Pretoria.
 Dean, P. S. W. Language Course, Tokyo.
 Lummis, E. T., p.s.c. G.S.O.2, War Office.
 Ingle, F. D., M.B.E., p.s.c. Bde. Major, Ghana Indep. Inf. Bde.
 Forrest, P. B., M.C. 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. G.S.O.2, War Office.
 Athill, A. H. Kenya Regiment Training Centre.
 Williams, R. M., M.C., p.s.c. 1st Battalion.
 Turnbull, A. W. J., M.C. G.S.O.2, War Office.
 Creasey, T. M., p.s.c. (Local Lt.-Col.) G.S.O.2, Staff College, Camberley.
 Howgego, G. C., p.s.c. 1st Battalion.
 Power, E. W. A., p.s.c. U.S. Cmd. & Gen. Staff School, U.S.A.
 Haycraft, I. A., p.t.s.c. 1st Battalion.
 Morgan, E. H., M.B.E., M.C. Suffolk & Cambridgeshire Regiment (T.A.).
 Fairholme, W. D. G. Sultan's Armed Forces, Muscat.
 Thain, P. 1st Battalion.
 Lywood, K. C. G. Trg. Officer, Depot, East Anglian Brigade.
 Mason, F. E. I., A.M.I., W.S. Army Work Study Group.

Captains

Styles, T. H. 1st Battalion.
 Gillmore, A. H. V., M.C. Staff College, Camberley.
 Starling, J. G., M.C., p.s.c. (T/Major) Bde. Major, Inf. Bde. (T.A.).
 Emsden, B. H. C. Staff College, Camberley.
 Palmer, L. A., p.l. 469 G.I. Section, B.A.O.R.
 Deller, W. C., p.s.c. (T/Major) Aden Protectorate Levies.
 Fitzgerald, J. D. A. (T/Major) Deputy Comdt., Mobile Special Police Force, Mauritius.
 Pullen, H. N. D., p.l. (T/Major) 1st West India Regiment.
 Fleming, F. R., p.s.c. (T/Major) D.A.A.G., East Anglian Brigade.
 Cobbold, A. G. B. Staff Captain, H.Q., 19 Inf. Bde.
 Godfrey, F. A., M.C. British C-in-C's Mission to the Soviet Forces in Germany.
 Holman, R. M. (T/Major) R.N. Staff College, Greenwich.
 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. 1st Battalion.
 Hall-Tipping, J. School of Infantry, Warminster.
 MacDonald, J. P. 5 Int. Pl., Bulford.
 Catchpole, A. K. 1st Battalion.
 Jones, J. G., M.B.E. Staff Captain, Brit. Forces, Aden Protectorate.
 Murphy, B. M. G.S.O.3, G.H.Q., Middle East Land Forces.
 Dean, T. D. G.S.O.3, H.Q., 4 Div.
 Beck, S. G. 1st Battalion.
 Heath, J. R. 1st Battalion.
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 Smith, D. T., p.l. Attd. Army Air Corps, Cyprus.
 Churchill, J. D., M.C. Army Apprentices School, Arborfield.
 Ford, P. C. H.Q., 5 Inf. Bde.
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 Henderson, M. L. Kenya Forces Trg. Centre.
 Wilson, R. G. Suffolk & Cambridgeshire Regiment (T.A.).
 Thorne, D. C. 4th Bn. Royal Norfolk Regiment (T.A.).
 Raven, P. G. 1st Battalion.
 Trollope, C. J. N. 1st Battalion.
 Clarke, D. L. Aden Protectorate Levies.
 Thorne, M. E. School of Infantry, Sigs. Wing, Hythe.

Lieutenants

Gowing, R. D. Regimental Recruiting Officer, attached East Anglian Brigade Depot.
Gunton, B. J. M. Held Strength, Depot, East Anglian Bde.
Trevethick, R. L. East Anglian Brigade. Junior Bandmen and Junior Drummers Establishment.
Reynell, N. Royal Nigerian Army.
Morris, J. Y. Nigerian Military Forces.
Morton, P. W. 1st Battalion.
Barnes, C. M. J. (T/Capt.) School of Infantry, Warminster.
Peat, W. J. B. Trucial Oman Scouts.
Lewis, N. J. Attd. Parachute Regiment.
Lunn, M. J. R. 1st Battalion.
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Rowell, S. A. J. East Anglian Brigade Depot.
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Jefferson, I. W. 1st Battalion.

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Quartermasters

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Lieutenants

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Mackay, J. W. 1st Battalion.
Prosser, B. 1st Battalion.

Quartermasters

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Parker, T. R. G.S.O.3, War Office.
Buckingham, D. G. Admin. Officer, G.H.Q., FARELF.
Powell, K. W. Staff Captain, Cyprus.

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Abbott, R. J. 1st Battalion.
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Jones, G. A. 1st Battalion.
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Wright, P. N. 3rd East Anglian Regiment.

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Brigadiers

Turner-Cain, G. R., D.S.O., A.D.C., j.s.s.c., p.s.c. B.G.S., H.Q., B.A.O.R.

Colonels

Butler, M. A. H., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., i.d.c., p.s.c., f.s. (T/Brig.) D.D.P.A., (O.), War Office.
Prickett, A. J. C., j.s.s.c., p.s.c. (T/Brig.) B.G.S., Land Forces, Arabian Peninsula.
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Ferrier, W. P. A.P.M., London District.
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Smith, W. C. O.B.E., j.s.s.c., p.s.c., Emp. List (1) G.S.O.1, War Office.
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Majors

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Thursby, P. D. F., p.s.c. Joint Services Staff College.
Eberhardie, C. E., M.B.E., M.C., p.s.c. Parachute Regiment.

Captains

Kelly, J. N., M.C. 7th Gurkha Rifles.
Oddie, W. R. A. Parachute Regiment.

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

EXTRACTS FROM THE LONDON GAZETTE

31st January, 1961.

TERRITORIAL ARMY.

SUFFOLK & CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

Lt. (Actg. Capt.) C. N. Leaning to be Capt., 2nd February, 1961, with seniority, 17th February, 1960.

Lt. R. S. Hollins from Cheshire, to be Lt., 23rd November, 1960, with seniority, 5th August, 1956.

17th February, 1961.

REGULAR ARMY.

Major & Bt. Lt.-Col. A. F. Campbell, M.C., to be Lt.-Col., 1st December, 1960.

Major H. C. Harvey from 1 E. Anglian, to be Lt.-Col. on the Emp. List (1), 2nd December, 1960.

28th February, 1961.

REGULAR ARMY.

The u/m Officer Cadets from The Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, to be 2nd Lts., 16th December, 1960:

Michael George Turner-Cain.

William Hesketh Reeve.

14th March, 1961.

COMMANDS AND STAFF.

Brigadier I. H. Freeland, D.S.O., late Inf., is appointed G.O.C. East Anglian District and 54 Inf. Div. (T.A.), is granted the temporary rank of Maj.-Gen., 18th March, 1961.

TERRITORIAL ARMY.

SUFFOLK & CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to confer the award of the 1st Clasp to the Territorial Efficiency Decoration upon Major T. H. Lee, T.D.

17th March, 1961.

REGULAR ARMY.

Short Service Commission.

2nd Lt. D. J. A. Belcher from Reg. Army Nat. Serv. List to be 2nd Lt., 1st October, 1960, with seniority, 9th January, 1960.

21st March, 1961.

TERRITORIAL ARMY.

R. NORFOLK.

Major E. R. Smith from Oxf. Bucks. and at his own request reverts to the rank of Capt., 12th October, 1960, with seniority, 12th May, 1954.

24th March, 1961.

REGULAR ARMY.

Short Service Commission.

2nd Lt. P. P. D. Stone to be Lt., 27th March, 1961.

TERRITORIAL ARMY.

R. NORFOLK.

Cpl. Patrick John Clark to be 2nd Lt. (on probation), 1st February, 1961.

4th April, 1961.

REGULAR ARMY.

Brigadier F. P. Barclay, D.S.O., M.C., retires on retired pay, 6th April, 1961. (Reserve Liability).

7th April, 1961.

REGULAR ARMY.

Major H. E. W. Wigginton, M.B.E., retires on retired pay, 10th April, 1961. (Reserve Liability).

11th April, 1961.

REGULAR ARMY.

Brigadier I. H. Freeland, D.S.O., to be Maj.-Gen., 18th March, 1961.

21st April, 1961.

WAR OFFICE.

Brigadier George Robert Turner-Cain, D.S.O., late R. Norfolk, is appointed Aide-de-Camp to The Queen, 6th April, 1961, in succession to Brigadier Francis Peter Barclay, D.S.O., M.C., retired.

REGULAR ARMY.

Lt. (QM.) T. W. Chatting to be Capt. (QM.), 25th April, 1961.

25th April, 1961.

REGULAR ARMY.

Lt.-Col. G. T. O. Springfield retires on retired pay, 29th April, 1961. (Reserve Liability).

Major & Bt. Lt.-Col. W. C. Smith, O.B.E., from 1 E. Anglian, to be Lt.-Col. on the Emp. List (1), 3rd December, 1960.

28th April, 1961.

TERRITORIAL ARMY.

R. NORFOLK.

Major G. E. Bradshaw is placed on the Unatt'd List, 1st May, 1961.

Capt. A. J. Sinton, from 23 Lond., to be Capt., 1st May, 1961, with seniority, 6th July, 1959.

SUFFOLK & CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

Capt. C. O. Goodford is placed on the Unatt'd List, 1st May, 1961.

Lt. J. Emra, from Para., to be Lt., 23rd May, 1961, with seniority, 17th June, 1955.

MEMORANDA.

REGULAR ARMY.

Major (Staff QM.) H. S. R. Case, M.B.E., (Emp. List (2)) to be Lt.-Col. (Staff QM.), 22nd March, 1961.

5th May, 1961.

TERRITORIAL ARMY.

R. NORFOLK.

Lieut. (Actg. Capt.) M. H. Morse to be Capt., 7th May, 1961, with seniority, 28th May, 1959.

EDITORIAL

The 1st Battalion is due to arrive in England very shortly before the publication of this issue of our Journal and we would like to take this opportunity of welcoming them home. At the time of writing the date of their arrival is not quite firm but it is known that they will arrive at Harwich and that that, too, will be their permanent station. This is, indeed, something of an occasion, since, except for a very short period of a few months in 1955 when the Battalion was in Colchester, neither the Royal Norfolk Regiment nor the Suffolk Regiment have been stationed in the United Kingdom since the end of the war. Prior to amalgamation the Royal Norfolk Regiment served in Korea, Hong Kong, Cyprus and Iserlohn in Germany whilst the Suffolk Regiment saw service in Egypt and Palestine, Greece, Malaya, Trieste and Cyprus before proceeding to join the 1st Bn. The Royal Norfolk Regiment in Germany.

When the Battalion arrives home it will be the first opportunity, not only for the 1st East Anglian Regiment to show itself to our Home Counties, but also for those who have always taken a keen interest in the Regiment to visit it in its home station. We are indeed fortunate that the battalion will be stationed, if not in Norfolk, Suffolk, or Cambridgeshire, at least in the Eastern Counties. We feel sure we are voicing the opinion of all those in the battalion when we say we hope that as many as can possibly do so, will go and see them. If for one reason only this is important; the battalion will be on its arrival very much under strength and it is anticipated that this will run down even more before the end of the year. Recruiting for the Regiment has always been important, but it is no exaggeration to say that, at this moment, it is a vital necessity. In fact, it is not too much to say that the continued existence of the Regiment is at stake. Let everyone who reads this take this to heart and make it his personal responsibility to do something about it. The best Recruiter is the serving soldier.

Shortly after arriving in England every man in the battalion will be granted leave. If each one at the end of his leave were to bring back with him one recruit we should be 'home and dry'. It is no more difficult than that. But, let us not leave it to the serving soldier alone. Let all those, of whatever rank, who have left the Regiment and who still have its interest at heart, keep this question uppermost in their minds — "Can I persuade one man to join the Regiment"? The morale and enthusiasm in the battalion is, at the moment, tremendous, and this can be sensed in every page of their notes in this issue. If there is anyone who doesn't believe it, we repeat, let him go to Harwich and see for himself. Then he will be convinced.

Finally we would like to end on a personal note. By the time this issue appears in print we shall have vacated the editorial chair. Before doing so we would like to express our very deep appreciation of the help we have received from all those who have contributed towards the success of the "Britannia and Castle". A Regimental Journal has an important part to play in the life of a Regiment, and more especially in the lives of those who have left the Regiment. It is the medium by which they can keep in touch not only with the activities of the Regiment but, and what may be in their case even more important, with one another. Without the loyal support of those readers we would be a long way from being able to publish a journal as comprehensive and as cheap as has been possible. We would

like too, to express our thanks to all our contributors, whether from the Battalion or individuals, for their prompt and lively reports.

Finally, and by no means least, we cannot depart without making a special reference to our assistant editor. We feel that it is no exaggeration to say that, without his experience and wise counsel, this journal would never have achieved the standard it has to-day and it is even doubtful whether it would ever have been published at all.

REGIMENTAL NEWS

The 1st Battalion returned to the United Kingdom on 4th July, 1961 and will be stationed at Dovercourt Camp, Harwich.

PAST AND PRESENT ASSOCIATION (SUFFOLK SECTION) ANNUAL REUNION

The Annual Reunion will be held on the Recreation Ground at Gibraltar Barracks, on Sunday 23rd July 1961. The day will commence with a Church Service at 11-30 a.m. The Band and Drums of The 1st East Anglian Regiment will be in attendance and will Beat Retreat in the evening. A Cricket Match, Gentlemen of Suffolk v. The East Anglian Brigade Depot, will take place during the afternoon.

Lunch and Tea will be served in Tents.

Catering will be provided by Roffs of Cambridge.

Tickets :

Combined Lunch and Tea	8/-
Lunch Only	6/-
Tea Only	2/-

Applications from Officers for these tickets should reach the Hon. Treasurer, Past and Present Association, Suffolk Section, Gibraltar Barracks, Bury St. Edmunds, early in July and in any case not later than Saturday, 15th July 1961.

Memorial Window in Suffolk Regiment Chapel.

As our frontispiece we have reproduced a photograph of the Memorial Window which was recently installed in the Regimental Chapel of the Suffolk Regiment in St. Mary's Church in Bury St. Edmunds. As will be seen from the inscription this was presented jointly by The Royal Norfolk Regiment and The Suffolk Regiment to commemorate their amalgamation in 1959. At the same time The Suffolk Regiment undertook the restoration of one Altar Candlestick in The Royal Norfolk Regiment Chapel in Norwich Cathedral and engraving it with the Suffolk Regimental Crest and bearing the inscription—

"Restored by The Suffolk Regiment in 1959, to commemorate their happy amalgamation with The Royal Norfolk Regiment on 29th August, 1959".

This candlestick is an exact replica of that which was restored in 1957 by the Dorset Regiment, a photograph of which appeared in the last issue of "The Britannia", the Journal of The Royal Norfolk Regiment".

The Royal Norfolk Regiment Officers' Dinner Club.

The annual dinner of the Royal Norfolk Regiment Dinner Club was held at the Naval and Military Club, London on Friday, 2nd June, 1961 with

Brigadier F. P. Barclay in the chair. The following members were present—

Brig. R. M. Allen, Lt.-Col. F. C. Atkinson, Major R. Boulton, Lt.-Col. M. R. Braithwaite, R. C. Briegel, Esq., Major H. M. Burton, Col. J. F. Carroll, Brig. F. W. Clowes, Col. H. R. Conder, Lt.-Col. E. A. Cooper-Key, Major H. T. Crane, Lt.-Col. T. M. Creasey, Lt.-Col. A. B. Cubitt, Major B. E. Dillon, Major J. B. Dye, Capt. B. H. C. Emsden, Major T. P. Farrelly, Lt.-Col. J. T. Finnis, Lt.-Col. W. D. Flower, Lt.-Col. A. B. Floyd, Maj.-Gen. I. H. Freeland, Col. R. P. Freeman-Taylor, Major C. B. Grant, Lieut. B. J. M. Gunton, Major R. Hamond, Capt. A. C. Herbert, Capt. F. E. Herring, Major H. R. Holden, Major M. F. R. Lightfoot, Lt.-Col. F. R. Marshall, Major F. E. I. Mason, Major A. P. McArthur, Lt.-Col. E. W. Montgomerie, Col. J. H. R. Orlebar, Major P. W. Raywood, Major J. M. Smyth, Major J. G. Steward, Capt. D. C. Thorne, Capt. M. E. Thorne, Capt. N. J. Tuck, Major A. W. J. Turnbull, Lt.-Col. L. A. Villiers, Major G. B. Whitworth, Col. J. F. Wilkins, Brig. C. J. Wilkinson, Lt.-Col. H. M. Wilson, Col. G. H. Winter.

After dinner Lt.-Col. Marshall was presented with a television set and a wine cooler, given by officers of the Royal Norfolk Regiment and the 1st East Anglian Regiment, as a mark of their deep appreciation and gratitude for his services as Regimental Secretary of the two Regiments from 1953–1961.

The Annual Tea Party held at the Naval and Military Club in the afternoon was attended by some fifty officers and their wives.

Reunion in London—

2nd Bn. The Suffolk Regiment Officers 1914–1919 Dinner.

The annual gathering of officers who had served with the 2nd Bn. The Suffolk Regiment from 1914 to 1919 was held at the Garrick Hotel, London, on Friday, 10th March. Brigadier R. H. Maxwell, C.B., Colonel of The 1st East Anglian Regiment presided, with supporters who may be heraldically described as 'two beetles sable, collared, reversed, argent'!

Around the three tables sat nineteen valiant souls, most of them looking youthful veterans of what we were pleased to call The Great War; some of them having also seen active service and gained distinction in World War II.

Grace having been said there followed an excellent repast, and at its conclusion the President called for the loyal toast — The Queen, and also that for H.R.H. The Princess Margaret, the Colonel-in-Chief of The 1st East Anglian Regiment.

Hupfield read a number of apologies for absence, including Brigadier Backhouse, Lieut.-Colonel F. W. C. Thomas and J. Howlett Jones, who at the last moment were prevented by illness from attending. Also K. Murray Walker, C. B. Nicholls and others who have been with them on previous occasions.

Maj.-General H. P. Sparks proposed a very warm vote of thanks to 'Huppy' for all the enthusiastic energy he had displayed in arranging the dinner and in keeping old comrades together. The latter expressed his appreciation of Tiny Harrison's office staff for the correspondence.

A donation of £1 15s. 0d. was sent to the Old Comrades' Association.

Those present were:—

G. F. Aird, F. W. Bailey, L. J. Baker, W. Burman, J. A. G. Coote, C. G. Gardner, H. P. Gardham,

H. Grosch, W. S. Hale, A. Harrison, E. L. Hope, C. J. Hupfield, W. M. Lummis, R. H. Maxwell, W. G. Nagle, J. M. V. Percy, V. C. Russell, W. L. Simpson, and H. P. Sparks.

142nd Regiment, R.A.C. Dinner.

The tenth Reunion was held in London on the 15th April, 21 years after the raising of the unit as the 7th Bn. The Suffolk Regiment. As the average age on joining was 27, it must now be 48. However, we did not allow this to depress us; surely many of those present must have been well below the average to start with! Throughout our armoured career, all ranks wore the Suffolk badge and flash, while our tanks bore the names of Suffolk Battle Honours, Suffolk villages and distinguished officers of the Regiment.

Once again, we are duly grateful to Lieut.-Colonel Roberts for organizing the evening. For those wishing to be put on the list, his address is 33 Hillcroft Crescent, Ealing, London. W.5.

The following, some of whom came a very long way, were present, and it was good to see a number of new faces:—

H. F. Ashbrook, J. C. Bowerman, A. Bush, M. C. Casburn, G. A. Clayden, G. H. Cotterell, S. L. Croker, R. W. Diemer, F. G. Doxley, H. A. Dunnett, W. T. P. Ellis, S. K. Foster, J. J. Gammon, W. J. Gray, P. B. Harris, E. H. Hasdell, A. Hinds, A. V. Hort, J. Kilby, H. T. Knowles, L. Lane, W. Lloyd, H. F. C. Lord, W. C. McCandless, H. T. MacMillan,



The 9th Infantry Battalion (The Moreton Regiment) marches through Brisbane after receiving The Freedom of the City.

(By courtesy of the Brisbane Courier Mail).



The Lord Mayor of Brisbane inspects The Battalion accompanied by Lieut.-Col. J. L. Kelly, the O.C. Battalion.

(By courtesy of the Brisbane Courier Mail).

J. Major, W. Matthews, R. H. Maxwell, D. Mayhew, P. F. O'Connell, G. A. Prime, H. Risbridger, D. O. Roberts, J. L. Roberts, E. O. R. Roberts, W. Rozier, H. W. Saunders, M. J. F. Shaw, A. W. G. Smith, B. H. Smith, A. E. C. Stevens, F. D. Stevens, S. G. Stratton, S. Sylvester, N. H. Underwood, C. A. Vallis, T. Wainwright, G. Ward, A. Wass, G. Wiles, R. Wilson and S. W. Winfield.

9th Moreton Regiment.

The last honour bestowed on the 9th Infantry Battalion, (Moreton) Regiment was the granting of the Freedom of the City of Brisbane, the highest honour that the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of the City can bestow in recognition of services rendered. We are happy to include a photograph of this ceremony in this number.

Our former Allied Regiment has almost lost its identity as a result of the reorganization of the Australian Army.

It has been reduced to the Moreton Company of the 1st Royal Queensland Regiment.

Regimental Golf.

The Regiment was represented at the Annual Army Golfing Society Meeting held over the St. George's and Princes Golf Courses at Sandwich in

May. Major-General Ian Freeland competing in the Generals' Cup was beaten in the semi-finals by Major-General Cole, the eventual winner and later the Army Champion. In the Argyll and Sutherland Bowl, the Regimental Team consisting of Major-General Freeland, Colonels Carroll, Creasey and Freeman-Taylor, and Brigadier Innes Hopkins, were beaten by the Grenadier Guards by 13 holes to 5 in the second round, having drawn a bye in the first. This was disappointing as the Regimental side won through to the final in this event in 1960. However, our sister Regiment, the 2nd East Anglian, are to be congratulated on winning the trophy.

The attention of all golfers in the Regiment and Territorial Battalions, past and present, is directed to the Brigade Depot Notes in the Journal announcing the first Brigade Golf Meeting at Bury St. Edmunds on Friday, 21st July, 1961, which is being held as a function during the Brigade week. Colonel Jock Carroll is Captain Elect of West Hill Golf Club at Brookwood and will drive himself into office in October next.

Christmas Cards

It is proposed to arrange for a supply of Regimental Christmas Cards to be available at Regimental Headquarters.

The Card will bear the Regimental Crest on the outside and will be tied with a ribbon of the Regimental Colours.

The cost, at this stage, can only be approximated, but it is hoped that this will not be more than 1/- each.

It will greatly facilitate the ordering if anyone requiring a quantity would inform Regimental Headquarters as early as possible. The 1st August would not be too early. Those whose orders are received by 1st September will be guaranteed delivery in full.

There are a number of 1960 Christmas Cards still available. These are undated and can be supplied at a cost of 4d. each on application to Regimental Headquarters.

Regimental Ties.

A second Regimental Tie is now in process of manufacture. The material is Terylene. The pattern is dark blue with alternate IX and XII superimposed by a Crown in gold. These ties will be stocked only in the 1st Battalion and at Regimental Headquarters, from which they may be obtained on repayment. Cost 13/6, plus postage.

GENERAL NEWS

THE ARMY ART SOCIETY

The Society which exists to encourage Art in the Army and sister Services, is holding its 30th Exhibition during October 1961 at :—

**THE COMMONWEALTH INSTITUTE,
SOUTH KENSINGTON,
LONDON, 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.

As the Society is non-profit making, the entrance and hanging fees are kept as low as possible.

Intending Exhibitors are invited to apply for particulars. Applications should be addressed to :—

The Honorary Secretary,
The Army Arts Society,
Captain A. J. DALDY,
16 King Edward's Grove,
TEDDINGTON, Middlesex.

MILITARY ESSAY COMPETITION, 1961-62.

There are annually three essay competitions sponsored by the Army Quarterly and the Royal United Service Institution, which are approved by the War Office and published in Army Council Instructions.

These competitions are :—

- (a) The Bertrand Stewart Essay Competition (sponsored by the Army Quarterly);
- (b) The George Knight Clowes Memorial Prize Essay Competition (sponsored by the Royal United Service Institution);
- (c) The Gold Medal and Trench Gascoigne Prize Essay Competition (sponsored by the Royal United Service Institution).

The primary purpose of these essay competitions is to encourage original thought and good writing on military topics of general interest.

Conditions of entry and full particulars can be obtained from Regimental Headquarters.

THE ROYAL MERCHANT NAVY SCHOOL

Since the beginning of 1960 The Royal Merchant Navy School, Bear Wood, Wokingham, has been open to sons of serving members of the Armed Forces, and already many such boys have joined the School, which previously had been available only to children whose parents were serving or had served in the Merchant Navy or in certain closely associated auxiliaries.

Since 1929 the Royal Merchant Navy School, founded in 1827, has occupied the Mansion and Park known as Bear Wood in Berkshire, 3 miles from Wokingham and 6 from Reading.

The School, hitherto co-educational, has always had many more boys than girls. The Governors recently decided that no further girls are to be accepted, and that when the present girl pupils have left, in about three years, the School shall be solely for boys.

Boys enter usually between the ages of 11 and 13 and remain at least until the age of 16, those suitable for Advanced Level work remaining until 18. The School is recognised as efficient by the Ministry of Education.

The School complement is 240 boys (although it is hoped to increase this to 300), and there are courses suitable for pupils of all levels of ability.

The grounds, nearly 500 acres in extent include a 47 acre lake, used for bathing and boating, and a farm which supplies fresh eggs and Jersey milk.

The pupils and staff living accommodation is in the Mansion, to which new classrooms, and well equipped laboratories and workshop have been added since 1948.

The School has its own Chapel (C. of E.), and a large Gymnasium, Tuckshop, The Nuffield Sanatorium (1954) and extensive playing fields.

The fees to sons of serving members of the Armed Forces are £270 per annum — Service Grants are available.

For further information apply Headmaster.

PERSONALITIES

Brigadier G. R. Turner-Cain has been appointed A.D.C. to The Queen.

Colonel J. S. H. Smitherman, O.B.E., E.R.D., M.A., a former Commanding Officer of the 4th Bn. The Suffolk Regiment (T.A.) and now Headmaster of St. George's School, Hong Kong, writes to say that he recently spent a couple of "rare ol' Suffolk evenings" with Lt.-Col. Alan Sperling, M.B.E., M.C., M.A., R.A.E.C. Col. Sperling was originally commissioned in The Suffolk Regiment in 1941, serving in the 1st Battalion as Signal Officer and Adjutant. He later took a commission in the R.A.E.C. and is now S.O. 1 (Education), 17th Gurkha Division, O.C.L.F. Colonel Smitherman celebrated Minden Day (1st August) last year in the company of Major P. S. W. Dean, Major P. E. Green and Lieut. W. Wade at Hong Kong, when greetings were sent to Regimental Headquarters, the 1st Battalion and T.A. Battalions.

Captains J. Hall Tipping and F. E. Herring have qualified for selection for the Staff College.

Captains F. A. Godfrey, B. H. G. Mills and P. G. Raven have passed the practical part of the Staff Promotion Examination.

Captain David Thorne, who has been awarded his Norfolk county cap for cricket, is the third generation and the fourth member of his family to have served in the County Regiment and been actively connected with the game in Norfolk. His grandfather, Major F. G. Thorne, was a member of the 1/6th (Cyclists) Battalion, and President of the Norfolk County Cricket Club in 1939. Lt.-Col. Gordon Thorne, uncle of David, played for the county whilst serving with the 2nd Bn. between the two World Wars. Lt.-Col. Thorne was in command of the 1st Bn. The Cambridgeshire Regiment when he lost his life at sea off Singapore in 1942.

David's twin brother, Michael, now on the Staff of the Signal Wing at the School of Infantry, played for Norfolk in 1957-58.

Major S. J. Pope has been re-elected a member of the Norfolk County Council. He represents the Fincham Division of the County.

The new Manager at the Head Office of the Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society in Norwich is Major F. H. Crocker, M.C., who served in the 1st and 7th Battalions of the Royal Norfolk Regiment during World War II.

Major F. R. Fleming, now Adjutant of the East Anglian Brigade, qualified at the Staff College, Quetta, in December 1960.

Major (QM) F. J. Albrow has left the War Office on posting to the Armed Forces School of Instruction, Federation Army, Malaya.

On being promoted to substantive rank Lt.-Col. W. C. Smith has been posted to Employed List (I).

Major P. S. W. Dean becomes Local Colonel on assuming the duties of British Military Attache, Tokyo, in August.

Major P. B. Forrest takes up the appointment of Group Testing Officer with the Regular Army Commission Board in June.

Major W. D. G. Fairholme will be attending a course in Arabic at Durham University after his return from attachment to the Sultan's Armed Forces, Muscat, in July.

Lt.-Col. R. G. D. Hare has painted a picture depicting an incident during the Indian racial riots at Kahuta, near Rawalpindi in March, 1947, in which men of the 2nd Battalion, The Royal Norfolk Regiment took part. Colonel Hare has presented the painting to the Regimental Museum of the Royal Norfolk Regiment.

The Reverend H. M. Davies has moved to Norfolk. His new address is The Rectory, Scarning, East Dereham, where old friends will be welcome.

Captain J. Hall Tipping has entered the Connaught Hospital at Bramshott and expects later to be transferred to the King George V Sanatorium, Midhurst.

Lt.-Col. A. E. Knights will be returning from Jamaica at the end of September. His address as from 24th September will be 18 Clareville Court, London, S.W.7.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Births

FITZGERALD.—On 12th April, 1961, in Mauritius, to Marlies, wife of Major J. D. A. Fitzgerald, a daughter, Nicola.

TROLLOPE.—On 8th May, 1961, at the Bulish Military Hospital, Berlin, to Shirley (nee Raynor), wife of Captain C. J. N. Trollope, a son.

Marriages

BARNES-LEACH.—On 3rd April, 1961, at Maker Church, Cawsand, Captain C. M. J. Barnes to Miss Myrtle D. D. Leach.

Deaths

MILLS.—On 15th December, 1960, ex-Cpl. Charles Mills, late The Suffolk Regiment, of 27 Harewood Court, Wilberry Road, Hove, aged 89 years.

TURNER.—On 27th January, 1961, ex-Sergeant William Turner, late The Suffolk Regiment, at 8 Cecil Road, Peterborough, aged 93 years.

PLACE.—On 2nd February, 1961 at the West Suffolk Hospital, ex-Pte. Samuel William Place, late the Suffolk Regiment, of 25 Highbury Road Flats, Bury St. Edmunds, aged 82 years.

BERNEY-FICKLIN.—On 19th February, 1961, at Cape Province, South Africa, Major-General Horatio Pettus Mackintosh Berney-Ficklin, C.B., M.C., late The Royal Norfolk Regiment, aged 68 years.

SMITH.—On 7th March, 1961, at his home, The Old School Cottages, Blaxhall, Suffolk, ex-Pte. F. E. Smith, late The Royal Norfolk Regiment and West Suffolk Police, aged 71 years.

SERGEANT.—In February, 1961, ex-Cpl. Joseph Sergeant, late The Suffolk Regiment, of 16 Gregory Street, Sudbury, aged 80 years.

MILLER.—On 14th April, 1961, at the West Suffolk Hospital, ex-Sgt. William George Miller, late The Suffolk Regiment, of 54 Southgate Street, Bury St. Edmunds, aged 74 years.

PITCHES.—On 27th April, 1961, at the Essex County Hospital, Colchester, ex-Pte. David William Pitches, D.C.M., late The Norfolk Regiment, aged 72 years.

BROWN.—On 28th April, 1961, at the West Norwich Hospital, ex-Sergeant Ernest Edward Brown, late The Norfolk Regiment, aged 74 years.

ROBINSON.—On 30th April, 1961, ex-R.S.M. F. W. Robinson, late The Suffolk Regiment, of 39 King George's Avenue, Leiston, aged 94 years.

DEBENHAM.—On 26th May, 1961, at his home in King's Lynn, Lt.-Col. Charles Arthur Debenham, T.D., late The Royal Norfolk Regiment (T.A.).

OBITUARY

Major-General H. P. M. Berney-Ficklin, C.B., M.C. It is with regret that we have to announce the death of Major-General H. P. M. Berney-Ficklin at the age of 68 years. Commissioned in the Norfolk Regiment in 1914 from the Supplementary Reserve, General Berney-Ficklin spent the next four years in France and Flanders, first as Adjutant of the 8th Battalion and then as Brigade Major. He was three times wounded. He received the Military Cross, the French Legion of Honour, a Brevet Majority and was mentioned in despatches. After the war he became Adjutant of the Officers' Training Corps and,

later, Adjutant of the 1st Battalion. He retired in 1926 and joined the 5th (Territorial) Battalion which he subsequently commanded before re-joining the Regular Army in 1930. He received accelerated promotion to Major in 1932 on posting to the 2nd Battalion, Highland Light Infantry, a Brevet-Lieut.-Colonelcy in 1934 and assumed command of his Battalion in 1936.

During the 2nd World War General Berney-Ficklin commanded the 15th Infantry Brigade, the 5th, 45th and 55th Divisions. He received the C.B. in 1942.

After the war he was appointed President of the Belsen Concentration Camp War Crimes Trial and, later, President of the Regular Army Commissions Board.

General Berney-Ficklin assumed the Colonelcy of The Royal Norfolk Regiment in 1946 but ill-health compelled him to relinquish the appointment in the following year. He retired and went to live in South Africa but continued to take considerable interest in the fortunes of his old Regiment.

He leaves a widow to whom we extend our sincere condolences.

A service in memory of General Berney-Ficklin and Brigadier Scott (whose death was announced in the last number of the Journal) took place in the Regimental Chapel, Norwich Cathedral on Saturday, 11th March and was conducted by the Dean of Norwich, the Very Reverend Norman Hook. Brigadier Barclay gave the address and prayers were offered by the Reverend C. G. W. Wood who was Chaplain to the 2nd Bn. The Royal Norfolk Regiment under the command of Brigadier Scott. A bugler of the East Anglian Brigade Depot sounded the Last Post and Reveille.

Among the congregation of about 80 were Brigadier Scott's sisters, members of the 2nd Battalion Kohima Dinner Club and many serving and retired officers of the Regiment.

After the service the Misses Scott visited the Regimental Museum and handed over the late Brigadier's decorations and medals for safe keeping.

Lt.-Col. C. A. Debenham, T.D. The news of the sudden death of Lt.-Col. C. A. Debenham on 26th May came as a great shock to all his many friends, particularly those former members of the Regiment living in West Norfolk whose interests had for many years been one of his great concerns. Colonel Debenham's work for the King's Lynn Branch of the Regimental Association — for many years he was its Chairman — will be greatly missed.

He played a leading part in the task of raising funds for the building of the four Regimental Memorial Cottages in King's Lynn after the Second World War and was Chairman of the local Management Committee since its inception.

Colonel Debenham's military career started when he joined the 7th (Service) Bn. The Northamptonshire Regiment in 1915. He subsequently served in France and Flanders.

In 1924 he joined the 5th Bn. The Norfolk Regiment as a Captain and received a Majority in 1930. When the expansion of the Territorial Army took place in May 1939 Colonel Debenham was given command of the newly formed 7th Bn. which he took to France at the end of the same year. In June, 1940, the 7th Bn. was part of the force which was captured at St. Valery. Colonel Debenham remained a prisoner-of-war until May, 1945.

In private life he was Chairman of the King's Lynn firm of Seedsmen, C. W. Marsters Limited.



1st BATTALION

BATTALION REVIEW

This review has normally to fulfil the uneasy function of correlating the individual articles which follow it, neither leaving them insufficiently supported on the one hand, nor overanticipating their contents on the other. In this issue that difficult compromise will not be attempted; a brief 'appreciation of the situation' is all that is needed.

The four months covered by Issue No. 5 started in February with a resounding and important success — our win in the Berlin Brigade Battle Tests. Despite the prominent place held in our Battalion life by sporting and other occupations, it should never be forgotten that the reason for our very existence is to be constantly ready for war. So it is particularly pleasing to record in that vital field of activity, a record that may in the future be equalled but can never be bettered, and established, moreover, against two other major units of the highest repute, neither of whom have ever had to overcome the difficulties and anxieties of amalgamation as we have. The Battalion's effort, spearheaded by the three Battle Platoons, has now proved, in the most convincing and dramatic way, and in the British Army's most public foreign station, that the Vikings have arrived on the map and mean to stay there.

"The Vikings": at the time of the last issue the new title had just been launched; now it has caught on. More important, the implications behind it of a new esprit de corps and adventurous vitality have caught on too. Adventurous, for no less than 108 of our soldiers have been on ski adventure training alone so far this year, and at the time of going to press a detachment of 50 is staying with the Danish Army, forging an international link which will maintain and develop. Vitality, shown when we switch readily and at short notice from precision on the Parade Ground in Berlin to combat in the mud and rain of Lüneburg Heath, excelling in both, while simultaneously maintaining strong teams on full-time training to prove our worth at shooting and athletics.

Shortly we will exchange Berlin for Harwich. We will be preceded by a large Recruiting Display Team, to whom we wish every possible success, for one of our avowed objects in returning to England is to build up our manpower. But a recruiting team

alone is not enough: recruiting is a subject that should be well to the fore in the minds of all of us when we return. The fact must be faced by every individual in and connected with the Regiment (and this has been said frequently already, but it bears repetition) that, if we fail to enlist enough men, we may not be able to survive and keep intact the character and identity we have worked so hard to build up. In the past recruiting has been too much neglected; now it is an urgent problem that demands the attention and support of every Regular soldier for the sake of the Regiment he has chosen. Now that outside help in the form of National Service has been withdrawn, we are on our own, and our future is our own responsibility. We are not dismayed, but we cannot afford to relax — too much is at stake.

OFFICERS' MESS

Since the last mess notes were written not a week has gone by without some mess function — dance, dinner, or lunch party. Americans, French, Germans and British have been equally entertained in our very fine mess building. All this in spite of competition from the attractions of Maison France, Pavillon du Lac, the Opera in the East, The Officers' Club, River Boat and the J.J. Everyone seems determined to make the most of Berlin before we leave in July.

Among some of the earlier visitors to the Mess were Gen. Sir Charles Jones and the Adjutant General. In March Rupert Gowing came out to see us for a week and discuss recruiting. He brought with him Forbes Taylor from Anglia Television to make his recce for his film "Encircled Force".

Bernard Mills has proved to us that he really has built up a strong liaison with the United States Forces. Many American officers have been over for a week-day lunch to witness the curious English tradition of taking hard liquor at lunchtime — they suffer from the prohibition in their messes.

We have just dined out Major Peter Forrest who leaves us shortly for the Regular Commissions Board, Westbury. We wish him and his wife all the best in their new posting.

SERGEANTS' MESS

With Christmas and the New Year festivities behind us we have now settled down to normal Mess life.

This began with a visit of the Corps Commander Lt.-Gen. Sir Charles Jones, K.C.B., C.B.E., M.C., who some of us remember as Brigade Commander in Salonika in 1948. Then we had a visit by the Adjt. General, Sir Richard Goodbody, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., who came to see us and our activities. The very next day we were visited by Col. M. G. H. Henley, C.B.E., the Officer i/c Records, who gave us an interesting lecture on how the Records Office functions, and how we are taken care of, which put a lot of minds at ease.

In the competitive side of Mess life we are proud to say that we walked away with Berlin Brigade Darts Tournament Trophy. Our team was captained by S/Sgt. "Tiffy" Ridout who put in a lot of work which helped to give us our victory.

The ladies of the Mess gave the Entertainments Committee a rest and laid on their own Social, which was quite a success, thanks to the efforts of Mrs. Fowler. "Well done, Joan".

The Bn. Sports Meeting finished on rather a hectic note with the B/M beating the C.O. by half a pace in the "Old Soldiers' Race"; the result might have been different if the two persons holding the finishing tape had not joined in!

Our next social event was a Saturday night treat, given to us by the Band Mess Members. We were all rather well entertained by Sgt. Dickenson, even if he did have mess members taking part in our Easter Bonnet Parade.

We then left Berlin for two weeks' training in Sennelager where we started our "Bung Club" for the Christmas Draw, and at the end of the first night we had over two-hundred-and-forty tickets marked up on the board. Was it coincidence that we went into the Old Lunatic Asylum again at Heimatoff, or has the War Office got wise to us?

After Sennelager a social was put on by the Corps attached members of the Mess and a good social it was; it goes to show that in spite of popular belief Corps troops ARE essential.

After two weeks in the haven of our Mess we went to Soltau, where we had a real rough time for five days, and as usual there was enough rain to make life just that little more interesting. But we are all back putting plenty of practice in for the Queen's Birthday Parade which takes place in the Olympic Stadium, Berlin on 8th June.

During the past few months there have been a few changes in our Mess. We have said "Goodbye" to C.S.M. "Knocker" Cox and Sgt. Stan Jones who have left us to join the 4th Bn. Royal Norfolk Regt., T.A., to Sgt. Eddie Whales who has gone to Norwich for more recruits, Sgt. Paddy Hull to civvy street, spending his "redundancy lolly" and to Sgt. "Mick" Freeman to the Depot, hoping he is enjoying better health.

We say welcome to Sgts. Pocock, Evans, Smith and Gay from the U.K. Congratulations to W.O.II Doughty, Sgts. Mixer and Taylor on their promotion.

CORPORALS' CLUB

The last three months have been very quiet for the Corporals' Club because most of our members have been away carrying out their duties of Section Commanders on the various, and what seem numerous, exercises which have been taking place.

However, we have managed to arrange some very good social evenings. One outstanding being a "Tramps Ball" which we held in February. Attendance was very good and some very good tramps and trampesses were on show. Two very good ones were "Winks" Smith and Mrs. Goodrum who turned out like real Knights of the Road.

In March we challenged the Sergeants Mess to a darts match. They accepted and turned up very confident, being the "Berlin Sergeants' Mess Champions". After winning the first three games they were even more confident, but the corporals found some "Viking Spirit" and cruised home in their long boat to take all the remaining singles and we only lost one doubles match. The return in May is eagerly awaited by both teams, but the "Corporals Club" feel sure of cruising home with another victory.

Departures

In February our Caterer, Cpl. Mixer, was promoted to Sergeant and all members of the Club thank him for services rendered and wish him all the best in his new appointment.

Another member to leave the Club was Cpl. Boone who has gone out into the wide open spaces



"A" Company. Battle Platoon.
Left to Right: Cpl. Heritage, Cpl. Warren, Cpl. Cocksedge, 2/Lieut. Abbott.

of "East Anglia" to try and lure "British Farmers" into the East Anglian Regiment.

Arrivals.

All members of the Club welcome back to the Battalion Cpls. Shuttlewood, Denny and Wilmot, also L/Cpls. Casey and Andrew.

When we arrive home in England in July we will be going all out to find a building to make a new club, and once we get organised we hope that any corporals or lance-corporals of the East Anglian Regt. in the vicinity will pay us a visit.

That's all the news for this quarter :

Don't forget : to have a good Club we need the support of all members, so let's see you all at "Harwich".

"A" COMPANY

Company Commander ...

Major R. M. Williams, M.C.
 2 i/c. Capt. C. J. N. Trollope
 C.S.M. W.O.II M. Fowler
 C.Q.M.S. C/Sgt. L. Child
 No. 1 Pl. : 2/Lt. Turner-Cain; Sgt. J. Watson
 No. 2 Pl. : 2/Lt. Abbott, 2/Lt. Prosser ;

Sgt. W. Bates
 No. 3 Pl. : 2/Lt. Jones ; Sgt. D. Laver

We open these notes by congratulating No. 1 Platoon on gaining third place in the Berlin Infantry Brigade Battle Platoon Test. Led by 2/Lt. Abbott and Sgt. Watson the Platoon went all out from the word go. We would also like to congratulate 'B' and 'C' Companies in gaining first and second places respectively. It was a feather in the cap of the "Vikings" in obtaining the first three places in the Brigade.

Prior to the Battle Test, the Company took part in "Ex. Falling Star" with 3 Platoon acting as enemy. In spite of the bitter cold, the Company acquitted itself well and we had a foretaste of "Shooting Star", the Platoon Battle Test.

In April the Company paid a visit to Company B, 2nd Battle Group, 6th Infantry, United States Army. This visit proved of great interest to both sides. Weapons, clothing, equipment and barrack rooms were inspected and compared. After coffee and cake in the Mess Hall a visit was paid to the Regimental Hall of Honour. One point of interest was to see battle honours awarded for actions fought against British Forces in the War of Independence.

On Easter Monday the Battalion went to Sennelager. Again we occupied the Granary at Heimatoff and soon settled down to some hard training.

"This is the way we did it last year", being the universal cry. One of the highlights was a visit of a German Army Tank Squadron. A series of manoeuvres in which all signals were hand given by the Squadron Commander was demonstrated to us. The "Vikings" were then invited to climb over the tanks and in some cases to drive them. We demonstrated our Platoon weapons and then the Bundeswehr soldiers fired the rifles and brens. No. 1 Platoon carried out a platoon attack with the Germans firing the weapons. This caused some harrowing moments to the Company Commander, but all went well. Both sides thoroughly enjoyed the meeting.

A fortnight after our return we again faced the long road journey, this time to Soltau. The Company acted as enemy in conjunction with "A" Squadron, 3rd Royal Tank Regiment against the rest of the Battalion. The exercise lasted a week and though sleep was in short order, many valuable lessons were learnt.

In the world of sport the Company has come through with flying colours. We romped home easy winners of the Battalion Athletic Meeting. Individual winners are given under athletic notes. 2/Lt. Abbott, 2/Lt. Jones, L/Cpl. Harris, Ptes. Pitt, Keeble and Croft are training hard for the Battalion Athletic Team. The Tug-o-War team, ably coached by Sgt. Bates, beat H.Q. Company, the favourites, by two straight pulls and beat "C" Company in the final also by two straight pulls to win the cup.

Another success for Alpha was the winning of the Inter Company .22 Competition. The team, consisting of Capt. Trollope, Sgt. Bates, Sgt. Laver, Cpl. Hughes, L/Cpl. Collinson, Ptes. Clifton, Pitt and Johnson shot their way to a hard won but very convincing victory. The Company is well represented in the Battalion Full Bore Team with Capt. Trollope, Sgt. Laver, L/Cpl. Bunting, Ptes. Clifton, Annison, Denby, Harboard and Powell. On the hockey field the Company is well on the road to success. Aided by our battalion team players, Major Williams and Cpl. Phillips, we have a first class side which thinks nothing of taking on even the dreaded (by others) Band. Our last party of skiers under command of 2/Lt. Abbott proceeded to Selberhutte to learn to ski. The party consisted of 3 Platoon and the C.S.M. Our instructor was a German Ski Champion and, under his tuition, the skiers soon picked up the basic principles. It was said that the sight of the C.S.M. hurtling downhill rigidly to attention was something to be seen. The usual resultant crash at the bottom shook the area, while the thoughts of L/Cpl. Head who, sliding down a ski jump of terrifying proportions head first on his back, when told to stop mucking about, do not bear printing. Unfortunately, after the first week the snow disappeared and the party had to return to Berlin a week early.

At the moment we are in the throes of rehearsals for the Queen's Birthday Parade. This year the Regiment is trooping the colour and the bulk of the escort guard is being found by this Company. We consider this a great honour.

We congratulate Cpls. Hughes and Phillips on obtaining their Army Certificate of Education, 2nd Class. Our congratulations also go to C.S.M. Doughty on his promotion and we wish him good luck in "C" Company. We welcome our friend C/Sgt. Child into the Company fold, permanently this time we hope. We also congratulate Cpl. and Mrs. Hughes on the birth of a young "Viking".

It is with much regret that we see the departure of Major Williams, M.C. to the higher realms of Battalion H.Q. as 2 i/c. He has guided the Company through the trials and tribulations of our stay in Berlin, and our best wishes go with him on his new appointment. Capt. Mills is taking over the reins. One thing is assured, our signals procedure will be one hundred per cent. 2/Lt. Turner-Cain has also arrived from Sandhurst and has taken over No. 1 Platoon. Another sad loss to the Company is the posting of 3 Platoon to the 2nd East Anglian Regiment. Their hard work and enthusiasm both on training and at sport have been a great asset to the Company. We shall be sorry to see them go.

Our next notes will be written from Harwich. What the future has in store for us we do not know, but we hope it will be as interesting and as valuable as our tour of Berlin has been. In finishing we would like to wish all ex-members of Alpha, wherever they are, the best of luck and do come to see us at Harwich. The enlistment papers may be obtained from the Company Office.

"B" COMPANY

Company Commander ... Major G. C. Howgego
2 i/c ... 2/Lt. E. H. Conder
No. 5 Pl.: 2/Lt. J. W. Mackay; Sgt. Evans
No. 6 Pl.: 2/Lt. C. A. S. Mather; Sgt. B. Taylor
No. 7 Pl.: 2/Lt. G. T. Vivian; Sgt. B. King
C.S.M. ... W.O.II W. E. Holden
C.Q.M.S. ... C/Sgt. R. Griffin

By far the most important piece of news during this period is the victory of No. 6 Platoon in Exercise "Shooting Star", the Berlin Brigade Annual Battle Test in which a Platoon from each Company in the Brigade competes in a rigorous three day exercise. This victory was gained by means of sheer hard training, team work and leadership with everyone in the Company playing his part. The "Coolies", as 2/Lt. Mather's Platoon decided to call themselves, really put everything they had into it. It would, however, be kind to say that they had a fortunate draw in being the very last Platoon to go through.

Here the Company would like to pay tribute to the other two Platoons from the Battalion. The "A" Company Platoon, under 2/Lt. Abbott, were unlucky in being the first platoon to enter the fray, but they set a tremendous pace and set the standard for the whole competition. They easily led the field at the end of the first day and by means of a really wonderful piece of marching and village clearing on the final day they came third overall. The "C" Company Platoon, under 2/Lt. Horrex, who had commanded our platoon in the same competition last year, started on the second day and finished that day a few points ahead of "A" Company. By the end of the second day they had established a lead of twenty points. "A" Company then had atrocious luck on the range having to shoot at targets which they simply could not see through the mist.

At the beginning of the final day it was clear that the winners would be either the "Coolies" or 2/Lt. Horrex's Platoon but the order was not settled. However, the most important mission on that day was to beat the other two Platoons, especially the 1st 60th Platoon so thoroughly that our own "A" Company Platoon could slip into third place. By 1800 hrs. that mission was fully accomplished and the Battalion finished in 1st, 2nd and 3rd places to win the overall battle test convincingly and establishing a Battalion record which it is hoped will never be equalled let alone beaten.

The following day the whole Battalion paraded and the C.O. received the Battle Trophy and 2/Lt. Mather the Platoon Trophy from the hands of the G.O.C. Later the Platoons got down to some serious celebration which they had all truly merited.

It was originally intended that, as a reward, the winning Platoon should be attached to the Danish Army for a fortnight, but so well had all Platoons done that it was finally decided that a section from each Platoon plus detachments from the Support Platoons should go under the command of 2/Lt. Mather. At the moment of writing this Platoon, some 60 strong, is in Denmark establishing "Viking" relationships with some of the descendants of the original Vikings.

As a fitting end to this story it is worthy of note that 2/Lt. Christopher Mather was so thrilled at his achievement that, after he had been officially dined out of the Battalion to take his N.S. release, he decided to extend his stay in the Army and to apply for a Regular Commission. We in "B" Company wish him luck and hope that he will be successful. Incidentally he had to pay for his "dining out"! The Platoon Sergeant, Sgt. Taylor, was selected as a potential instructor at the R.M.A. Sandhurst, and is now attending the preliminary course. To him also we wish every success.

If success in "Shooting Star" was the most exciting event, the most depressing was the announcement that when we return to the U.K. we have to leave behind some one hundred and sixty men who are to be posted to the 2nd East Anglian Regiment when they come out to Osnabruck. This is indeed one of fortune's cruellest strokes for it breaks up not only the Company team, but also very largely the whole Battalion team. At present 24 members of "B" company are under orders to move and by the time this article gets into print they will have gone. All that can be said is that it is a very sad occasion and we are truly sorry that it has to happen but, nevertheless, we wish them luck and our best wishes accompany them. May they soon find their feet in our sister Battalion. We do, however, hope that they will not forget their time in "B" Company.

Mid-March saw the Company out in the Grünwald on "March Hare" where with "C" Company and elements of Support Company we provided the enemy in a Brigade Exercise in which 1 K.R.R.C., with the help of "C" Squadron, 4 Royal Tanks were the invaders. We had many tense engagements in three days of glorious weather. By the middle of the third day the invaders had reached the limit of their energy and the exercise ended.

We then had a fortnight before Easter, preparing for our trip to the Zone and thinking about the Queen's Birthday Parade and our return to England. It was in this period that 4th July was announced as D-Day for our departure from Germany. Partly as a result of this date and partly because we need plenty of rehearsals for the Birthday Parade the C.O., with due reluctance, ordered that we go to Sennelager for a fortnight only and that we should then return to Berlin for a fortnight's drill before spending a week living underground at Soltau.

Accordingly after a somewhat hectic Easter we set off through the corridor on 4th April to take up Spring quarters in the old granary at Heimatoff Camp on the edge of the training area. No one had used the old lunatic asylum since we left last October. We even found one or two items of kit inadvertently

left behind on our last trip. The weather was not quite so kind as last year but never mind, it was kind enough except for the final night.

While at Sennelager we were unlucky to run into a spate of Compassion. First the C.S.M. had to be rushed home to U.K. as his mother had unfortunately died. He was hardly on his way when news came through that the Sparrows (Cpl. and Pte.) had lost their father and away they had to go too. Our sympathies go out to them. At the same time Pte. Colgan had to be rushed back to Berlin as his wife was experiencing some trouble with her baby. All was however well and he is now a proud father for the second time. On the brighter side we lost the Company Clerk, L/Cpl. Eagle and Pte. Bush, who were granted leave to go home to get married.

On our last night out on the Imphal Range we had an unlucky weather break. The day was spent digging in and preparing a good hide. The weather was foul and for once the old maxim "Rain before seven fine before eleven" did not come true or if it did it stopped at one minute to eleven and started again at one minute past! On this scheme we had the unusual, in fact unprecedented, sight of the Colour Sergeant acting as C.S.M. He picked on a right day and perhaps that was why it rained! The weather did improve in the evening, long enough to allow us to execute a long but successful approach march in preparation for a night attack on the Anti-Tank Platoon. Just as we got on to the start line for the attack, undetected by the anti-Tanks, the skies opened and the attack was carried out in pelting rain — it was most successful, but we then had to continue for another six miles to get back to camp and it did not stop raining for a moment. However, once again the march was well done and early singing was a great inspiration. The Colour Sergeant made it? Yes, indeed! His first march for eight years! By Monday evening we were back in Berlin and on the Wednesday we were on the Square, pounding it in anticipation of the Birthday Parade on 8th June, when we troop our colours. Last year the parade was held in front of 70,000 spectators in the Olympic Stadium, so it can be realised that it is not only vital that we shall be good on parade, but also that we shall be seen to be good.

On Sunday, 30th April, we drove off to Soltau in operational order and we stayed in that order until we returned on Saturday, 6th May. On our departure 6 Platoon were depleted by the departure of 2/Lt. Mather and a Section of the Platoon as "B" Company's contribution to the Composite Platoon for Denmark. At Soltau we spent two days preparing a defensive position from which we launched an attack supported by two troops of tanks from "B" Squadron, 1st Royal Tanks. We had a good run through and we by-passed all opposition until tea-time when we had a successful battle against a troop of "enemy" tanks from 3rd Royal Tanks. The next day was tougher and we had several engagements, culminating in our being forced to withdraw later in the evening. The withdrawal continued throughout the next day, and a very successful scheme concluded when the Battalion pulled back into a night harbour area.

We are now back in Berlin practising for the big parade.

In the field of sport we have not had much opportunity as there has been little competitive sport at company level. We have, however, finished second

in the Company Football League. But we have not done quite so well in the Company Hockey League. We cannot catch "A" Company and we are unlikely to beat "H.Q." Company, but we hope to finish third. Individually L/Cpl. Wilson has played regularly for the Battalion Football Team and was a reserve for the Brigade side. In addition, Ptes. Dennis, Mortimer and Wright have played for the Battalion. At Hockey the Company Commander and 2/Lt. Vivian have been regular members of the Battalion side and Pte. Alliston played one game. In the Battalion Six-a-Side Competition, Major Howgego led the Battalion to victory with a side which included 2/Lt. Vivian. In the junior side which was not so lucky L/Cpl. Kirby and Pte. Chapman played. At Rugger 2/Lts. Conder, Mackay and Mather, Cpl. Thompson and Pte. Paxon have played for the XV, while 2/Lt. Mackay distinguished himself in the Brigade Senior XV, and in the Brigade Sevens which we were delighted to win, beating 1st K.O.S.B. in the final.

Sgt. Taylor shot for the Battalion .22 Team when they were beaten in the B.A.O.R. Championships at Sennelager. Sgt. Smith and L/Cpl. Brown are at present training for the Battalion Shooting Team for the B.A.O.R. Championship in June. At Athletics we did not shine in the Battalion meeting, but Cpl. Thompson, L/Cpl. Stocker, Ptes. Lyus, Bowness, Decks and Giblett are training for the Brigade Competition.

During this period we have had only one promotion and we congratulate Cpl. Mixer on his promotion to Sergeant, but we have lost him on his appointment as Provost Sergeant.

We have lost Capt. Catchpole who had been 2 i/c. with long periods as acting Company Commander ever since amalgamation. There is no doubt that he has done "B" Company well and last year led the Company to victory in the Battalion Swimming Championships. As organiser of Battalion Rugby Football he has also been a stalwart. It is a pity that this is not a gladiator sport for Capt. Catchpole is something of a gladiator in his own right. Before he left for U.K. to search for houses in Harwich after a brief period as O.C. "H.Q." Company, he was a leading contender for a place in the Battalion Shooting Team and would certainly have been required for the Athletics Team as he put no mean Shot. We congratulate him on passing his promotion practical and we wish him happiness and success on his return to the King's African Rifles in July.

We have also lost 2/Lt. Philcox to "H.Q." Company as Administrative Officer, Cpl. Bullock who spent a bare three months with us, Ptes. Himfen and Duck who have taken their release, and Ptes. Cross, Holden and Gavilett who have gone to E.R.E. Ptes. Buckle, Elliott and Hudson, having successfully passed a driving cadre, have been transferred to "H.Q." Company, together with Pte. Worskitt who has become batman to the Padre.

In addition to L/Cpl. Eagle and Pte. Bush, Ptes. Short and Webb have taken wives into themselves and the following have gained an increase in their family — Ptes. Alliston, Cattermole, Colgan, Dennis and Curry.

As increases to the Company we welcome 2/Lt. Conder who has joined us from "A" Company after an interval in U.K. on various courses, Sgts. Evans and Smith from U.K., Cpl. Sparrow from the Mortars and Cpl. Boggis who has rejoined us from

Maidstone. L/Cpl. Stoker has been posted from the Orderly Room, but we have not seen him yet as he has been busily engaged in Athletics. Ptes. Ellis and Colgan have come from Support Company and Ptes. Buree and Riches from the M.T., while the following have been drafted in from U.K. — Ptes. Breeze, Goff, Larter, Moyse, White 42 and Willgoss and the Company now has a total of 5 Officers, 6 W.O's/ Sergeants, 8 Corporals, 14 L/Corporals and 85 Privates.

During the past ten days we have had Anglia Television and the Press in our midst, but unfortunately the weather has not been particularly suitable for television. However, the cameramen are persistent and a fair number of potential stars should have appeared on the home goggle-boxes by the time these notes are printed. Notable among these are 2/Lt. Vivian, Sgt. King and various other members of No. 7 Platoon who were photographed on the start line of a Battalion attack during the Soltau week. It must be one of the few occasions on which a Battalion attack has been held up by a group of cameramen, covered in compassion and the fog of total war.

"C" COMPANY

The Nutters — The Grave Diggers The Green Devils

Company Commander	Major P. Thain
2 i/c.	Captain P. G. Raven
9 Platoon	2/Lt. P. K. R. Ross
10 Platoon	2/Lt. F. Wilson
11 Platoon	2/Lt. W. H. Reeve
Company H.Q.	Lt. B. E. J. White
Detached	2/Lt. H. R. Horrex
	(Adventure Training—Norway)
C.S.M.	W.O.II A. H. Doughty
C.Q.M.S.	C/Sgt. E. M. Sennett

In our last attempt at telling the outside world of our activities we left everyone with the impression that "C" Company were either in the Grunewald being hammered by the enemy, or on skis happily oblivious to anything to do with the Army.

Now it is all changed. The Company made a great effort on the Battle Test and although there were cries of "I am too old" everyone worked flat out and deserved the 2nd place they were given. Congratulations Mr. Horrex, Sgt. Garwood and the really hard working Platoon. Also we must not forget the gallant effort by C.Q.M.S. Sennett and the enemy for their help and co-operation.

Going slightly quieter from the strains of being shot at, the Company once again had to compete for the .22 shooting. It will be noted we reported our win in the last issue but owing to delaying tactics by "A" Company we had to re-fire and were placed second. During this time we were relieved of C.S.M. Evans, R., M.M., who is our master coach and shot and had to rely on the rather twisted humour of Sgt. Bullock and his Nelson's Eye!

It was with great relief we welcomed back our ski party and found that Terry Thomas had only affected 2/Lt. Gamberoni who has hastily packed and gone to join the African Forces. We wish him the very best of luck and hope he will not forget the many pleasant hours we have spent.

March was a rather strenuous time for all as the Battalion held its Annual Sports day. Although it



Men of "C" Coy. on a German Tank.

Left to Right: Pte. Swanton, Pte. Humphrey, Pte. Cheeseman, German Driver.

rained continuously, a very good attempt was made by all and "C" Company came second. The main points to be noted were the competition by Ptes. Day and Jenkins and the way Pte. French wanted to enter every race.

Hard luck to the tug-o-war team; it looked so easy at first but with all that beef it leaves only one answer. Pte. Bryant made a very good performance with the hammer and we were all very sorry to see the hammer going the wrong way. After the practice he has now had we are all sure he will not only rectify that fault, but need a vehicle to retrieve his hammer!

Around this time also, the Company Commander and quite a few members of the Company were sweating it out on a Guard of Honour for General J. Allard, C. in C. French Forces in Germany. It was well worth the time to see the look of concentration on Major Thain's face as he reported in French to the General. 2/Lt. Horrex, who was ensign, had a small difficulty in that his left and right sides changed places continuously. As always though, the parade went off very well; the Company Commander breathed a sigh of relief, and dashed off for a quick sip of champagne.

There have been quite a few changes in the Company and I will briefly run through the names of the old members we have lost and the newcomers.

C.S.M. R. Evans, M.M., has at long last given Pte. Cook a rest and gone to Support Company where he is giving the shooting team quite a hectic time. We all know he needed the rest but it is a gain bet he will rejoin his Company when he gets the chance. C.S.M. Doughty has joined the Company and although he is shortly going to the T.A. we are more than pleased to welcome him. Three new members altogether are Lt. White from the Ghana Troops in the Congo and 2/Lt. Reeve who joins us from Sandhurst. Mr. Reeve, who having already indulged in a few Battalion and Company exercises, has got that Viking spirit and is now well established as 11 Platoon's Commander. Welcome to you both. Sgt. Taylor, M. has also joined the Company and is at the moment along with the other Company athletic teams throwing the discus and calling the roll. Sgt. Taylor will be taking the place of Sgt. Garwood who will be going to Cambridge T.A. in May.

Sennelager once again proved full of surprises and of great benefit to one and all. It was noted that the Company Commander and C.S.M. both placed



Sgt. Bullock of "C" Coy. instructs a member of a visiting Panzer Crew in the use of the Sterling Sub-Machine Gun.

very good rockets in the old tank and are now looking for crossed Rocket Launcher Badges. The happiest note of Sennelager is the weather which proved the sun can shine for a week. While training we all mixed in the the German Panzers and although the language barrier was there, friendship was once again won. Returning to Berlin the Queen's Birthday Parade is really taking its toll of the Company, and what with cries of "Royal Salute" and "Who has got my boot polish", the Company is once again back to normal rather crazy standard. Perhaps by the time we arrive at home we may even be nearly normal.

"SUPPORT" COMPANY H.Q.

Company Commander ... Major I. A. Haycraft
C.S.M. ... W.O.H. T. Aspinall
C.Q.M.S. ... C/Sgt. J. Nichols
Company Clerk ... L/Cpl. J. Fordham
Company Storeman ... L/Cpl. F. Lloyd
Company Storeman ... Pte. D. Browne
Company Storeman ... Pte. G. Line

Since our last notes both Major J. B. Dye, M.C., and C.S.M. Cox have left us, Major Dye to the War Office (where we hope he is spending most of his time looking after the interests of Support Company 1st East Anglian) and C.S.M. (Knocker) Cox to the 4th Battalion (T.A.) Royal Norfolks, where we know

he will be spending most of his time making "roll ups" and trying to keep himself warm. Both received a resounding send-off in the Company Club on the eve of their departure, but we take this opportunity again to wish them well in their new jobs and hope to see them when we return to the U.K.

Since February we have had many interesting times in the Grunewald, at Sennelager and Soltau. At Sennelager 36 Grenades were much in evidence and helped to keep the interest from flagging. L/Cpl. (Base Wallah) Fordham continues to maintain sanity and some sort of order in the Company Office despite the continual harassings from the C.S.M., O.R.Q.M.S. and all and sundry.

C/Sgt. Nichols became a father on the 6th March 1961 when his wife gave birth to a baby girl. He thus now qualifies for the substantive rank of "Daddy". L/Cpl. Fordham and Ptes. Lines and Browne have all been fortunate enough to get in some Ski Training. They all came back looking very fit and sunburned and with very long hair. On return they were despatched immediately to the Barber's Shop by the C.S.M. They are all now seriously considering entering for the next Winter Olympics.

L/Cpl. (Flash) Lloyd, our G1098 expert and the oldest soldier in the Company proved himself a dab hand with the "Tommy Cooker" at Soltau. With unlimited supplies of solid fuel he managed to produce an endless supply of hot, sweet tea to the satisfaction of the C.S.M. and C.Q.M.S. in "A" Echelon, which is no mean feat. It has been conservatively estimated that he used enough solid fuel to put three Redstone Rockets plus astronauts into orbit around the moon.

At the time of writing we are overwhelmed with preparations for the Queen's Birthday Parade and the move to U.K. According to L/Cpl. Fordham if all the "Bumph" was laid end to end it would reach from here to Harwich and back again and there would still be enough left to keep the Berlin Flame alight for another 16 years. However we are, as always, confident that we will survive and we are preparing for the rigours of disembarkation leave on our arrival in U.K.

In closing we would like to be remembered to all ex-members of the Company wherever they may be and we hope to meet many of them again in U.K. If any of them are thinking of coming back to us there is plenty of room for them in their old billets.

M.M.G./Assault Pioneer Platoon

The year began for us with frantic preparation and a number of exercises prior to the Inter Platoon Battle Competition. Our main task was to construct a Battalion Command Post underground and so, after consultation with the Commanding Officer, we produced a sizeable prototype earthwork which we filled with battle maps, battle boards, tables, chairs, wireless sets, lighting systems and all the associated paraphernalia. The defence stores, such as pickets, corrugated iron and sandbags were planned down to the last item and our stores truck when fully loaded would not have looked out of place in a breaker's yard.

The first exercise to test our abilities was called "We Three Kings" and was conducted under Arctic conditions in late January. At one time some 28 degrees of frost were apparently registered, and a biting easterly wind added to our discomfort. On

this exercise the Command Post was a singular failure! We had no less than six collapses in various parts of the excavation, all of which occurred at the specimen bad time of between half past midnight and two o'clock one morning — a time, we are told, when the human metabolism is at its lowest ebb.

The C.O.'s exercise, "Falling Star", was much more successful and held under more temperate conditions. We produced a palatial hole which, when camouflaged, was undetectable at twenty yards or so. This took some 18 hours to produce, working solidly from one afternoon, through the night to the following morning. This proved to be our undoing on the actual competition as we were only allowed 6 hours for completion. Consequently we were only able to dig a much modified version of the "de luxe" model which was not as well constructed or concealed.

After the furore of the Battle Competition a number of us were despatched to the Special Training Wing at Silberhutte in the Harz Mountains for a fortnight's ski-ing. This was carried out in a spirit of extreme merriment and the antics of some, particularly the Platoon Commander and Ptes. Cox, Bates, Howlett and Allison defy description. The remainder, Cpl. Aldridge, Ptes Brown 54, Stanger and Murfitt put up a really creditable performance and by the end of the fortnight and despite a deterioration in snow conditions, we all, by skill or sheer good fortune, could negotiate slopes and surfaces which at the outset would have seemed suicidal. Leaving behind us a number of shattered trees and one or two displaced features on the ground, we returning to Berlin battered but satisfied.

On our return the Sappers at Smuts Barracks ran a Mines and Demolitions Course for us and once again we were involved in the business of Assault Pioneering. The Mines Phase culminated in a visit to the French Army Mines School in the Quartier Napoleon. This well laid out display exhibited almost every conceivable type of mine imaginable and we were impressed with the variety of mines available to the French Army.

Before going to Sennelager in early April we were involved in a three day affair in the Grunewald known as "March Hare". For us this involved laying a large number of small "nuisance" minefields in the path of the advancing "enemy" — the 2nd Green-jackets. Although largely ignored by both enemy and umpires alike, it at least gave us further practice in our job.

At Sennelager we had a varied and quite interesting time. Ambush drills, mine warfare, demolitions and the inevitable battle simulation made up some of our activities. In the demolitions practice on the Brunswick area, the C.O. induced a state of some anxiety by inviting us to join him in a gulley not 100 yards away from the firing area before the charges — which included a cratering charge, four Bangalore torpedoes, a steel cutting charge and one 6-in. Beehive hollow charge — went up. When they did, we were subjected to a gentle shower of hot steel splinters, but somehow were missed by any heavier bits and pieces.

Our time at Sennelager ended with an uncomfortable exercise known as "Chance Encounter". This involved digging in along a high forested ridge in order to repel a night attack by one of the Companies. The setting was Wagnerian in the extreme with swirling mist and rain lashing horizontally through the dripping forest — "just like Burma" as

the second-in-command, Major Forrest, gleefully put it. The attack came in about midnight accompanied by sporadic firing and hoarse shouts from the enemy who seemed to arrive in some confusion. After they had disappeared into the rain and darkness we collected our sodden belongings together and set off downhill towards the Battalion Camp. After a long, and at times serpentine, march through the forests and across a tank training area totally devoid of any recognisable features we arrived back tired, damp but unbroken, while a number of wiser but perhaps not so enthusiastic souls were seen clandestinely dismounting from some unidentifiable vehicle in a considerably lesser state of stress!

A week or so of solid drill provided a change if not some respite from all these goings-on before we set off once again — this time on a Battalion exercise on the Soltau Training Area, where we were employed as enemy to the Battalion, forming part of a cosmopolitan bunch known as the Lippemen. A certain amount of mining, battle simulation and ordinary Rifle Company work, and some 500 miles in our vehicles saw us through this highly mobile exercise. Again the elements were not particularly kind and every day could guarantee a variety of weather conditions from bright sunshine to thunderstorm.

Now once again we are back in Berlin wearing our boots out on the Battalion square and the grass off the Maifeld in practice for the Queen's Birthday Parade. As the move back to U.K. looms before us the paint brushes are out once more and the frantic attempt to make up deficiencies has begun again.

By the time this issue is in circulation, the Platoon will have been decimated by the move of National Servicemen to 2nd East Anglian, so perhaps it is fitting here to wish the eight stalwarts concerned — Ptes. Debbage, Mearing, Meek, Stanger, Cock, Murfitt, Smith and Wade—goodbye and good luck with their new Regiment.

3rd Mortar Platoon ("Mors subitus")

The last four months have been among the most interesting and energetic we have spent in Berlin.

For the first month we found ourselves, much to our surprise, heavily involved in the Battle Tests. We did better than our colleagues in the Company (naturally), but the K.O.S.B. Mortars nudged us out of first place. However, it must go on record that our score in the small-arms shooting exceeded that of the other two Mortar Platoons put together.

In March most of us got some ski-ing in Austria or at Silberhutte as a change from mortar work; early April saw us all together at Sennelager. The ranges allotted to us were rather restricted, but we got through some interesting and beneficial shoots, particularly on the occasion when a stray bomb convincingly demonstrated its fragmentation effect on a range warden's hut. We felt some relief that it was unoccupied at the time. A large number of German panzer-crews paid us a visit and were all allowed a try at firing this unfamiliar device from the wrong, or front end. "Sehr interessant", they assured us, and lost no time in returning to the safety of their tanks.

Recently the Platoon split up again; this time one lucky section under Cpl. Watts joined the Denmark party, while Cpl. Hart kept the rest to prop up the rest of the Battalion at Soltau. The Platoon Commander couldn't make up his mind



A German soldier from the Panzers learns how to fire the 3" Mortar.

Left to Right: Pte. Gillings, Pte. Cole, German Panzer, Pte. Way.

which lot to join and settled for a soft number at "A" Echelon as conductor-batman to two Press reporters. He will keep well clear of soft numbers in future, in any Echelon from A to Z. Sgt. High felt he had had enough of Soltau last year to last a lifetime and stayed behind in Berlin; now he is on a two-month course with the U.S. Army learning underwater rock-climbing for his sins, on, under, and around the Mediterranean. The rest of us are more prosaically occupied practising for the Queen's Birthday Parade.

Privates Causton, Lawrie, Ayrtton, Chapman and Gillings are welcome additions to our strength. Regrettably, the last-named three, in company with older hands Howlett, Beales, Utting and Wisbey will all be leaving us shortly on a cross-posting to 2nd East Anglian. We will miss them all and be very sorry to see them go. Someone we were also sorry to say goodbye to was L/Cpl. 'George' Taylor, who left us for that bane of our existence, Civvy Street, in March. He was our senior member and has left an unfillable gap. We hope to see him around in Harwich when we get there; until we do we must make the most of the short time remaining to us in Berlin.

Anti-Tank Platoon

Platoon Commander Lt. Jefferson
Platoon Sergeant Sgt. Taylor

Since the last notes we have welcomed Cpl. Callaghan and Ptes. Bidwell, Carmen, Jackson and Waters; they just missed the trio of exercises in February, but we were able to take part in March Hare, when our four guns appeared to be in about ten places at any one time. L/Cpl. Spidy spent all March ski-ing and tanning himself in Austria — he was met off the train in Erhwald by his Platoon Commander who was there for half the time and treble the cost! Cpl. Jones also made good progress on skis in the Hartz Mountains.

Cpl. Goodrum took the Platoon to Sennelager, leaving behind in Berlin Lt. Jefferson, Sgt. Taylor, Cpl. Jones and Pte. Blade to practise for the Battalion Shooting Team. Training at Sennelager finished with Exercise "Chance Encounter", when the Platoon turned into riflemen, and to all accounts dug in and concealed themselves better than Rifle Companies usually do — perhaps owing to their practice in digging gunpits. A fortnight's drill in Berlin and then off again to Soltau and Hohne. Owing to other commitments two detachments only fired off the

Platoon's annual allocation of ammunition. Cpl. Wilson's experience told in very difficult shooting conditions; the weather was foul, with high winds and frequent rainstorms — our bivouacs being completely flooded out. In spite of the weather there was some enthusiastic shooting, with the night shoot being especially creditable. For the night shoot Pte. Docherty, now M.T., put up the flares, and, as well as driving, was an excellent and hard-working cook. Cpl. Goodrum's and L/Cpl. Spidy's detachments are lucky enough to have gone to Denmark with the composite platoon; one hopes that Ptes. Creasey and Munford will not miss too much the flavour of Berlin beer — but one never knows, they may be Carlsberg addicts on their return.

HEADQUARTER COMPANY

Company Commander ... Capt. J. R. Heath
Company Admin. Officer ... 2/Lt. M. A. Philcox
C.S.M. ... W.O.II R. G. Fowler, M.M.
C.Q.M.S. ... C/Sgt. D. Richardson
Assistant C.Q.M.S. ... Sgt. J. H. Sweeney

"H.Q." Company continues as before with a regular change of command and personnel. Major Wigginton departed in a blaze of glory and his ancient Rolls Royce. Even an international city like Berlin had never seen a Rolls Royce like this one and on its regular visits to the Opera in the East Sector the peasants would form an admiring crowd around it, carefully explaining to their offspring that only in the Western world would such a vehicle be permitted!

Major Wigginton was succeeded by Major Haycraft who left us after a very few days for Support Company. Captain Catchpole took command for only a few weeks only to be given the plum job(?) of finding accommodation in our next station for our families. At the moment of writing these notes we are commanded by Capt. Heath who shows no signs of leaving us although a good deal of his time is spent on Athletics and a host of other occupations.

An arrangement with the Battalion Orderly Room gave us L/Cpl. Jacobs in exchange for L/Cpl. Brown as Company Clerk. Pte. Dixon, who has recently returned from a series of ski-courses is now preparing for yet another session of adventure training, this time in Norway, while our stalwart Company Runner, Pte. Hughes, has departed from the cares of the office to the joys of the M.T. Platoon. Sgt. Sweeney is on the point of leaving us for Great Yarmouth where he is joining the 4th Royal Norfolk. Our latest, and only new arrival in Company H.Q. is L/Cpl. Casey who has taken over the never-ending, ever-joyful task of Company Orderly Sergeant.

Battalion Orderly Room

"We are here to serve"

O.R.Q.M.S. ... E.G.A. Smith
Sergeant ... D. O. James

In the next few months the Battalion Orderly Room staff will experience that busiest of all events in a regiment's life namely a change of station. In preparation for these occasions the Orderly Room really comes into its own, and quickly takes on a close resemblance to Marks & Spencers, with everybody coming to make a thousand and one enquiries (all dealt with with quiet efficiency for which the Orderly Room is renowned).

The arrangements for moving 128 families to U.K. are already completed, the majority of this being accomplished in one day with the minimum of fuss and maximum of co-operation from all concerned. The families start to depart in May.

Another duty performed by us is the arranging of marriages for all the young Vikings who have found their true love in Berlin. We had hoped to supply a member from the Orderly Room for the marriage stakes but we suspect that that member got cold feet at the last minute.

One of our most heart-rending tasks was the cross posting of some 160 National Servicemen to the 2nd East Anglian Regiment. Many valuable people were lost to the Battalion, but our loss was the 2nd's gain and we must console ourselves with that thought.

Many new faces are welcomed into our select band and some old faces welcomed back. In March we were pleased to welcome back for a second spell as Adjutant, Capt. P. D. L. Hopper, relieving Capt. J. R. Heath who had steered us on an even course from January to March.

February saw the arrival of the terrible twins Pte. Sadler (another Ipswich supporter) and Pte. Normington. Despite much threatening and bullying from the Documents Section, Pte. Normington is still a National Serviceman having completely failed to see the advantages of a regular engagement.

Pte. Griggs was next to make an appearance and is now to be seen organising the Dispatch Office prior to going on a Clerk's Course at Warminster in May. We welcome into the Orderly Room L/Cpl. Brown, though he can hardly be described as a newcomer having been the mainstay of H.Q. Company Office for some time.

It is now the proud boast of the Documents Section that the Battalion's documents are "Very Good". Pte. Pallett was privileged to visit the famous (infamous?) domains of Infantry Records during the quest for perfection, but has remained curiously cagey about his experiences (he always was a dark horse). However a great deal of hard work was put into this effort and we offer our congratulations to Sgt. James and his team.

The Battalion Orderly Room was represented by three stalwarts at the Battalion's annual period at Sennelager, namely Cpl. Gaffer, Ptes. Legood and Barrett. Unfortunately one of them was proved redundant and had to be deprived of a day on cookhouse fatigues to be returned to Berlin. The remaining two soldiered on bravely with the help of Capt. Mills who made the odd appearance whilst acting as Adjutant.

Cpl. Gaffer, after his exciting stay at Sennelager, is now to be congratulated on his appointment as i/c. baggage for the Battalion move, an appointment with which we feel sure he is delighted.

In May Sgt. James is leaving us to be temporarily attached to the 2nd East Anglian Regiment where his knowledge and experience, he tells us, will be put to good use.

The Battalion is practising hard for the Queen's Birthday Parade in June, but it is regretted that no members of the Orderly Room will be on parade on this occasion (it is not that we couldn't do it, it's just that our talents are needed for other things). There was, however, some hint earlier in the year from the O.R.Q.M.S. that he would be gracing the

Suffolk Regiment Colour Party. He has since remained singularly quiet about the subject, but we can assure him of all possible assistance from his devoted staff in the intricacies of drill with this new thing known as S.L.R. if the need should arise.

The month of April saw the founding of the Battalion H.Q. "Bung Club" of which the staff of the Orderly Room are founder members. Bunting is now going on enthusiastically with everybody keen on the noble art. One member, on being challenged whilst having a shower, produced his bung from his mouth! Many pleasant evenings are now promised in the "Hottengrund Keller" paying off debts incurred by those who mislay their bungs.

To finish, the staff, led by the O.R.Q.M.S., would like to make this one small request hoping that it may come to the ears of Whitehall. Please may we keep our female typists when we return to the U.K., we would willingly undertake all the necessary arrangements and responsibility as we feel sure that despite certain biological difficulties they would make really excellent Vikings!!!!

Band

Bandmaster ... W.O.I G. A. Holben, A.R.C.M.
Band Sergeant ... S/Sgt. F. George

As the day for our departure to Harwich draws near we plunge into a fever of activity. Boxes are packed, unpacked, painted and numbered with surprising regularity while the band wears grooves in the Battalion Square in preparation for the Queen's Birthday Parade and the recruiting drive in England. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Cpl. Raper, L/Cpl. Jobes, Bandsmen Philbrick, Maine and Hill on the birth of their respective sons.

On the 14th of March we played a short programme followed by the beating of retreat for the American 2nd Battle Group. They appear to gather an audience in the approved British Army tradition. We were entertained afterwards in their Hall of Honour with coffee and buns. Later in March we held our own little sports meeting with a galaxy of talent and enthusiasm. The mile was very popular for the first lap when most of the entrants developed a variety of crippling ailments. In the face of keen competition the B/M., Bdsman. Maine, Ship and Bloomfield were picked to represent the Company at the Battalion Sports Meeting. Our congratulations go to Bdsman. Maine for winning the Javelin, Shot Putt and Discus, to the B/M for coming 2nd in the Hammer and to Bdsman. Ship and Bloomfield who ran in the 200 metres relay team which took 2nd place.

The latest craze to sweep the band is angling and at any off-duty moment you can find members flailing each other to death with fishing rods in the local waterways. The B/M. has even launched his boat, the S.S. "Never Budge", and is slowly teaching it to float. On the 11th of April we went down to Spandau Station to bid farewell to the K.O.S.B. as they left to the U.K. They heard our band, then left. Never shy, we rushed back to the station at 9 p.m. to welcome the Welch Regiment which was a pity really, because they didn't arrive until half past eleven. It was a nice, cool, crisp evening, and so was the language.

It is with deep regret that we say a final farewell to L/Cpl. Jobes' two front teeth which unfortunately passed away on April the 20th. They have been

loyal and devoted molars both in the Practice Room and in the Dining Hall. They will be sadly missed by L/Cpl. Jobes. Football in the band has developed into a cool, scientific art with a strong continental flavour. This is reflected by the fact that there have only been two minor injuries in recent band matches. Cpl. Baxter suffering a broken arm and L/Cpl. Neal enjoying a broken leg which unfortunately excludes him from the Queen's Birthday Parade.

As these notes go to Press we should be in the midst of a vast and wonderful recruiting campaign with the Battalion Drill team in the uncharted countryside of Norfolk and Suffolk. We hope to meet many old friends as we thunder on our way but our commitments are heavy and it looks as though drinking time will be seriously curtailed. Even the small hours may be smaller than usual. With this sad thought in mind we would like to take this opportunity to be the first to wish you all a very happy Christmas.

Corps of Drums

Drum Major ... T. Hitchen
Sergeant ... R. Huxtable

This year we held our Annual Social in the Battalion Cinema; over 60 drummers and guests, including members of the 4th Independent Platoon W.R.A.C., were present.

The M.C. for that evening was Sgt. Huxtable, who has plenty of experience at keeping the "peasants" in order at these gatherings. The Regimental 'Dance' Band was in attendance and "Take your Pick" was played with the assistance of Mrs. Huxtable calling out the answers to the Quiz, which put her in the "Doghouse" for days afterwards. It is reported that one of our W.R.A.C. guests broke all sprinting records to escape Cpl. Phillips' "evil" arms. Voices in harmony were provided by Drummer Smith and his friends — unfortunately they didn't want to stop. Dmr. Stokes (3 Pts. and he's away) concluded the entertainment, singing his sentimental Irish Ballads with tears streaming down his face. We hear the Regimental Band are playing a new piece of music called "Robinson through the Looking Glass" (Well there y-are). In all (or should we say 'all in') a good time was had by everyone.

Since last writing in our journal we have had an increase in the ranks of married men. On the 25th February 1961, Dmr. Fenton became eligible for Marriage Allowance. He was married to Miss R. Davies at St. Paul's Church, Hackney, London and to both we of the Corps extend our hearty congratulations.

On the 24th March the Band and Drums gave a marching display to the United States 2nd Battle Group, who are serving in Berlin. On arrival at the American Camp we had a grandstand view of the 'Yanks' being marched to the spectator stands. After we had puzzled out who was in charge of the squads we settled down to try and puzzle out the Drill "movements". What with L/HO, R/HO and Wheel/HO, Dmr. Taylor began to think that the Yanks had got some new Farming Implement. After explaining to him that things were not as he thought the Band broke the ice with a programme of military music. At this point we found one of our Drummers was missing. After a search of "Stephanies", "The Corner House" and "Willie Bar", the miscreant was found in the "PX" talking to some of his buddies from King's Lynn. When asked what he was doing there

he replied he hadn't seen "The Stars and Stripes" for 5 whole days — Total War. We then formed up and marched on to "The Great Little Army" then followed our "Quick and Slow" which always goes down well with spectators. We introduced after this a Drum Solo called "Off the Cuff" which the Drums have been practising for a long time. This went down very well with the Bandmaster and the R.S.M. (who just happened to be there). The Corps would like to thank the Regimental Band for their co-operation on this; without them we couldn't have done it. We concluded the display by forming the "Mushroom" to "Mad Major" and marched off to the "Thunderer" followed by the Regimental March.

After the display we were invited to "The Hall of Fame" by our American friends to partake of coffee and cookies. This was enjoyed by all particularly the Drum Major, who, it is reported, greeted his wife on arriving home, "Hi, honey, where's the chow"? A speech of thanks was given by the Commander 2nd Battle Group, who congratulated us on our turnout, drill and finished his speech by saying "Those are Regulars".

Easter brought upon us our Training at Sennelager, and of course the Connaught Shield. Our team for the latter did very well, although they didn't pull the Shield our way. Our congratulations to Cpl. May's team and Drm. Smith's. (For the uninformed The Connaught Shield in the B.A.O.R. Stretcher Bearers' Team Competition).

It is a pity that our fire bug decided that the heating wasn't adequate; little did he know that when he let in a couple of fireflies to improve the heating they also burned his credits.

Back in Berlin we are rehearsing for the Queen's Birthday Parade and also our U.K. Tour which covers the Period June-September — what with slow and quick marching even Talbot makes mistakes.

We would be very pleased to see any of our ex-drummers on the tour so we ask you all in the East Anglian Area to look out for us and come and have a drink.

We would like to welcome to the Corps, Junior Guardsman Hitchen who joined us on 21st April at 2357 hrs. from B.M.H., Berlin, weight 7lbs. 5 ozs. Three minutes later he would have been in the book; Charge, "Failing to arrive on the Queen's Birthday". Our congratulations to the happy parents.

They tell us that Dmr. (YM) Smith was so busy packing and painting the other day that Cpl. Tidman finished up with one undercoat and Harwich stencilled on his back.

Our tour to the U.K. will now be permanent, so it is goodbye to Berlin, but not "The Berlin Luft" we hope. We wonder how long it will be before we see Germany again.

Regimental Medical Centre ("We never close")

Since our last notes we have managed to do quite a lot of First Aid Training: some hard but useful exercises have been carried out at Sennelager, the Battalion Stretcher Bearers also taking part in them. We were contestants in the Connaught Shield Competition for Stretcher Bearers, and although not winning, were placed very high in the final results.

The second part of the training period found us on Soltau Ranges. The Medical Officer, Captain

Taylor, was actually in possession of his eating utensils and razor for a change — well done, Sir!! Sgt. (Doc) Newitt acted as cook for the Med. Section, and his curried stews have been proclaimed by all and sundry as the best yet produced. Ptes. McVelia and Gill were both seen making an attempt to get the primus stove going on a windy day, but never quite seemed to manage it.

Now a few things we would like to know:—

1. Who pinched Cpl. (Jock) Starr's bike from outside the Medical Centre.
2. What happened to the Thigh Bone Fracture Sgt. (Doc) Newitt was looking for on the Parachute Drop made by the Americans at Soltau?
3. Where did Pte. ("Let's face it, Sergeant") Batty get the measles from?
4. Where did Pte. ("Shall I get the maid, Sergeant") McVelia get the idea he was going on Demob. soon from?
5. What happened to Pte. ("Can I go to dinner now, Sergeant?") Gill's week-end pass?

M.T. Platoon "Perpetuum Mobile"

M.T.O.	Lt. (Q.M.) N. McColl
M.T. Sergeant	Sgt. Ansell
Technical Sergeant	Sgt. Tidd
R.E.M.E. Sergeant	Sgt. Evans

"No jargon or abbreviations that will not be easily understood by civilian readers". That was one of the directions of the sub-editor. Understandably so! But reading through the last edition, we wonder how many "military" readers understood the various abbreviations, particularly the ones pertaining to the Battalion's vehicles. Perhaps now is the time to explain that in Berlin, we have a range of vehicles which is completely German, which means, among other things, that they are of different sizes and have different pay-loads to ours. The smallest vehicle in a $\frac{1}{2}$ tonner called a D.K.W. (these letters are the abbreviations for Deutsches Kleines Wunder — or Germany's Little Wonder!). The next in size is the $1\frac{1}{2}$ tonner Unimog — made by Mercedes, and then there is the $4\frac{1}{2}$ tonner Mercedes. So you can see that all those $1\frac{1}{2}$ and $4\frac{1}{2}$ figures in the last edition were NOT printers' errors!

We now take the Battalion Orderly Room to task — for saying that all other departments sported mottoes above their notes. We, the Mechanical



Pte. Halls with his D.K.W.

Transport Platoon did not. However, not wishing to be too different from everyone else, we have now rectified that omission — Perpetuum Mobile or Perpetual Motion. And who, after serving as a driver, would deny that that is most appropriate?

Our Club, "The Continental", goes from strength to strength. Pte. Holmes, of Littleport, Cambs., has added another most excellent mural, depicting an Andy Capp-type Viking raid. Our visitors have included the Adjutant General, the head of the N.A.A.F.I., and most of the rest of the battalion! We entertained the visiting Danish, German and Berlin Soccer teams with great success, and of course we have had our own platoon social nights. Next on the list of events is a "Grand Social" to say farewell to Lt. McColl and to welcome Lt. Norman, on 20th May 1961.

Training in West Germany this year has been most interesting, and in some instances, unusual. At Sennelager, the fitters changed no less than three clutch assemblies and a gear box, and that without a workshop! Sennelager too, was voted a success because the drivers were only called upon to drive, and shoot their weapons when they were with a Company on the range.

Soltau was much more interesting. Lots of experience in cross-country driving by day and night was gained. It is hoped that lots of lessons were learned by those awful people we call "the users". Lessons such as learning that grossly overloading vehicles shortens the life of a vehicle. (Imagine, a loaded $\frac{1}{2}$ tonner towing a fully laden $\frac{1}{2}$ ton trailer AND fifteen men on the trailer!!).

The M.T.O. did the exercise at Soltau in style. How he managed it, we don't know, but he lived throughout the training period in the caravan of the General Officer Commanding — Berlin. It would appear that he is getting too old to rough it in holes in the ground like the rest of us! (Lucky man!).

Both the M.T.O. and Sgt. Ansell were ambushed and "killed" on the exercise, but they reckon it was worth it, after sampling the American cigarettes and whisky of the "enemy"!

The return journey to Berlin had its trials. Rather than tow a broken-down $\frac{1}{2}$ tonner all the way back, Sgt. Evans loaded it in the back of his $4\frac{1}{2}$ ton recovery vehicle — much to the consternation of the Russians at the Check Point.

With "The Viking Platoon" at present in Denmark, we have seven of our drivers. They put in a lot of work on their vehicles before they left; besides being thoroughly cleaned and serviced, the waggons were resplendent with Viking heads on the doors and "The Vikings" painted across the cab.

Much time is now being spent in preparing the DKW's for the Queen's Birthday Parade. They have to be thoroughly cleaned, repaired and re-painted, but to see them on parade, proudly flying the Viking pennant will make all the hard work well worth while.

Our travelling types of the M.T. have enjoyed their travels. Pte. Kilmister, of Daventry, spent a month ski-ing in Austria, and Pte. Baker, of Thetford, enjoyed a holiday in Norway.

The famed "Berliner Luft" is having its effect on our drivers as well as anyone else. Pte. Parker, of Hertford, was married on his last leave. Pte. Locke, of Ipswich, was married in Berlin last week, and L/Cpl. Green 04, of March, and Pte. Kilvington, of Fleggburgh, are planning to be married soon.

Cpl. Chapman, of Harwich, Cpl. Hutchings, of Ipswich, and L/Cpl. Bailey, of Wymondham have become, or are about to become, proud fathers. To all of them go our congratulations.

The platoon is represented by Pte. Champion in the Battalion Shooting team, and by L/Cpl. Gore in the Athletic team. L/Cpl. Gore was also a member of the winning hockey six-a-side competition — he also plays soccer for the Battalion!

We look like losing Cfn. Bailes soon. As well as being an excellent fitter, he is a Scout Master in Berlin and will be sorely missed by the Scouts.

Having been de-centralized for a period, the Platoon is now re-centralized, ready for the move home. The end of the Berlin era is in sight and we now look warily forward to soldiering in England.

Quartermaster's Department

"Bis dat, qui cito dat"

The usual cry of "what can we write about" certainly cannot be made when thinking back over the past quarter. Rather it is how much of all the many and varied events of the last three months can we now recall with any great clarity. The speed with which one event succeeded the other left us dazed — and somewhat amazed — on more than one occasion. But we somehow managed to produce the goods at the correct time and place and only the Command Secretary will know the final reckoning.

The beginning of February saw the Platoon Battle Competition well under way and we take no small pride in the fact that "Screens Latrine Short (and camouflaged)" designed by B.H.Q., but manufactured by the pioneers and "tested for height" by no other than the Q.M. himself, earned marks on "administration" which led to the resounding success which we, the Battalion, were able to achieve in winning this competition outright.

With last traces of snow gone from the mountain slopes of Germany and Austria we miss those fleeting visits by fit, wind bronzed young gentlemen who during February and March came enquiring after all ski-ing parties. The fact that they kept us so busy that none of the staff were able to join them in this more pleasant type of duty did not in any way affect the standard of services rendered, and with the assistance of the tailor's shop staff, we saw them away to the "nursery slopes" resplendent in knickerbockers, ski trousers (so tight it was impossible to fall over) and the "Vikings" over their hearts.

The first days of March saw the first stirrings of Berlin Brigade's greatest annual event, the Queen's Birthday Parade. Of course we laid our plans long before, requests for loans of this and that having been made as early as December last, the planting of the seed so to speak. Now the first shoots were beginning to appear in the form of harrassed C.Q.M.S.'s. frantically measuring all shapes and sizes of soldiery in an attempt to produce a size roll for No. 1 Dress requirements.

But by this time our thoughts were farther afield — in Sennelager in fact — and the R.Q.M.S. was to be seen compiling lists of camp stores etc., required for the fortnight's camp at Heimathof on the Sennelager Ranges where we were to carry out Field Firing. By the last week in March all preparations were ready and the R.Q.M.S. and the "hardier" members of the staff proceeded to the "Zone" and

all was made ready for the Battalion on its arrival after the Easter holiday.

Amid all the hustle and bustle of running the domestic side of the Sennelager Camp some of the staff found time to re-acquaint themselves with the finer points of infantry training, not least Cpl. Hawes, who is now a "Tea Maker 1st Class" having produced the necessary quantities of that lubricating liquid required to make all, and particularly this, Q.M.'s. Dept. run without burning out main bearings. Just how well the Quartermaster was served during this period we have still to learn, but it is significant that immediately on the Battalion's return to Berlin, Pte. Harbord was removed from the tea maker's roster, dark and cold being no substitute for hot and sweet as far as Molar is concerned. One thing that did cause us concern at Sennelager was "who was producing the endless supply of matches needed to keep the Q.M.'s. pipe kindled", Cpl. Hawes being absent on another duty almost as essential. On return we found that "the pipe" had been discarded for cigarettes during this period and so only two boxes of matches per day were required and these were easily found by a resourceful rear party.

Like a silver thread winding its way through all these other activities of course, are the preparations for the Battalions return to U.K. in July. After a false start and plenty of rumour we have at last started to make headway. The families are all busily packing, and in some cases re-packing after finding themselves overweight on their baggage entitlement, but we hope to have them all safely home soon and then the simple task of moving the Battalion can take place. Some of us are looking forward to renewing old acquaintances with members of the D.L.I., our relieving unit, with whom we served in 6 Brigade at Wuppertal 1955/56. Perhaps a few of them will also remember the "Turmhof" with nostalgia.

Right now, apart from such trifles as parties to Denmark to train with the Danish Army, and Norway vacations, our main efforts are directed at the Queen's Birthday Parade. As we said earlier this is a great event in Berlin and the time, energy and expense required to "produce" this parade has to be experienced to be believed. But all will be well on the 8th of June and when we see the Colours being trooped in honour of Her Majesty we will have our reward in full.

On the lighter side we have to report that some very fishy business is going on in one of our sub-departments. Nothing that could really alarm our friends at the Command Secretariat or cause those lesser breeds in Rifle Companies to say "I always knew it", it's merely that C/Sgt. Downes of the Families Staff has taken to fishing (fresh water) in a big way. He has even been able to persuade some of the more reluctant weekday risers to forsake their beds very early on a Sunday morning and row him round the Havel. Whether they agree with him about the size of the one that got away merely to try to escape being hooked for the rowing lark a second time is open to comment.

We hardly see anything of S/Sgt. Ridout these days as he is out with the Battalion Shooting team learning to shoot. The Battalion has high hopes of winning the B.A.O.R. Championships this year and if practice makes perfect then they should certainly go far. We are getting a little concerned about the amount of ammunition they are expending, though. Cpl. Henry was heard to express concern about not being able to fire his annual range course this year

if the Battalion Shooting team continued to fire all these "rapid" practices, and the Q.M. was heard to remark "You've fired more in one day than some units did all the war". Which unit and which war — in 27 years one sees so many — he didn't say.

And here we end for this edition. To all our old friends we say "Come and see us at Harwich". We will be very pleased to see you again and perhaps we could interest you in having your old jobs back. And if you have a trade or want to learn a really worth while job, come and visit us and see for yourselves, we shall be more than pleased to see you too.

SPORT

22 Shooting

22 Shooting started behind schedule owing to the range being repaired in early December. By early January a Battalion team was in training for the Brigade League. After a shaky start when fortunately our opponents were shaky too, the scores were pushed up to 1500, and the Battalion team won the League by a small margin from 14 Inf. Workshop R.E.M.E. — both teams having won eight matches and lost one.

The Battalion represented Berlin Brigade at the B.A.O.R. meeting at Sennelager but the second best score in the second round was not good enough to beat the Royal Highlanders of Canada who won by three points.

The hope of taking part in Non Central A.R.A. matches in March was dashed by the start of the Full Bore season and exercises. The team, which consisted of good all round shots without anybody being outstanding, averaged 93% throughout plenty of practice, which was made possible thanks to the kindness of Major Lywood and Captain Thorne of the Depot and 4th Royal Norfolk who kindly boosted our very meagre ammunition supplies.

Two excellent matches were had with a combined team from the American Battle Groups, which after very close shooting we were able to win by the small margin of eight and twelve points respectively.

Prospects for next year with several young shots coming in, should be as good if not better than this. Unfortunately no-one yet has been found to fill the gap left by Major Fisher-Hoch.

Team :	R.S.M. Raynor. C.S.M. Evans. S/Sgt. Ridout, R.E.M.E. Sgt. Sharp. Sgt. Taylor, B. Sgt. High. L/Cpl. Hassell, R.E.M.E. Pte. Clifton.
Reserves :	Sgt. Bates. L/Cpl. Dodds, R.E.M.E.
Team Captain :	Captain C. J. N. Trollope.

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The Battalion Football Team. Winners of the International Contest.

Left to Right: Sgt. Watson, Pte. Redwell, L/Cpl. Wilson, Sgt. King, Pte. Lloyd, Pte. Garrod, Pte. Jenkins, Pte. Day, Cpl. Hedges, Pte. Howard, Cpl. Cottrell.

Football

Under the leadership of Sgt. Watson the Battalion Football Team has had a season of varying fortunes but on the whole a good season. It was perhaps unfortunate that we should have found ourselves in the same Brigade with two such first-class teams as 1st K.O.S.B. and 1st Y. & L. We had many really good games with both sides but we were never able to beat the Scots. We did however gain some consolation in beating the York and Lincs. in their last game with us.

In the early half of the season we were propping up the Brigade League Table which was easily won by 1st K.O.S.B. We entered for the Army Cup and we were drawn against the Scots once again. The match was played on 4th November in Berlin and it was the best match of the season for us. The fact that we had only returned from Zone training on 21st October did not help us, but it is very doubtful if we would have won even if we had trained solidly for three months. The K.O.S.B. were really very good and the Battalion team did extremely well to hold them to 5 - 2. It was a hard, clean, well controlled match filled with excitement. To their credit

the Battalion team fought hard right up to the final whistle. At the end of the game the Commanding Officer was pleased to award Battalion colours to Sgt. Watson, L/Cpl. Wilson, Pte. Jenkins and Pte. Sowter.

The team for the match was: Sowter; Sgt. Watson (Capt.) and Harris; Jenkins, Wilson and Garrad; Day, Lloyd, Gore, Franklin and Clancy.

In the second half of the season 1st K.R.R.C. replaced 1st Y. & L. and we then, by virtue of beating the 60th, 6-0 in one match, finished second in the league table on goal average, but we still could not defeat the K.O.S.B. Several friendly matches were played and we gained notable victories over the Royal Scots Greys (8-1), 1st Green Howards (5-2) and 35 Corps Engineer Regiment (5-1). For the latter game a team was produced at minutes' notice.

During the season Pte. Jenkins played for the Brigade side for which Sgt. Watson and L/Cpl. Wilson were selected as reserves.

The season ended on a triumphant note when, as a result of a fixture against a local German side, we were invited to take part in the local Easter Festival Tournament. We played two matches. The

first was played under appalling conditions on a cinder pitch against a Danish XI and, despite the state of the ground on which the ball stuck firmly in the mud on more than one occasion, some good football was seen and there was plenty of excitement. We won 4-3, the last goal being scored from Sgt. Watson's head. He was then unable to see for some minutes while he removed mud and cinders from his face and hair!

The next day, under improved conditions and on a grass pitch in the Lichterfelde Stadium, we conquered a Bavarian Amateur XI, who were champions of their own league, 10-0. In this match Pte. Howard scored 5 goals. He started the season as a back but he was injured in one game and moved to the left wing and promptly scored four goals. Since then he has played at outside left!

At the conclusion of the Festival the team was invited to a Sportsfest and enjoyed a grand evening in the local Sportsplatz, even though Pte. Jenkins found it difficult to obtain his usual big orange drink. During the evening the team was presented with the winners' cup, a pennant from each of the competing teams and an illuminated address pronouncing 1st East Anglian (The Vikings) worthy champions.

The following have been regular members of the Battalion team: Sgt. Watson, L/Cpl. Wilson, Ptes. Jenkins, Garrad, Howard, Day, Sowter and Goodband. The following have also played: Sgt. King, Cpls. Hedges, MacFarlane, Cotterell and Smith, L/Cp's. Palmer, Frost, Harris and Gore and Ptes. Lamb, Lloyd, Franklin, Clancy, Dennis, Wright, Akerill, Smith, Buckley, Ellis and Rodwell.

We also run a second eleven in the Brigade League and they have had several close contests but again found the K.O.S.B. very hard to beat.

Now in the close season we are looking forward to next season in England. A team composed of regular soldiers is going home on 12th June to gain experience against teams in East Anglia.

Rugby Football

Having played twelve games of rugby before the snow and frozen grounds came to Berlin, our small band of enthusiasts could at least console themselves during their enforced rest with the thought that they could reasonably expect as many games during the second half of the season. However, for a variety of reasons their hopes could not be realised. On Saturday, 4th March 1961 we played our first and last match of the New Year season. The match was against 7 Field Squadron, R.E., who were visiting Berlin from the Zone. Before the match, in Kiwi style, they performed a ritual war dance which had the desired effect and struck terror in our hearts. They must have expended too much effort in this uncivilised display as we had no difficulty in defeating them by 37 points to nil. Everybody clicked that afternoon and played at their best. The result was a very open and attractive game and much bemoaning, in the club afterwards, the fact that we had to cancel our remaining fixtures because half the team were going on leave, courses, adventure training, etc. during the following week. Mention must be made of 2/Lt. Horrex who scored several impressive tries and of the few stalwart club members who decided that it would be better to drink the last crate of beer than to hump it back to wherever it came from. True rugby players all!



Seven-a-Side Rugby.

Left to Right: A member of the Berlin Wanderers Team, Captain Catchpole, 2/Lt. Mackay and L/Cpl. Harris.

This was not to be our last success, however. On the 28th March we entered a team for the Brigade Seven-a-side Competition. On the very good Maifeld ground, but in bad weather, the Vikings began with a match against the K.O.S.B. In a fast game Capt. Horrex opened the scoring with a run from the halfway line and a touch down under the posts. This try was converted by L/Cpl. Harris ("A" Coy.). In the second half Capt. Heath made a longer run up to the touch line. The kick failed, making the final score 8-0. In the second and final game, against the Berlin Wanderers, the opposition was considerably stronger. However, immediately after the kick-off by 2/Lt. Jones, 2/Lt. Mackay followed the ball up very fast and gave it a strong kick out of the fumbling hands of one of the opposition. He followed the ball over the line and touched down all in a matter of seconds. The Wanderers replied with an unconverted try which levelled the score at 3-3. 2/Lt. Mackay, playing his usual brilliant game, then scored a second try after rebounding off the referee. This try was converted by Capt. Horrex. In the closing seconds the Wanderers scored another try. Fortunately they failed with the kick and the match was ours by 8 points to 6. The cup and medals were presented to the victorious Vikings by the G.O.C., Major-General Delacombe. The team consisted of Cpl. Scarr (SP), Capt. Horrex, 2/Lt. Jones, Capt. Heath, L/Cpl. Harris (A), Capt. Catchpole and 2/Lt. Mackay. Next season we will enter for the Middlesex Sevens perhaps. I wonder if they have a competition at Harwich?

Hockey

At the time of writing for the last issue we had reached the quarter final stage of the B.A.O.R. Cup by beating the Green Jackets 4-0. We next met the Queens Dragoon Guards who came to Berlin for the match. A very hard fought game was played and the score was 2 all when the whistle blew for full time. During extra time the Q.D.G's scored from a corner and won the match.

We have played a number of friendly games with units visiting Berlin or local German Clubs whose standard is very high. Unfortunately there has been little competition from other units in Berlin and our best games have been played against Combined Services Berlin sides. Towards the end of the season we lost Major Dye who, together with Cpl. Wheeler, formed a very strong defence. We were strongest in our half back line with Major Howgego, Cpl. Paul and Major Forrest, with Cpl. Phillips stepping in when one of these could not play. Our forward line was the main problem and was the reason we lost a number of games by the odd goal. L/Cpl. Gore was found to be an effective centre forward but no sooner had he been discovered than he injured his ankle and could not be played for a long time. We also lost Lt. Lunn for most of the season.

The season ended on a successful note when we won the Berlin Brigade Six-a-Side competition. We entered four teams for this, two veteran teams and two young soldiers' teams. The Band and the rest of the Battalion each provided a young soldiers and a veterans side. The young soldiers teams got knocked out in the early stages. The Band veteran team met the rest of the Battalion veterans in the second round and, much to some people's surprise, were beaten decisively.

The rest of the Battalion side went on the win the competition, beating the Green Jackets veteran side. Representing the rest of the Battalion were Major Howgego, 2/Lt. Abbott, 2/Lt. Vivian, Cpl. Phillips, L/Cpl. Gore and Pte. Connor. Capt. Heath was the team reserve and played in earlier rounds.

Athletics

In his wisdom the Commanding Officer has chosen athletics as one of the battalion's "gladiator sports". Our aim this year is to win the Brigade Inter-Unit Meeting with a view to competing in the B.A.O.R. Meeting on 12th and 13th July 1961. With this end in view training was started as early as possible and an Inter-Company Standards Competition was organised as an incentive to training. In January and February Capt. Catchpole, 2/Lt. Philcox, 2/Lt. Prosser, Cpl. Rackham (Sp), Cpl. Scarr (Sp) and L/Cpl. Stocker (B) were sent on Coaching Courses organised by H.Q. Berlin Infantry Brigade Group.

The Inter-Company Meeting was held on our own running track in Montgomery Barracks on 29th and 30th March 1961. It was organised by Capt. Heath and went without a hitch except for the one detail which is beyond any organiser's control — the weather. For the finals on the afternoon of the second day it rained heavily almost without ceasing. However it produced the information we wanted and we were able to select our best athletes to undergo full time training while the battalion was at Senne-lager and Soltau and until the Brigade Meeting. The result of the Inter-Company Competition was as follows :—

1st, "A" Company ...	139 points
2nd, "C" Company ...	90 points
3rd, Support Company ...	66½ points
4th, H.Q. Company ...	66 points
5th, "B" Company ...	38½ points

"A" Company also beat "C" Company in the final of the Tug of War Competition.

Individual results were :—

- 100 metres** (12.2 secs.)
 1. L/Cpl. Missen ("A" Company).
 2. Pte. Harboard ("A" Company).
- 200 metres** (25 secs.)
 1. Pte. Harboard ("A" Company).
 2. 2/Lt. Jones ("A" Company).
- 400 metres** (62.5 secs.)
 1. Pte. Turner ("C" Company).
 2. 2/Lt. Abbott ("A" Company).
- 800 metres** (2 m. 10.1 secs.)
 1. Pte. Turner ("C" Company).
 2. 2/Lt. Abbott ("A" Company).
- 1500 metres** (No time)
 1. Pte. Jenkins ("C" Company).
 2. Pte. Pitt ("A" Company).
- 5000 metres** (17 m. 22.2 secs.)
 1. Pte. Day ("C" Company).
 2. Pte. French ("C" Company).
- 110 Metres Hurdles** (20 secs.)
 1. Cpl. Scarr (Support Company).
 2. Pte. Keeble ("A" Company).
- High Jump** (5-ft. 0-ins.)
 1. Pte. Holl (Support Company).
 2. Pte. Keeble ("A" Company).
- Javelin** (147-ft. 1-in.)
 1. Bds. Maine (H.Q.).
 2. Cpl. Cottrell ("C" Company).
- Long Jump** (20-ft. 6½-ins.)
 1. Cpl. Rackham (Support Company).
 2. L/Cpl. Gore (H.Q.).
- Shot** (37-ft. 5½-ins.)
 1. Bds. Maine (H.Q.).
 2. Capt. Catchpole (H.Q.).
- Triple Jump** (38-ft. 0½-ins.)
 1. Cpl. Rackham (Support Company).
 2. Dmr. Gee (H.Q.).
- Discus** (100-ft. 3-ins.)
 1. Bds. Maine (H.Q.).
 2. Dmr. Taylor (H.Q.).
- Pole Vault** (7-ft. 4-ins.)
 1. Pte. Garrad ("A" Company).
 2. Cpl. Tilman (H.Q.).
- Hammer** (94-ft. 1-in.)
 1. L/Cpl. Harris ("A" Company).
 2. B/M. Holben (H.Q.).

Bds. Maine is to be congratulated on winning three events. He was awarded the Victor Ludorum Cup for the best athlete of the meeting. The Brigade Meeting is to be held on 18th and 19th May and at the moment we are training full time under the direction of Capt. Heath and Lt. Lunn. We have been very lucky in securing at considerable expense the services of an experienced and expert German coach, Herr Lothar Padelt, who has proved an exacting but popular taskmaster for the team. He has arranged a trial run against a German team which is to take place in the near future. The opposition at the Brigade Meeting will be tough, as the K.R.R.C. and the Welch are reputed to have strong teams, but we have high hopes of success.

Ski-ing

The 3rd of January, 1961 saw a party from the 1st Battalion The East Anglian Regiment ("The Vikings") leave Berlin en-route for Lermoos in the

Austrian Tyrol. In charge of the party was 2/Lt. Gamberoni with Sgt. Bullock as 2 i/c.

Having travelled for 48 hours the party arrived in Lermoos to find they were staying at the Hotel Alpenhoff, a first class holiday hotel. Right from the start the party was accepted by the residents and quite a few friendships were struck with the assistance of the friendly Manageress.

Our first day on skis was as good as a pantomime as none of the party had ever been on skis before. Our trainer, Mr. Harry Underwood, started off the day by racing the whole team across country to what he called the nursery slopes. To us it looked more like the side of a house!

After a few days the trainer picked the "Langlauf" (cross country) team, and really started to put us through our paces. At the same time the remainder of the party were being trained in down hill technique and L/Cpls. Gollings and Harris, along with Pte. Simons, proved to the others that some were naturals! Cpl. Waters and L/Cpl. Hempstead also found that cross country was not seeming as difficult as at first although 2/Lt. Gamberoni and Sgt. Bullock found the snow very wet! Ptes. Hockley, P. and Baker were keeping very quiet and sweating freely and everyone was having good laughs all the time.

Our first race consisted of 10 kilometres across country and it took most of us well on two hours and Pte. Baker three. He reckons he got lost! We think he got thirsty. Having completed the course everyone was very dubious about the thrill and joy of flying over the crisp white snow. Mostly it was flogging up massive hills and falling head(?) first in masses of wet, freezing snow. As is usual though, everyone had a laugh to report after it was over.

Eventually everyone became quite adept at keeping on their feet and making quite a good pace, even though Pte. Melbourne managed to break three pairs of skis and nearly his neck. At the same time Pte. Hutchinson, known as Sixpence owing to his size, made a very fast run down hill, slowed down, toppled over and broke his ankle. We are pleased to report he is quite fit now, if not too keen on skiing.

While at the Alpenhoff we were entertained by a film unit and the very well known star Terry Thomas. Most of the Langlauf team had their photos taken with him and spent quite a while chatting.

After three weeks in Austria the party moved to Silberhutte on the German border for the 1st Division Race Meeting. Although we were unable to get a result in the Patrol Race owing to a broken ski, the team did very well and would have finished in a good place, much to everyone's pleasure. L/Cpl. Gollings and Pte. Simons did very well in the down hill and L/Cpl. Harris tried his best to keep up, much to his credit.

After finishing at Silberhutte the party moved back to Berlin for two days' well earned rest where, to our joy, there was about an inch of snow! Having purchased some new skis and kit we all moved to Winterburg for the Army Ski Finals where such well known competitors as Capt. John Moore, Mr. Tuck and Lt. Dent, all Olympic ski-ers, were competing.

This time the only event entered by the party was the Twenty Kilometre Patrol Race where the three O.R.'s. had to carry a ruck-sack and rifle and the officer was left free to relieve any member of his kit for a spell. Half way round the course the patrol had to fire at balloons from 100 yards and I am afraid we were all out of breath and never hit a balloon.



The Captain of 1st Bn. Langlauf team at Lermoos.
2/Lieut. Gamberoni.

The team this time consisted of 2/Lt. Gamberoni, Sgt. Bullock, L/Cpl. Hempstead and Pte. Hockley. P. After the first five kilometres Pte. Hockley broke the basket on his stick and had to complete the course under terrific strain for which we all give him full marks and congratulations.

The final result was 1st East Anglian 22nd out of 50 teams and for two minutes we could have been placed 15th, which gives you some idea of the pace and close running.

All in all it was worth the effort and we hope to get a lot higher in the finals next year.

Whilst all this was going on in Lermoos, the bulk of the remainder were away at Silberhutte. Parties of about platoon strength were leaving for fortnightly courses right through the winter, until the snow ran out on us and the final parties had to be disappointed.

Of all our recent projects, ski-ing during the last winter was the most successful in that large numbers of men were introduced to a completely new sport for the first time, and to their surprise became rather good at it.

For the future, we hope to be able to send a team away to the Norwegian Army this winter, and under expert instruction in cross-country racing we are going all out for the Army Championships next January.

VIKINGS AND DANES

On 2nd May, 2/Lt. Christopher Mather and Sgt. J. Watson took a party of 50 soldiers by road and ferry to Vordingborg in South Zealand, Denmark. They were received with typical Danish hospitality on their arrival on 3rd May in the modern barracks of the Danish 5th Falsterske Fodregiment. They were shown into extremely well equipped barrack rooms and immediately introduced to a large number of English speaking Danish soldiers. The following day they were shown the barracks and were given the history of the Falsterske Fodregiment, so named after the island from which they were originally raised. They were then taken on a sight-seeing tour of Vordingborg itself, a charming little coastal town, finishing in the local dance hall where they were splendidly entertained and where few soldiers ended the evening without a dancing partner.

On their second day they marched through the streets of Vordingborg and held a ceremonial parade with a *feu de joie* in front of the whole of the 5th Regiment. This parade was held in honour of the liberation by the British Army of Denmark from German occupation at the end of the 2nd World War, and every British soldier there expressed pride at being allowed to join this parade. It was a magnificent gesture on the part of the Danes.

The same afternoon the party were taken to a model Danish farm nearby where they were shown the modern equipment and techniques used in dairy farming.

Saturday morning was spent in various military activities, the East Anglians working side by side with young Danish soldiers.

The first week was brought to a suitable climax on Sunday with a visit to the old Viking village of Frederikssund, 100 kilometres from Vordingborg and about 50 kilometres from Copenhagen. Here the Viking tradition is kept alive by the villagers who, each year, enact Viking plays both in Frederikssund and in other countries in Europe, this year in Rouen, France.

After a good lunch in Frederikssund, 2/Lt. Mather and his party were taken to the tiny harbour where they boarded a Viking longboat with a real Viking at the tiller and another blowing a fantastic horn from the ornate prow.

Twelve oarsmen tried to row the boat out of the harbour but despite Sgt. Watson's skill in imposing rowing discipline upon these men, they failed to make much headway against the driving wind. The whole village turned out to watch this performance.

Later the party were taken to the village itself where they saw an old Viking barrack room, a number of Vikings around a roasting fire and various other items of Viking life. They were allowed to shoot with the long bows, fight with broad swords and indulge in many other Viking activities. They were also given an excellent talk on Viking lore and tradition.

All then adjourned to Valhalla, their great meeting hall, where long tables were set out covered with large pewter pots of ale. As the men sat down to drink with the young men and women of the village five Vikings entertained them to old Viking songs. Soon the traditional air broke down into more modern tunes and both soldiers and the Vikings enjoyed a sing song which lasted two and a half hours.

In the middle of the musical performance enormous sides of beef were wheeled in, carved up and put in front of the singers. The hunks of beef

were eaten by hands with even larger hunks of oatmeal bread while beer continued to flow.

All the East Anglian soldiers in Denmark are bubbling over with praise for the friendliness of the Danes, both military and civilian, and for their excellent hospitality.

Before the party return they are due to take part in manoeuvres with the Danish Army and later to visit the Carlsberg Brewery in Copenhagen.

In return three officers and 50 men of the Danish Army have been invited by Col. Campbell to come and stay in Montgomery Barracks with the Battalion over the period of the Queen's Birthday Parade.

THE REGIMENTAL GUN

by

Major A. H. Athill

There is seldom profit to be had from the duty of Field Officer of the week. Your duties are few and a little vague and you are, in fact, only an umbrella, someone to carry the can when the Cookhouse catches fire, or all the prisoners break out from the guard room, or some such catastrophe.

Such was I, one day back in 1959, in Iserlohn, West Germany, and having time on my hands, safe enough to admit to now, I went to check the Armouries of my rival Company Commander, a duty within my orders, in the faint hope that I might discover some discrepancy between their actual holding and their ledgers, and thus perhaps gain myself some small advantage in the rat race for advancement. Not that I expected much joy from the military wide boys who were my associates.

I was ineffectively trying to count the four hundred odd rifles in Headquarter Company Armoury when I spotted the Regimental gun. It was lying behind a pile of junk, in a tatty green canvas case, on which, partly rubbed out, was the name of a distinguished officer of the Regiment, as well known for his sporting achievements as for his military. Inside the case was a Mauser '404, in good order. Not, perhaps, the best of guns, but serviceable, distinctly serviceable, for one who was shortly to see duty in Kenya.

"No", the Storeman said, "That don't belong to anyone, and that's bin there as long as I have". And from cautious questioning of the wide boys no real history of the gun could be determined, except some loose talk of a Schloss, ravished by Battalion Headquarters late in the war, whose gun cupboard door was not locked.

My next move was to catch the appropriate authority at the right state of pink gin; some mention of an old gun, wasting its life in store, a liability really. Would it be alright if? Yes, it would; clear it with P.R.I., etc., etc.

P.R.I. was in a muddle with his pigs, the Sergeants' Mess stocktake was due, and there was talk of having to rewrite the Regimental Property Book. There were no sporting rifles on regimental charge as far as he knew, except the match '22's, certainly no '404. What does it look like?

The abduction itself was simple. The storeman's wireless blared loudly, and he himself was engrossed in his latest set of pin-ups. I do not believe he noticed me as I initialled the private arms register, and certainly I only heard the tiny clink of excitement the gun gave off when it realised that at last it was getting away from that bloody wireless, and after such long activity, might soon be seeing action again.

Big game hunting is a rich man's sport, all will agree, but one of the many benefits of an officer's life is that he is often placed so that he can enjoy a rich man's sport, without being rich. Sailing, Shooting, Polo, Hunting, if you plan it right, all these are within your grasp, unless, of course, you allow your career to interfere.

And so it is in Kenya. Five pounds will buy you, as a privileged official, a licence to hunt big game. Experience in other forests and plains will give you the right to pursue dangerous game, and your duties will take you to the properties of friends who are plagued with this beast, or with that, and are only too pleased to find someone willing, and legally equipped to shoot it.

Now of all the big five --- buffalo, elephant, leopard, lion and rhino I prefer to consider the buffalo as the most sporting, and certainly the most plentiful. They are also the most unpopular; they frighten the cattle herd boys and chivvy the cattle,

elsewhere, and he himself has no heavy gun. So the prospects are favourable.

Last night it rained. I was asleep by 10 p.m., but at 10-30 I was busy rescuing my goods and chattels as they floated from the tent, and before muster parade it was obvious that I must give everyone a chance to dry out, and postpone training for a few hours, thus also giving myself a chance to have a hunt while the ground was ideal for tracking.

Almost the first cattle boma I visited produced a guide. Yes, only yesterday a bullock has been gored by a buffalo, one of a few bulls which usually rested up by day in a donga not far off, thick with wild olive and thorn, morose and cunning brutes, rarely showing themselves before dark.

So, my pulse rate high, we closed this gloomy donga, deep cover dark and sinister, and before long we came on fresh track, seemingly of two bulls, which left the thicket and wandered up the hill, straight down-wind, but then turning and running



The end of the Hunt.
The writer with the Bull Buffalo.

they eat the wheat and smash the fences, and they spread the rinderpest and tick borne diseases.

Therefore people make them available to the hunter, but not quite as readily as you might suppose. A wild buffalo may be a nuisance, but a wounded one is a danger, so therefore there must be confidence in the shooter.

For a year, now, the gun has accompanied me, at Camps and on Safari. Together we have hunted eland and oryx, lion and buffalo, and on the former the gun proved serviceable enough, but with no luck on the latter, not until to-day.

We are camped on a fifty thousand acre ranch on the borders of the Northern Province of Kenya, doing a few days field firing. The owner is generous to lend us his land, but he also likes us to be here, as the noise we make discourages cattle thieves, both two and four legged, and reassures his wife; and although like the majority of settlers he carefully preserves his wild life, the buffalo have become a nuisance, the game warden and his scouts are busy

across it, and as I searched below me while the Turkana puzzled out the tracks over the rocky ground, I spotted below one, and then a second, massive black back.

I was nicely down wind, and the cover was good, so after carefully searching for hidden beasts I stalked to within fifty yards, regaining view at that range, of a bull with a decent head, but feeding directly away from me and thus presenting no shot, except possibly a spinal one, too risky at that range.

As I was covering this bull, in the hope that he would show his neck or shoulder, another cleared more to my right, giving me a good shoulder chance at forty yards. He was a big bull, and although his head was hidden by foliage, I switched to him as I feared he would spot me and give the alarm, and I tried for the heart.

Down he went, only to be up and off, staggering badly, in spite of two more quick shots, one for the shoulder and one in the rump. Four or five other

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bulls briefly showed as they made off, and then there was silence.

Two things you may do when a beast is hard hit. The first is to give chase and finish him while he is still shocked, and the second is to wait, and let the wound stiffen and perhaps bleed and so weaken him. Wait and listen.

I waited, but not for very long. I thought him to be hard hit, and a vulture swooped low and began to circle a patch of thick bush nearby. So, very cautiously I closed the spot where the bull had stood, prior to starting the follow up.

There was no blood, and confused spore gave little indication of his direction, but by deducing that he would head for the thickest cover, and try to get my wind I took a line, and after a few yards, with much agitated pointing and clicking, my Turkana spotted him waiting for us behind a bush fifty yards away, and I took him as he began to come, this time for keeps.

So to-day I am pleased with the Regimental Gun. It had grouped for me nicely round the heart, with one, presumably the last, right through the middle.

EAST ANGLIAN BRIGADE DEPOT GENERAL

Since our last notes in September we have been more than three times our designed strength by taking as many National Servicemen as possible to help fill the regular battalions. We can now begin to breathe more freely as the last N.S. intake passed out on 3rd February 1961. However, the more regular recruits who come through the gate the better and we hope they will flood in. At present we have THREE platoons, of 30 men each, under training, and some 20 recruits waiting to start. We would be happier if these numbers were doubled!

On the 1st April, logically, many of our private soldier posts on the establishment were civilianised and we have to think more and more in terms of overtime, double-time, etc. and Major Joanny is keeping us straight, together with Mr. Hayward.

The main highlights during the last six months have been our first Annual Administration Inspection, Christmas festivities, and the passing out of the last National Service intake on 3rd February 1961.

The District Commander, Major General Talbot was the inspecting officer for this first Annual Inspection and as there was no question of impeding the training of recruits and the Junior Soldiers' Wing, we were very hard put to get everything as we would like it. All went well, particularly in the Q.M.'s spheres of influence, and we can be more than satisfied with the report. However, the unannounced practice fire alarm, which went off smoothly, was somewhat marred as the Staff Officer, who announced that the hut he was standing in was on fire, was surprised to see three eager soldiers promptly take the fire buckets etc., outside on parade, instead, we presume, of the water being tipped out there and then on the hut floor!

Our "Guy Fawkes" bonfire was a great success. Everyone helped to build it with loads of wood from the range by Training Company, old beams from the Engineers, and Major Joanny was delighted to organise it as he got rid of a lot of unwanted "stuff". The "pile" was 30-ft. high! Q.M.S.I. Knox rehearsed the children dressed in period costume, to present a short play at the end of which they lit the fire. With toffee

apples provided for the children by Sgt. Reilley, our cook sergeant, the Sergeants' Mess providing a "strong" rum punch for the grown-ups, and television cameras recording the show, we all enjoyed it.

The essence of a successful Christmas is the help shown by all and sundry in making the festivities go: this was there in force, particularly from C.S.M.I. Talkington and the Physical Training Staff, and the Sergeants' Mess, who carried out the decorations for the Permanent Staff Dance and decorated the Cinema for the Children's Party and the Junior Ranks Club. 2/Lt. Cole, R.A.E.C., who is a circle civilian conjuror in his own right, bemused the children with an admirable show and Sgt. Curzon was a splendid Father Christmas. These activities were a great success and enjoyed by all and sundry. A Service of Seven Carols and Seven Lessons was also held in the Gymnasium; the Band of Junior Soldiers playing and the lessons read by various ranks included one read by Junior L/Cpl. Steeples, East Anglian Regt.

The next highlight was the visit of General Sir Gerald Lathbury, G.O.C.-in-C., Eastern Command, who took the last National Service Passing Out Parade. The Parade comprised 80 recruits of Burma and Almanza Platoons, assisted by the band of the Junior Soldiers' Wing. We had this Parade filmed in colour to be shown on Parents' Days and to Recruits. The Parade went off extremely well, the C-in-C. complimenting all who took part, on a very high standard. Prior to the Parade I.T.V. interviewed the Commanding Officer, C.S.M. Denny and Pte. Powley, 1st East Anglian, one of the last to join of the National Servicemen and during the Parade the Press and Television were very active. That evening all appeared on Television.

Early in January we were visited by a team from I.T.V. who made a film record of life in the Depot. This was shown on Anglia Television, together with a Studio interview of R.S.M. Gell, 2nd East Anglian.

Much has been done to improve the camp. The Conference Room is completed, the new M.R.S. and temporary Gymnasium are all but ready. Both the latter being in Blenheim Camp will save a great deal of wasted time in going half a mile to Gibraltar Barracks. Unfortunately, the 22 range remains over the road. The mass of shrubs and wallflowers are in full bloom and the camp looks very civilised.

Colonel Heal left in January; he had been Brigade Colonel since 1958 and both he and Mrs. Heal and their family will be much missed.

Colonel Heal's appointment is Colonel (Q Logistics) Allied Land Forces, Central Europe at Fontainebleau where we wish him the best of luck. We welcome the new Brigade Colonel, Colonel Martin and his family. Colonel Martin commanded the 1st Battalion, 2nd East Anglian Regiment (Duchess of Gloucester's Own) before coming here.

Lieutenant-Colonel A. S. Hanning, O.B.E., having held the appointment of R.O III at H.Q. East Anglian Brigade for seven years, retired in November 1960.

Colonel Arthur, as he was known throughout the Brigade, had commanded a Battalion of his Regiment, the Grenadier Guards, and is well remembered by many senior Officers of the Brigade as Adjutant at Sandhurst for a period between the wars. He originally enlisted during the 1st World War into the Lincolnshire Regiment and was commissioned into the Norfolk Regiment.

The H.Q. has also lost the services of Mr. Charles Edey. He joined the Suffolk Regt. in 1914 and served until 1935. Since 1939 he was employed

as Clerical Officer at the Depot, Suffolk Regiment, and latterly at East Anglian Brigade.

Mr. Edey was responsible for arranging postings and, of paramount importance, allowances for his flock of Officers.

To both Colonel Hanning and Mr. Edey we offer our very best wishes in their retirement.

Daffodil Sunday was instituted by Brigadier Backhouse in 1934 when he was commanding the Depot of the Suffolk Regiment. It was not held this year as we are now in Blenheim Camp and Gibraltar Barracks is deserted awaiting for rebuilding to start. Once we return it will be resumed, probably in 1963.

The Brigade Depot week-end is being held on JULY 21st, 22nd and 23rd. The outline programme is :—

July 21—(Friday). All day Golf Meeting.

„ 22—(Saturday). a.m. Golf Match v. Flempton p.m. Garden Party.

Start of TWO day cricket match. East Anglian Brigade versus The Suffolk Gentlemen.

„ 23—(Sunday). Second day of cricket match.

Past and present members and their wives of all Regiments are most welcome; unfortunately only limited accommodation can be provided. Additional information will be sent and can be obtained from Regiment's Headquarters.

OFFICERS' MESS NOTES

The Mess is now completely settled into Blenheim Camp. Thanks to the efforts of the Mess Staff we are now quite comfortable.

The Christmas season saw us entertaining about 90 official guests at a cocktail party and entertaining our wives and girl friends at a Ladies' Guest Night and having the traditional Christmas drink with the Sergeants.

The cocktail party was used as a means of repaying the hospitality of the many friends of the Depot and was quite a success; the success was in some measure due to the efforts put in by Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Joanny and Mrs. Bailey decorating the Ante-Room.

The Ladies' Guest Night was held on the 19th December and is to be an annual event. Considerable efforts suitably to decorate the Mess were made by the Subalterns, the three wives mentioned above and the now Mrs. Ken Ford. Dinner was followed by Horse Racing where Brian Bailey and Fred Turnbull proved to be experienced, but honest bookies.

Among the Guest Nights held the most notable was that at which Colonel Neal was "dined out"; he even won the Liar Dice game which ended in a close finish between himself and his D.A.A.G.

There have, of course, been the usual "comings and goings" and we were sad to lose Ptes. Blowers, Thrower and Denn, who started the Mess off in such good order.

Amongst our visitors have been all the Colonels of Regiments, the Associate Colonels of the 1st and 2nd East Anglian Regiments, the G.O.C.-in-C. Eastern Command and General Talbot, the late District Commander and General Freeland, the new District Commander.

For the additional items of silver and other property received from the Regiments during the period since our last appearance in print, we extend our grateful thanks.

SERGEANTS' MESS

During the past six months we have settled down to becoming a proper Depot Mess for the three Regiments of the Brigade; we can now say we are organised sufficiently to receive and cater for the many members who pass through and this they do with great rapidity.

We send our best wishes to all those who have come and gone, who include such people as: R.S.M.'s Gilchrist and McGeever; R.Q.M.S. 'Dickie' May, C.S.M. Tony Brandreth; S/Sgt. 'Bomber' Harris; Sgt. Brabrook, Sgt. 'Tommy' Weston, Sgt 'Taffy' Jones. Congratulations to Sgt. Knight on his marriage.

As for the staff ourselves, the Mess news is of Christmas, where we commenced with a really wonderful draw, capably organised by Sgt. 'Mick' Curson, assisted by C/Sgt. Bill Belcher, C/Sgt. Roberts, and nearly all the Mess.

This was quickly followed by a Christmas Dinner and Dance, at which the guests of honour were the S.W.O. and Mrs. Ward from the R.A.F. Mess at Honnington.

The dinner was really first-rate, and our grateful thanks are due to 'George' Tattersall, our civilian cook, and the Mess staff.

A couple of days later, on the 22nd, we invited the Officers' Mess to drinks prior to serving the troops' Christmas dinner.

The 23rd saw us in the midst of the traditional battle with the Officers on the Football Field. Mud, flour and tomatoes flying, we proved once again that the Sergeants' Mess still has the necessary spirit and dash, after a hectic week of social activities. We quickly recovered however in the Officers' Mess afterwards, when the ale flowed profusely.

Since Christmas R.A.F. Honnington has thrashed us at a Games Night in their Mess, though we intend to turn the tables on April 21st.

We now have a magnificent consignment of silver, the last lot coming from the Northamptonshire Regiment, which is displayed on a special dais in the ante room. We are truly grateful to all those Regiments who have sent us such superb remembrances of former days; they will be well looked after.

We conclude with good wishes to our friends everywhere and trust that when this way, they will drop in and see us.

TRAINING COMPANY

Six months have passed since our last notes. During this time we have swollen to three hundred strong and then shrunk to our present strength of around one hundred and thirty.

The end of National Service was announced during the latter part of last year and it soon became clear that the bottom of the barrel was going to be scraped with a vengeance to get as many men in as possible before the axe fell. In order to cope with the influx of recruits we had to hang on to Cpl. Callaghan and a number of other N.C.O.'s who would otherwise have been due to return to their Regiments. Even this was not enough and we borrowed Cpls. Denny, Boggis and Taylor of 1st East Anglian and Cpls. Knowles, Hewitt and Coles of 2nd East Anglian. We still have Cpl. Coles but the others left us after doing a splendid job with the National Service intake they trained. Cpl. Hewitt managed to persuade no

less than FOUR of his EIGHT National Servicemen recruits to sign on as regulars!

Since last year, we have said goodbye to Lt. Reynell who is now in Ghana, Lt. Lunn and 2/Lt. Vivian who left us for Berlin; Lt. Pike, who having handed over to Lt. Bates, drove away in great style in his Austin Gypsy, heading for Malaya, and Lt. Ford who came from 2nd East Anglian to help us out over a difficult period. Cpls. Bell, Brothers, King, Newland, Bugby, Ross, Amos, Mackenzie and Smith have all returned to "Civvy Street", having completed their National Service. We miss them all and not least, L/Cpl. Wones, 1st East Anglian, who joined the Army before a lot of us were born. He is now living in Norwich where he has a good job with Norwich Union. Q.M.S.I. Colyer, our Small Arms School expert, has been replaced by Q.M.S.I. Knox, and C.S.M.I. Richards of the A.P.T.C. has also gone and C.S.M.I. Talkington has taken his place. C.M.S.I. Talkington is not a stranger to Bury, having served here a few years ago. Sgts. Waller, 1st East Anglian and Barker, 2nd East Anglian, left us early this year and our three Permanent Staff Training Sergeants are all due to be relieved in the near future; Sgt. Curson of 1st East Anglian, by Sgt. Horn, Sgt. Millohouse of 2nd East Anglian by Sgt. Gooch, and Sgt. Cracknell of 3rd East Anglian, by Sgt. Law.

Life seems to be punctuated by Passing Out Parades, perhaps reasonably so since they are the culmination of an Intake's training here. On 26th October last year, Almanza and Minden Platoons passed out, the parade being taken by Brig. Maxwell, Colonel of the 1st East Anglian Regiment.

The next Passing Out Parade followed swiftly—on November 11th and was unusual in that the Parade was taken by Colonel Stevens of the United States Air Force. Colonel Stevens commands 48 Air-base Group at Lakenheath. On this occasion the Band of the Queen's Surreys came up from Colchester to play for us.

Remembrance Sunday fell on the 13th November last year and the Company was ably represented by Sobroan and Blenheim Platoons, commanded by Lt. Kitchin. This was a very large Parade, with two bands and contingents from the T.A., R.A.F. and U.S.A.F., as well as from an astonishing number of local organisations.

On 18th November, Gibraltar and Minden Platoons were invited to visit the United States Air Force Base at Lakenheath to watch a boxing display. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves though the rules appear to be rather different from those we box under.

Sobraon and Blenheim Platoons passed out on 23rd November, the Parade being taken by Brigadier Oulton, Colonel of the 2nd East Anglian Regiment. The Junior Soldiers' Band provided the music and played very well.

With our annual Admin. Inspection due on the 8th December it now became quite a common sight to find the most unlikely members of the Company Permanent Staff all dressed up in Battle Order with disgruntled looks on their faces. When asked what they were playing at it seemed that there was something called 'P.E. Tests' which had to be done. Despite the moaning there was no shortage of braggarts after they had done them!

When the 8th December arrived it was rather an anti-climax for us because it was a foggy day and

getting really thick by early afternoon when General Talbot, the Inspecting Officer, was due to visit our lines. He duly did visit us but only very briefly, it being quite obvious that unless he left for Colchester quickly he would never get there.

And so to Christmas. All the usual jollifications took place and everyone left for home on the 23rd December, very much in the right frame of mind after watching the Officers v. Sergeants football match.

No sooner was Christmas over than 29 Cadets from schools in East Anglia descended on us for a week, during which Sgts. Readhead and Knight and Cpls. Wadlow and Callaghan laboured mightily with them. Considering the very short time they were here they learnt a great deal and seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly.

On 6th January, Gibraltar and Minden Platoons turned themselves into saboteurs for the day and endeavoured to place token explosive blocks on or near the V bombers at R.A.F. Honnington. This was a first class exercise, which besides being great fun, also provided both sides with food for thought.

The following week, on 13th January, Gibraltar and Minden Platoons passed out. Brigadier Taunton, Associate Colonel of the 2nd East Anglian Regiment took the Parade and H.M.S. Ganges very kindly lent us their Royal Marine Band, who played splendidly as always.

On 24th January Talavera Platoon went up to Norwich to see a Pantomime, the theatre having very kindly provided free seats, a much appreciated gesture. Right at the end of the month we had our six-monthly visit by the Blood Transfusion Team from Cambridge. The Company rallied round nobly, volunteering almost to a man. It was a pity that some of the Platoons had just had inoculations and so were not eligible just in case they passed on whatever 'T.A.B.', etc. is supposed to prevent.

February 3rd was a big day for us. Almanza and Burma Platoons, consisting of the last National Servicemen to be called up, passed out at a Parade taken by the G.O.C.-in-C., Eastern Command, Gen. Sir Gerald Lathbury.

On 17th March, Talavera Platoon passed out. They were the first Regular Platoon to start training after the end of National Service Intakes. The Parade was taken by Brigadier Barclay, Associate Colonel of the 1st East Anglian Regiment and the Band was kindly provided by the Duke of Wellington's Regiment who are stationed in Colchester.

We have just finished a seven week Junior N.C.O.'s. Cadre and the 14 Regulars and National Servicemen who were on it will be with their Regiments by the time this appears in print.

That just about brings us up to date. Talavera Platoon have passed out, two more Regular Platoons of about thirty strong are in training and another is due to start in early April. What we are wondering here is whether the terrific effort currently being put into recruiting is going to drive our numbers up once again to somewhere near the all-time high of last October. We certainly hope so.

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

The main events during the period covered by these notes are undoubtedly Christmas, and the Annual Administrative Inspection.

We like to think that the Inspection went well

enough and that all 'skeletons' were removed well in time; it is said that one soldier was discovered still in bed 1 hour before the arrival of the Inspecting Officer, but it was never proved.

The usual Christmas festivities took place, the Permanent Staff Dance and Christmas Dinner were both enjoyable occasions.

The Officers and the Sergeants' Soccer Match produced its usual string of casualties.

Capt. Growse, who has been with the Company since October, has now left us for North Africa where we hope he will be able to recover from the effort of Staff College Examinations.

His place as 2 i/c. has now been filled by Capt. Miller who has upheld the tradition of Officers in H.Q. Company by injuring a shoulder at Hockey during his first week.

C/Sgt. Belcher, 3rd East Anglian, has now left the Army and has handed over to C/Sgt. Coates from the 2nd East Anglian.

Other arrivals and departures are too numerous to mention but we are delighted to see so many old friends passing through.

The Junior Bandsmen and Drummers School continues to make good progress and the number and quality of new entrants is impressive.

With the passing out of the last National Service Intake the strain has eased slightly but the Company strength rarely falls below the 250 mark.

WEAPON TRAINING

The emphasis in this department during the past six months has been on getting our own house in order first.

Several extensive programmes are under way with the reconstruction of the interior of the Brick '22 Range and increased facilities for the W.T. and Fieldcraft field.

An acute shortage of good weapon training instructor material is becoming very apparent with the Regular Intakes; however, one Cadre is almost complete and it is intended to run Refresher Courses for the Permanent Staff instructors.

The '22 Shooting Season started badly with an unfortunate defeat in the first round of the East Anglian District Inter Unit Knockout Competition. A continuous struggle to increase the number interested in '22 Shooting has shown us that there are still a number of good '22 shots in the Depot and a fairly strong team will enter for the Edmunds Trophy which is to be fired at the time of going to press. It is unfortunate that our '22 Range is half a mile away in Gibraltar Barracks.

The inexhaustible energy of Q.M.S.I. Knox has however shown a rapid and encouraging improvement by the ladies' shooting both in attendance and ability, and the W.T.O. may shortly be forced into accepting a challenge from the ladies' team with some trepidation.

SPORT

Football

The season has been a fairly successful one, but we have suffered from a lack of regular fixtures. The Depot has played most of the local R.A.F. Stations and some of the units in Colchester.

We were unfortunate to be knocked out of the

Army Challenge Cup in the first round by 20th Field Regt., R.A.; the score was 7-8 after extra time. The team reached the semi-finals of the District Major Units Challenge Cup but again narrowly suffered defeat at the hands of 20th Field Regt., R.A. We reached the final of the Minor Units Cup, but lost it, 4-2, to 19th Medical Company, R.A.M.C.

Soon after the beginning of the season the Depot lost Pte. Thrower, a stalwart of the defence. At Christmas Cpl. Bell, who had been captaining the team was taken seriously ill and later released from the Army. However, Cpl. Davis has stepped into his place admirably. Pte. Woollard has been the team's chief scorer; he has been averaging about three goals a match. Other regular players have been L/Cpls. Hindle and Howlett, Ptes. Bolton, Tomkins, McCarthy, Warner, Harris and Blowers; Sgt. Taylor has played lately.

Rugby Football

The departure of Nick Reynell has been felt very acutely here in Bury as without a doubt his enthusiasm and determination this season frequently produced a team when it seemed impossible to meet a fixture.

The Depot Team rarely played a polished game but it certainly never lacked the spirit and hard play expected from the Depot.

There were some extremely good games, almost all of which were played against the numerous R.A.F. Stations nearby; the best of which took place against R.A.F. Honnington with a Depot defeat in October (8-6) and a return battle and victory in December (5-6).

The Depot never put into the field the same team twice which was a great handicap, caused by the numerous training commitments of the small number of players. Frequently the team was assisted by both civilians from the Bury local team and other units. Police Constable Peck regularly played for us and he became very much a stalwart and respected player.

Several members of the Depot played for us who had never been on a rugby pitch before, notably Sgt. Curson (1st East Anglian) and Sgt. Cracknell (3rd East Anglian) who played characteristically hard games.

It is not yet known if the Depot will be able to raise a team next season but it is hoped that if we can, next season will be as enjoyable as the last.

Hockey

This season the Depot Hockey Team has been drawn almost entirely from the Officers and N.C.O's. of the Permanent Staff. We started playing last September and have had a game on most Wednesdays since. We have not won as often as we should have liked to have done and this has been largely due to our inability to raise the same team on consecutive occasions because of training and other commitments. Nearly all our matches are against local Royal Air Force Stations, most of them being in the region of 2,000 strong, a distinct disadvantage from our point of view.

We entered for the Eastern Command Minor Units Competition but were unfortunately knocked out in the first round by Movement Control, Harwich. However, we did better in the East Anglian District Major Units Competition, beating the M.C.T.C., Colchester, in the first round, but being knocked out

in the semi-final after a hard game against 20th Field Regt., R.A.

The season is almost over now and we are busy making fixtures for next season in the hope that we shall be able to raise a team from the rapidly dwindling numbers at the Depot.

Our thanks go to the untiring efforts of Major Lywood in overcoming so many obstacles to raise the hockey sides.

Table Tennis

Table Tennis only really got going after Christmas. Since then there have been a series of matches against various civilian and United States Air Force teams. The matches have been played with teams of six or eight a side.

A summary of the results is :—

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Games Against
6	2	1	3	27	37

The team has mainly been drawn from Pte. McCarthy (Capt.), Cpl. Woodrow, L/Cpl. Allen, Ptes. Everson, Goldspink, Ray, Bolton and Leggett.

Basket Ball

Basket Ball at the Depot has been kept at a steady pace and promises well for the future.

From the Recruit side, Basket Ball is taught as part of their Basic Training.

The Depot was entered in the Army Inter-Unit Basket Ball Team Championships, but due to a change-over in the Officer i/c., and the terrific influx of recruits at that particular time, the preparation and training of the Depot team was left to rather a late stage.

Mention should be made of the first match against 7th Infantry Command Workshops held at Colchester, which the Depot won by 2 points, and also of the very enjoyable evening spent at home playing against the American Air Force, Lakenheath; we are eagerly looking forward to a promised return.

The championships were held at the Garrison Gymnasium, Colchester and provision was made to spend the afternoon there practising and getting used to the court and facilities, followed by a match in the evening. In the championship itself the Depot reached the semi-final of the District and then were drawn against the Duke of Wellington's Regiment. This match was indeed an anti-climax; nothing seemed to go right, the ball did everything but go in the basket, and although public opinion said we were the more skilled team, we lost the match. We

stayed and watched our victors play in the final, where they were beaten.

JUNIOR SOLDIERS' WING

The Junior Soldiers' Wing, as we are now called, have been in Bury St. Edmunds for nine months. During this time there have been great improvements in our accommodation and classrooms, making life more pleasant.

On Tuesday, December 20th, the last day of the Winter Term, the Junior Soldiers were served their Christmas Dinner by the Officers and Senior N.C.O's. of the Depot.

The Inter Hut Competition is organised every Term and the winning hut is known as Champion Hut for the following term. The Competition covers nearly every aspect of a Junior Soldier's life — Educational Attainment, Musical Progress, Soccer, Hockey, Cricket, Athletics, Cross-Country, '22 Shooting, Drill, Hut Inspections and boys are awarded colours for any representative sport. At the end of each term the Champion Hut is given a prize. Last term Sullivan Hut won this Competition and thoroughly enjoyed their prize — a trip to London to watch the Arsenal v. Burnley match. This term the Competition was won by Handel Hut; the competition has been very keen all through the term. Sullivan Hut came a very close second, with Elgar and Britton behind them. The prize is a visit to the Kensington Science Museum followed by the Crazy Gang in the evening.

On Armistice Sunday the Band and Drums of the Junior Soldiers' Wing took part in a Parade attended by representatives of the three Services in Bury St. Edmunds and the Drummers sounded Reveille and the Last Post at the Cenotaph after the March Past.

In the Army Boys Soccer Cup we were beaten by the Wessex Brigade who were the eventual runners-up.

We came 7th in the Army Boys Cross Country Championships; J/Drms. Jarvis and Drage coming 15th and 19th respectively. For this fine effort they were both awarded their Cross Country Colours.

J/Sgt. Skayman, J/Sgt. Byrne, J/L/Cpl. McHale and Bdsm. Renton all go to Kneller Hall this year.

At the end of this Term the Band are giving a concert in the Men's Dining Hall at lunchtime and the Corps of Drums are beating Retreat in the evening.

Congratulations are due to D/Major and Mrs. Moyes on the birth of their daughter, and to L/Cpl. Patterson on his marriage.

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H.M.'s. Lieutenant for Norfolk, Lieut.-Col. Sir Edmund Bacon, presenting the Keys of Britannia Barracks to Lieut.-Col. W. D. Flower.

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

Commanding Officer ... Lieut.-Col. W. D. Flower, T.D.
Adjutant ... Capt. D. C. Thorne
Quartermaster ... Capt. T. W. Chatting
R.S.M. ... W.O.I Boxall

GENERAL NEWS

Since the last edition of "Britannia and Castle"

came out, the Ninth of Foot has had a varied and some would add hectic build up for Camp.

At the beginning of the year we were inspected by Brigadier J. R. I. Doyle, O.B.E. on the Annual Administrative Inspection. The Brigadier took the opportunity at the same time to bid us farewell on handing over command of the Brigade to Brigadier A. E. Harding, O.B.E., M.C., E.R.D.

In February at Stanford we took on the 1st Cambridgeshires in a lively Defence Exercise. We defended the River Wissey from what sounded by night like a horde of enemy in A.P.C's., but which turned out in the morning to be Colonel Storie Pugh, Major Morgan and those Cambridgeshires who had successfully crossed the river. We repulsed the enemy after some lively fighting.

During March and April we have been competing in various Rifle Meetings and have met with considerable success, as is reported elsewhere in these notes.

On April 9th at Britannia Barracks, the Lord Lieutenant for Norfolk, Sir Edmund Bacon, returned the keys of the Barracks to the safe keeping of the



C/Sergt. E. Elliott receives the Territorial Efficiency Medal from Her Majesty's Lieutenant for Norfolk.

(By courtesy of The Eastern Daily Press).

4th Battalion on behalf of the County of Norfolk. At the same time he presented the Territorial Decoration to Major R. Boulton, the Territorial Efficiency Medal to C/Sgt. Elliott, and his Lord Lieutenant's Certificate to C.S.M. Everson. He spoke of the pride and affection which the County held for their Regiment.

Over all this time we have also been preparing ourselves steadily for Camp. There have been two Battalion Weekend Civil Defence T.E.W.T's and a Battalion First Aid Weekend as well as various Recruit Cadres. The Battalion's recruiting has been good, yet could be better, but we have high hopes of attaining the elusive '400' by the end of the year.

A mention must be made here of the departure of both Major Sam Hornor and Major Derek Burdett on transfer to the T.A.R.O. They have served the Battalion very well, Sam always proving himself a brilliant organiser of parties, and Derek a willing horse at anything. We will always be pleased to see them and also Roger Pierce who has had to leave the area to farm elsewhere, and so has also had to transfer to the T.A.R.O.

New arrivals are Captain Anthony Sinton from 23rd London Regt. S.A.S., Lt. Dick Watts, an ex-Sandhurst Regular Officer, and 2/Lt. Patrick Clarke. We are very pleased to see them, and hope they are here for a long stay.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES

It seems a long time since we functioned together as a Sergeants' Mess. However, what we have lost in one way has been gained in the activities within the various Companies of the members.

In the shooting world we have had our ups and downs. W.O.II Hewett, Sgts. Turner and Toll with the R.Q.M.S. stole the limelight at the Battalion Rifle Meeting at Thetford, but their schooling at this Meeting did NOT hold them in good stead for the Brigade Meeting a month later, and I'm afraid they were all at sea on a Range that should have been all too familiar to them. However, a much brighter picture was painted at Middlewick Ranges on 29th-30th April at the District Rifle Meeting where the Battalion did well and the Individual S.M.G. competition was won by Sgt. Turner, who was also runner-up in the Individual Rifle Competition.

Sgt. Willmott has now left us after his tour of Wymondham as P.S.I. "C" Company, and has returned to the 1st Battalion. His place has been taken by Sgt. Jones whom we welcome to the Mess. Sgt. Barfield (Peter, not Tony) has terminated his engagement; we are sorry to see him go, but hope we shall see him either when we visit Gorleston during the summer or in our Mess at Norwich (which, by the way, we hope to be taking over in the near future).

Sgt. Moyses-Tann has left the civilian employment in the Orderly Room of the Battalion, and is

now installed as Clerk to The Army Information Office, Norwich. Ken is still in the T.A. and we hope he will continue his T.A. activities.

Two C.Q.M.S.'s have been awarded their Territorial Efficiency Medals, C/Sgts. Hunt and Elliott, congratulations!!

With one week left before leaving for Millom and Annual Camp the weather is deteriorating, but never mind, things can improve in a week, and after all it is the month of May!

"A" COMPANY

Officer Commanding ... Major R. Boulton, T.D.
2 i/c. ... Captain J. M. Shearman
P.S.I. ... Sgt. Offord
C.S.M. ... W.O.II Pillar
C.Q.M.S. ... C/Sgt. Amis

Important changes are in view at Yarmouth for we have just heard that we will be moving our headquarters from the ancestral home at York Road to the spacious modern premises at Southtown early this summer. This must make for greater comfort but we will be sorry to leave York Road with its many memories down the years. This will not be the only change, for P.S.I. Sgt. Offord is soon to leave us. Congratulations to him and Mrs. Offord on the birth of their second son and many thanks for his help. Congratulations, too, to Major Boulton who has been awarded the T.D., after serving with the Company since 1948 and to our old friend and former C.S.M., 'Dutchy' Everson on his award of the Lord Lieutenant's Certificate for Meritorious Service.

The Company has found time to gain further battle honours in the field. After operating a 'limited withdrawal' when the 1st Cambridgeshires unspontaneously attacked across the Wissey during the 2 i/c's breakfast, the Company's well-known unerring instinct for direction led them through the fog to launch a brilliant flank counter-attack as the Cambridgeshires trudged unsuspecting back to the river. It is good to report that a large number of bulletted blanks were taken. The 'Q' has now been forced to admit that such things exist.

Continuing this accent on direction, small groups all found their way during a map-reading exercise from darkest Suffolk, through a strong-point at Somerleyton Duke's Head to a rather late Ernie Leggett lunch on Belton Common. Recent cooking performances ensured that the Company ate better than anyone else on Exercise Livingstone and if this isn't "survival" what is? A highlight of the Spring training was the week-end at the Civil Defence Centre at Oulton where the lectures were varied by an assault-course race over the training area. Winners here were that athletic combination Ptes. Baxter and Seaman who demolished the obstacles with ruthless efficiency though recent-recruit Pte. Harbord won applause for a gallant solo attempt on the prize.

Despite very little practice, Cpl. Turner and Pte. Polkey made the Battalion shooting team and did well in the Command Championships at Colchester.

Kind regards to all our friends. "A" Company is still a thriving concern with a spirit to match the warm glow of Pte. Sailor Barnes' early morning cigars.

"B" COMPANY

Officer Commanding ... Major B. E. Dillon, M.B.E.
2 i/c. ... Captain A. J. Sinton
P.S.I. ... Sgt. Martin
A/C.S.M. ... Sgt. Jordan
C.Q.M.S. ... C/Sgt. Watson

Since our last notes there have been quite a lot of happenings in "B" Company. Major Burdett has left us on retiring from the T.A. and we would like to record our gratitude for the hard work he has put in over the last four years. It takes a deal of enthusiasm to face a weekly 45 miles drive from Norwich to Lynn and back after a hard day's work.

Major Dillon arrived from Wroxham and had no sooner got settled into the Company than he was told to pack up and move to Ely as a result of the recent East Anglian Breweries take-over; however, we welcome two other Officers — Captain Sinton and Lieutenant Watts who have come to work in Lynn. We hope their stay will be of a more permanent nature.

We continue to train enthusiastically, but sometimes wish the Powers that be would let us get on with it in our own way. As always, everything has priority — Civil Defence, First Aid, Rifle Meetings, Endurance Tests and Recruit Training. No one can run before they can walk, but we do our best.

In this connection we offer our congratulations to Sergeant Jordan, Lance Corporal Reed, Lance Corporal Mepletoft and Private Bussey, B., who vanquished all comers in Exercise Livingstone, the Battalion endurance test. Theirs was the only team, out of a dozen or so that entered, who completed the course.

Particular praise should go to Private Bussey, a recruit with no previous military experience, who took another man's place at the last moment. Our congratulations also go to Sergeant Clarke who has shot consistently well in the Battalion, Brigade and Divisional Competitions. Other activities include the training of recruits, none of whom have had the experience of National Service. This is a major challenge to our few qualified instructors. We have also established a wing of the Signal Platoon; we expect great things of this in the future under the expert guidance of Captain Sinton and Corporal Cook.

We have also been active on the social front, a notable occasion being the Company Dinner which was held in the Drill Hall and well attended by members and their families. We were pleased to welcome as guests the Commanding Officer and his wife, the Quartermaster, the R.S.M., and last but not least, Major and Mrs. Burdett to whom a small presentation was made to record our appreciation of their efforts on the behalf of "B" Company. More recently we invited members of the Cooper Roller Bearing Social Club to an evening in the Drill Hall. Darts, dominoes, tombola and ping pong contests were well supported, though members of the Company were too easily vanquished by their more expert opponents. However, our turn came on the miniature range where some quite good shooting was seen. This was generally voted to be a successful evening and it was encouraging to see the interest taken by our younger guests whom we hope to see in the Drill Hall again.

Another innovation has been the start of Judo classes. Response has been slow so far, possibly due to apprehension as to what happens, but we hope for a greater interest in this exciting activity when we get back from Camp and start our individual training.

Nothing more remains to be said except that we are looking forward to Camp at Millom and hope it will be an interesting experience for our new arrivals: Private Bussey, B., Private Bussey, J., Private Melton, J., and Private Gaskin, M.



"C" Company Training.

"C" COMPANY

Officer Commanding ... Captain J. A. Salter
C.S.M. ... W.O.II Sheldrake
C.Q.M.S. ... C/Sgt. Elliott
P.S.I. ... Sgt. Jones

The Brigade Inspection was held on the 21st/22nd January 1961. The Brigadier paid us a short visit during the afternoon of the 21st as we were receiving instruction on the S.L.R. from C.S.M. Parker, from the East Anglian Brigade Depot.

The Brigadier returned in the evening to attend the Company Annual Dinner which was held at the Doric Club Room, Attleborough, and a good evening was had by all. We were very pleased to see Major Howard, C.S.M. and Mrs. Forrest at the Dinner. The latter has now left the Army and Norwich.

The result of the inspection is that we are to have more bars fitted to the Armoury window and also a "New Look" to the front of the Drill Hall.

Ptes. Roberts and Kindleysides have been shooting very well for the Battalion Young Soldiers' team. This team was successful in winning the Young Soldiers' China Cup for the first time. Ptes. Bean, M., Goldsmith and Tann have also been shooting with the Battalion team.

The Battalion Rifle Meeting was held at Thetford during April in which Pte. Bean, M. took a prize in the Sten Competition and the Falling Plate teams performed very well with a big HARD LUCK. Well done.

Since the last notes were published Sgt. Willmott has returned to the 1st Battalion and we welcome to the Company Sgt. Jones as our new P.S.I.

Sgt. Leggett and Pte. Bean, M. were our representatives on Exercise Livingstone, held on the Stanford P.T.A.; the other members of the team must have had a long range weather forecast.

Presentation: C/Sgt. Elliott, E., received the Territorial Efficiency Medal from the Lord Lieutenant at a parade held at Britannia Barracks, Sunday the 9th April 1961. Well done, (Jack) and we shall soon have some more to follow, so keep going, lads.

By the time these notes are read "C" Company and "S" Company will have joined forces and Major Raywood will be in the chair at Wymondham and Norwich.

"D" COMPANY

Officer Commanding ... Major C. B. Grant, M.C.
2 i/c. ... Captain E. R. Smith
Training Officer ... Lieut. P. E. Watson
C.S.M. ... W.O.II C. Snowling
C.Q.M.S. ... C/Sgt. J. Moore
P.S.I. ... Sgt. K. Stevens

"D" Company soldiers on at Dereham.

Capt. E. R. Smith has joined us from the O. & B's., and Capt. J. M. Shearman has left us. In the hope that the reader may be encouraged to look at another Company's notes I will not reveal his present location! At the time of writing, Capt. Smith is struggling with the Company Accounts; no mean task in view of the volume of ale, etc., consumed by the Company. Whether this is the result of the magnificent efforts of Cpl. Smith, Ptes. Baker and Bean and others who have redecorated the bar, or the result of propaganda put out by those members of the Company employed by local brewers, is hard to say. Perhaps it is simply that Cpl. Duff's grinning face is behind the bar!

Ptes. Howard, F. and Leaver, H. have left us for the Regular Army and we wish them luck. Ptes. Baker, L., Brown, R., Chambers, A., Gorbould, D. R., Jackson, S., Read, D., Sewell, B. and Smith, D. have joined us (and the best of luck)!

C.D. Training has played a large part in our affairs recently. When the Brigade Commander inspected us he was greeted, and delighted, by the spectacle of several bloody 'corpses' and 'near corpses'. After climbing over the wreckage of 'buildings' and 'road accidents' he spoke to the Company of the value of such training. He emphasised that a wider knowledge of First Aid could have saved many lives in the last war. We hope that the good people of Dereham will take heart in the knowledge that we will be able to rescue them in the event of a Nuclear Catastrophe!

The Company Dinner and Dance was held in the Drill Hall this year. Our numbers are too great for the "King's Head" where our previous junketings have been held. Brigadier F. P. Barclay, D.S.O., M.C., A.D.C., and Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Flower were our guests, and in an interesting and amusing speech Brigadier Barclay praised the Company spirit as demonstrated at the Dinner. The loss of £1 4s. 1d. was fully justified by the success of the evening.

Major Grant has been detected recently tramping round Norfolk with map and compass. The outcome of his efforts, we presume, was the fiendish "Exercise Livingstone"! The Battalion was invited to send teams to compete over the 30 miles course (longer for those who failed to keep to the straight and narrow)! The despair and blisters scattered about Norfolk as a result of this exercise go to prove that hardening of the arteries tends to be accompanied by softening of the feet. In years to come we may envisage conversation in Norfolk bars following this

pattern: "I was at Dunkirk". "Cor, that's nothing, I went on Livingstone"!

At a defence exercise held in February the Company held a thin red line against an enemy of Cambridgeshires. The Cambridgeshires were appearing for the last time before amalgamation, not that we allowed our sympathy for them on this occasion to temper our determination 'to sicken them' when they attacked us. Perhaps the most remarkable feature of this exercise was the high quality of wireless reception. Such a unique state of affairs should not be allowed to pass unnoticed!

After Camp the Company hopes to give a shooting and anti-terrorist bias to training. As a whole, we did not excel ourselves at the Battalion Rifle Meeting, though Ptes. Bush and Taylor are to be congratulated on winning two Cups. The exact cause of the excitement in the ranks when Lt. Watson (shortest Officer in the Battalion) and C.S.M. Snowling (largest C.S.M.) went up together to collect their prizes, has not been discovered! Modesty will not allow the Company to reveal what it intends to achieve at the Battalion Shoot next year.

Our anti-terrorist training should give scope to Cpl. Ransom and his newly formed Pioneer Section.

SUPPORT COMPANY

Officer Commanding ... Major P. W. Raywood
2 i/c. ... Captain D. W. Clarke
C.S.M. ... W.O.II P. Hewett
C.Q.M.S. ... C/Sgt. R. Hunt
P.S.I. ... W.O.II A. Cox

This is the last time that "Support" Company, as such, will appear as a separate entry in the Company notes. By the time this is published, the Company will have split; the Mortar Platoon will form the Heavy Weapons Platoon of "C" Company, and the M.M.G. Platoon will be the Recce Platoon in "H.Q." Company. This is indeed a most unfortunate affair, but nevertheless the two Platoons will still meet as they will both be reporting at Britannia Barracks.

Another unfortunate parting was the enforced retirement of Bandsman Waldon, after 51 years with the Regiment, the last 43 being served with the 4th Battalion. To note this departure the Commanding Officer presented him with an Automatic Tea Making Machine, donated by the members of "Support" and "H.Q." Companies. This presentation took place at the Company Dinner which was held at the Lamb Inn early in the year. At the same time W.O.II Cooke was presented with a Table Lighter on his retirement from the Regular Army; we wish him the best of luck and good fortune in his new job with the Inland Revenue. (We trust that he will look favourably on us from time to time). We are pleased to welcome W.O.II Cox in his place as P.S.I. and trust that he will be happy with us.

Congratulations to C/Sgt. Hunt on being awarded the Territorial Army Efficiency Medal.

Training this year has for the most part comprised of Civil Defence work, culminating with the Annual Camp at Millom, the Civil Defence School. For the Brigadier's Annual Administration Inspection

the Company gave a demonstration of rescue work from nearby buildings.

Some week-end training has been devoted to military training and two week-ends come to mind. First, a Battalion defence exercise in conjunction with the 1st Cambridgeshires and recently the "Exercise Livingstone", which was an endurance test, the Company being represented at both these occasions.

At the Battalion Rifle Meeting W.O.II Hewett won the Sten Competition and L/Cpl. Banthorpe the Young Soldiers' Cup. L/Cpl. Banthorpe and Pte. Haynes also did very well in the Bren Pairs Competition. Once again in the Divisional Rifle Meeting L/Cpl. Banthorpe won the Young Soldiers' Sten Competition and accompanied by Pte. Tung, shot well in the winning team for the Young Soldiers' China Cup.

We extend a welcome to six new recruits who are Ptes. Grant, J., Grant, W., Francis, Gutteridge, Tung and Wallis. We trust that their stay with us will be a long and happy one.

"H.Q." COMPANY

Officer Commanding ... Captain E. R. Cousins
P.S.I. ... W.O.II Pratt
C.S.M. ... W.O.II Hudson
C.Q.M.S. ... C/Sgt. Brown

For the first time in quite a number of years "H.Q." Company managed to get out on a week-end exercise as an entity and not as so many bits and pieces. This was on the 25th-26th February, with the main base at York Road T.A.C., Gt. Yarmouth. The M.T. Platoon thrilled us, especially those sitting in the rear vehicles, with a display of fancy convoy driving seldom seen before. We must admit however that standards generally improved as time went on. On Saturday evening after an excellent meal prepared by Cpls. Parker and Vincent, the day wound up by various recce patrols to hostels in the town. Sunday saw the Signals come into their own, assisted by the Intelligence Section, with the making of a wireless map of Gt. Yarmouth. The very flat nature of the ground gave us a lot of trouble with the easy screening of radio waves by buildings. Still contact was made from some places and we now have our wireless survey placed on the map.

On March 11th-12th the Battalion Rifle Meeting was held on Thetford Range. This was the first one for many a long day and was welcomed by all our known shots. The weather was very kind to us and so were the Butt Markers. We have to record that Sgt. Turner won the individual rifle event, the Bren pairs was won by the R.Q.M.S. and Sgt. Toll. The individual Sten, although won by C.S.M. Hewitt of "S" Company, was partly an "H.Q." triumph as he used an "H.Q." Company Sten. The falling plate and the China cup events were also won by "H.Q." Company team, together with the Sten team event AND the overall Championship. The teams consisted of R.Q.M.S. Barr, W.O.II Banthorpe, Sgts. Tallent, Turner and Toll, Cpls. Bloomfield, Smith and Grant, L/Cpl. Roberts and Ptes. Gowen and Hansell. The Adjutant, Capt. Thorne and P.S.I., W.O.II Pratt, also competed as permanent staff.

Recruiting is still continuing though not at quite so fast a pace. We have seen a man with a beard at odd times about the place; rumours to the effect that he was the new Pioneer Sergeant have been firmly scotched.

The Canteen is now in the throes of redecoration, a thing we have been pressing for since first taking the building over. We have also been presented with a fine radiogram by the T.A. Association which, with the records we have obtained, should be a big asset.

Camp is now right on top of us and preparations are in hand for the move. This annual event never fails to create all round panic and nobody is really sure we will make it until "D" day.

It is our sad duty to record here the death on the 14th April of Pte. J. Fountain. This popular young member of our Company will be missed by us all. Although only 19 he had played for the Battalion football team on several occasions and showed much promise for the future. Our deepest sympathy goes to his family.

Stop Press. Our congratulations go to the Battalion Shooting team for their efforts in Divisional Rifle Meeting and especially to the young soldiers who walked away with just about all that young soldiers could compete in.

BAND

Bandmaster S. W. Lyon
Band Sergeant G. Baker

Since the last issue of the "Britannia and Castle", there has been a change in the construction of the Band. Cpl. Lyon (Tiger) ex B/Sgt. of the 1st Battalion, has taken over Bandmaster from Bob French who, owing to pressure of work in "civvy" life, has relinquished the appointment of Bandmaster. Sgt. Bob French, who is still with us, specialises in the teaching of Crib, and is in attendance each Tuesday evening.

We would like to welcome Bdsm. Todd, Cooper and White to the ranks of the "4th".

All members of the Band are looking forward to the annual camp this year, which is being held at Millom in Cumberland, and of course are sorry we shall miss our fellow comrades of the Suffolk Regiment (Hookey & Co.), with whom we amalgamated at the Divisional Rifle Shoot at Colchester.

We shall be pleased to welcome once more the Band of the 1st East Anglian Regiment when they arrive home this June, where we have quite a number of friends.

It is very good to hear that Bandmaster Thompson is now upgraded and is waiting for a band at Kneller Hall, and we look forward to seeing him in the near future.

B/Sgt. Baker, Sgt. French, Cpl. Fenn, Bdsm. Buttress, L/Cpl. Glazier and the B/M thoroughly enjoyed themselves at a local production of the musical comedy "Iolanthe", and now Sgt. French is going round everywhere chanting "Ching Boom" and "Who taught me to nestle in a nut shell".

Last, but far from least, we would like to offer our sincere condolences to the parents of Drummer Fountain, whose untimely death is deeply regretted by all.

RIFLE SHOOTING

Several younger soldiers have come along to bolster up the ageing ranks of the team, and we are looking forward to them to achieve a high standard in the next year or so, and take over the Rifle Competitions. Unfortunately there is not a middle age group in sufficient numbers.

Training throughout the year has been aimed at the Divisional/District Small Arms Meeting, and although there was some impatience at our lack of success at a lower level, the training for a higher target paid off.

We went to Middlewick Ranges at the end of April with a good deal of trepidation. With so many amalgamations and the increase in the size of the area we quaked a bit — never dreaming for a minute we should be up against half a dozen London Regiments in addition to the stronger local units.

However, Sam Turner was shooting better than ever and with a 158 was runner-up in the the W.O's. and Sgts. of the Individual Rifle Competition. He also won the Individual Sten Competition. The Young Soldier Sten Competition was won by L/Cpl. Banthorpe and Pte. Kindleysides of Wymondham (a new face) was second. The Sten Team prize was lost on a re-shoot and W.O's. Barr and Hewitt and Sgts. Toll and Turner had to be satisfied with second prize. The two latter will be able to argue for the rest of the year as to whose unfired magazine (the Sten Mag. or the Bren Mag.) caused the bigger set-back.

The L.M.G. pairs brought us a second in the Young Soldier Class; L/Cpl. Banthorpe again and Pte. Taylor, a newcomer from Dereham. Pte. Roberts (Wymondham) and Pte. Bush of Dereham (another new shot) were fourth.

W.O. Banthorpe (father of the L/Cpl.) was fifth in the T.A. Revolver Competition.

Generally a good effort by all, but the competition is keener and more training will help to get rid of the "bad luck" and also help us to compete with the 175 that won the Rifle Competition, and improve our position of fourth in the Over-all Championship.

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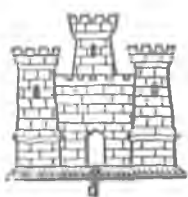
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THE SUFFOLK AND CAMBRIDGESHIRE REGIMENT (T.A.)

BIRTH OF A REGIMENT

At one minute to midnight on Friday, March the 31st, two famous County Regiments finished their long and glorious history and from them was born a new Regiment, the Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Regiment (T.A.). All the honours and traditions of both Regiments have been taken forward into the new Regiment, and all Battle Honours won by both Regiments will be proudly carried on the new colours.

For many months, all the many factors affecting a merger of this kind had been ironed out, with the result that on the 1st of April the Regiment was able to get away to a good, clean start. Much of the credit for this must go to the Officers of both Regiments who served on the Amalgamation Committee and also to the Colonel of the Regiment who gave much valuable advice to them.

Amalgamation day greetings were received from :

- Her Majesty the Queen.
- H.R.H. The Princess Margaret.
- Brigadier R. H. Maxwell, C.B.
- The Lords Lieutenant of Suffolk and Cambridgeshire.
- R.H.Q. and 1st Battalion the 1st East Anglian Regiment.
- Brigade Colonel and Commanding Officer and all ranks the Brigade Depot.
- The Commanding Officer and all ranks 2nd East Anglian Regiment.
- The Mayors of
Sudbury;
Cambridge;
Bury St. Edmunds.
- The Chairman of the Suffolk and Cambridgeshire T.A.F.A.
- Commanding Officer and all ranks 161 Infantry Brigade (T.A.).
- Commanding Officer and all ranks 4th Battalion The Royal Norfolk Regiment (T.A.).
- Commanding Officer and all ranks The Suffolk Yeomanry (T.A.).

Amalgamation Parade

On Sunday the 9th of April, a small parade was held at Gibraltar Barracks, Bury St. Edmunds to symbolise the forming up of the new Regiment. The 4th Battalion The Suffolk Regiment was represented by the Band and the 1st Battalion the Cambridgeshire Regiment by the Drums. There were no other troops on parade other than three men to raise and lower the flags.

The parade started with the Band marching on and doing some marching and counter-marching, followed by the Drums. Both the Band and Drums having paraded separately, they now came together

as one body and formed up in front of the saluting base. Now came the most moving part of the whole ceremony, which was the lowering of both Regimental flags whilst the Band played Auld Lang Syne with both Commanding Officers turning to the flags and saluting as they were slowly lowered for the last time.

The new Bugle Call of the Regiment then rang out across the square and the new Regimental Flag was broken at the masthead. Lt.-Colonel G. T. O. Springfield, the last Commanding Officer of the 4th Suffolk then left the dais, leaving Lt.-Colonel P. D. Storie-Pugh the last Commanding Officer of the Cambridgeshire Regiment and the first one of the new Regiment in command of the parade.

The Commanding Officer then addressed the Parade, after which the Band and Drums marched off to the Regimental March "Speed the Plough".

After the parade all ranks had the first opportunity of getting together as they partook of refreshments, kindly laid on by the N.A.A.F.I. from the East Anglian Brigade Depot, and so came to an end a very successful day for the new Regiment.

Decisions made by the Amalgamation Committee

BASIC COLOURS OF THE REGIMENT

The basic colours of the Regiment to be Red, Yellow, Royal and Cambridge Blue. As it was not practical to combine all four colours it was decided that the Regimental flag and sign boards would have two colours which were to be Yellow and Cambridge Blue.

REGIMENTAL FLAG OF THE REGIMENT

A rectangular flag with the top half Cambridge Blue and the bottom half Yellow. A Red Cambridgeshire Castle with a Red XII underneath to be superimposed.

REGIMENTAL DRUMS OF THE REGIMENT

The Drums to be Royal Blue.

REGIMENTAL DAY OF THE REGIMENT

There to be one Regimental Day, Minden Day.

REGIMENTAL MARCH OF THE REGIMENT

To be "Speed the Plough".

REGIMENTAL CHAPELS OF THE REGIMENT

Both the Suffolk Chapel in St. Mary's, Bury St. Edmunds and the Cambridge Chapel in Ely Cathedral to be Chapels of the Regiment, as appropriate to the subject or occasion. The Regiment to be responsible for all matters affecting the Chapel at Ely.

AFFILIATIONS OF THE REGIMENT

It has now been agreed by all concerned that all Cadet Battalions that were affiliated to both the 4th Battalion The Suffolk Regiment and the 1st Battalion the Cambridgeshire Regiment should now be affiliated to the new Regiment.

FUNDS AND CHATTELS OF THE REGIMENT

To be amalgamated like for like.

DRESS OF THE REGIMENT

The following items of dress have been agreed Regimentally but War Office approval has not yet been received.

Cap Badge

To be the same as worn by the East Anglian Regiment.

Shoulder Titles

To be SUFFOLK CAMBRIDGESHIRE in white lettering on a red background with SUFFOLK on top and CAMBRIDGESHIRE underneath.

Collar Badges

To be the Gibraltar Castle. As well as being worn on No. 1 Dress and S.D. they will also be worn on B.D. by Officers and if the War Office will provide for a general issue then they are to be worn by all ranks with B.D.

Lanyard

Officers: to be a Royal Blue double Lanyard.
O.R's.: To be a Royal/Cambridge Blue plaited Lanyard.

Buttons

To be the Cambridgeshire Button in brass.

Flash

The Minden Flash to be worn on B.D.

Mess Kit

The jacket to be the same as that now worn by the East Anglian Brigade, the waistcoat to be yellow.

THE COLOURS OF THE REGIMENT

New Colours will be required as both the former Regiments' Colours are now ready for retirement. All the Battle Honours carried by both former Regiments will be incorporated on the new Colours.

ORGANISATION OF THE REGIMENT

The Regiment is organised as four Rifle Companies and a Headquarter Company and are distributed around the area as follows. In each case the first-named town is the Company Headquarters:—

Bn. Headquarters	Ipswich
"H.Q." Company	Ipswich ... M.T. and Signals Stowmarket ... Assault Pioneers Bury St. Edmunds ... Signals
"A" Company	Wisbech March ... Drums, 3" Mortars
"B" Company	Cambridge Newmarket Ely ... MMG
"C" Company	Leiston Woodbridge
"D" Company	Lowestoft ... 3" Mortars, MMG Beccles ... Anti Tank

GENERAL NEWS

Brigade Rifle Meeting

The Regiment made its first public appearance at the Brigade Rifle Meeting on the 15th and 16th of April, where a very creditable performance was put up for a first showing, the following awards being gained:—

Individual Rifle Champion	Sgt. Spalding (H.Q.)
T.A. Champion Rifle Shot	Sgt. Spalding (H.Q.)
P.S. Champion Rifle Shot	W.O.I. Hazelwood
Best Score Event 1 Practice 2	Cpl. Allum (H.Q.)
	L/Cpl. Danes ("D")
Best Score Event 1 Practice 4	Sgt. Spalding (H.Q.)

In the team events we were awarded:—

Inter Battalion Championship Shield	Winner
Yorke Cup	Winner
L.M.G. Team Trophy	Runner-Up
China Cup Competition	Runner-Up

The Divisional Rifle Meeting

Two weeks after the Brigade Meeting the team participated in the Divisional Meeting where the opposition was very much stiffer as we were up against 17 major units, some of these being London Rifle Regiments who are well known for their shooting. The team awards were:—



161 Bde. Rifle Meeting.

Sgt. Emmerson, C/Sergt. Gillett, Cpl. Mottram, Sgt. Harris, Sgt. Beaumont, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Regiment, discuss their scores.

S.M.G. Championship	Winner
Divisional Small Arms Championship	Runner-up
China Cup	Third
Young Soldiers	Third
Queen Mary	Fourth
Volongdis	Fourth

Individual results:—

Champion Young Soldier Pair	Sgt. Kelly ("B") Pte. Clarke ("D")
Runner-up S.M.G.	W.O.I. Hazelwood
2nd, Young Soldiers	Pte. Bumford (H.Q.)
3rd, W.O's. and Sergeants	Sgt. Spalding (H.Q.)
3rd O.R's.	L/Cpl. Daines ("D")

The team is to be congratulated on its very fine performance at both meetings as they have done much to get the Regiment off to a good start. Mention should also be made of R.S.M. Hazelwood who has spent many weekends training the team and getting them up to this very high standard.

Award of the L.S.G.C. Medal

At the close of the Brigade Meeting the Brigade Commander presented the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal to R.S.M. Lyon who was the last R.S.M. of the Cambridgeshire Regiment.

Recruiting

Although the new Regiment is well up to strength we still need about eighty recruits to bring us up to the permitted strength which is 65% of our establishment.

In conjunction with the 1st East Anglian Regiment we are having a recruiting campaign this summer. Our first display was in the main showroom of Egertons of Ipswich and we are very indebted to them for allowing us to use their space. Our next appearance will be at the Suffolk Show where we have

a fairly large stand and we hope that plenty of friends of both former Regiments will come and visit us there. On our return from camp, which this year is at Castle Martin in South Wales, we shall have a stand at the Cambridge Festival which is being run in Cambridge.

If the Regiment is to be kept up to a good working strength it is up to the people in the Regiment to see that they bring in enough recruits to keep us going and as we are now so nearly at our goal we are in a position only to accept the best.

OFFICERS' MESS

The Regiment is dead - Long live the Regiment!

This issue of the Britannia and Castle contains the first contribution from the Officers' Mess of the Suffolk & Cambridgeshire Regiment, T.A., which was formed on 1st April 1961 by the amalgamation of the 4th Battalion The Suffolk Regiment, T.A. and the 1st Battalion The Cambridgeshire Regiment, T.A.

For the benefit of our many friends and ex-Officers, we give below a list of Officers serving with the Regiment and their appointments.

Lieut.-Col. P. D. Storie-Pugh,	Commanding Officer
M.B.E., M.C., T.D.	
Major C. C. Wells, T.D.	2nd in Command
Major E. H. Morgan,	
M.B.E., M.C.	Training Major
Major R. A. F. Kemp, T.D.	O.C. "C" Company
Major R. C. Smyth	O.C. "H.Q." Company
Major W. Mayhew	O.C. "D" Company
Major J. R. L. Brashaw	O.C. "B" Company
Major C. H. Walker, R.A.M.C.	M.O.
Capt. F. A. F. Biddle, R.A.M.C.	2nd M.O.
Capt. R. G. Wilson	Adjutant
Capt. D. I. Bradford	"H.Q." Company (M.T.O.)
Capt. H. W. Garrood	"D" Company
Capt. H. D. Sutor	"H.Q." Company (P.M.C./P.R.I.)
Capt. D. S. Sach	"C" Company
Capt. (Q.M.) T. C. Warren	Q.M.
Capt. D. J. Baldry	O.C. "A" Company
Capt. R. Hammersley	"D" Company
Capt. P. B. Bird	"H.Q." Company (R.S.O.)
Capt. J. R. Baggaley	"A" Company
Capt. P. Leach	"B" Company
Capt. (Q.M.) Isaacson	Messing Officer
Lt. B. R. Marshall	"D" Company
Lt. J. Emra	"A" Company
Lt. J. D. C. Young	"C" Company
Lt. T. J. Wisdom	"A" Company
Lt. W. H. Keatley	"B" Company
Lt. B. L. Coates	"C" Company
Lt. M. D. R. Knight	"B" Company
Lt. R. S. Hollins	"H.Q." Company (I.O.)
2/Lt. A. K. Checkley	"A" Company
2/Lt. N. C. P. Keeble, R.A.P.C.	Unit Pay Officer
2/Lt. B. P. James	"H.Q." Company (2nd R.S.O.)
2/Lt. S. J. Brown	"C" Company
2/Lt. J. A. B. Castell	"C" Company

On Saturday, 6th May, a Cocktail Party was held at the Angel Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds, to enable the serving Officers of the Battalion to meet prior to camp. Twenty Officers and their ladies attended this function, and it is hoped to continue these functions periodically throughout the year so that not only serving Officers, but all ex-members of the amalgamated Regiments can get together.

We are arranging for an Officers' Mess to be established at Bury St. Edmunds as soon as possible, this being in the centre of the Battalion area—and it is hoped that by camp we can report that this has been done. A word of warning to Messrs. John Cook and Maurice Vinden; any ideas you may have that you can now "put your feet up" should be banished!

Camp this year is at Castlemartin, near Pembroke in Wales (foreign station at last for the T.A.!) and we are pleased to be able to report that twenty-six Officers will be in Mess over the camp period. This will give us an ideal opportunity of thrashing out Mess matters and policy.

The major Mess function on the horizon is our first Regimental Ball, which this year is to be held at the Athenaeum, Bury St. Edmunds, on Friday the 28th July. It is appropriate that this should be the commencement to the social side of the Regiment, and we hope at that time to renew old acquaintances and make new ones.

We apologise for not being able to be more specific regarding Mess matters at this time, but the Battalion is after all only 38 days old at the time these notes go to press. However, the formula will be 'the same as before'.

"A" COMPANY

Wisbech and March

Officer Commanding	Capt. D. J. Baldry
2 i/c.	Capt. J. R. Baggaley
No. 1 Pl. Commander	2/Lt. A. K. Checkley
No. 3 Pl. Commander	Lt. J. Emra
C.S.M.	W.O.II J. Chapman
C.Q.M.S.	C/Sgt. B. Emmerson
S.I.	W.O.II L. G. Drew

As gently as a mother lifts a baby into a bath, the dozen khaki-clad figures lifted their canvas and wood assault craft from the river bank into the water. Within seconds they had been swallowed by the dark, leaving only a mysterious splashing to remind the world of their existence.

After a couple of minutes even the splashing stopped and all was silent: long minutes passed, during which the only sound was the distant hooting of an owl, greatly magnified by the stillness of the cold night. Then came a hoarse shout from the invisible side of the river. Then another. And then everything went mad as a Bren gun opened with its harsh, deadly chatter, followed by a fierce crackling of rifle fire. This was not taking place over a wartime Dutch canal. It was all happening in the Stanford Battle Area last February and was the first opportunity that the new "A" Company had had to get together as a Company in an exercise. Men from both Wisbech and March participating.

From this date things have gone from strength to strength and on March 1st the new organisation came into force. No. 1 Platoon at Wisbech is now commanded by 2/Lt. Checkley and No. 3 Platoon by Lt. J. Emra. Capt. J. R. Baggaley has come to us as 2 i/c. and we would like to take this opportunity of welcoming Capt. J. R. Baggaley and Lt. J.

Emra to the Company. Such old faces as C.S.M. Chapman and C/Sgt. Emmerson are still with us and we would like to congratulate them on the efforts they have put into the new Company. Our worthy P.S.I., W.O.II L. Drew, has to be congratulated on the part he has played in the smoothness of the amalgamation. The terrific success of the new bar in the Wisbech Club Room must be attributed to W.O.II L. Drew, C/Sgt. B. Emmerson and by no means least Pte. W. H. Green who was responsible for the carpentry.

During March new clubs were formed at both Wisbech and March and both now have full and active working committees and we expect to see some great things happening at both clubs during the next twelve months.

Social evenings on Fridays are now being held regularly at March and Wisbech and we look forward to fat profits at the next Audit.

Mainly due to the tremendous efforts of Cpl. Whitby the billiard table has been removed from the March Clubroom in preparation for the first Rock'n' Roll session.

The Corps of Drums, under our worthy Drum Major Doughty, put up a splendid performance at the Amalgamation Ceremony at Bury St. Edmunds in April. We are also very pleased to be able to note that an excellent set of drums has been received from the 4th Suffolk which originally belonged to the 2nd Suffolk. Our Mortar detachment are still very

keen and are looking forward with eagerness to the next Brigade Competition.

During May we are holding a joint rifle meeting with our affiliated Company, "D" Company" at Lowestoft and we hope that this will be the first of many of such combined exercises.

"B" COMPANY

Officer Commanding ... Major J. R. L. Brashaw
2 i/c. ... Capt. P. Leach
C.S.M. ... W.O.II Odell
C.Q.M.S. ... C/Sgt. B. Gillett

No. 4 Platoon :

Pl. Sergeant ... Sgt. Taylor

No. 5 Platoon :

Pl. Commander ... Lt. M. Knight

Pl. Sergeant ... Sgt. R. G. Smith

No. 6 Platoon :

Pl. Commander ... Lt. W. H. Keatley

Pl. Sergeant ... Sgt. Brown

Support Platoon :

M.M.G. Sergeant ... Sgt. Kelly

Cambridge. Company H.Q. and No. 6 Platoon.

Now that the dust has begun to settle after the disappearance of Battalion Headquarters we are beginning to see where we are. In fact, very little has changed and we have the same Company offices, use the same Drill Hall and Club and train on the same nights. The only difference is the number of



P.S.I. Sgt. Harris demonstrates the Self-Loading Rifle to men of the Company at Newmarket Drill Hall.

Left to Right: L/Cpl. Herriven. Pte. Taylor, Pte. Walker.

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people around. At first Sgt. Harris thought he was in for an easy time, but he has now discovered that the headquarters staff can chase him just as well from Ipswich as they used to be able to from across the passage. We are very pleased to find that Capt. Isaacson is still with us as he is looking after the Quartermaster's interests in Cambridgeshire. He is nearly always in the Drill Hall and we can all go and discuss our problems with him.

The platoon are now settling down into their new order of battle and are finding that there are still an awful lot of things they need training at. We are finding that new weapons are being issued gradually and we have now received our S.L.R.'s. Cpl. Jordan, who has just joined us from the Hertfordshires, is an expert on this weapon so we are having an interesting time learning all about it. Most of us have fired our annual range course and are looking forward to receiving our in-camp bounty.

The Intelligence Section under Sgt. Beaumont have been busy making an air photograph plan of Cambridge and are now so pleased with their effort that they can do very little except admire it.

Ely. No. 4 Platoon and M.M.G. Section.

The period of waiting is over. Since the announcement of the reorganisation of the Territorial Army we have all been living in a vacuum awaiting our fates. In Ely we now know that we are 4 Platoon, "B" Company, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Regiment and also to our joy we are retaining our medium machine guns.

However, the reorganisation has brought sad changes. No longer does Major Brown drive from Cambridge to Ely as our Company Commander. Colour Sergeant Bond no longer earns his beer on the dart board. Corporal Martin can now spend more time with his family. These were the casualties, but what is left is a strong, keen group of the young men. This report, however, covers the festive period in Ely they have always known how to celebrate.

The Company Ball on January 13th, "a Friday doo", was an outstanding success and voted by all as the "bestest yet". Certainly the work in transforming the Hall by Colour Sergeant Gillett, Sgt. Taylor and Sgt. Bryant and their ladies in producing the food was appreciated.

The loss of Sgt. Bryant, our P.S.I., will be much felt by us in Ely. He has made himself the most popular regular soldier with us. We all hope he has enjoyed his stay with us and we wish him the greatest good fortune when he returns to his Regiment.

Training since Christmas has been concentrated on bringing our newer younger soldiers to required standards. There have been bouts of T.O.E.T's. Lately, Shooting Range Courses and Competitions have held the day. Colour Sgt. Gillett, Sgt. Kelly and Cpl. Bell have again made the Battalion team, while Sgt. Kelly is one of the pair who won the East Anglian Division "Young Soldier" L.M.G. pairs.

We are now starting to adapt ourselves to our new position. It will no doubt take time for a Company divided between Newmarket, Cambridge and Ely and a Battalion which stretches from Ipswich to Wisbech. However, we hope that Camp as always, will bring us all closer together.

Newmarket. No. 5 Platoon.

In our last notes as "D" Company of the Cambridgeshires we ended by looking forward to our amalgamation with the 4th Suffolk. The period

of transition has been smoothly passed and we are now 5 Platoon of the Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Regiment; the main evidence of the change over is to be seen in our battledress tops which have been merged with the various traditional items of both Battalions to form a kaleidoscope of colours and flashes. Whilst on the subject of colours our Drill Hall has also received the benefit of amalgamation and has been completely redecorated — light blue being the predominant colour with the odd contemporary red wall in the club room. We at Newmarket are also now the proud caretakers of the "Museum", which is still being sorted out by Pte. Lucas who is studiously delving through 100 years of History; he hopes it will shortly be sorted through and on display to public inspection.

Over this last training period which covered the winter months, we have been more or less confined to the precincts of our Drill Hall and have concentrated on efficiency in all platoon weapons. Of these the S.L.R. has proved an innovation and instruction in the operation of this remarkable weapon is proving to be popular. In January we took part in Exercise "Web Foot" — an assault crossing over the River Wissey; the recce patrol under L/Cpl. Herriven was a complete success; it was scheduled to last four hours — it lasted two; the patrollers were engaged in a short but victorious skirmish and retired immediately, leaving the enemy throwing thunder-flashes at themselves. The boat party, under the careful guidance of C/Sgt. Challis, ferried the main fighting force across without incident, despite confusing instructions from some of our "master mariners".

Attendances at the training evenings have been satisfactory, but Sgt. R. G. Smith is still after a lot more good volunteers whom he hopes to recruit during the now more favourable weather. With this in view we shall be manning, in conjunction with the Regulars from Bury, an impressive display tent at the Newmarket Trades Fair, on the Severals outside our Drill Hall.

On the social side we have had a number of well attended events including two dinners, and it was at the last of these that we said farewell to three of our staunch supporters: our faithful P.S.I., Sgt. T. Gay, left to join the 1st Battalion in Berlin; C/Sgt. Challis has gone to join the clans north of the border; and Capt. Baggaley has been posted to the "webfooters" at the north of the County; we wish them all the very best.

Finally, congratulations to Sgt. Page and his team for being so successful in the '22 Rifle Winter Leagues; and also to Lt. Knight and Pte. Rix for getting into the newly formed and victorious Battalion Rifle team. Well done, Cpl. Burch, who had the honour of lowering for the last time, the Regimental Flag of the Cambridgeshires at the historical Amalgamation Parade which took place at Gibraltar Barracks, Bury. St. Edmunds.

"C" COMPANY

Officer Commanding ...

Major R. A. F. Kemp, T.D.

2 i/c. ... Captain D. S. Sach

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

C.Q.M.S. ... C/Sgt. L. A. Spall

P.S.I. ... Sgt. E. Boxall

Amalgamation is now a word of the past and the new Company, covering Leiston and Woodbridge area, is settling down to become a strong, well balanced Company of some 70 keen volunteers. An

all out effort will be made in the near future to boost this figure up to 100 volunteers by the end of the year. This target should be well within our capabilities and a start has already been made with the enlistment of four recruits at Leiston within the last week, and yet another one awaiting his medical, and another one almost on the hook.

Amalgamation brought the inevitable shuffling of P.S.I's. and we said goodbye to Sgt. K. Allright who has been posted to the Depot pending the return of the 1st East Anglian Regiment in July. Two things we shall always associate with Ken Allright: his skill with the paint brush and his keenness to "cross" cars. He had a firm belief that the C.S.M.'s Ford should produce a litter in its old age. He first tried crossing it with his almost new A.35, and we had difficulty in separating the two cars, to the detriment, we are afraid, of the A.35. As this failed to produce an offspring Ken took one last wild chance during his last week with us and tried crossing it with a Landrover by sneaking up the back. This last effort proved too much for the old Ford which collapsed without a protest. Now the C.S.M. is without a car or litter.

In the place of Sgt. Allright we welcome Sgt. E. Boxall who is no stranger, having been P.S.I. with the old "B" Company. We are sure he will enjoy his stay with us.

Training over the past few months has been devoted to firing the A.W.T.C., running a series of Junior N.C.O's Cadres and Battalion Shooting Team practice. Eight members of the Company shot in the most successful Battalion team that we have had for some years. No doubt a full report will appear elsewhere and suffice it to say that the Company supplied five out of the eight in the Battalion "B" team that were placed third in the District China Cup. This augurs well for the future Company shooting team.

With the installation of a Television set at Leiston the numbers attending on Friday evenings is steadily improving and we hope to see even more in the future.

We also welcome Recruits Smith, T. (brother of Summerfield back to the fold after some three years sojourn in the Midlands. The P.M.G. must have decided that the Post Offices in East Suffolk needed overhauling and only Joe could do that and Leiston, Aldeburgh and Saxmundham have all received their little doses of "Joe" over the past weeks. His first action was, of course, to hand in all his kit for exchange. We are at a loss to understand how it got worn out but he assures us it was "fair wear and tear".

We also welcome Recruits Smith (. (brother of 'Desmond'), Free, G. (brother of 'Sperry'), Gissing, G. and Marjoram, G. The latter is the son of that well-known Suffolk shot, Mr. Jimmy Marjoram and we only hope that his son is half as good a shot as his father. Welcome to you all and we know you will enjoy the T.A.

The "Pretty" Cup Competition came and went right in the middle of the spate of inspections. After holding the Cup for two years we failed to get a mention, but were not unduly worried as the old hut is about due for the knacker's yard. The building of our new T.A. Centre now seems to have got as far as the drawing board and we have high hopes of something happening in the not too distant future.

No. 9 Platoon

Platoon Commander Lieut. B. L. Coates
Platoon Sergeant Sgt. O. Summerfield

Here is news of No. 9 Platoon and this is Sgt. 'Joe' Summerfield reporting. First we would like to welcome Lieut. B. Coates as our Platoon Commander.

We don't know much about this officer as yet except that he looks big enough to drag us through thick and thin.

This month we are having our first Company Exercise in the new Company. We are all looking forward to working with the new Platoon from Woodbridge with such old friends as 'Taffy' Morgan; Jim Ablitt; Bob Mildown, etc. They have always been welcome friends at Leiston.

We have in our Platoon one Corporal — Bill Humphries, N.R.E.W. — sometimes known as 'Big Bill'. We understand that Bill was SECOND reserve in the Battalion Shooting team. He is complaining most bitterly about this 2nd business as he was ousted from the 1st reserve berth by the C.S.M. and he swears he was outranked and not outshot for the position. Incidentally the 'decorations' stand for New Rifle Each Week. The C.S.M. assures us that the reasons for his indifferent shooting this year was because Cpl. Humph 'borrowed' his rifle one week and put 'mokers' on it.

Everyone will be pleased to hear that the approach road to the Leiston T.A. Centre has been resurfaced. We are sure that this work was hurried on because the C.S.M. is now reduced to cycling to the Centre due to circumstances well beyond his control.

We are very pleased and proud that three members of the Platoon, Cpl. Humphries, L/Cpl. Hardman, F. and Pte. Ridgeon, P. were selected to shoot in the Battalion teams this year. We hope we can build a good Platoon Shooting team round these three.

It is noticed that L/Cpl. 'Spud' Murphy has changed his car and girl friend once again. We are still trying to puzzle out why it had to be a Dormobile with long seats in the back. Could it be anything to do with the Power Station taking up the best part of Sizewell beach? As we hear that wedding bells are being mentioned we look forward to a drinking party in the near future.

No. 10 Platoon

Platoon Commander ... Lieut. J. D. C. Young
Platoon Sergeant Sgt. M. Parnell

No. 10 Platoon has now settled down to serious training in preparation for Annual Camp and advantage is being taken of the lighter evenings for getting out to practise our Section Battle Drills and Map Reading.

Our C.S.M., with the welfare of his boys at heart, has taken to two wheels as his vintage model has at last collapsed under the weight of Arms (and comforts in the field). We hear the kindly garage owner offered 5/- in lieu of a certificate. His problem now is moving private cars in the yard so as to make room for his cycle.

His latest act of benevolence, first appreciated but later turned sour, was planning a Map Reading exercise for us to finish at a quiet country pub. The footsore thirsty platoon, on arriving at this R.V., found that closing time had beaten them by at least five years, the pub being no more than a name on the map. We should have known better.

We congratulate Cpl. Frank Pye on obtaining his place in the Battalion Shooting team. We hope to produce even more Battalion class shots in the future.

Congratulations are also due to Pte. Eddie Jones on his recent marriage and hope that he and his wife will be very happy and remember the Company will need recruits in the future. We understand that Desmond Smith is already looking in that direction, but more of that in a later edition.

No. 11 Platoon

Platoon Commander ... 2/Lieut. S. J. Brown
Platoon Sergeant ... Sgt. A. Morgan

This must be just about the smallest platoon in the Battalion, consisting of the Platoon Commander, Platoon Sergeant and one other — Sgt. Eddie Strowger. However, small as it is, the Platoon will play an important role at Camp this year as it contains our interpreter, Sgt. Taffy Morgan, who is being sent on the advance party for the sole purpose of sounding the mood of the natives. Small as it is, the Platoon supplied one member of the Battalion Shooting team in the Brigade Meeting — 2/Lieut. Brown, who was also Battalion Champion Shot at Suffolk Battalion's Rifle Meeting last year.

We have great hopes for this Platoon in the future as we know Sgt. Strowger has quite a strong male brood at home who will join in due course.

No. 12 Platoon.

Platoon Commander ... 2/Lieut. B. A. J. Castell
Platoon Sergeant ... Sgt. L. Brock

No. 12 Platoon is the remnants of the old "B" Company and is based at Woodbridge. We were severely hit by the amalgamation, losing two T.A. Centres and with them many of our young recruits. In addition, C.S.M. Morgan had to revert to Sergeant and Sgts. Milldown and Ablitt to Corporals. The latter has now been appointed Acting Sergeant. With all this upset the platoon is making a valiant effort to get on an even keel again. Under the guiding hand of the Company 2 i/c., Capt. D. S. Sach, himself an old Commander of "B" Company, we are sure we shall soon be a going concern again. Already we are forming plans for a recruiting drive after Camp and our first aim is to build a platoon of full strength.

The Platoon has been fully represented at the Battalion M.T. Cadre and also the Company Junior N.C.O.'s Cadre. We congratulate Sgt. Les Brook on his being selected to fire in the Battalion Shooting teams at both the Brigade and the District Rifle Meetings.

"D" COMPANY

We are very pleased to welcome the following Recruits who have joined us since January: Ptes. Caie, Chase, Clarke, P., Crisp, J. R., Cooper, Gardener, Jones, Keeble, Long, Mayston, Pittan and Swan.

During January and February we had four week-ends on or rather 'in' the mud up to our necks at Pakefield Ranges, which were all very well attended. It is very good to see that a keen interest is being taken in shooting by the Company as it has never been one of our strong points, although we can now boast seven members of the Battalion Rifle team. In the District Rifle Meeting the following obtained

good results: L/Cpl. Daines, 3rd in the O.R.'s. competition, Pte. Clarke, 1st, Young Soldiers' Bren Pairs and also 3rd, China Cup team, Pte. Burgess and Sgt. Bland, 3rd, China Cup team.

During March we were very sorry to lose Major J. G. Lawrie, T.D., our Company Commander since 1954. He has been moved by his firm to Bourne-mouth. We wish you all the very best Major 'John' and look forward to seeing you whenever you are this way.

We are very pleased to welcome our new Company Commander, Major W. Mayhew, whom we hope will be with us for a long time to come.

HEADQUARTER COMPANY

Officer Commanding ... Major R. C. Smyth
C.S.M. ... W.O.II P. I. Cook
C.Q.M.S. ... C/Sgt. L. Southgate
P.S.I.'s ... Sgt. D. A. Mobius, Sgt. A. H. Baldry

We have just finished our Annual Weapon Training Course with some amazing results, even if certain members of the Company did go without their bolts, and those who did take them nearly all tried firing through battle sights, but a good time was had by all.

The old Headquarter Company gave a Dinner and Show at the Regal Café, Felixstowe, to the new members of the Company from Bury St. Edmunds and Stowmarket. It was attended by 90 members and their wives, and the entertainment was provided by "The Four Aces", a local group well known in Suffolk. All members of the Company wish to thank C.S.M. Cook for all the hard work he put in to make this an enjoyable night out.

Signal Platoon

We congratulate Cpl. Dedman, Cpl. Soames, L/Cpl. James and Pte. Young on passing their Signal Classification. The R.S.O. has just been given a new Signal Platoon in the form of Bury St. Edmunds and Haverhill detachments. Week-end Signal training is well under way and we hope to have them well on the way to classifying before we go to camp.

M.T. Platoon

The M.T. Platoon has attracted a good following and to date four week-end Cadres have been held. Valuable assistance has been given by Sgt. Barrell and Sgt. Milldown as instructors, whose efforts resulted in six being passed out.

Assault Pioneer Platoon

The Platoon now formed is part of H.Q. Company and resident at Stowmarket with Sgt. Garrod as instructor. Attendance as far as possible, considering shift work and transport difficulties for those in outlying areas, has been good. The Platoon has recently acquired an assault boat and dry training has taken place, and we are all looking forward to the time when we can do some WET training. A limited number of the Platoon are acting as enemy in the forthcoming Combined Services Show on May 29th at Christchurch Park, Ipswich, and will be letting off steam in the form of explosive charges.

The members of this Platoon take this opportunity to express their wish for many successes to this new amalgamated Battalion, and extend warm greetings to our new partners,

Training has been performed with much zeal and devotion, thanks to our Pioneer Sergeant. Every drill night we hear the familiar clanking of oars in the Drill Hall, denoting the men are trying to get the assault boat from the hall to the bar, but nevertheless serious training is being carried out.

Our appreciation and thanks are given to our out-going Company Commander, Capt. Sach. Here's wishing you the best, Sir, with your new Company. Also reluctantly we bid farewell to 2/Lt. Wells. May your insurance premiums never rise, and thanks also for the new vigour put into the old Company.

Sgt Stimpson (the Baron) will be attending an Assault Pioneer Course shortly.

Our members, namely W.O.II Barnard, Sgt. Stimpson, Cpl. Oxford and Pte. Jarred, did wonders in the District Rifle Meeting. We also congratulate R.S.M. Hazelwood on coaching the team to such a high standard.

The writer's elementary knowledge is now failing. We wish all well to members of the Battalion, and now look forward to Annual Camp.

Bury St. Edmunds Detachment

Our main item of news is of the departures, as owing to amalgamation we have lost three stalwarts of the old "A" Company namely, Major Brown, C/Sgt. Dye and Sgt. March. We are sorry to lose our P.S.I., W.O.II Phillips but still, Alf, all good things must come to an end, and who knows we may call at your garage one of these days for some free air.

As we are now part of H.Q. Company we are pleased that once more our P.S.I. is Sgt. Mobius and now on Monday evenings it is just like old times.

Congratulations to all those responsible for the decorations, etc., that enabled the T.A.C. to be placed third in the Pretty Cup Competition.

It is encouraging to find that all the Haverhill personnel are still turning out in strength and Sgts. Baldry, Jay and Pollen are keeping them on their toes, as is also Capt. Bird with his Signal Training.

Although we have had some opportunity of meeting and getting to know the remainder of the Company it will only be at Camp that we shall get to know each other properly.

Congratulations Sgt. Spalding on your achievement in winning the Brigade Champion Shot, and also to Sgt. Pollen on grabbing the wrong Bren, but still you made up for that with the nice tankard at the District Rifle Meeting.

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE — THE ST. LEGER SWEEPSTAKE

For some time past it has been evident that additional funds are required in order that all approved applications for assistance might receive help commensurate with the needs of each case. In most cases it has been possible to give sufficient immediate relief, but in others, where the needs are greater, it has not been possible to give adequate help because of the lack of funds and the need to husband the available resources.

As a means of raising additional funds it has been decided to launch a sweepstake, details of which are being sent out by both Sections of the Past and Present Association. We hope that all members, whether serving or retired, will give this project their utmost support.

NORFOLK SECTION

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

1961
Sept. 30—Reunion Dinner at Norwich.
Oct. 12—Memorial Service for Nurse Edith Cavell,
Norwich Cathedral, 10-45 a.m.
Oct. 27—King's Lynn Branch Reunion Dinner.
Nov. 10—London Branch Dinner.
Nov. 11—Remembrance Service at the Regimental
War Memorial Cottages, Norwich, 10-45
a.m.

Regimental Association Benevolent Fund

One hundred and ninety applications for assistance were received during 1960 and grants amounting to £728 were made in the one hundred and forty-six cases helped.

A disability pension was obtained for a former member of the Regiment who was injured whilst a prisoner-of-war in Japanese hands.

A grant of £200 has been made by the Army Benevolent Fund to assist the Regimental Association in its work of relieving distress among former members of the Regiment.

The accounts of the Benevolent Fund for 1960 are published below:—

EXPENDITURE	£	s.	d.
To Grants and Loans	858	15	3
„ Admin. Expenses :			
Secretary Exp.	55	0	0
Printing & Stationery .	4	4	0
Postage/Telephone ...	7	0	0
Sundries	11	5	0
	77	9	0
	£936	4	3

INCOME	£	s.	d.
By Interest and Dividends :			
5% Defence Bonds	15	0	0
3½% Treasury Stock	47	5	2
*5% Norwich Corporation	18	7	6
*5½% Norwich Corporation	3	4	4
*5½% Norwich Corporation	3	10	4
*5½% East Afrn. High Commission	7	8	6
3½% Treasury Stock	98	9	10
3½% Funding Loan	105	0	0
4½% British Electric Stock	106	5	0
4% New Zealand Stock	104	0	0
Grant, Army Benevolent Fund ...	200	0	0
3½% War Stock, L.R.Nor.R.	14	18	0
„ Refund of Income Tax on Dividends marked *	38	13	11
„ Refund of Loans	44	0	0
„ Excess of Expenditure over Income ...	130	1	8
	£936	4	3

Accumulated Funds	£	s.	d.
Balance on 1st January 1960	367	9	3
	£367	9	3
	£	s.	d.
Excess of Expenditure over Income	130	1	8
Balance as carried forward	237	7	7
	£367	9	3

The accounts were audited by Messrs. Harper-Smith and Moore of Norwich.

Steps have been taken to invest the capital of the Benevolent Fund in the recently founded United Services Trustee Combined Charitable Fund. The advantages of this action may shortly be summarised as follows:—

- The Combined Fund will enjoy day to day expert financial management which is difficult for small Service Charities to obtain economically.
- By contributing to the Combined Fund, Service Charities achieve a wide diversification of investments, including equity investments, because they will enjoy the benefit of a proportionate share in every investment held by the Combined Fund.
- As two-thirds of the investments belonging to the Combined Fund will be allowed to consist of equity investments, contributing Service Charities will in effect enjoy a wider spread of investments than is at present available to them.

- By becoming contributors to the Combined Fund, small Service Charities will enjoy a reduction in their normal investment expenses by avoiding the extra cost involved in the purchase of small amounts of Stock.

It is emphasised, however, that the Benevolent Fund of the Regimental Association will of course remain distinct and the existing powers and responsibilities of our own Committee to dispose of income and capital will not be affected in any way.

DEATHS

Sgt. E. E. Brown

His many friends will be sorry to learn of the death of Sergeant Ernest Brown at the age of 74 years. Joining the Regiment in 1904, Mr. Brown was posted to the 2nd Battalion in South Africa and served for 21 years with that battalion before retiring on pension in 1925. He was a member of the 2nd Battalion besieged in Kut-al-Amara and was taken prisoner by the Turks when Kut garrison capitulated in 1916.

Mr. Brown was an active member of the Regimental Association and almost as well-known by the London Branch as by his Norwich friends. He leaves a widow to whom we extend sincere condolences in her great loss.

At the funeral R.S.M. Boxall represented the Regiment and Major Cripps the Regimental Association. Others present included Messrs. Pearce, French and Wones.

Ex-Private D. W. Pitches

It is with regret that we have to report the passing of Private David William Pitches who, like Sgt. Brown was a survivor of the Siege of Kut-al-Amara. Mr. Pitches served in the 9th Foot for more than 21 years and was awarded the D.C.M. for gallantry in the Mesopotamian Campaign of 1915–16. He was one of those old soldiers whose type has almost disappeared from the Army. Meticulous in his turn-out, first-class as a Company Storeman or in charge of the Battalion Mineral Water Factory, courageous in action and yet always content to remain a private soldier. He was a regimental character known to everyone.

Mr. Pitches, who was a widower, is survived by a sister to whom we extend our deep sympathy. She is presenting her brother's medals to the Regimental Museum.

LONDON BRANCH

From the Honorary Secretary, Mr. S. A. Tuck.

The London Branch has had yet another successful year. At the Annual General Meeting on the 6th March the Secretary told the 29 members attending that the average attendance throughout the past year was 18 members a meeting. The Annual Cenotaph Parade organised by the Branch for the Association is showing a marked decrease in numbers. Maybe not enough emphasis is put on the word Regimental Association. I would like to remind readers that the London Branch only organise the parade for Headquarters and it is open to everyone who has had any connection with the Regiment to attend.

The Treasurer, Mr. George Terry, gave a very satisfactory report on the funds of the Branch. Mr. Terry also spoke about our next Reunion Dinner in November, saying that although still not definite it would more than likely be held at the Dragons' Room, Westminster.

The Burma Reunion held on the 28th of April



1/6th Battalion The Royal Norfolk Regiment Annual Reunion Dinner.
Brigadier Wilkinson receives the portrait of Captain W. Palmer.

(By courtesy of The Eastern Daily Press).

was attended by nine members of the branch—Messrs. Neale, Macrae, Waring, Deering, Kibble, Tremlin, Rolfe, Cussack and myself. Speeches were made by the Earl Mountbatten of Burma and Field Marshal Viscount Slim and we were very well entertained by a host of well known personalities. We were later joined in the box by Messrs. Allen, Lambe and Richard who had made their own arrangements. Major-General A. H. J. Snelling, C.B., C.B.E., the Chairman of the Burma Star Association, also called in on us and asked for his best wishes to be sent to all "Norfolks".

Looking forward to seeing some of you again this summer.

KING'S LYNN BRANCH

The Branch Accounts show that there was a credit balance of £227 2s. 1d. on 31st December, 1960. A Premium Bond prize of £100 was won by the Branch during the year.

40th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FORMATION OF THE 1/6th BATTALION OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION

This important event was celebrated with a Dinner at the Grosvenor Rooms, Norwich on Saturday, 15th April when no less than 85 former members of the battalion sat down amidst the greatest possible

enthusiasm. They were joined by guests who included Brigadiers C. J. Wilkinson, D.S.O. and F. P. Barclay, D.S.O., M.C., Colonel B. O. L. Prior and Major W. W. L. Prior, sons of the former Commanding Officer of the Battalion. Other Associations affiliated to the 9th Foot were represented by Major Eric Edwards, Captains C. P. Bassingthwaite, M.C., Geoffrey Peacock and Messrs. H. K. Palmer, C. R. Gibbs, M.M., H. A. Hale, G. Huggins, R. P. Morgan, M.C. and E. R. Morgan, F.S.I.

Unfortunately, the President of the Association, Captain C. B. Bolinbroke, was too ill to attend and it was with the greatest regret that we learned of his death as this report was being prepared. Captain A. H. Dixon of Oxted in Surrey was prevented from taking the chair because of a last minute indisposition and so it fell to our old comrade of "A" Company, Leonard W. King, M.B.E., the Assistant Chief Constable of Norfolk, to preside on this very special occasion.

The following telegram was sent to Her Majesty The Queen — "Survivors of the 1/6th Battalion, The Norfolk Regiment, assembled at the Grosvenor Rooms, Norwich upon the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Old Comrades' Association by the late Colonel B. H. L. Prior, D.S.O., T.D., tender their loyal greetings and assure

your Majesty of their continued devotion to your Majesty's throne and person".

Her Majesty's Private Secretary in reply asked the President to convey to all present the Queen's sincere thanks for their kind and loyal message of greetings which Her Majesty very greatly appreciated.

After dinner, a Georgian bracket clock was presented to Captain Wallace Palmer in appreciation of his sterling work first as Assistant Secretary, and later as Secretary of the 1/6th Old Comrades' Association. Major Lund in making the presentation said that the anniversary was an occasion which should be suitably marked and it was a happy link with another gallant officer as the clock was formerly in the possession of the late Major Bernard Boswell, a Territorial Officer of the 4th Battalion. The clock was subscribed for by Captain Palmer's "old friends on Norwich Hill" (he was a former Clerk of the Markets) and by members of the Old Comrades' Association of the Royal Artillery, Royal Engineers, Royal Army Medical Corps and those of various battalions of the Regiment.

Captain Palmer in expressing thanks for the gift stated that he wished the amount over-subscribed for the clock to be given to the Old Comrades' Association funds. He said that he had asked the O.C.A. to accept an oil painting of himself made in 1917 and that the Committee had suggested that the painting be offered to the Regimental Museum.

The Museum Committee having expressed a wish to have the painting, Captain Palmer asked Brigadier Wilkinson to accept it on behalf of the Regiment.

The reply to the toast "Our Guests" was made by Brigadier Barclay who in the course of a most interesting and vivid reply remarked, "I have had a perfectly wonderful evening and I consider this dinner an outstanding occasion. I am sure you are all indebted to Captain Palmer for his splendid work over many years. Your esprit de corps after over forty years is quite unbelievable; I am sure you have all enjoyed the evening as much as I have".

This memorable occasion was organised by a small committee who spared no pains in making contact with every possible former member of the battalion. It was decided right at the start that no one who wished to be present should be prevented

from doing so because he could not afford the price of a ticket and this has been made possible by subscriptions received from many of those present at the dinner and also from the following who wrote sending good wishes but regretting their inability to attend :—

Major Aikens, A. B. Bragshaw, A. L. Bird, Captain J. Brewster, H. Bolinbroke, B. G. Baldwin, F. O. Rees Brown, C. F. Clare, R. F. Crossland, Major W. G. Cripps, E. J. Duffield, J. Dingle, Canon Sinnett Davies, W. C. French, D. Fraser, Captain H. N. Goodchild, A. Goddard, Lt-Col. Higson, J. L. Heyhoe, Captain G. Hill, W. B. Hollis, M.M., H. Humphrey, S. W. Lockwood, O.B.E., H. J. Lawrence, G. W. London, T. W. Lines, F. E. Leeds, A. S. Lamb, D. Melton, Colonel E. C. Overton, M.C., O.B.E., F. G. Platten, M.C., Lieut. W. L. Page, Captain C. P. Philpott, Captain C. B. L. Prior, Captain K. Parker, Lt-Col. J. M. Petit, M.B.E., G. A. Parfitt, H. G. Ransome, E. M. Riches, H. G. Relham, W. H. Roberts, F. E. Smith, A. W. Sturgeon, Captain C. B. Smith, Captain M. A. Trotter and A. C. Warner.

It was a great occasion, magnificently supported and an outstanding example of regimental spirit.

GAZA DAY

The 44th anniversary of the Battle of Gaza was commemorated by a Service at St. Peter Mancroft Church, Norwich attended by Colonel J. H. Jewson, M.C., T.D., D.L., and members of the 1/4th Battalion Old Comrades Association and those of other Battalion O.C.A's. Major Cripps represented the Regimental Association.

After the Service a wreath was placed on the Civic War Memorial in honour of those members of Territorial Battalions of the Regiment who lost their lives during the battle.

REGIMENTAL MUSEUM

Thirty-four members of the Diss Antiquarian Society visited the Museum on 7th April. Major Cripps gave a talk on the history of the Regiment and, assisted by Major Ambrose, showed the visitors round the Museum.

The Dereham Antiquarian Society are paying a visit to the Museum in September.

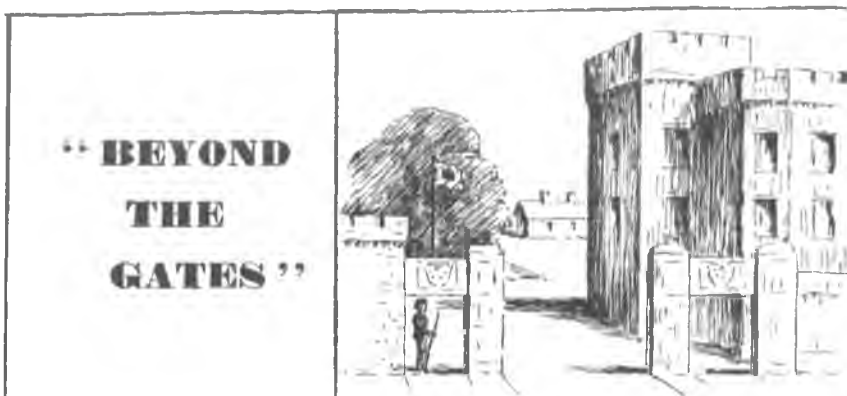
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SUFFOLK SECTION

Yet another Regimental amalgamation has taken place, that of the 4th Battalion The Suffolk Regiment (T.A.) with the 1st Battalion The Cambridgeshire Regiment (T.A.) to form The Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Regiment. At present all ranks are wearing the badge of the 1st East Anglian Regiment but will eventually have their own. The Regimental Headquarters, now at Ipswich, will be at Bury. On amalgamation Lt.-Col. G. T. O. Springfield retired leaving the newly-formed Regiment under the command of Lt.-Col. P. D. Storie-Pugh, M.B.E., M.C., T.D., former C.O. of the 1st Cambridgeshires, with Captain R. G. Wilson as Adjutant. An alliance between the two Battalions is not new, as the Cambridgeshire Regiment has formed part of the Corps of The Suffolk Regiment since the 1914-18 War. Both produced two Battalions each in 1939, and were captured together at Singapore. They have, therefore, a great deal in common and we wish them a successful and happy amalgamation.

Readers of "Beyond the Gates" usually expect to see in the July issue of the Journal, an account of Daffodil Sunday. This annual event was started by Brigadier E. H. W. Backhouse, C.B.E., D.L., in 1934, and, becoming very popular with the public, gradually developed into an "Open Day" with demonstrations of weapons, barrack rooms, etc., added as an additional attraction to enable the visitors to see how soldiers live and work. Due to the rebuilding programme, however, it was decided that to hold an "Open Day" this year would create a false impression of the surroundings of the modern soldier, and so although the daffodils were there in their usual numbers, Gibraltar Barracks stood silent and empty. It is the intention to observe Daffodil Sunday in the future when reconstruction is complete.

Jack Almen, of 199 Markfield Road, Markfield, Leicester, writes to say that he recently met Ginger Britton who was quite a character and would be known to many who served during the period 1922-30. He also forwarded a copy of the "Star and Garter" magazine which included a roll of patients in the Home. Among these are two former members of the Suffolk Regiment, ex-Ptes. Arthur Hall and Ernest Knight. The Star and Garter Home for Disabled Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen, situated at Richmond, Surrey, was opened in 1916 to provide permanent homes with skilled medical and nursing attention and accommodates 200.

As members will know, there are a large number of flowering shrubs and trees in Gibraltar Barracks,

in addition to the daffodils, and which have been planted from time to time by various Depot Commanders. These include a number of Horn Beams, planted by Lt.-Col. J. C. R. Eley in 1953 on either side of the main entrance inside the gates. As the entrance is to be widened, several of these have been removed and replanted in another section of the gardens. This uprooting was perhaps symbolic in that it coincided with the retirement of an old soldier, ex-C.S.M. Charles Edey (No. 5820514) whose service in and with the Regiment dates back to August 1914. After discharge to pension, Charles joined the Civil Service and has been in it ever since, working in the Depot offices. His last few years were spent on Officers' documentation, two words which do not fully reveal the size of his job. In addition he had the civilian pay roll to cope with. He is a keen bowls player, and will doubtless spend most of his evenings with the Northgate Bowling Club.

Passing through Bury on his way out was C.S.M. Bert Richardson, P.S.I. to the 4th Battalion at Lowestoft, where he is settling down in civilian life. The local brewers must have been very happy to know that Bert was not leaving their locality!

C.S.M. Jack Ramplin also returned to Bury, complete with wife, for his discharge, but was so reluctant to leave the service that on the last day he got himself admitted to hospital. He has now recovered and is looking for a suitable job.

Several local members have been on the sick list, including ex-Bandsman Lew Beer, ex-C/Sgt. "Striker" Whight and ex-Sgt. W. Sillett. The latter had just resumed work after a spell in hospital, then had a fall and went back to hospital again. Ex-C.S.M. Stan Winter was admitted to hospital at the end of April and is likely to be there for some while.

A letter from Gerald Moxon, who will be known to former members of the 2nd Battalion in India and the 1st Battalion (Officers' Mess Staff) in Malta, reveals that he is still in private service. It would seem that his Mess training has stood him in good stead. He says that he would welcome a line from any of his old friends and gives his address as The Holt, Upham, Southampton.

A news item which may be of interest to those entering Bury from the direction of Newmarket is that a new public house is to be built in the next two years or so next door to the Golf Club and opposite Blenheim Camp. Its name the "Minden Rose"!

Although he is not yet "beyond the gates", mention must be made of R.S.M. Kevin Duffy, whose



Corporals' Mess, Fort St. George, Madras.
(Circa 1935).

well-known figure could be seen in Bury in the early part of May. He had just returned from a tour of duty in the Far East and was en route to the Regimental Pay Office at Devizes (not, we hasten to add, in an accounting capacity!). He was looking remarkably fit and well.

In the March issue of the Journal, mention was made of Bill North, and his address was given as 16 Ladbroke Square, London, W.11. Since then, Bill has moved, and can now be located at 20 Bedford Square, London, W.C.1.

We regret to report the deaths of the following old soldiers :—

Ex-Cpl. Charles Mills (No. 2277), of 27 Harewood Court, Wilbury Road, Hove, at the age of 89. Mr. Mills joined the Regiment in 1888, and served with the 1st Battalion in South Africa. He helped to set up the very first number of the Regimental Gazette, when it was produced by the Regimental Printing Press. He joined the Association at the age of 85 and later wrote an article on the South African War, which was published in the Gazette.

Ex-Sgt. W. G. Miller, of 54 Southgate Street, Bury St. Edmunds, aged 74 years. Taken prisoner in the 1914/18 War, Mr. Miller served 22 years in the Regiment, after which he was employed in the Sugar Beet Factory for 35 years, retiring as yard foreman some ten years ago.

Ex-Sgt. W. Turner, of 8 Cecil Road, Peterborough, aged 93 years. He joined the 1st Battalion as a very young man, fought in the Hazara campaign 1888, and throughout the Boer War. He returned to civilian life in 1905, rejoining the Regiment in the 1914-18 War as a drill sergeant.

Ex-Pte. Sam Place, of 25 Highbury Road Flats, Bury St. Edmunds. He was a member of the 3rd (Militia) Battalion, and served in the South African War. Well known in Bury, Mr. Place was 82 years old.

Ex-Cpl. Joseph Sargeant (No. 47356), of 16 Gregory Street, Sudbury, at the age of 80. He enlisted voluntarily at the outbreak of the 1914-18 War, serving with the 2nd Battalion. He was discharged in January 1920.

Ex-R.S.M. F. W. Robinson (No. 1029), 39 King George's Avenue, Leiston, aged 94 years. Mr.

Robinson joined the Depot, The Suffolk Regiment on 1st November 1884. In February 1885 he was posted to the 2nd Battalion in Cork and in 1886 to the 1st Battalion in India. He returned to England in 1892 and afterwards went to South Africa, receiving both the King's and Queen's Medals and the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. Two years later he was transferred to the 2nd Volunteer Battalion as Colour-Sergeant Instructor to the Stowmarket Company, with which he did a great deal to bring it up to a high state of efficiency. The 2nd Volunteer Battalion, when the Territorial Forces Act came into operation, became the 5th Battalion The Suffolk Regiment and he remained with "A" (Stowmarket and Eye) Company. He was mobilised with the Battalion and rendered invaluable service in training recruits during the 1914-18 War. On the formation of 3/5th Battalion he was appointed R.S.M. Later, when amalgamations took place, he became Sergeant Major with the 4th (Reserve) Battalion and the Cambs. and Suffolk (Reserve) Battalion. He was awarded the Meritorious Service (with gratuity) in 1939.

A life member of the Association, Mr. Robinson was also a member of the Sergeants' Dinner Club (Past and Present).

After almost 68 years of married life, Mr. Robinson died on 30th April 1961, leaving a widow and two daughters.

To the relatives of all the above, we offer our deepest sympathy.

ANNUAL REUNION

As announced in the March issue of The Journal, the Annual Reunion of The Suffolk Section, Past Present Association, will be held on the Recreation Ground, Gibraltar Barracks, Bury St. Edmunds, on Sunday, 23 July 1961.

Those who have not already applied for Lunch and Tea Tickets should do so immediately to the Hon. Treasurer, 1st East Anglian Regiment, Past and Present Association, Suffolk Section, Gibraltar Barracks, Bury St. Edmunds. Prices are as follows :

Officers	Lunch and Tea, 8/- each
Other Ranks	Lunch and Tea, 7/- each
	Lunch only, 5/- each
	Tea only, 2/- each

In the case of Other Ranks, these prices are subsidised from the Section Funds.

The day will start with a Church Service at 11-30 a.m. The Band of the 1st East Anglian Regiment will be present, and the Band and Drums will Beat Retreat in the evening.

A cricket match, East Anglian Brigade v. Gentlemen of Suffolk, will take place on the Recreation Ground.

Full details of the Reunion have already been sent to all Branch Hon. Secretaries.

London Branch

I hope, Mr. A. B. Lavender, that you will please accept my very humble apology for getting your name mixed with that of Alexander. Perhaps you will find some consolation in the fact that Lavender by any other name would be just as sweet! It is indeed a pleasure to have the company of you and your wife and also that of "Dolly" Hubbard and his wife at our Meetings. I sincerely hope that our

Meetings will have the pleasure of your company for many years to come.

Sammy Shields was unable to attend our last Meeting (March) owing to his having to collect a few filthy "Greenbacks" for a personal appearance, but being a generous sort of a bloke he left enough for a couple of "Straights". Thanks Sammy, the matter was dealt with efficiently, thoroughly, willingly and with zest and gusto. If that does not satisfy you, says "Sprasso", you know what you can do — with Harry Ede and "Cock" Sparrow to help. We would sooner have you in person at our Meetings but I expect you will keep for another couple of months until our next one!

Other notable absentees were "Tubby" Weston, "Tich" Moulding, Bill Barratt, Ray and Mrs. Pike, Bert Welch and his wife, Jack Webb, "Stalky" Reid, Charlie and Mrs. Flynn, George Parson and Eddie Cooper and family.

Mrs. Cooper tells me (by "blower") that our Anne's romance is progressing very favourably and along well ordered lines and that no "break" orders from clitches have so far been necessary. Don't forget Anne, I am still willing to hold your hand and buy you a Coco-cola, by kind permission of your boy friend of course. By the way, I remember the time when your Dad used to be a devil and get desperate and drink a 'shandy'. Nostalgic memories Eddy? Anyway I bet you have very pleasant memories of those times! Incidentally, Anne, your connection with Suffolk through the Regiment might stand you in good stead if you decide to become a Telephone Operator — it has prospects you know!

The health of Lt.-Col. Grey is much improved and he may be able to attend one of our Meetings before the Reunion at Bury St. Edmunds. He has had a fairly long illness and it is good to hear that his health is much improved.

We hope it will not be long before Major Drew is able to attend our Meetings once again.

Brig. Russell was a bit off colour and could not attend our March Meeting. I expect he will attend our May Meeting — at least let's hope so.

We have not seen much of Major Shaw lately but I strongly suspect that his absence is also due to reasons of health.

As for Captain Pogson — well I simply just don't know. I can only put his absence down to the fact of his having to travel a lot on business. I know he does turn up, when able.

Some time ago I had a chat on the "blower" with Harry Glibbery and he informed me that he had to return to hospital for another check up. It beats me how he has stuck it for all these years and I must say I have never heard him utter a word of complaint. Incidentally, I bet he would be the first to say that his wife is the one who deserves all the praise. I know that there is a lot for her to do, but she too never complains. I sincerely hope that they can find time to pay us a visit even if it only for an hour or so. Believe me, we would all like to see them again.

Bill Barratt is another one of our members who very often has to return to hospital for a check up.

He also is one who never complains and is always so cheerful. Do let us see more of you Bill! This also applies to George Parsons who has been conspicuous by his absence from our last couple of meetings. Courting George?

Without a doubt many of us have much to be thankful for.

It was very pleasant to welcome again, after a period of absence, Peter Langran and Shoey Yarham. Peter does not alter — he is still as droll as ever and excellent company too. We hope to see more of you in the future, Peter. As for Shoey — well, what am I to say? Anyway, Shoey, it's nice to see you back again after your long unavoidable absence. I bet you won't argue with Paper Vans again in a hurry.

I am very much looking forward to the Annual Reunion at Bury St. Edmunds on 23rd July and hope that the London Branch will be well represented too. What about it, you other Branches: Woodbridge, Mildenhall, Sudbury, Stowmarket, Ipswich, Bury St. Edmunds, etc.? It may not be out of place to remind ourselves that we are not getting any younger, so don't put it off any longer! In a number of cases, Old Comrades have, after the Reunion when it's too late, often said, "I wish I had gone now". Make sure you won't be sad or sorry this year. Attend the Reunion on Sunday, 23rd July. Believe me, there must be plenty of my Old Comrades whom I have not seen for years and would really like to see again.

At the last Reunion a large number of Ipswich Branch O.C.A. asked after "Tich" Moulding. Don't disappoint them this year "Tich", and let me assure you that you will enjoy every minute of it. Even your old sparring partner Bill Stoodley may turn up! If the Water Board take over the Suffolk Breweries I won't expect to see either you or "Shoey" — O.K?

I expect to see "Shady" Burrows at the Reunion this year — if you don't turn up Shady I will tell "Slogger" Leach that it was really you who poured the water down the chimney of his bunk in the Transport Lines in Malta. Did you ever hear what happened when "Slogger" went out for the first and last time in Malta. Anything to say, "Slogger"?

I notice that an "R" slipped into the name of Doug Baddock. Sorry, Doug, but never mind ay! Charlie Welch and "Cock" Sparrow were not too particular, were they? I know you were very jealous of "Cock's" tonsorial smartness so you sabotaged his jar of Vaseline by putting sand in it. I will be looking forward to further discussion on the subject with you on 23rd July. What a feast old Charlie always had tied up in his handkerchief — "Muck in Harry, fresh this morning", says Charlie. "God bless you", says Doug in his most pious manner.

Nice to hear of "Sexton Blake" again. I last saw him in the pub in a small village just outside Rougham. I was the Q.M. sent by War Office to help wind up the Polish Transit Camp in Rougham Park. It was a three month job, after which I was posted to Austria.

As a matter of fact "Sexton" was in the same Company ("B") as myself in India. Another one of his particular pals was Cpl. Rodney Stone — remember him Sexton? I have enclosed a snap taken

at Madras. You are second from the left. You may also recognise Joe Platten, "Saus" Chandler, the late Tom Tyler, Ernie Stean, O'Dell and "Rudy" Rudkin.

I certainly enjoyed my stay in India with the 2nd Battalion, especially in Bangalore with the 2nd Bn. Hockey Team. Incidentally we won the Madras District Hockey Cup in Bangalore in the last year of our stay in the District in 1935. Then, of course, there was the swimming at Madras, Bay of Bengal and at Mhow in Baircha Swimming Pool. In Trimulgherry it was the Plunge Bath and the big "Tank" (Lake) a few miles outside Secunderabad.

I bet Harry Glibbery has happy memories of swimming in Madras. The Permanent Swimming Picket used to consist of Harry, Len Gilbey, Ted Green and myself. Remember riding in on those lovely big rollers, Harry?

I went to Wellington in 1929 but I did not think much of it at all. For one thing it was too cool to raise a decent thirst and another complaint was far too many duck eggs for meals. I was indeed glad to get back to Trim and I made sure I never went to Wellington again.

Other places I bet plenty of Old Comrades remember are the Camps at Maula Ali, Shahmirpet, Ghatkesar and Red Hills. Happy days — plenty of sore feet and very large thirsts but George Maltby and H. F. Shabodeen provided the cures.

I expect our old comrades in Australia, Messrs. Fossey, Archer, Howlett and Gilbey will remember those places and times, too. Incidentally the London Branch send you and all ex-Suffolks, Minden Greetings.

Another old comrade who recalls his days in India is F. R. Sanger. He served with the Regiment from 1917-1922. He was in the Orderly Room of the 1st Battalion and served with the Battalion during the Moplah troubles. He left the 1st Battalion for service in the I.C.S. in 1922. He was at our last meeting (March) with his very charming daughter. His daughter was at one time a nurse at The London Hospital, where she obtained her S.R.N. but left nursing to get married. She is now Mother, Secretary, Cook, Wages Clerk, Cleaner Upper, etc. as her husband runs his own bakery business and very much needs the help of his wife to do so. She maintains that in spite of the hard work and long and awkward hours involved in the nursing profession, she loved the work. I must say that I have never yet met any nurse who has not been of the same mind. As a matter of fact my brother-in-law, who is a male nurse, says exactly the same. Those in that profession must obviously be a dedicated community. I do hope that she will find time to visit us again, together with her husband if possible.

Well, you Ipswich wallahs, I expect you will be looking forward to your newly promoted Football Team visiting one of our local North London teams next season — Spurs, I mean of course — our other local team being Arsenal.

Yes, I know the Spurs were lucky and had all the breaks, but still they did accomplish that "impossible" double.

I watched the Final on T.V. but my eleven year old son was fortunate enough to get a Cup Final

ticket. I suppose most of you can guess what I had to go through when he got back home after the game.

The Branch must fix a meeting date for the Saturday that Ipswich comes to town to meet Spurs or Arsenal for that matter. We would like to see that you get some consolation anyway. In all probability Ipswich Branch Secretary and I can fix up for that date when we meet (I hope) on 23rd July at Bury St. Edmunds.

I am looking forward to meeting again at Bury St. Edmunds that lovely shower of old comrades from Chatteris, "Happy" and Bert Harlock, "Boss" Masterson, Bill Ladds, etc., and also many others from other parts whom I have not seen for a number of years.

"Mary" Gilbert (sorry — "Mister"), had better take this as a warning order, so see that that "bat" is well oiled and ready for hard work on 23rd July. No doubt "Slogger" Leach, "Shady" Burrows, Stan Cullum, Bill Bailey, Mick Meakins, "Boss" Masterson, Shoey Yarham, and others of the Maltese "Blues" Club will be sending down some crafty and nift googlies. If "Porky" Flynn turns up you will have to use a couple of tennis rackets, "Mary", as the "bat" will be too small for him.

Bill North has taken over Treasurer of the London Branch. He will probably get into this "Take Over" business so I expect we will all finish up as millionaires. Anyhow, Bill, hard luck for a Rolls Royce, you are just too late.

Looking forward to seeing Fousands of you at Bury St. Whoops — Meanwhile that's yer lot.

Bury St. Edmunds Branch

I must commence this contribution with sincere apologies for lack of Branch News in the previous issue of the Gazette. For my own personal apologies as Secretary I have been in and out of hospital twice since Christmas, but am hoping to get back to work in a week or two, so I have not been able to get around for news. I thank Major Chandler for paying me a visit whilst I was in hospital.

Whilst I was being discharged from hospital, who should be admitted but old soldier "Striker" Whight from the Regimental Flats. So back went Major Chandler and myself to visit him, but I am glad to report that he is out and about again and feeling much better. Another resident of the "Flats", Lew Beer, has also had quite a time off through illness, but he is on the mend. So much for the cripples.

We have had social invitations from Cambridge and Mildenhall Branches. My apologies to Captain Shaw and his committee for not being able to muster a coach load to go to Cambridge, but I did go myself and I thank him sincerely for a grand evening. As for Mildenhall Branch's invitation, I could not get around to all members of the Branch to see if they would like the trip. The few I did see had made other arrangements for that particular evening. But when the social evening came along I found myself in hospital, otherwise I should have got there. Thank you again, Victor, for the invitation.

Lack of attendance at our Branch meetings has decided us not to hold them for the time being. Branch members will be informed in the near future

of the date we will hold the Annual General Meeting, when it is hoped every member will come along, so that we can discuss the future of the Branch.

Passing through the town I was pleased to see "Paddy" Duffy, moustache and all, home from the Far East. Still the same old Paddy.

Also ex-C.S.M. Blowers, whom you will remember was mine host of the "Black Boy" when the Branch had their meeting place there. He is now landlord of the Bell Inn at Great Blakenham, nr. Ipswich. He says he will be pleased to see all ex-Suffolks passing by, especially members of the Branch who care to stop and fill up.

In closing we wish the best of luck to all members of other Branches and to all ex-Suffolks everywhere, and last but not least to the 1st East Anglian Regiment in Germany, whom we hope to see in England by the time this issue is published.

4th and 5th SUFFOLKS OLD COMRADES FUND

The Annual General Meeting of the Trustees of the 4th and 5th Suffolks Old Comrades Fund was held recently. This Fund originated during the 1914-

1918 War when the Commanding Officers of the two Battalions set out a scheme whereby all officers made a monthly subscription pro rata according to rank, towards raising a fund which could be utilised after the war to relieve men of these battalions who had become incapacitated, and to help widows and children of those who had been killed in action. The scheme for administering the fund was accepted by the Charity Commissioners in 1927. So that the scheme might be utilised for the benefit of Old Comrades of the Second World War, the Charity Commissioners agreed to amend the scheme and this was sealed by them on 19th March 1946.

At the meeting it was agreed to subscribe to the Lord Kitchener Memorial Holiday Home at Lowestoft the sum of £15 yearly, which enables the Trustees to send two old soldiers yearly for a fortnight's holiday.

There are representatives of the Fund in 21 of the principal towns in the County.

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