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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 — Flers 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 — Shalba — Kut al Amara, 1915, '17 — Ctesiphon — Defence of Kut al Amara — Mesopotamia, 1914-18.

The Second World War — Defence of Escaut — St. Omer — La Bassée — Dunkirk, 1940 — St. Valéry-en-Caux — Normandy Landing — Odon — Caen — Le Perrier Ridge — Brieux Bridgehead — Falaise — Venraij — 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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Brown, C. R. M.,
D.S.O., p.s.c., f.s.c.
(U.S.) G.S.O.1 and Dep. Cmdt., Royal Hong Kong
Defence Force.

Fraser, D. U., M.B.E.,
f.s. (Emp. List (1)). Admin. Comdt., School of Infantry,
Warminster.

Hallett, J. N. R.,
M.B.E., j.s.s.c., p.s.c.,
(Emp. List (1)) G.S.O.1, Allied Forces, Northern Europe.

Dewar, K. M. J.,
O.B.E., p.s.c. (Emp.
List (1)) O.C. Ghana Training Centre.

Campbell, A. F., M.C.,
p.s.c. 1st Battalion.

Harvey, H. C., p.s.c.
(Emp. List (1)) A.A.G., H.Q. Northern Command.

Smith, W. C., O.B.E.,
j.s.s.c., p.s.c. (Emp.
List (1)) G.S.O.1, War Office.

Burton, R. S. M.,
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List (1)) Ministry of Supply, Woolwich.

Majors

Greef, A. O., M.C. Clothing and Equipment Establishment,
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Farrelly, T. J., T.D. G.L.O., R.A.F. Station, Horsham St. Faiths.

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. (T/
Colonel) Military Attache, Tokyo.

Lummis, E. T., p.s.c. Royal Sierra Leone Military Forces.

Ingle, F. D., M.B.E.,
p.s.c. Held Strength, Depot, East Anglian Bde.

Forrest, P. B., M.C. Regular Commissions Board, Westbury.

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. 1st Battalion.

Haycraft, I. A., p.t.s.c. 1st Battalion.

Morgan, E. H., M.B.E.,
M.C. 1st Battalion.

Fairholme, W. D. G. Held Strength, Depot East Anglian Bde.

Thain, P. 1st Battalion.

Lywood, K. C. G. Trg. Officer, Depot East Anglian Bde.

Mason, F. E. I.,
A.M.I., W.S. Army Work Study Group.

Styles, T. H. 1st Battalion.

Gillmore, A. H. V.,
M.C. Staff College, Camberley.

Captains

Starling, J. G., M.C.,
p.s.c. (T/Major) East Anglian Bde. Depot.

Emsden, B. H. C. Staff College, Camberley.

Palmer, L. A., p.l. 469 G.L. 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 Bde.

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) G.S.O.2, H.Q., Royal Nigerian Army.

Horrex, A. B., M.C. Ghana Army.

Gunton, M. K. D. Staff Captain, H.Q., Southern Command.

Hopper, P. D. L. 1st Battalion.

Hall-Tipping, J. Held Strength, Depot East Anglian Bde.

MacDonald, J. P. 5 Int. Pl., Bulford.

Catchpole, A. K. 11th Kings African Rifles.

Jones, J. G., M.B.E. Staff Captain, British Forces,
Aden Protectorate.

Murphy, B. M. 1st Battalion.

Dean, T. D. G.S.O.3, H.Q., 4 Div.

Beck, S. G. 1st Battalion.

Heath, J. R. 1st Battalion.

Mills, B. H. G. 1st Battalion.

Smith, D. T., p.l. Held Strength, Depot East Anglian Bde.

Churchill, J. D., M.C. Army Apprentices School, Arborfield.

Ford, P. C. H.Q., 5 Inf. Bde.

Frere, J. A. K. W. G.S.O.3, H.Q., Southern Command.

Henderson, M. L. Kenya Forces Trg. Centre.

Wilson, R. G. Suffolk and 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.

Gunton, B. J. M. Held Strength, Depot East Anglian Bde.

Trevethick, R. L. 1st Battalion.

Reynell, N. Royal Nigerian Army.

Morris, J. Y. Royal Nigerian Army.

Gowing, R. D. 1st Battalion.

Lieutenants

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.
Coates, K. 2nd Bn. Parachute Regiment.
Rowell, S. A. J. East Anglian Brigade Depot.
Bailey, D. R. Held Strength, Depot East Anglian Bde
Jefferson, I. W. 1st Battalion.
Horrex, H. R. 1st Battalion.
Conder, E. H. 1st Battalion.

2nd Lieutenants

Turner-Caine, M. G. 1st Battalion.
Reeve, W. H. 1st Battalion.
Malim, A. C. 1st Battalion.
Varley, J. A. 1st Battalion.

Quartermasters

Case, H. S. R., M.B.E.,
(Staff Q.M.), (Lt.- Col.) (Emp. List (2)) School of Infantry, Warminster.
Joanny, A., M.B.E.,
(Major) East Anglian Brigade Depot.
Albrow, F. J. (Major) Army Federation of Malaya.
Jasper, G. S. (Major) G.H.Q., FARELF.
Warren, T. C. (Captain) Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Regiment (T.A.)
Howard, C. E. (Captain) 1st Battalion.
Chatting, T. W. (Cap-
tain) 4th Bn. Royal Norfolk Regiment (T.A.)
Norman, H. H. (Lieut.) 1st Battalion.
McColl, N. (Lieut.) . . Sp. Weapons Wing, Netheravon.

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Captains

Seekings, P. C. Held Strength, Depot East Anglian Bde.

Lieutenants

Stone, P. P. D. 6th, Kings African Rifles.
Gamberoni, D. C. P. . . Kings African Rifles.

2nd Lieutenants

Mackay, J. W. 1st Battalion.
Prosser, B. 1st Battalion, Depot E.A.B.

Quartermasters

Curtis, A. R. (Major) 1st Bn. Sierra Leone Regiment.

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Majors

Titmarsh, H. H. . . . D A D. Lands, B.A.O.R.
Buckingham, D. G. . . Admin. Officer, G.H.Q., FARELF.
Powell, K. W. Staff Captain, Cyprus.

(d) REGULAR ARMY — NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICERS

Lieutenants

Mather, C. A. S. 1st Battalion.
Abbott, R. J. 1st Battalion.

2nd Lieutenants

Vivian, G. T. 1st Battalion.
Jones, G. A. 1st Battalion.
Wilson, F. 1st Battalion.
Wright, P. N. 3rd East Anglian Regiment.

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Goodwin, R. E., C.B.,
C.B.E., D.S.O., p.s.c. G.O.C. East Africa Command.
Freeland, I. H., D.S.O.,
i.d.c., p.s.c. G.O.C. East Anglian District.

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.
Butler, M. A. H.,
C.B.E., D.S.O.,
M.C., i.d.c., p.s.c.,
f.s. D.D.P.A., (O), War Office
Prickett, A. J. C.,
j.s.s.c., p.s.c. B.G.S., Land Forces, Arabian Peninsula.

Colonels

Allen, R. M., C.B.E.,
j.s.s.c., p.s.c. (T/
Brig) D.D.O.S., H.Q., Southern Command.
Heal, W. A. O.B.E.,
p.s.c. Col. 'Q' (Logistics), H.Q., A.L.F.C.E.

Lieut.-Colonels

Ferrier, W. P. A.P.M., London District.
Shuttleworth, W. P. A.,
p.s.c. Ministry of Defence, Ghana.

Majors

Ward, J. A. W. R A P C
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.

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26th May, 1961.

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Col. M. A. H. Butler, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., late Inf.

and

Col. A. J. C. Prickett, late Inf., to be Brigs., 1st January, 1961.

Lt.-Col. C. R. M. Brown, D.S.O., is Supernumerary to Establishment, 17th June, 1961.

9th June, 1961.

REGULAR ARMY.

Lt. B. J. M. Gunton to be Capt., 4th February, 1961.

16th June, 1961.

TERRITORIAL ARMY.

R. NORFOLK.

Capt. E. R. Cousins to be Maj., 1st May, 1961, with seniority 26th April, 1961.

4th July, 1961.

REGULAR ARMY.

National Service List.

2/Lt. C. A. S. Mather to be Lt., 7th July, 1961.

7th July, 1961.

REGULAR ARMY.

Lt. R. L. Trevethick to be Capt., 4th May, 1961.

11th July, 1961.

REGULAR ARMY.

Capt. T. H. Styles to be Maj., 13th July, 1961.

Capt. A. H. V. Gillmore to be Maj., 15th July, 1961, and with precedence in the East Anglian Bde., next below P. D. Blyth, 3rd East Anglian.

14th July, 1961.

REGULAR ARMY.

Short Service Commission.

Capt. (Q.M.) J. A. Sewell relinquishes his commission on completion of service, 18th July, 1961.

18th July, 1961.

REGULAR ARMY.

Brig. I. H. Freeland, D.S.O., late Inf., to be Maj.-Gen., 18th March, 1961, with seniority 10th February, 1961.

21st July, 1961.

REGULAR ARMY.

2/Lt. H. R. Horrex to be Lt., 1st June, 1961.

Capt. (Q.M.) T. W. Chatting awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (w/o Gratuity), 25th April, 1961.

25th July, 1961.

REGULAR ARMY.

Lt. N. Reynell to be Capt., 29th July, 1961.

Lt. J. Y. Morris to be Capt., 29th July, 1961.

Short Service Commission.

2/Lt. D. C. P. Gamberoni to be Lt., 28th July, 1961.

28th July, 1961.

REGULAR ARMY.

2/Lt. E. H. Conder to be Lt., 18th June, 1961.

National Service List.

2/Lt. R. J. Abbott to be Lt., 28th July, 1961.

1st August, 1961.

REGULAR ARMY.

2/Lt. M. P. R. O'Meara resigns his commission, 5th August, 1961.

TERRITORIAL ARMY.

Capt. (Q.M.) W. G. N. Race relinquishes his commission, 16th July, 1961.

4th August, 1961.

REGULAR ARMY.

Lt. R. D. Gowing to be Capt., 9th August, 1961.

8th August, 1961.

REGULAR ARMY.

Capt. F. E. Herring retires receiving a gratuity, 11th August, 1961.

29th August, 1961.

REGULAR ARMY.

Capt. (Q.M.) G. S. Jasper to be Maj. (Q.M.), 1st September, 1961.

15th September, 1961.

REGULAR ARMY.

Short Service Commission.

Maj. T. R. Parker (Emp. List 3) relinquishes his commission on completion of service, 18th September, 1961, and is granted the hon. rank of Major.

22nd September, 1961.

REGULAR ARMY.

Lt.-Col. W. S. Bevan, O.B.E., retires on retired pay, 24th September, 1961.



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EDITORIAL

The arrival home of the 1st Battalion from Berlin is, of course, the main event of interest since the last issue of the Journal. As we write, only two months or so have elapsed since the Main Body arrived at Harwich on the Empire Wansbeck. Yet so great has been the impact of the Battalion's recruiting campaign in this short time that the arrival itself seems now very much past history.

Amongst those who were on the quay to welcome the Battalion and who later went on board, were the Colonel of the Regiment, the Associate Colonel, Major General Freeland, the Mayor of Harwich and the Brigade Colonel. After making a short address of welcome, Brigadier Maxwell read a gracious message of welcome from our Colonel-in-Chief. A copy of this message, the text of which appears later in the Journal, was given to each member of the Battalion. First to disembark were the Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. Campbell, and his escort of two "Vikings," who somehow managed to retain their composure and attachments in the bitter gale that blew on to the quay. We could not help but feel thankful that gentleman's attire had progressed somewhat since those by-gone days. The Band of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment played throughout the disembarkation.

Those now serving in the Battalion are likely to associate the word "recruiting" for all time with the present campaign that is in full swing in Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire. It has been said this is a struggle for existence and certainly the Battalion is tackling the problem in deadly earnest. In rural East Anglia where unemployment is virtually non-existent, the problem becomes one of attracting young men away from their civilian jobs. Since no two men enlist for the same reason or are attracted by the same aspect of Regimental life, no idea or gimmick can be left untried.

The planning for this campaign has been as thorough as for any military operation and started long before the Battalion left Berlin.

First there was a crying need for publicity of every kind. It is not surprising that having existed for only two years, the name of the Regiment meant little or nothing to a vast majority of people. After all a newcomer to this part of the world is classed as a "foreigner" for much longer than that. The task to publicise the Regiment fell on Lt. Gowing and a small team based on Bury St. Edmunds. The energy and enthusiasm that this team displayed deserves the highest praise, although lack of visible recruits must have been frustrating at times.

The next phase began with the arrival of the "show pieces" of the Battalion — the Band and Drums and the Viking Pageant. These preceded the Battalion home by about a month. Throughout the summer months they have carried out a most exhausting programme in all three counties. Their popularity is widespread and their services have been eagerly sought after by cities, towns and villages. Undoubtedly they have done much to bring the name of the Regiment to the fore.

These preliminary phases have set the stage, we believe, for the phase of the campaign that will produce the recruits—the deployment of the Battalion in Company and Platoon groups in various selected areas. Young men, who have been attracted by the earlier publicity or by the efforts of the Band, Drums or Viking Pageant, will now have the opportunity of meeting and talking to the young private or N.C.O.,



Presentation to Lt.-Col. F. R. Marshall.
The Wine Cooler presented to Lt.-Col. F. R. Marshall by the Officers of the Regiment as a mark of their appreciation and gratitude for his services as Regimental Secretary.

who is happy with his lot and who, because of this, will always be the best recruiter.

The Battalion has a long way to go, but already results are most heartening. It has averaged over one recruit a day for the month of August, which is normally quite the worst recruiting month on the calendar. Hopes are high therefore for the winter months to come and on behalf of all our Readers we wish All Ranks every success.

The season of Re-unions has come and gone. Both Sections report a decline in the numbers attending although in each case they were blessed with good weather. Over the last few years many old members have gradually lost contact with their Branches. But we are hoping that the St. Leger sweepstake may well have stopped the rot. Members, who had not been heard of for years, answered the call to sell tickets and a great number took the opportunity to write a line about themselves and others. To these we say thank you and having regained contact, do not depart once more into the wilderness.

This Britannia and Castle would not be complete without thanking our predecessor—Lt.-Col. "Gammy" Marshall—on behalf of all our Readers for all that he has done to make the Journal what it is today. He would be the first to say that each publication

is the work of a team, but let no one have any doubt that the credit for the standard which has been achieved must go to him and him only. We, for our part, have taken up the editorial pen for the first time with grave misgivings, for how can one who, academically, had a struggle to achieve the Upper Vth, match the erudition and literary skill of a B.A. (Oxon).

REGIMENTAL NEWS

Birthday of Her Royal Highness

The Princess Margaret.

The following message was sent to the Colonel-in-Chief on the occasion of her birthday.

"Brigadier Maxwell and All Ranks 1st East Anglian Regiment send birthday greetings to Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret their Colonel-in-Chief."

Her Royal Highness graciously replied as follows:—

"I deeply appreciate your kind message. I send my warmest thanks to all ranks 1st East Anglian Regiment for their greetings.

(sd) Margaret, Colonel-in-Chief."

Arrival of 1st Battalion at Harwich.

On disembarking at Harwich every member of the 1st Battalion was handed a copy of the following message from the Colonel-in-Chief.

"I am delighted to welcome you on your return to the United Kingdom.

This is a special occasion, as it is the first time that the 1st Battalion 1st East Anglian Regiment (Royal Norfolk and Suffolk) has set foot in this country since amalgamation.

I send my best wishes to All Ranks of the Battalion and to your families, and I hope that you have a very happy and successful period of service at Home."

(sd) MARGARET,
Colonel-in-Chief.

Titles T.A. Units

Her Majesty The Queen has approved that the Battalion of The 1st East Anglian Regiment (Royal Norfolk and Suffolk) formed by the amalgamation of The Suffolk Regiment and The Cambridgeshire Regiment shall be named "The Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Regiment."

(W.O.M. 20/Gen/6797 (P.S. 12 (c)) dated 10th August, 1961).

Regimental Christmas Cards.

Supplies of these cards are available at Regimental Headquarters, price 10d. each, excluding postage. All applications should be addressed to the Regimental Secretary.

The Royal Norfolk Regiment Ball.

The 4th Battalion (T.A.) will again be running the Ball, at the Norwood Rooms, Norwich on Friday, 5th January, 1962. Invitations will be despatched early in November and any enquiries should be

addressed to the Ball Secretary, Major S. S. F. Horner, at Britannia Barracks.

Regimental Golf.

As reported fully under the Brigade Depot notes, the First Brigade Golf Meeting was held at Flemspton on 21st and 22nd July as a part of the Brigade Depot weekend. The following officers played in the various competitions—Major-General Freeland, Colonels Carroll, Freeman-Taylor, Floyd and Lieut. Rowsell. The Inter-Regimental Bogey Foursomes was won by the 2nd East Anglian with the Vikings a very close second. Colonels Floyd and Freeman-Taylor won the 18 Hole Bogey Stableford with 30 points. Colonel Carroll won the medal handicap with a nett 71 (77-gross).

Colonel Carroll and Brigadier Innis Hopkins are representing the Regiment in the Army Golfing Society Jubilee Regimental Foursomes at Sunningdale on 5th September.

Officers' Dinner Club.

The second annual dinner of the 1st East Anglian Regiment Officers' Dinner Club took place at the United Service Club, Pall Mall on Friday, 29th September with the Colonel of the Regiment in the Chair. Other officers present were:—

Lt.-Col. F. C. Atkinson, Brig. E. H. W. Backhouse, C.B.E., D.L., Lieut. D. R. Bailly, Lt.-Col. L. J. Baker, M.C., Brig. F. P. Barclay, D.S.O., M.C., D.L., Capt. C. M. J. Barnes, Col. N. M. Barnardiston, Lt.-Col. W. S. Bevan, O.B.E., Capt. D. I. Bradford, Major R. C. Briegel, Lt.-Col. W. H. Brinkley, Major H. M. Burton, Lt.-Col. A. F. Campbell, M.C., Major General J. A. Campbell, D.S.O., Col. J. F. Carroll, C.B.E., Major B. D. Chapman, D.S.O., E. H. Conder, Esq., G. V. P. Creagh, Esq., Lt.-Col. T. M. Creasey, Col. A. M. Cutbill, M.C., Major J. B. Dye, M.C., Capt. B. H. C. Emsden, Major T. P. Farrelly, T.D., Major F. R. Fleming, Lt.-Col. W. D. Flower, T.D., Maj.-Gen. I. H. Freeland, D.S.O., Major P. B. Forrest, M.C., Major C. M. Fyson, Brig. H. B. Gardham, C.B.E., Major A. H. V. Gillmore, M.C., Lt.-Col. C. T. E. Grey, Capt. B. J. M. Gunton, Major I. A. Haycraft, Captain J. R. Heath, Capt. F. E. Herring, Capt. P. D. L. Hopper, Major G. C. Howgego, Capt. T. Hume, Major F. D. Ingle, M.B.E., Brig. R. H. Innes-Hopkins, I. N. Jefferson, Esq., Lt.-Col. A. A. Johnson, M.C., W. H. Keatley, Esq., Lt.-Col. A. E. Knights, D.S.O., M.C., M.M., T.D., Major F. J. Lockett, Brig. H. Long, O.B.E., M.C., Major K. C. G. Lywood, Lt.-Col. F. R. Marshall, Major A. P. McArthur, Col. F. A. Milnes, Major G. G. Moir, Lt.-Col. E. W. Montgomerie, M.C., Major E. H. Morgan, M.B.E., M.C., Lieut. P. W. Morton, Capt. B. M. Murphy, Lt.-Col. A. Parkin, O.B.E., Lt.-Col. J. M. Petit, M.B.E., Major E. W. A. Power, Major J. R. B. Prescott, M.C., 2/Lt. W. H. Reeve, Lieut. S. A. L. Rowsell, Lt.-Col. G. T. O. Springfield, Major J. G. Starling, M.C., Lt.-Col. P. D. Storie-Pugh, M.B.E., M.C., T.D., Major P. H. L. Straghan, M.C., Major T. H. Styles, Major H. D. Sutor, Major P. Thain, Lieut. R. R. Thomas, Capt. D. C. Thorne, Capt. M. E. Thorne, Capt. C. J. N. Trollope, Capt. R. L. Trevethick, Major A. W. J. Turnbull, M.C., Major J. W. Tyndale, Lt.-Col. L. A. Villiers, N. St. J. Watkins, Esq., Brig. I. L. Wight, D.S.O., O.B.E., D.L., Col. J. F. Wilkins, Brig. C. J. Wilkinson, D.S.O., Major R. M. Williams, M.C., Capt. R. G. Wilson.



The Queen's Visit to Bury St. Edmunds.
Captain J. R. Heath accompanying Her Majesty on her inspection of the Guard of Honour.

(By courtesy of the Bury St. Edmunds Free Press).

THE REGIMENTAL CRICKET WEEK

July 13th 1961—

The Regiment 99 (Lieut. Jefferson 36)
West Norfolk C.C. 100 for 9 (Capt. D. Thorne
6 for 46), Capt. M. Thorne 3 for 32).
Result—West Norfolk won by 1 wicket.

July 14th 1961—

M. Falcon's XI 135 for 8 dec. (Major C. B.
Grant 4 for 28).
The Regiment 61 for 9.
Result—Match drawn.

July 15th 1961—

Maj.-Gen. I. H. Freeland's XI 174 (Major C. B.
Grant 47, Lieut. P. E. G. Bartlett 38), Lieut.
J. Mackay 5 for 37.
Brig. F. P. Barclay's XI 151 (Major P. B. For-
rest 41, Brig. F. P. Barclay 27, Major C. B.
Grant 9 for 46).
Result—Gen. Freeland's XI won by 23 runs.

July 16th 1961

Col. H. Hancock's XI 158 (Col. N. J. Wilson
39, H. Birkbeck 38, Capt. D. Thorne 4 for
29).
The Regiment 159 for 4 (Capt. J. C. D. Gunton
72, Lieut. E. C. Evans Lombe 45).
Result—Regiment won by 6 wickets.

Four very enjoyable matches were held during the Cricket Week. The first against West Norfolk was most exciting. Lieut. Jefferson scored a very useful 36 but even so we only got 99 runs. This looked very thin indeed but with a turning wicket Major Grant and the two Captain Thorne's bowled to such effect that 9 West Norfolk wickets were down for 79. However Dick Hoff came in and struck out to knock off the runs for a very exciting 1 wicket win to our hosts. The Band and Drums beat Retreat, and West Norfolk most generously dispersed beer to everyone, including the whole of the Band and Drums after the game had ended. A grand start to what should be from now on an Annual Fixture.

On Friday July 14th a rather dreary wet day precluded any chance of a good game and we were outplayed by a very strong side got up by Mr. Michael Falcon. They declared for 135, and with Peter Walmsley the Norfolk County fast bowler in form, we lost wickets quickly and were lucky to hold on for a draw. The Regimental Cocktail Party intervening just in time!

Saturday, July 15th saw the Annual Match Past v Present, which this year resolved itself into a great battle between Brig. F. P. Barclay's 1st East Anglian regular side against Maj.-Gen. I. H. Freeland's 1st East Anglian Territorial and retired officer side. Gen. Freeland's side just triumphed in a very close finish.

On Sunday July 15th it was our great fortune to be entertained to another cricket match at Congham, where Col Hardy Hancock had got up a very useful side. The weather was perfect, Col. Hardy gave us a magnificent lunch and tea, the Band played, and we won handsomely. What could have been better, and to round it off we assembled at Little Dunham where Mrs. Barclay had laid on a splendid buffet supper for all.

It is early days yet, but it is of interest to note that the Cricket Week has been booked for July 12th—July 15th in 1962, and rumour has it that Col. Hardy has already picked his team.

GENERAL NEWS

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The Knights of St. George,

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Chiswick, London, W.4.

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Parents are required, except in special circumstances, to contribute towards the maintenance of the child. Army parents can now draw the Service Education Allowance and offset this against the School fees.

Full information may be had from:—

The Secretary,

Royal Soldiers Daughters' School,

65 Rosslyn Hill,

London, N.W. 3.

INFANTRY JUNIOR LEADERS' BATTALION, OSWESTRY

An inscribed pace stick for the use of the Junior R.S.M. at this School has been presented by the East Anglian Brigade

"THE INFANTRYMAN"

The Infantry Directorate would welcome articles for inclusion in "The Infantryman." This publication, if it is to be of value, must contain interesting material. It is known that there are many good writers with strong views amongst Infantrymen, and all points of view, provided that these do not include statements which are untrue, will be considered.

ARMY BENEVOLENT FUND

On the afternoon of 9th of March the Regiment was represented by Major W. G. Cripps, Honorary Secretary of the Norfolk Section of the Past and Present Association, at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea when the President of the Army Benevolent Fund (Gen. Sir James Steele) addressed Secretaries of Corps and Regimental Associations.

Extending a welcome to those present Sir James expressed satisfaction at the response to the Army Benevolent Fund's invitation and went on to explain the objects of the meeting which were:—

To seek the active support and co-operation of Colonels of Regiments in the overall plan.

To present the problems of future policy to them for their consideration and views.

To underline at every point the co-operative and consultative nature of the great adventure on which the Army Benevolent Fund is engaged and never to lose sight of the aim and object of it all; to augment and not to destroy or hinder. This was the theme of this meeting and of all the Army Benevolent Fund's work.

The Chairman announced that the short term aim of the Army Benevolent Fund was to get grants back to the pre-1959 level; whilst the long term aim is to obtain a combined annual income of £750,000 for the Army Benevolent Fund plus Regimental Association Funds.

He emphasised that the aims in 1961 were—

- (i) To replace the ignorance which understandably exists in the Army concerning the work of the Army Benevolent Fund.
- (ii) To get the Army itself interested, enthusiastic and geared to money raising.
- (iii) To get the T.A. actively co-operative.
- (iv) To get the co-operation and backing of Regimental Associations.

With regard to (iv) the Army Benevolent Fund hoped that Regimental Associations would take active steps to increase their own income. Any money raised this way goes naturally direct to the respective Regimental Benevolent Fund.

The foregoing is necessarily a very brief report on the proceedings of the meeting but sufficient to show that the Army Benevolent Fund is making an all-out effort to increase its Funds and is asking for the fullest co-operation of Regimental Associations.



Lt.-Col. W. S. Bevan, O.B.E.

PERSONALITIES

Brigadier F. P. Barclay has been appointed a Deputy Lieutenant for the County of Norfolk.

Brigadier M. A. H. Butler becomes Commander, 2 Division in February, 1962.

Lt.-Col. W. S. Bevan retired from the Active List in September and joins the British Oxygen Company as Bursar to their Staff College near Chesham, Bucks.

Entering the Supplementary Reserve of The Suffolk Regiment in 1933, he joined the 1st Battalion at Plymouth in 1935 on being granted his Regular commission.

He was posted to 2nd Battalion in Mhow, Central India in 1936 and remained with that battalion until 1941, seeing service on the North-West Frontier.

During the next three years he was associated with the Parachute Regiment and, having graduated through the Staff College, Quetta, became B.M. of the 1st Parachute Brigade.

Then for a short while he became 2nd i/c of 1st Battalion in the closing stages of the North-West Europe campaign.

After the war he served once more in India, before in 1947 becoming 2nd i/c of the Basic Training Regiment Royal Signals. Next came the first of two tours at the War Office followed by regimental duty with the 1st Battalion in Malaya and Trieste.

He was appointed to command of the 1st Battalion in 1956 in B.A.O.R. and in the same year took the battalion to Cyprus, where he was awarded the O.B.E. in 1958. Since relinquishing command he held two appointments on the Staff, one as A.Q.M.G., H.Q., B.A.O.R. and finally in the Ministry of Defence.

To him and Mrs. Bevan we wish every happiness in the future.

Lt.-Col. W. J. Martin writes from 164 Harbour Street, Kingston, Jamaica, his present home, that he attended the Minden Ball of the W.O.s and Sergeants of 1st Bn. The Royal Hampshire Regiment. It is with great regret we learn of the death of Mrs. Martin, last November.

Brigadier A. J. C. Prickett writing from Aden tells us that he has been to Bahrain and Kuwait in recent weeks. He thought neither place suitable for a holiday but both little worse than a good number of British military stations overseas.

Major W. C. Deller, serving with the 1st Battalion, Aden Protectorate Levies is now in charge of operations and training. He expects to return home in April, 1962.

Major G. S. Jasper recently visited the Kranji Memorial and reports that the Cemetery there is in excellent condition. He sends good wishes to all East Anglians, past and present.

Canon W. M. Lummis, M.C., has been appointed Rural Dean of Hingham, Norfolk.

Lt.-Col. W. C. Smith goes to G.H.Q., Far East Land Forces as Colonel G.S. (Ops.) in January, 1962.

The following have passed the practical part of the Staff/Promotion Examination:—

Captain T. D. Dean
 Captain A. K. Catchpole
 Captain J. D. Churchill
 Captain D. C. Thorne
 Captain M. E. Thorne.

Captain A. G. B. Cobbold has passed the Written Examination.

Major T. P. Farrelly has arrived in Norwich and assumed the appointment of G.L.O. at the R.A.F. Station, Horsham St. Faith.

Captain F. E. Herring has left the Regiment for the business world. He is living at 123 Harewood Avenue, Boscombe, Bournemouth where all old friends will be welcome.

Two engagements have been announced in recent weeks—

Captain David Thorne to Miss Susan Anne Goldsmith of Hardwick, Bury St. Edmunds and Captain David Clarke is to marry Erika, daughter of Herr Th. Fleitmann and Frau G. Fleitmann of Iserlohn, West Germany.

Colonel G. H. Winter after more than 16 years residence at East Rudham, Norfolk has gone to live at Aynhoe Park, near Banbury, Oxon., a National Trust property.

Major B. Aikens passed with 1st Class Honours at a recent Intermediate Examination for Solicitors.

He was first of 155 candidates who passed out of a total of 283 who took the examination. Major Aikens hopes to take his finals in 1963.

Major R. M. Holman completed his Course at the Royal Naval Staff College on 18th August and eight days later arrived in Lagos, Nigeria to take over appointment of G.S.O. II (Ops.), H.Q. Royal Nigerian Army.

The announcement of the award of the M.B.E. to Major A. Joanny came just too late for inclusion in the last number of the "Britannia and Castle," and so, belatedly, we offer him our warm congratulations at the first opportunity.

Lt.-Col. D. U. Fraser leaves the School of Infantry in November to take up an A.Q.M.G.'s appointment in "Q" Movements, The War Office.

Lt.-Col. Dewar was home on leave from Ghana during the summer; he returned to Kumasi for another tour in September.

We welcome 2/Lts. Varley and Malim into the Regiment on commissioning from Sandhurst.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Births

ATHILL.—On 12th September, in Kenya, to Mary (nee Hamond), wife of Major Andrew Athill, a son.

Deaths

LOOMBE.—On 11th July at his home in Norwich, R.Q.M.S. Albert Edward Loombe, late The Norfolk Regiment, aged 67 years.

TYCE.—On 23rd August at his home in Norwich, Captain Clifford George Tyce, M.C., late The Norfolk Regiment (T.F.), aged 64 years.

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1st BATTALION

BATTALION REVIEW

Since the review to Issue No. 5 was written the Battalion has been engaged on three main tasks: Trooping its Colours on the Queen's Birthday Parade in Berlin, changing stations from Berlin to Harwich, and mounting full scale Battalion Recruiting Operations in East Anglia.

Preparations for the Queen's Birthday Parade were in progress when the last issue was being written. Every hour spent in rehearsing for this magnificent parade was justified by the final performance.

In the evening of 8th June the Battalion's two Colours, those of the old IXth and XIIth Foot, were trooped in front of our Battalion, the 1st Battalion of The Welch Regiment, and the 2nd Green Jackets (K.R.R.C.), a unique event.

The parade took place on the Maifeld and was watched enthusiastically by many thousands of Berliners.

The parade over, the Band and Drums left to join the Viking Pageant group under Major Howgego in England. The Pageant was to be performed in many towns in Norfolk, Suffolk, and Cambridgeshire throughout the summer and make known the name of the Regiment. In Berlin, administration became the keynote as the battalion prepared to hand over Montgomery Barracks to the Durham Light Infantry, and itself move to England.

Shortly before the battalion left it had added to its list of achievements in Berlin two more. It came second, only by a minute margin, in the Brigade Athletics Meeting after competing against two units of considerable athletic fame. In the B.A.O.R. Rifle Meeting The Vikings were runners up to the Rifle Brigade.

After satisfactorily handing over to the advance party of the Durham Light Infantry the battalion left Berlin early on the morning of 3rd July from Spandau Station. Maj.-Gen. Sir Rohan Delacombe, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., G.O.C. Berlin, was there to say good-bye.

On 4th July the battalion disembarked from the



Queen's Birthday Parade, Berlin, 1961.
The Colours of the Royal Norfolk and Suffolk
Regiments.
Lt. P. V. Morton, 2/Lt. G. A. Jones and
R.S.M. Raynor.

Empire Wandsbeck at Parkeston Quay where it was greeted by Maj.-Gen. I. H. Freeland, D.S.O., G.O.C. East Anglian District.

In England the battalion's first task was to provide a Royal Guard of Honour for Her Majesty The Queen on the occasion of her visit to Bury St. Edmunds.

During the disembarkation leave which followed, plans were made for the forthcoming recruiting operations. The organisation of the battalion was altered. "A" and Support companies were made up only of Regular soldiers to become the nucleus of the new all-Regular battalion. A training company was started. "C" company contained all the National Servicemen, apart from those employed in Headquarter company. Finally an Operations Centre was set up to become the command post for the Recruiting Battle.

The Battle started towards the end of August when "A" and Support companies went out on manoeuvres in the Fens and in Suffolk. This was the first of many sorties aimed at keeping "The Vikings" in the public eye while at the same time training the soldiers in the field.

Now, at the time of going to press, we can see that all our effort and enthusiasm has not been in vain. We are enlisting recruits at an average of one every day. Our target is 350 by the 4th July, 1962.

OFFICERS' MESS

P M C. Maj. I. A. Haycraft
Mess Sergeant Sgt. Place

Our last few weeks in Berlin were packed with events, most of them informal and very enjoyable

In May the Mess was lent for an afternoon to the Berlin International Womens' Group, the Frauengruppe, for a tea party. All the mess silver was laid out on display to be seen by ladies of nearly 23 different countries.

On guard with the silver were three soldiers dressed in Minden uniforms and carrying the old Minden muskets. Great interest was shown in the silver and in spite of his very well prepared hand-outs in three languages, Captain Trollope, the silver member, had a busy afternoon answering questions on the history of the various pieces.

In June Capt. Horup and three subalterns of the Falsterske Fodregiment, The Royal Danish Army, visited the battalion for a week to see the Queen's Birthday Parade.

It was with great regret that we left our palatial mess in Montgomery barracks, but before we left we gave a farewell party which was attended by some 300 guests of all nationalities.

On our arrival in Harwich we were greeted by Capt. Trevor Trevethick who had come to join us from the Depot. Harwich seemed somewhat austere after Berlin. However, it is surprising what a few nails and a pot of paint will do, and with the silver out and some pictures on the walls our new mess is as comfortable as can be expected.

Shortly after our return we had a guest night which was attended by the Colonel of the Regiment, the Mayor of Harwich and Forbes Taylor who brought with him his film "Encircled Force." After much fiddling with the battalion projector the film was shown to a very appreciative audience.



Sgt. Place, the Mess Sergeant, and Pte. Robinson,
with the Chunda centrepiece.



Pte. Malls prepares the Mess Table for the Frauengruppe.

In August Majs. Alec Power and Bill Fairholme joined us followed shortly by Maj. Ernie Morgan and Capts. Brian Murphy and Rupert Gowing all of whom we were glad to see back again.

Two very welcome visitors also came to us in August; Bob Deshler and "Hick" Hickerson of the U.S. Forces. They had escaped from Berlin just as the troubles started and reached us after a monumental drive, bags of sight seeing and no sleep. They spent two nights with us before being taken by Bernard Mills to see the Viking Pageant in Wisbech on their way to Scotland.

Finally, we have just seen Dan Baily off on his Russian course and wish him every success.

SERGEANTS' MESS

We have at last had to bid a reluctant farewell to the many and varied joys of Berlin but the expected delights of Harwich promised to outweigh the privileges of serving in what our American Army friends called "The Outpost City."

Our main function before departure was our Farewell Ball which was, as usual, an enormous success. The display of the Regimental Drums and Silver was magnificent and provided a splendid background for the P.M.C. and his committee who welcomed our guests with a glass of punch calculated to start the evening with a swing. Because of the gradual move of our families to the U.K. the Ball was held a few weeks before the actual move of the

Bn. so that as many of our ladies as possible could attend.

The remainder of our time in Berlin was spent in the thousand and one tasks connected with a Bn. move, packing, handing over to our relief Bn., 1 D.L.I., filling in customs declaration forms, saying personal good-byes to our many friends, and paying final visits to some of the historic places in Berlin such as the Funf Groschen, Eve Bar and the Saint Pauli Cabaret (though how the "Saint" got involved in the last-named establishment heaven only knows).

Among a number of very successful parties was that given by the R.A.F. Sgts. Mess at Gatow where a very convivial evening was spent in the company of S.W.O. George Jinks and his stalwarts who bid us farewell in the time-honoured way of all service messes.

In addition to many happy memories of our stay in West Berlin we carried away with us a more tangible memory in the shape of a beautiful plaque presented to us by members of the American 2nd Battle Group. Our association with American infantry soldiers will live with us for many long years to come, and we would be delighted to serve with them again.

Mess life in Harwich began on a level which, if maintained (and we are sure it will be) promises very well for the future. With virtually all Mess members "living in" we got off to a very good start ably assisted by R.S.M. Woods R.E. and his Mess members who gave us a welcome in the form of a games evening which was, to say the very least of it—outstanding. We have never had such an evening, our re-introduction to English ales was more than successful and the pace was set and maintained admirably by R.S.M. Woods and his very merry men.

Among the many enjoyable and interesting happenings since our return to U.K. such as leave, five day weeks (for some of us) etc. some events rank high notably the visit of H.M. The Queen to Bury St. Edmunds. This visit is no doubt fully reported elsewhere in this issue but from the Mess angle it was distinguished by what was practically a full attendance of the Mess to what is in fact our "Home Mess" at Blenheim Camp where we spent a most enjoyable evening. Owing to accommodation difficulties we were unable to stay the night as we planned to do, but the party went well into the small hours. This visit was further re-inforced by another gathering of the Mess at Gibraltar Barracks shortly after the Re-union of the Past and Present Association (Suffolk Branch) where after a long and entertaining day meeting old friends we again visited the Depot Mess in force and enjoyed another very good evening.

Most of our duty time nowadays is spent in a variety of ways, some of us house-hunting for our families, a regular group of football enthusiasts supporting Ipswich Town as season ticket holders, an assortment of darts players (in Harwich League), billiard and snooker players, and a number of television types.

At the time of writing these notes we have just had an extremely enjoyable Social Evening to attempt to return the hospitality offered by the Movements Staff. The evening was a resounding success due in no small way to the personal efforts of C.S.M. 'Ted' Holden, and also to the fact that a considerable number of our wives were able to attend, many of them travelling a long distance in order to do so.

To finish these notes we are delighted to welcome back to the fold the Band and Drum members, who have at last returned to Harwich after a long and exhausting tour of Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridge-shire. We also welcome the return of several members—departures are always regretted and a temporary farewell was bid to many members we are truly sorry to lose.

"A" COMPANY

Company Commander ... Capt. B. H. G. Mills
 2 i/c ... Lt. P. Morton
 C.S.M. ... W.O.II M. Fowler
 C.Q.M.S. ... C/Sgt. L. Child
 No. 1 Platoon : Lt. C. Mather;
 Sgt. G. Offord, Sgt. J. Watson
 No. 2 Platoon : 2/Lt. W. Reeve,
 2/Lt. Varley, Sgt. J. Jones
 No. 3 Platoon : 2/Lt. M. Turner-Cain,
 2/Lt. A. Malim, Sgt. J. Nicholls

Since our last notes much water has passed under the bridge. The final few weeks in Berlin were spent in packing up and rehearsals for the Queen's Birthday Parade. This took place in the sports stadium on the 8th of June, the Vikings making history by being the first Regiment to have four Colours on parade in the history of the occupation of Berlin. We of the Company are proud of the fact that the bulk of the escort for the Colour were found by Alpha, the right and left guides being the Company

Sergeant Major and Colour Sergeant respectively, whilst the ensigns for the Colours were Lt. Morton, and 2/Lt. Jones who was with Alpha at the time.

Then followed the period of packing up and cleaning up of the barracks and after a rousing send-off from Spandau station we arrived at our new camp at Harwich.

The difference between old and new quarters is too great to discuss, but everybody speedily settled in.

Stephanies, the Corner Cafe, Willy's Bar and other places of entertainment are sadly missed. However, we are working on a five day week and the chance to get home to our families regularly more than makes up for this.

At twenty minutes past four a brooding stillness settles over the camp. This is shattered at twenty five past by the roar of car and motor cycle engines and at four thirty any man who stands on the road leading out to the main gate takes his life in his hands.

On the training side we have had some notable excursions. A party consisting of 2/Lt. Turner-Cain, Cpt. Warren, L/Cpl. Steels, Ptes. Whymark, Fowler, Malachowski, Gilson and Bacon spent an enjoyable week mountaineering in Wales in preparation for a trip to Barcelonette in France for a fortnight's climbing with the Chasseurs Alpines. All taking part voted the expedition a complete success.

Meanwhile the remainder of the Company went on a training exercise for fourteen days in the Wis-



Leaving Berlin, 3rd July, 1961.
 G.O.C. saying Goodbye.

bech, March, Ely area. 1 Platoon in canoes borrowed from the Special Air Service and 2 Platoon on foot. The canoeing party attracted great attention with their demonstrations of watermanship and capsize drill. 2 Platoon with their combat clothing and weapons gave demonstrations at each of their camping places of the many sides of a soldier's life. The local residents were very impressed and the envy in the remarks made by old sweats of long ago should be heard to be believed, many wishing they were young enough to come in again. Ptes Peachment and Ward 60 were in their element, both being local boys. We are indebted to the Suffolk and

Cambridgeshire Regiment, T.A. and the 3rd Battalion, Cambridgeshire Regiment, Army Cadet Force for their hospitality and helpfulness in loaning their drill halls and huts, and to all the farmers who allowed us to camp on their land. The object of the exercise was to train, show the county their regiment and to attract recruits and we were successful on all counts.

We shall shortly be going out on a similar venture, this time to the Stowmarket, Debenham, Diss, Ixworth area and hope to publish full details in the next issue. There are also plans for a further trip in the near future, one to France to make a film and another to Germany to do enemy to a unit in



Arriving at Harwich, 4th July, 1961.
The Colour Party.

B.A.O.R., so it can be seen that life in Alpha is varied, interesting and exciting.

The Company is an all-Regular Company now, being formed on our arrival in England. We were sorry to see some of our National Service stalwarts go to "C" Company. There is a way to get back to the Company, a signature on the dotted line is all that is needed, what about it?

On several occasions furtive figures have been seen about the Company lines namely, Sgt. Watson, Cpl. Cocksedge, I/Cpt. Ray, Ptes. Craig, Chipperfield who are with the Viking Pageant which is touring Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridge with such success. They do not stay long but their tales leave the rest of us green with envy.

We congratulate Pte. Bryant and Alliston on passing their short regimental cook's course. Can we expect Chicken a La Maryland on exercises, now?

To sum up Alpha Company goes from strength to strength, the dull monotony of barrack life does not exist for us, canoeing, climbing, travel, adventures are ours, why not join us?

"HIC GLORIA TRANSIT MUNDA"

"C" COMPANY

The Nutters — The Grave Diggers The Green Devils

Company Commander Major P. Thain
2/ic Captain R. L. Trevethick
9 Pl. Lt. E. H. Conder
10 Pl. 2/Lt. G. A. Jones
11 Pl. 2/Lt. F. Wilson
C.S.M. W.O.II W. E. Holden
C.Q.M.S. W.O.II T. Aspinall

In the last issue of the magazine, events seemed to make life hectic enough, but as is often the way they proved a mere curtain-raiser to bigger things culminating in the move home to U.K. to recruit.

A section selected from the Battle Test Pl. which came in second in the Brigade competition departed for a look at Denmark for 14 days in early May. Cpl. Tomsett, L/Cpl. Moyes, Ptes. Croxon, Repman, Lloyd, Smith and Green, formed the section and from the glowing accounts of the hospitality received and so on it was quite surprising they got back at all.

In the meantime, various members of the Company were training hard for either the Brigade Athletics or Rifle Meetings. Cpls. Cottrell and Hedges and Ptes. Turner, French, Bryant, Jenkins, Day and Savage were working hard to attain even greater athletic feats. The Company Commander, I/Cpl. Melhuish, Ptes. Kindle, Thompson, Williams, Rodwell and Pepper were likewise to be seen occasionally through the haze of burnt cordite muttering about the fortunes of our shooting rivals the K.R.R.C.

The Battalion did extremely well to come second in the Athletics Meeting, a fuller account of which appears elsewhere. All who took part are to be congratulated on their tremendous efforts made. The meeting was most exciting right up to the last race.

The Brigade Rifle Meeting was not the success we had hoped but the Company members of the team put up creditable performances and showed at the B.A.O.R. Meeting a fortnight later that just that little bit more practice makes all the difference.

Captain Raven departed for Austria on 2nd June with a party from the Battalion to carry out rock climbing with the U.S. Forces. The party was

away some three weeks and were given most valuable training which though extremely arduous gave a tremendous sense of achievement to have carried it out successfully.

Side by side with Athletics and Shooting Training the daily rehearsals for the biggest British military event in the Berlin Calendar, the Queen's Birthday Parade on 8th June 1961, were now reaching the final stages of efficiency. At times it was a job to find enough men to carry out essential fatigue jobs with everyone committed to some activity or other. Needless to say, as some have cause to know too well, they were found somehow. The parade itself proved, as always, to be a most stirring and magnificent spectacle for the tens of thousands who watched. Officers from the American, French and Russian Forces attended as well as the West Berliners who gave a vociferous welcome to their Mayor, Herr Willie Brandt. The amount of preparation and parading by all ranks produced a display which can have no equal anywhere. The C.O. as parade commander looked as though he rode on horseback every day of his life . . . the lines from Henry IV Part I ran through my mind . . .

"I saw young Harry, with his beaver on,
His cuisses on his thighs, gallantly armed,
Rise from the ground like feathered Mercury,
And vaulted with such ease into his seat
To turn and wind a fiery Pegasus,
And witch the world with noble
horsemanship."

. . . well perhaps it wasn't quite as good as that!

The Company strength began to dwindle after the 8th June, a few to the U.K. with the Viking Pageant Group on the 12th. Advance Party on the 15th and on the 19th the sad departure of those transferred to the 2nd East Anglian Regiment at Osnabruck. Some of our best shots, soccer players, athletes, etc., were among the 27 to go, and all had been sound members of the Company team in one way or another. We wish them well.

Preparation for handing over our barracks and the re-organisation of the Company into a unit containing the majority of the remaining National Servicemen occupied us in the main during duty hours. Off duty it was a case of shopping (with a thought for the Customs and Excise greedy hands), fond farewells, and married ranks bemoaning the lack of home comforts as by this time most of the families had left for the U.K.

On 4th July the Battalion set foot on England for the first time and moved in with Movement Control at Dovercourt Camp, Harwich. Comparisons between the two barracks were made but settling in was slowly accomplished. On arrival a number of 2 East Anglian N.S. men who were due to complete their whole time service shortly joined the Company. These stayed in the main only a short while before changing to civilians, the first party leaving on the 13th July.

On August 31st, September 1st and 2nd the Company provided a display platoon under 2/Lt. Jones and Sgt. Marjoram for the Colchester Tattoo. The platoon gave a demonstration of a platoon attack landing from assault boats and evacuating the captured position in A.P.C.'s. This was the final episode in the Tattoo and went down very well. It was when returning in transport from a rehearsal one morning that the Company Commander noticed from some distance away a pall of smoke in the sky. This proved on getting closer to be a field of barley

on fire and within seconds the vehicles were stopped and the platoon assaulted the fire. It took some 20 or more minutes in a freshening wind to get the flames out. The farmer was most grateful and later presented the Unit with a cheque which the C.O. passed on to us. A portion of this was later used by the platoon to slaken thirsts after the Dress Rehearsal!

The Company has also provided a Butt Party for the Norfolk County Rifle Meeting on September 3rd, supplied some of the Battalion Team competing, given assistance to the other companies in training, and undertaken numerous camp chores. We are at the moment preparing a platoon for a helicopter borne assault for Coltishall R.A.F. Battle of Britain Day on 16th September and providing a contingent escorting the Colours in the Battle of Britain March through Bury St. Edmunds on 17th September. Our training is varied to say the least.

(Afterthought—"There is one thing about travel—at least it teaches you the places which are not worth visiting.").

SUPPORT COMPANY

Company Commander ... Major I. A. Haycraft
C.S.M. ... W.O.II R. Evans, M.M.
C.Q.M.S. ... C/Sgt. E. Sennett
Company Clerk ... L/Cpt. I. Stocker
Company Storeman ... Pte. G. Line
Arms Storeman ... Pte. W. Davies

As one can see from the above, since our last natter together by means of this magazine, the composition of Company H.Q. has changed somewhat. C.S.M. Aspinall we are sorry to say we have lost to "C" Company, but no doubt he is wishing he were back with the cream, meaning of course "Support" Company. Another member of "Support" Company, H.Q. we have recently lost is C/Sgt. Nichols who is now carrying on his good work with "A" Company. This Company has played a leading role in furnishing the men for Guards of Honour for Admiral of the Fleet, Lord Mountbatten and a French General.

On 8th June at the Maifield in Berlin we took part in the Queen's Birthday Parade. On completion of the parade rehearsals we started almost immediately to prepare for a Guard of Honour for Her Majesty The Queen, during her visit to Bury St. Edmunds.

The Battalion returned in the U.K. on the 4th July, and after the Guard of Honour for the Queen it was time for glorious 14 days disembarkation leave which every man jack of the Company had been waiting for. On our return in August we went out on our first recruiting drive in the wilds of Suffolk. While in our first location on this scheme (a small village called Sibton and Peasenhall) Company H.Q. plus a number of the Signal Platoon took on and beat, 7—3, the local football team in a wonderful offside game of football. The same evening members of Company H.Q. and Signal Platoon took on the local darts team, and after a somewhat sticky start went on to win. The C.S.M. and C/Sgt. made sure of a certain victory after, shall we say an "oiling up." L/Cpl. Stocker, Cpl. King, together with Cpl. Agius, were ensuring a friendly atmosphere especially with the fair sex of the local darts side. It was the senior N.C.O.s of Company H.Q. that made short work of the "liquid" prize for the darts match, but everyone capable of remembering cannot deny that a great time was had by all. Even as this article is being typed, preparations for the second recruiting

drive are almost complete, and we are ready this time for a tour of the County of Norfolk, although one cannot forecast the outcome of the adventure one can however be sure that we will be as successful and as much in the news as we always are. In closing we would like to be remembered to all ex-members of the Company wherever they may be and remind them that there is always a place for them if they want to return to Support Company of the "Vikings."

3rd Mortar Platoon

Here we are all safe and sound in Harwich, back where we can understand what the local inhabitants are saying. After disembarkation we settled down to two weeks of hard graft, drawing kit, cleaning and painting; ready to start training and to turn ourselves loose in and around East Anglia. But before that we had a spot of leave from which we hastened to return. We were superbly kitted up to go on a ten day scheme around the County of Suffolk, visiting such places as Halesworth, spending a weekend in Lowestoft much to the delight of the younger members of the Platoon, who dashed away with the Platoon shovels on arrival. After Lowestoft we invaded Loddon where we camped at the side of the liveliest place, i.e. the Cemetery. Several of the Platoon disposed of their personal weapons and did a section attack on the river with fishing rods. Back to Harwich, just enough time to get paid and off we go again.

We are very sorry to lose Lt. D. R. Baily, but after he lost his pipe under a Landrover he has found that our Platoon is too expensive. In losing him we welcome Lt. P. K. Ross who we hope will watch out for Platoon Sgts. who are rather short of cigarettes. We also say goodbye to L/Cpt. Bridges and Ptes. Way and Noddy Pardoe whose faces we will not forget for a very long time. In losing these however we welcome L/Cpls. "Jim" Sielely and "Golly" Gollings and Ptes. Hutchinson, Kett, Hemsley, Dixon, Bell, Clow and Clarke, all of whom are sure of a welcome.

Anti-Tank Platoon

O.C. ... Lt. I. Jefferson
Platoon Sgt. ... Sgt. Taylor
No. 1 Sec. ... Sgt. Thompson
No. 2 Sec. ... Cpl. Goodrum

The period under review has seen a complete reorganisation of the platoon. As well as our now being deployed by sections—one section as part of the support platoon in each rifle company—we have also had almost a complete change round of personnel. Only Cpl. Goodrum, Ptes. Napier, Hornigold and Munford are left from the 17-Pounder days of Spring 1960. Cpl. Wilson has moved on to Company H.Q., Pte. Blade remained in Berlin at Brigade H.Q. and Cpl. Jones has left the Army as have Ptes. Daniell, Long, Creasy and Greening.

It is always with regret that we say farewell to old members of the platoon, but on this occasion there were plenty of new faces to take their places. Sgt. Thompson, the last anti-tank sergeant of the 1st Suffolk Regiment, has returned, having just obtained an excellent grading on his course at Netheravon. Owing to the reorganisation of the Battalion some of the names of the other new arrivals may sound familiar to readers. Carlisle, Howlett, Peck, Allison, Aldous, Ramm, Steele, Woods, Mitchell and Browne. Naturally enough at the time of writing we are very much involved in cadres.

Signal Platoon

Much has been happening to various members of the platoon lately. Lt. Lunn came back from Hythe, together with Cpt. Ratcliffe and I./Cpl. Flegg, fairly bursting with knowledge from the Mecca of Infantry Signalling. However, his brain was only really employed over problems of packing up the stores. Captain Mills lost no time in making off to "A" Company leaving Lt. Lunn to direct the constant stream of American officers searching for him from their helicopters in the direction of "A" Company.

During May the majority of the platoon were involved in rehearsals for the Queen's Birthday Parade, having just survived the rigours of a distinctly damp few days at Soltau. I./Cpl. Durrant and Pte. Hogg, along with Lt. Lunn, were exceptions however, and were seen flitting around on the running track daily. I./Cpl. Durrant was unfortunate enough later to injure an ankle in an attempt to master the finer points of hurling a javelin.

In early June L/Cpls. Harper, Brewin and Coble went off to Norway for two weeks, and from all accounts had quite a rugged time canoeing perilously across various fjords and scaling some mountains. Also in early June I./Cpt. Flegg with Ptes. Hayter, Herd, Miles and Bidwell returned to England with the Demonstration Platoon. They were joined by Ptes. Winney and Parry once we got to Harwich, and all six can now be seen heavily disguised as Vikings in the Pageant. We much regret that they will not be able to wear their beards once they return to the Platoon, as their voices sound somewhat muffled when it comes to operating a wireless set. Incidentally, it is worth recording that the Signal Platoon are the only people in the battalion now to whom the abbreviation "V.P." means Voice Procedure; to everyone else it means Viking Pageant. Such is the emphasis on recruiting!

Our departure from Berlin went smoothly, although we were forced to leave S/Sgt. Fox behind. It should be noted that he was not being held as hostage by I.D.L.I. in lieu of certain items of equipment deficient on handover, as many seem to think. He merely required an extra ten days in which to persuade his car to start!

Since arriving in Harwich life has been very busy. It began with a Guard of Honour for the Queen, on which several of the platoon found themselves, including the Platoon Commander himself. Following the two weeks disembarkation leave everyone was occupied in getting ready for Phase I of the Recruiting Drive, with the exception of L/Cpls. Harper, Smith, Durrant, Ball and Brewin who started on an N.C.O.'s Cadre in the training wing.

On 21st August the Platoon set off North for ten days to recruit in Norfolk. An enjoyable and fruitful time was had by all, despite the attempt by one member of the platoon to recruit a village policeman.

As these notes are being written preparations are being made for the expedition into the wilds of East Anglia in search of that rare bird, the "Recrutus Regulus."

It seems quite fitting to end with a list of arrivals and departures since May. Before leaving Berlin we welcomed Ptes. Cox, Winney and Parry. Once in Harwich Cpls. Cranfield and Waters, and Pte. Goodway joined us from an "axed" Rifle

Company (the last two on paper only so far), and then Ptes. White (hot foot from the P.R.I. Supermarket in Berlin), Williamson, Sands and Preston. We welcome back to the bosom of the Platoon "Mr Signals" himself, namely Cpl. Boon, now a veteran of many recruiting campaigns based on the Brigade Depot over the last six months.

Recently we said au revoir to L/Cpls. Putwain, Harris, and Ptes. Goodband and Ward. We wish them well in their new jobs.

Finally, everyone is cordially invited to visit the Signal Office at any time to view an admirable painting presented to the Platoon by 224 Signal Squadron before leaving Berlin, for services rendered. Obviously someone appreciates us!

QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT

"Bis dat que cito dat"

Since the last publication, we of the Q.M.'s Staff have spent our time packing up, swapping over, and unpacking, finding that we had not got that which we should have had. In other words we have passed through a stage of hard labour utilizing half the battalion as fatigue men—for little result other than getting the battalion's kit to England, and opening the inevitable File X—the unknown contents file.

On completion of the Queen's Birthday Parade, even before congratulatory messages could be received, Pte. Haines was doing good trade in his "Blues" Room collecting No. 1 Dress from one section of the battalion, and reissuing it to another section. Thus befalls the lot of the clothing storeman.

The R.Q.M.S. with Cpl. Hawes then ran the gauntlet of the "Corridor" whilst heading for England by car and were not heard of again by those who stayed behind for more than three weeks.

The Durham Light Infantry advance party then arrived and kept the main and rear parties busy. Not that the advance party were not busy, they had the task of gaining a beach head at the transit camp in Harwich.

The handover began in a gloomy manner, to quote the I.D.L.I. "We cannot understand your methods, now, if you did it our way . . ." The main and rear parties battled on winning each round in turn. The famous Q.M.'s pipe it is believed took the credit, though the hot (sometimes) sweet (when we could get enough sugar) tea (well it was supposed to be) actually did the trick.

The Married Families Staff with many helpers, strove under great hardship—and needless to say won through—in their marathon task of handing over 125 Married Quarters. In the end C/Sgt. Downes handed his fishing rights on the Havel over on a 1033 to settle any and all minor differences. He then transferred himself, an awkward piece of Q.M.'s paper work, over to H.Q. Company as C.Q.M.S.

The Pioneers meanwhile manfully supplied crates and boxes (Cases Wood Packing—not to exceed 20 cu. ft.) to everybody and everything that required them. Hundreds went to the Q.M.'s own stores, clothing, A.F.G. 1098, The Armourer's Shop and the office itself. How Sabina the civilian typist escaped will remain unsolved until the "Old Sweats" stories reveal the details in 20 years time.

More troubles then started—accompanied passages! Nevertheless we with our brothers in the Battalion Orderly Room overcame the difficulties. Some of those who accompanied their wives back to England have hardly been seen since.

Subsequently the Battalion left, leaving but a skeleton crew to tend off Herr Ulbricht and Mr. K. Berlin newspapers have since reported that it was the Viking Q.M.'s pipe which really kept the peace. Brand X's fragrance removing all warlike intent from the rulers of the Eastern Bloc.

Since arriving in England a party of the staff with others under the M.T.O. (redeemed by the fact that he is a fellow tea drinker) went to Honiton in Devon to collect the "gear" which the D.I.I. were handing over to us.

We then joined the battalion on a short spell of disembarkation leave, before sorting out and attempting to give a name to the "material" wealth we had collected from Honiton.

topic of conversation was "We don't have the drivers today that we used to have." There were even some fond remarks passed about "Old Grunter," now safely soldiering on at the Depot. By this, you will have gathered that the M.T. Section has lost some of its old hands and been issued with new ones. Sgt. Ansell has gone to Bury St. Edmunds and has been replaced by Sgt. Bates as M.T. Sergeant. Ptes. Monk, Mucklin, Nicholas, Harrod, Graham and Mountford have left us for civilian life and we welcome in their place, Cpl. Bryant as M.T. Storeman, Ptes. Richards, Jordan, Pope, Powell and Ptes. Woolle and Etherington from the 3rd East Anglians. We have gained much useful knowledge of life in Malaya from the last two, and are now fully aware of the hardships encountered in the "Ulu."



Canoeing in Cambridgeshire—Ptes. Folkard and Whelan.

One word before the time gets round to 1630 hours or 4-30 p.m. should any enterprising young fellow who feels that he knows the best way to run a Q.M.'s Staff decide to join us we will welcome him and his ideas—at the worst they can only go the way of most previous bright ideas.

Before you next hear from us many of our National Servicemen will have bade us farewell, civilians, do not be put off by their so-called reminiscences. Finally to them and to all our old comrades, we wish good health and prosperity, should the latter not come your way, we are always ready to welcome you back.

M.T. SECTION

M.T.O. ... Lt. (Q.M.) H. H. Norman
M.T. Sgt. ... Sgt. Bates

The M.T.O. had gone to Colchester for the day, and the M.T. Sergeant was out on driving instruction. This left the coast clear for the Section N.C.O.s to take advantage of the office "Brew Up" and the M.T. Office resembled a tea room. The general

On arrival in U.K., the first task of the Section was to draw the battalion's transport from Honiton in Devon. We spent nearly two weeks there, suffering from an acute shortage of "Beer Money," but after a struggle, managed to get the battalion mobile. Our second task was to submit to the Unit Pay Office, travel allowance claims for the period spent moving to and from Honiton. This proved much the more difficult task of the two, but the Pay Office finally accepted our claims.

At the Local Magistrates' Court, Pte. "Paddy" Doherty was congratulated by the magistrates upon going to the assistance of the local police during a disturbance in Harwich. Well done Paddy.

The Section has been well represented in the Recruiting Drive, and our drivers are scattered about the countryside in great numbers. They have "lifted" "A" and Support Companies, the Demonstration Platoon and have assisted the Band and Corps of Drums whilst they were "Showing the Flag" throughout the three counties. Pte. "Eddy" Hockley is detached at Ipswich, and although we have not seen

him for some time, we get vague rumours from him now and again.

As usual, we are short of drivers, but we have a good driving school in progress and hope very shortly to have a few more to replace those who have left us.

The author of these notes has just received an urgent call to go out on detail, and we must dash away, reporting as usual, five minutes before the time required.

BATTALION ORDERLY ROOM

Once more the Vikings have landed on the shores of England; this time at Harwich in Essex, and their deeds (and misdeeds) are fast spreading through-

welcome Pte. Dick Spendlove from the Depot, and hope that he enjoys his stay with us.

We have suffered the temporary loss of L/Cpl. "Brown knows, Sir" Dodsworth, who is enjoying himself with the R.A.S.C. at Yeovil learning to be a shorthand expert between more dubious activities. He will not take the place of Sybilla, who the War Office would not let us bring back from Berlin, although it is believed that she missed us so much that she has now left Berlin and gone to Scotland. No-one can understand her going "North of the Border" but the fact that we relieved 1 R. Scots in Berlin might have something to do with it.

The rest of the staff, which remains unchanged,



L/Cpt. Jacobs and Pte. Stotter on board the Harwich trawler "Why Worry" with the Skipper—Mr. Thomas.

out East Anglia. It is noticed that with our exit from Berlin, the divided city's troubles began, and rumour is rife as to the date of our return. There are amongst us those who say "the sooner, the better." For example our friends "Gripps" Dodsworth and Lecherous Legood!

During the last few months there have been many comings and goings among the "Brains of the Battalion." We were very sorry to see the departure of the terrible twins, Ptes. Normington and Sadler, who are now slaving with the 2nd East Anglian Regiment still over in Germany; and of Pte. "Plums" Heathcock, lately transferred to the joys of civilian life, where it is rumoured that he is going to work; and last, but by no means least, the going of Pte. Griggs, who has decided to go to the "Glory" of "A" Company prior to his transfer to the "Red Devils."

We once more welcome Capt. J. R. Heath, back as Assistant Adjutant, and Sgt. James, who will be back with us as soon as the 2nd East Anglian Regiment can be persuaded to part with him. Also we

are hard at work and settling down very well in our luxurious abode at Dovercourt Camp, Harwich.

The departure from Berlin went very smoothly thanks to very hard work and good documentation by the Movements Clerks. There were times when even they had their doubts about the 125 families getting home before the battalion, what with a measles epidemic and 1001 other complications.

The Customs showed great leniency towards us and the only two from the staff to get caught by "the men in blue" were the O.R.Q.M.S. and Cpl. Gaffer (who both travelled home by car). How much was the bottle of gin worth 'Q'? L/Cpl. "Blackie" Brown, one of the more fortunate, was still smoking "Duty Frees" many weeks after everyone else had finished theirs. No secrets are obtainable from him as to where he got them (in case the Customs get on to him).

Now that the typing is done by the poor male typists, the O.R.Q.M.S. does not spend so much time visiting the typists.

When we left Berlin we left a lot of love-sick girls behind. L/Cpl. Dodsworth and Pte. Redfearn are both, we think, engaged to two very nice sisters. L/Cpl. Legood's girl-friend was supposed to have seen him at Southampton on her way to the U.S.A., but of course Lee missed the boat. Whether this was by accident or not we will never know.

L/Cpl. "I've got a cert" Pallett is now showing off his "skill" for the Harwich and Parkeston football team. So far he has managed to make a name for himself (he can be seen every week cutting out the write-ups from the local papers on himself). Big Head!

week in Colchester at Meanee Barracks which has recently been rebuilt and completely modernised to good effect. We wish we had more time to lie on the foam mattresses there.

We would like to take this opportunity of bidding a hearty welcome to Bandsmen Clarke, Cole and Judd who have joined us since we left Berlin.

Cpl. Kirby, Bandsmen Horne and Foster are to be congratulated on the birth of their respective children. We wish every success in civvy street to Cpl. Harris who has just left us. All sporting and social activities have been sadly curtailed since our arrival but we did manage to arrange a social



Sailing in Berlin—Pte. Holl and Captain Horrex.

BAND

As the last set of Band Notes were going to press the Band was grinding it's way through rehearsals for the Queen's Birthday Parade in Berlin. It was a relief to get it over and done with on June the 8th and beat a hasty retreat to England which at that time appeared to offer a certain degree of rest and comfort. This did not prove to be the case for until now our recruiting drive has been a hectic and hazardous experience. On arrival at Bury St. Edmunds we formed into a Band of Wandering Minstrels and wandered along with the Battalion Demonstration Platoon (a sort of Military Repertory Company). We were soon an added attraction at all the village fetes in East Anglia, presenting pitched battles and Beating Retreat to all and sundry. Our tour was arranged by Captain Gowing and he must have worked overtime to find us so many engagements. (He was constantly in our thoughts). On the 29th August we were lucky enough to get a "paid" job at Ipswich Football Ground when "the Town" played Burnley. It proved an interesting evening and a pleasant change. We made a repeat appearance at Colchester Tattoo this year but Captain Gowing was not responsible. We stayed for a

evening at "The Larkman" in Norwich, and a trip to a show in Yarmouth, both being unqualified successes.

Life seems to be slowing down a trifle now and we have finally settled in Harwich, with the Battalion, and our thoughts are turned towards the long awaited leave. We are due to play the last Troopship into Harwich on 25th September and the last one out on the 26th, after which we expect to remain here for quite some time building up the strength of the Battalion. We are hoping that our ground work this year will pave the way for plenty of paid engagements next summer and with the thought of filthy lucre firmly planted in our minds these notes are closed.

MEDICAL CENTRE (WE NEVER CLOSE)

Once again we take up our pen to report on the doings (or misdoings) of the Med-Centre.

Much blood, sweat and tears has been shed since the last notes, we have left our Med-Officer Captain Taylor in Berlin. "Farewell Sir" we shall miss you.

We welcome our new Med-Officer, Captain Brooks, although we believe his stay is going to be

short. The call of civilian life beckons him. Sgt. (Doc.) Newitt can be heard muttering about the price of tobacco and finds it very difficult to keep his pipe going 24 hours a day now.

Cpl. (Jock) Stars is busy again with his Football Pools. It's funny though he still hasn't won that £200,000 yet. Mind you, next week's coupon is a sure winner.

Pte. Batty, during the last few weeks in Berlin tried his hand at painting, carpentry and was general handyman for the move to England.

Pte. Gill went on the advance party to England to get the new M.I. Room organised. We have not seen him since!

Finally, we anticipate a lot of entry medicals in the near future to swell the ranks of THE VIKINGS.

nearly walked out thinking he was in the wrong place. But he was stopped and put in charge of the tea making. Sgt. Gay walked straight into the job of collecting the tea money (2/- weekly per head). Cpl. Adams found that his job was to read 30 newspapers a day and collect information for recruiting. He also found some maps were missing and a number of other jobs were waiting for him. Cunningham did not escape, he was caught by the R.S.M. and given the job of making a map of barracks—which he hasn't finished yet!

Cpl. Willmott was then seen limping across the square—just the man to be Chief Clerk. So he came into the end room to run a gigantic filing system and answer all sorts of questions.

All this time hidden away in the next building



Recruiting—Sgt. Whales signs on a Viking.

THE RECRUITING OPERATIONS CENTRE

You will not find us written into any War Office Establishment, for Infantry Battalions, Depots, or mysterious Schools. We sprang from nowhere. In fact we are misappropriated from various parts of the Infantry Battalion Establishment—and just wait till the Works Study Team finds us!

The Recruiting Organisation came into being shortly after Major Power returned to the Battalion early in August. He had come to us from the American Command and General Staff College where I think he must have had a special briefing in how to Organise Recruiting Ops. For he hit Hut 12 with a broadside of paint, distemper, wallmaps (family size), case histories, "follow-ups," area analyses, and a formidable filing system. Soft board (as the Q.M. might say "the stuff they keep in the vaults of the Bank of England") flew on to the walls, rawlplugs were bashed into holes, current started flowing through the wires, furniture walked in on its own legs, and finally at the end of the disembarkation leave Puister walked in, gawped at Hut 12, and

in a heavily blacked out room were two pairs of eyes which blinked like owls every time they came out into daylight. Saunders and Mitchell the photographers, who have established the fact that for every hour you spend taking photos in the daylight you have to spend one day in the dark developing, washing, wringing and almost sterilising the prints.

Next quite by surprise came Major Fairholme from the Sultan of Muscats Armed Forces. He began a series of recces throughout our recruiting area in preparation for the Company sorties.

Then, we thought finally, Lt. White came back from leave to be the battle adjutant in the Ops Centre.

No, he wasn't the end of the organisation. The special recruiters, C/Sgt. Townley (Cambs), Sgt. Whales (Norwich), Sgt. Sharpe (Ely), and Sgt. Waller (Ipswich) though perhaps not with us, were found to be part of our organisation. And their job became so vital that they were shortly reinforced by Sgt. Taylor and Cpl. Aldridge. With the addition of C.S.M. Parker in Bury they were the people who

would arrange the enlisting of recruits once they were found.

So with Major Power in the chair and Lt. White next to him, Captain Beck and Sgt. Gay plugging Viking publicity, Cpl. Adams still doing intelligence (but of a different kind), Cunningham as draughtsman, Puister collecting every unclassifiable job going, Saunders and Mitchell developing, and Cpl. Willmott filing everything and everybody, that is what the Recruiting Operations Centre is and does.

You may claim to have found a recruit but we claim that we put you in that position where you were able to find him, and that after you told us where he was we got him in. Well, perhaps we got him in.

Lastly, we publish figures. We thought that 31 recruits for August wasn't a bad figure to publish, after all its an average of one a day. So, we published it. We've learnt the art of gamesmanship and we know that even if the figure is "one," so long as we publish it with a thirty in front of it (except of course for months that have only 30 days—February really throws us out) the Recruiting Ops Centre is doing its job!

ATHLETICS

Our last notes were concluded just before the Brigade Meeting in Berlin. The culmination of our training was a match against a local Berlin club called "Deutsche Jugendkraft Steglitz," which was arranged by our coach Herr Lothar Padelt. As we were competing against civilians, the meeting had to take place on the two evenings of 8th and 15th May, 1961. The first evening was marred by heavy showers, but in spite of the wet and cold conditions several of our athletes succeeded in putting up individual best performances. Some of the more notable results were as follows:—

100 metres

2nd Pte. Bowness (B.) 11.3 secs.
3rd Bds. Ship (H.Q.) 11.5 secs.
4th 2/Lt. Jones (A.) 11.6 secs.

200 metres

1st Pte. Harboard (A.) 23.9 secs.
2nd L/Cpl. Missen (A.) 24.0 secs.

400 metres

1st 2/Lt. Abbott (A.) 54.0 secs.

800 metres

3rd Pte. Jenkins (C.) 2 mins. 7.6 secs.

3000 metres

1st Pte. Day (C.) 9 mins. 38.2 secs.
3rd Pte. Murrells (C.) 9 mins. 49.4 secs.
4th Pte. Deeks (B.) 9 mins. 51.2 secs.

110 metres Hurdles

3rd Cpl. Scarr (Sp.) 18.3 secs.

High Jump

2nd Pte. Giblett (B.) 1.57 metres

Long Jump

2nd Dmr. Gee (H.Q.) 6.00 metres
4th Cpl. Rackham (Sp.) 5.90 metres

Pole Vault

2nd Cpl. Tidman (H.Q.) 2.60 metres

Discus

4th Dmr. Taylor (H.Q.) 30.31 metres

Shot

3rd Bds. Maine (H.Q.) 10.79 metres

Hammer

2nd Bds. Maine (H.Q.) 33.54 metres
3rd L/Cpl. Harris (A.) 33.42 metres
4th Pte. Bryant (C.) 30.84 metres

4 x 100 metres Relay

1st 1 East Anglian, 46.0 secs.

The match was conducted in a very friendly spirit and, as there was no limit to the number of competitors each team could enter for each event, no official result was obtained. However the Germans were much superior to us in all the field events



Athletics in Berlin—The 1st Battalion Team.

and revealed the weakness which was to be our undoing in the Brigade Meeting. Incidentally great interest was shown by our team in several German female athletes who showed their paces between events! After the match the Germans presented us with their club plaque and we in turn gave them a regimental shield. The meeting was of considerable value to us because it provided us with competitive practice and showed that there was a great deal of team spirit among our athletes.

The Brigade Meeting was held under ideal conditions on the Berlin Olympic Stadium Practice Ground on 18th and 19th May, 1961. It was an extremely hard fought, well organised and enjoyable meeting. Our opponents, The King's Royal Rifle Corps and The Welch Regiment, both had formidable reputations for athletics and were most impressive in training. Throughout the meeting no more than two or three points separated the first and third teams and excitement reached fever pitch towards the end. Before the last event, the 4 x 400 metres relay, the scores stood at K.R.R.C.—39 points, Welch 38 points and The Vikings—37 points. Pte. Turner (C.) ran the first leg and handed over with a short lead. Pte. Ward (Sp.) then ran very bravely, but lost the lead by a short margin. Cpl. Scarr (Sp.) after a great effort managed to regain the lead and handed over the baton to our last runner, 2/Lt. Abbott. By this time every spectator was on his feet and screaming furious encouragement. 2/Lt. Abbott went away from the start at a fast pace hotly pursued by one of the K.R.R.C. star sprinters. All the way up the back straight the gap narrowed and it looked as though our chances were lost. However by a superhuman effort 2/Lt. Abbott hung on to his lead and gradually drew away along the home straight to win by a yard. Having flung himself at the tape he collapsed at the side of the track in a state of exhaustion. His effort was typical of many such performances by our Viking athletes that afternoon.

Our win gave us six points and we thought that we had won the championships. Our jubilation was however shortlived. The official results were announced as:—

- 1st, K.R.R.C.—43 points (won 5 events)
- 2nd, 1 E. Anglian—43 points (won 4 events)
- 3rd, 1 Welch—40 points.

Thus by the narrowest of margins we were second. It would be churlish not to congratulate the winners which we do wholeheartedly. We had done our best and exceeded all expectations. There had been some who viewed our training was scepticism, but they had been made to eat their words because, although it may not have appeared energetic to the uninitiated eyes, it was the basis of our success.

Detailed results were as follows:—

- 4 x 100 metres**
1st: L/Cpl. Missen (A), Pte. Harboard (A), Bds. Ship (H.Q.), Pte. Bowness (B). 44.8 secs. (Equals Brigade Record).
- 4 x 200 metres**
2nd: Pte. Harboard (A.), L/Cpl. Missen (A.), Pte. Bowness (B.), Lt. Lunn (Sp.).
- 4 x 400 metres**
1st: Pte. Turner (C.), Pte. Ward (Sp.), Cpl. Scarr (Sp.), 2/Lt. Abbott (A.). 3 mins. 34.1 secs.
- 4 x 800 metres**
2nd: 2/Lt. Abbott (A.), Pte. Turner (C.), Pte. Jenkins (C.), Cpl. Thompson (B.).

1500 metres team

- 2nd: Pte. Pitt (A.), individual winner, Pte. Jenkins (C.), Pte. Murrells (C.), Pte. Day (C.). 4 mins. 24.6 secs.

5000 metres team

- 1st: Pte. Day (C.), individual winner, Pte. Deeks (B.), Pte. Hogg (Sp.), Pte. Murrells (C.). 17 mins. 42.8 secs.

4 x 110 metres Hurdles

- 3rd: Cpl. Scarr (Sp.), Cpl. Rackham (Sp.), Pte. Keeble (A.), L/Cpl. Smith (Sp.).

High Jump

- 2nd: Pte. Holl (Sp.), Pte. Giblett (B.). Individual 2nd equal. 5 ft. 3 ins.

Long Jump

- 1st: Cpl. Rackham (Sp.), individual winner, 19 ft. 5½ ins., Dmr. Gee (95) (H.Q.), 18 ft. 3 ins.

Pole Vault

- 3rd: Cpl. Tidman (H.Q.), individual 4th, 9 ft. 3 ins., Cpl. Jones (Sp.), individual 6th, 8 ft.

Discus

- 2nd: Dmr. Taylor (H.Q.), individual 3rd, 107 ft. 10½ ins., Sgt. Taylor (C.), individual 6th 92 ft. 9½ ins.

Shot

- 3rd: Bds. Maine (H.Q.), 35 ft. 3 ins., Pte. Croft (A.), 32 ft. 9 ins.

Hammer

- 3rd: L/Cpl. Harris (A.), 94 ft. 7 ins., Bds. Maine (H.Q.), 3 no throws.

Javelin

- 3rd: Cpl. Hedges (C.), individual 4th, 134 ft. 9 ins., L/Cpl. Missen (A.), individual 6th, 123 ft. 8 ins.

Finally we would like to record our gratitude to Herr Padelt for his untiring efforts on our behalf. He was handed a collection of individuals without any outstanding talent among them and he welded them during six weeks into an efficient and successful team. He did this by exerting upon them a charming personality and a considerable knowledge of athletics coaching. Unfortunately on 13th May, 1961 he was involved in a serious car accident from which he sustained several broken ribs. It was a great disappointment to the team into which he had inspired such great confidence that he was unable to watch the results of his endeavours at the Brigade Meeting. However when he was discharged from hospital he also was presented with a regimental shield by the Commanding Officer in recognition of his services to Viking athletics.

ADVENTURE TRAINING

Barcelonette Basses Alpes

The party was 30 strong, which included nine Vikings, the rest were from other units of East Anglian District.

We were lucky enough to obtain the use of Cym Gwdi Camp, which nestles at the foot of the highest hill in the Brecon Beacons — Pen Y Fan (2900). From these for a week we set forth daily to harden our sinews. Many lessons were learnt there—by trial and error—no little aided by the mist that enshrouded the hills almost continuously.

We also spent a day rock climbing on Idwal Slabs in Snowdonia. However on our arrival in the Basses Alpes we discovered the rock there to have the alarming habit of coming away in our hands!



Adventure Training in the French Alps.

After the usual documentation ordeals of Customs and Port Authorities we moved to the sunnier climes of France with great expectations. Our first conquest was the language—aided and abetted by a wine some found to be more potent than expected. Our first night was spent encamped at Crecy, where the only reminder of the past was a road signed up “La Route de L’ Edouard III.”

However it was the opposite case on our final night when we encamped on Vimy Ridges. We found much shrapnel, wire and bones in the fields where one could still see clearly how uncomfortably close the lines of trenches were.

The other night en route was spent outside Dijon. On our return we found ourselves a day too early for the annual wine festival. What a pity the trucks did not break down! Praise goes to Captain de Planta de Wildenberg and his Sappers of 36 Engineer Squadron, who looked after their trucks so well and drove us and the two previous parties some 2000 miles without mishap.

It was about 5000 ft. that we pitched camp. It lay conveniently 5000 ft. below the highest peak in the area, and 100 precipitous feet above a clear cold mountain stream into which we took welcome plunges after a day’s march under a grilling sun.

On an average we were on the move for eight hours daily over very rough ground reaching heights of 8500 ft. We made the acquaintance of many scree and made a rather large contribution to the erosion of that portion of the Alps! We learnt

what a live Marmot looked like and almost caught one, and we were inspected by a pair of Eagles.

Last but by no means least in its abundance was the great welcome and help we received from the French both official and civilian.

VIKING PAGEANT

You are going home to produce and perform a Viking Pageant whenever and wherever possible throughout East Anglia to show the people of Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire just who the modern Vikings are, what they can do and where they fit into the future. The programme will have a musical background provided by the Band and Drums and, as this will be the first time that the First Battalion of The First East Anglian Regiment has been on its home ground since amalgamation, you will introduce it to the people and see that it is put on the map. You are the pre-advance party of the Battalion and it is your job to pave the way for the rest of the Battalion to follow with an intensive recruiting campaign to win our battle for survival. This we will win.

Time is scarce. After training at Sennelager there will be a week’s break followed by a week of intensive exercise at Soltau. Then you will have an opportunity to sort yourselves out while working up for the Queen’s Birthday Parade on 8th June. You arrive in U.K. on 14th June and your first performance will be at the end of that month. You will continue until mid-September when you can go on a bit of leave. That is your task and the best of luck to you all.

Thus the Commanding Officer of the Vikings launched the 1961 Viking Pageant. The original idea for this display came from the Battalion’s Special Recruiting Officer, Lt. Rupert Gowing. He suggested a sort of minor tattoo as having a greater appeal to the local population than the more conventional flag-march. The idea was welcomed and while the proposer was busy arranging the programme for the tour, the Battalion P.R.I. Major Tom Styles and the P.R.O., Captain Simon Beck were even busier trying to organise the necessary props—cow’s horns, crash helmets, swords and shields all had to be provided, and at minimum cost. Time was indeed short and by the time the complete party left Berlin it had only been possible to produce five sets of Viking kit and a few other bits and pieces, but nothing like sufficient for the proposed show.

Selection of the cast was limited by a number of factors, not the least of which being the number of vacancies available on the boat train. The Band and Drums of course formed the back-bone of the party, leaving about thirty-five men to be found. Competition was keen both to be selected and, in some cases, to avoid being selected. Finally early in the morning of 14th June the complete group of just over 100 arrived in England and moved into the East Anglian Brigade Depot at Bury St. Edmunds.

Major Geoffrey Howgego was in charge with 2/Lt. Mackay, Bandmaster Holben and Drum Major Hitchin, Sgt. Watson and Sgt. Smith. A lot of preparatory work had been done by Lt. Gowing and thanks are due to the staff at East Anglian District and to Captain Chatting and his staff from 4 Royal Norfolk who had, at great personal inconvenience, taken over a large quantity of vehicles and stores from 1 D.L.I. at Honiton in Devon and later were of even greater assistance in providing accommodation and stores in Britannia Barracks. Sgt. Allright

joined the team at Bury to look after the "Q" side. Throughout the whole period of the tour the "Q" staff at the Depot, especially Major Joanny and R.Q.M.S. Clough, were of the greatest assistance and solved many impossible problems.

The period from 16th—30th June was one of considerable frustration and difficulty. However in that time things finally sorted themselves into some semblance of order. As the pageant cast had been drawn from all departments of the Battalion it was impossible to get them all together until they arrived in England, and it reflects very much to their credit and to the solid slogging and inspiration of Sgt. Watson that they were ready to give any kind of show at all in the time available. The vehicles covered many miles in search of stores, equipment and ammunition and this was perhaps the most frustrating part of the whole thing. It soon became clear that there was only one way to obtain what was wanted and that was to camp on the owner's doorstep until he gave in and parted with the goods.

During this teething time and in fact at all times, the local press and the television authorities were really most helpful and showed a genuine interest in what was going on. They all gave splendid publicity both before and after the various shows. On 30th June both B.B.C. and Anglia TV arrived to televise the dress rehearsal, which encouraged the players, despite the fact that the Band and Drums suffered somewhat by having to march and counter-march in really boiling heat in their lunch break to record the "March of the Vikings." It must have been really upsetting for them to see that on the screen they failed to appear. Never mind, the music was good.

The first show was put on at Diss, before a most appreciative audience and in excellent weather. Everything went well, but it was clear that some of the audience were sadly disappointed that C.S.M. Evans was not one of the performers, but they were quite happy to see S/Sgt. "Tiffy" Ridout on the ground. The pattern of future occasions was soon established after the performance, when the complete party was entertained by the people of Diss. Hospitality flowed and it was perhaps significant that on that day the Government announced an increase in the price of whisky and gin!

Saturday, July 1st was one of the hottest days recorded in England. It is a day which L/Cpl. Reeve of Dereham will remember for he was representing the British Army in a television interview at the Royal Show in Cambridge with Mr. Kenneth Horne. The previous week he had been the guest of Anglia Television at a luncheon in London.

Later that day the pageant was performed at Soham in the Isle of Ely. There was a disappointing crowd. The majority of people seemed to have taken advantage of the fine weather to take a trip to the sea. During the afternoon Sgt. Watson and five other stalwarts had taken part in a six-a-side football tournament, but were unfortunate enough to meet a team from Cambridge City F.C. led by Dave Hickson of Everton and England. The Battalion side gave a good account of themselves in the heat and only lost 5—2. It was particularly galling to find that Cambridge City then withdrew in the next round!

On 3rd July the pageant platoon followed in the footsteps of their Viking forebears and left England's shores to conquer the wild sea—and it certainly was wild—to invade the Isle of Man. It was a great pity that the Band and Drums had to

remain behind, but the Irish Guards Band had a prior claim. The Vikings quickly settled down in the Drill Hall in Douglas and the following day they were busily scaling the heights of Peel Castle in preparation for the Viking Festival to be held there in the evening.

It was quite a festival attended by at least ten thousand people including a cameraman from Anglia TV who faithfully recorded the antics of the East Anglian Vikings before falling into a long-boat and spraining his ankle, fortunately not too badly. The Isle of Man has tremendous Viking connections and is full of fascinating historical tradition and lore. The hospitality has to be experienced to be believed.

In the festival, which depicted an early Viking attack on the Island, the East Anglian Vikings had to assault Peel Castle which was situated on a craggy cliff almost entirely surrounded by the sea. Clad in flowing cloaks and armed with sword and shield it was no easy assault but the attack, made in the light of the setting sun, was both successful and picturesque and, as the smoke formed in colourful billows from the conquered castle the Vikings were silhouetted against the battlements and were most impressive. As soon as the castle was secure the signal was given and the main force in four traditional long-boats rounded the headland and swept into the bay to beach and attack the town.

Again the attack was successful and the Celtic stockades were captured and found to contain many interesting items including firkins of strong ale, whole oxen and pigs and plenty of Celtic maids who seemed to revel in the attack. This was too much for the conquerers of Peel Castle who, at a signal from their black-bearded leader, Howgorth, swept down from the heights on to the beach to claim their share of the spoils and right well they did it. Viking helmets make right good drinking vessels and the huge barrels were soon emptied. Two days of celebration followed and included the opening ceremony of the Island's ancient Parliament (Tynwald) and culminated in the Viking Festival Dance where the East Anglian Vikings had a really wonderful time. A memorable visit and one which must certainly be repeated another year in even greater strength. It was a good thing that the sea was calm the following morning for there were many heavy heads and a few heavy hearts as the return journey to Liverpool was made. On docking it was most pleasant to find transport, most kindly provided by Brig. Wight, waiting to transport the warriors back to the reality of British Railways. It must have been the first occasion on which the railways have had to lay on special Viking trains, but from Ely to Cambridge and from Cambridge to Bury that was exactly what they did, for Diesel trains are not equipped to transport Viking loot!

The thanks of all who took part go to Mr. Edgar Collier and all members of the Isle of Man Tourist Board and to Major Spencer of The Manx Regiment (T.A.) for their wonderful hospitality.

Having arrived back late on the 7th the Vikings rehearsed the pageant in the morning of the 8th and put on their show at Saxmundham that same afternoon. The weather was unkind and a torrential downpour in the early afternoon restricted the audience and dampened certain spirits. Fortunately the weather improved and the show went on. The Band, Drums and Drill Squad gave a particularly impressive performance and were so well received by the small crowd that they were invited to return

to take part in the Town Carnival later in the summer.

The next show was at Swaffham on the 11th. Here it was a pleasure to see Brigadier Barclay who came, as he said, just to see the start of the thing as he then had to rush off to another engagement. It was therefore most pleasing and of the greatest encouragement to the cast to find that he stayed on right through to the final note of retreat. The Swaffham Carnival Queen and her attendants were also present and, at the subsequent reception in the Drill Hall, Viking Cpls. Cocksedge, Rackham and Thompson were appointed escorts to the Carnival Queen, who in an inspiring little speech invited everyone to attend her dance. From that moment on her escorts, especially Viking Cocksedge, were transported in a dream world. Many have been the return trips to Swaffham!

On the 13th the Band, Drums and Drill Squad were the guests of the West Norfolk Cricket Club and, on a very chilly evening, did their stuff before a small but appreciative audience. The salute was taken by Lt.-Col. W. M. Campbell, the father of the present C.O., who had himself formerly commanded the Suffolk Regiment.

The next day rain prevented Retreat and was the only occasion during the tour when the weather was victorious, although there were one or two near misses later on. The next day was a full one. The Band and Drums marched through Cambridge to the grounds of Jesus College where the pageant was then performed in the afternoon. Tea was taken on the move from Cambridge to Norwich and Retreat was beaten for the Norfolk Regiment Old Comrades in Britannia Barracks in the evening after an exciting cricket match. The next day the Band played during the Regimental Cricket Match at Congham.

On Tuesday the 18th the Band and Drums beat Retreat outside the City Hall at Norwich before a large crowd. They were then very well entertained in the City Hall by the Lord Mayor, Alderman R. Q. Gurney. It was a pleasure to see the Colonel of the Regiment and the Associate Colonel at this parade.

Friday the 21st was another big day for the Regiment. Her Majesty the Queen honoured East Anglia with a visit. Arriving at Harwich early in the morning from the Royal Yacht Britannia, Her Majesty visited Ipswich and Stowmarket before arriving at Bury St. Edmunds in the afternoon to be received by a Royal Guard, under the command of Captain J. R. Heath. After inspecting the Guard and meeting a number of people, including the Commanding Officers of both the Vikings and The Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Regiment, Her Majesty was escorted by Brigadier E. H. W. Backhouse into the Abbey Gardens to drive round a parade of over two thousand members of the various departments of the humanitarian services drawn up under the control of Major G. C. Howgego. On the parade were the wives of former serving officers, Mrs. Backhouse (Women's Institute) and Mrs. Hopking and Mrs. Wiggington (Women's Voluntary Service).

The Mayor of Bury St. Edmunds, Mr. Cyril Grange, entertained Her Majesty to tea in the Cloister Gardens while the Regimental Band played a very pleasing selection of light music. Earlier Her Majesty had been received by a fanfare sounded by the twelve Regimental Fanfare Trumpeters under

Bandmaster Holben. It is believed that this was the very first occasion on which the Regiment, or its predecessors the Royal Norfolk or Suffolk Regiments, have had the privilege of sounding a Royal Fanfare before the Sovereign.

After Her Majesty had departed, the Band and Drums Beat Retreat in a most moving ceremony on the Angel Hill, before an enormous crowd, which achieved what must have been record proportions for Bury St. Edmunds. Afterwards, and until the early hours, the Regimental Dance Band, under Sgt. Melvin, played for this same crowd on the Angel Hill. It was a great pleasure to see how very much the Dance Band was appreciated by this vast crowd. On what can only be described as an unusual dancing surface there were rarely less than two hundred dancing couples. The C.O. and Mrs. Campbell were to be seen leading one particular group in their own inimitable style.

It was a great day for the Regiment and it was a pleasure to have the Colonel of the Regiment present throughout the afternoon and evening. For the Officers, Warrant Officers and Sergeants present the day came to a fitting climax after all the local hostilities had closed when they were entertained in the Depot Sergeants' Mess by kind permission of R.S.M. Gell, the Depot R.S.M.

The very next day the Band and Drums were again privileged when they were invited to play in the beautiful grounds of Sennowe Park on the occasion of the revue of the Norfolk Contingents of the St. John Ambulance Brigade by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother. On this occasion while the Band was Beating Retreat in the arena, Lt. Rupert Gowing had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty who showed a keen interest in the activities of the Regiment and expressed her appreciation of the performance of the Band and Drums.

The following day was another busy one. This time back at Bury St. Edmunds for the annual re-union of the Old Comrades of The Suffolk Regiment. A church parade was held on the cricket field of Gibraltar Barracks in the morning. The Band played and the service was very well attended. Cricket took place during the rest of the day and the Band played at intervals. At the end of the match which had lasted two days the Viking Pageant was put on, after being introduced by the Colonel of the Regiment, and was very well received by a large audience basking in the evening sun. The Colonel of the Regiment took the salute.

On the Tuesday the Band and Drums played at the Depot Passing Out Parade. This was the second occasion on which they had played at a passing out parade, the first being on 21st June.

Next day found the party at Sudbury, where the commentator distinguished himself by leaving his script behind. However, he proved that he had a pretty broad cuff! Another good audience and an attractive setting combined to make the evening perfect. Once again the Mayor of Sudbury showed himself to be a grand host as the party were refreshed in the local Drill Hall. This was the first occasion on which the veteran taxi of The Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Regiment was used in the pageant. Here it appeared in its regimental colours with the impressive figure of Major E. H. Morgan at the wheel. It received a fine ovation and our thanks are due to Lt.-Col. Storie-Pugh for its use on this and subsequent occasions.

THE VIKING PAGEANT



At Harwich.



L/Cpls. Ray
and Spidy.



The Cast.

THE VIKINGS AT LARGE.

In Denmark.
Cpt. Tompsett and
Pte. Fleming in helmets.



The Longship:
"Widow's Grief."

At the Battle of Britain Celebrations.



On Friday, 28th July the Band, Drums and Drill Squad visited Ipswich and Beat Retreat in the grounds of Christchurch Park before the Mayor (Councillor Mrs. Green) and an audience of about 800. The value of these performances was very aptly summed up by a spontaneous letter received by the Commanding Officer from a Mr. A. J. Beech of 3 Suffolk Road, Ipswich who said :—

" Sir,

May I take this opportunity to congratulate your Regimental Band on such a fine display given in Christchurch Park last night. It was a wonderful performance. I hope to see more of them.

Also, as an ex-soldier (10 years' service) may I say that the rifle squad were absolutely magnificent and, as I told a gentleman next to me, we don't need to see the Guards while these lads are around. Could you please thank them all for a truly wonderful half-hour's entertainment.

Yours truly "

This was only one of many letters received, but it typifies the general appreciation shown.

Many of the readers of this article will have either seen or read about the pageant and there are pictures of scenes from it in this Journal, but it might here be appropriate to run through the principal contents, although it can truthfully be said that on no two of the 27 pageant performances was the show exactly the same.

The show normally opened with a fanfare from the Regimental Trumpeters who have proved that it is not necessary to go to the Household Cavalry or to the Royal Artillery to hear a trumpet fanfare and this was proved at Thetford where Mr. Sutherland, himself a former Household Cavalry trumpeter and an acknowledged expert on this type of music and others besides, singled out the Bandmaster to congratulate him. The two became so involved in technical and musical discussion that they spent some four hours or more in Mr. Sutherland's house and still had not thrashed everything out. It was a very wise decision on the part of the Bandmaster to advocate the purchase of fanfare trumpets. Already they have proved their value.

Following the fanfare, L/Cpl. Flegg, in Ancient Briton dress entered the arena in the company of an Ancient Briton female, but he did not last long. L/Cpl. Thurkettle, an even bigger and more powerful Ancient Brit appeared and clobbered him before carting the girl off. Then an early British village was established and duly raided by Cpls. Cockledge and Rackham and their band of Viking warriors who quickly put the womenfolk to work preparing food and refreshment while the Band played the Viking song. Later with a lusty cry of "Come on men," Pte. Sergeant led a band of Ancient Britons to recapture the village and the Vikings departed with their loot which included a number of the younger Ancient British females! The next scene depicted guard mounting drill in Minden costume. Cpl. Waters, L/Cpls. Spidy and Ray proved that there was no mad rush about war in those days. Sometimes they persuaded the guard to turn out to deal with possible attack and they too proved that it was necessary for the enemy to co-operate as it takes time to load, prime and fire a flintlock rifle. War was fun and colourful in those days.

The first world war was covered by the Band playing a selection of familiar tunes while on some

occasions the veteran T.A. taxi drove round the arena before depositing a couple of typical first war soldiers at the barrack gates.

A night patrol portrayed a scene from the second world war when they attacked a German Rear Area and captured a prisoner, who was caught quite literally with his trousers down!

Next a scene was enacted from Lt.-Col. Campbell's book "Jungle Green." Cpl. Waters took a jungle patrol into the heart of the Malayan jungle to deal with a bandit camp which was always tackled in a realistic and forceful manner despite the absence of the jungle. Pte. Coe suffered injury on every occasion and managed to cadge a free cigarette before being put back on his feet again.

The amalgamation of the Royal Norfolk and Suffolk Regiments at Iserlohn on 29th August 1959 was illustrated by Bds. Cole, who had joined the Band from the Depot on 18th June, hauling down the two regimental flags and hoisting the new flag of the 1st East Anglian Regiment and its attendant Viking pennant while the fanfare trumpeters sounded another stilling fanfare.

A brief glimpse of one side of life in Berlin was shown by Cpls. Sparrow and Thompson smartly dressed in civilian clothes approaching a choice collection of West Berlin frauleins, engaging in conversation, leaving arm in arm and then . . . (the band played "I'm getting married in the morning!").

The first part of the pageant reached its climax when a Saracen A.P.C., very kindly loaned by 209 Signal Squadron by kind permission of Major Christopher Bate, Royal Signals, entered the arena driven by L/Cpl. Charlton, Royal Signals, carrying Sgt. Watson and a section of Infantry under Cpl. Cockledge to display first of all the modern equipment, weapons and radios and then to put in a fast moving section attack in which L/Cpl. Thurkettle and Pte. Hockley risked permanent injury by throwing themselves firmly onto a barbed wire obstacle.

Throughout the whole of the pageant, which lasted about fifty minutes the Band provided a suitable musical background and Major Howgego gave the necessary commentary over loud speaker equipment kindly provided by the Royal Signals Works Troop in Bury St. Edmunds.

The second part of the show consisted of a spectacular retreat ceremony by the Band and Drums with the addition of a drill display given to music by sixteen members of the pageant platoon. This display never failed to impress the audience whether it was 250 or 10,000 strong and always received tremendous applause. The largest audience was in fact just over 23,000 strong on the Ipswich Town Football Ground where the Band and Drums gave a really sterling performance before Ipswich Town gained their first victory in the First Division by beating Burnley 6-2.

Back now to Saturday 29th July when the pageant was put on to its most disappointing audience at Blofield. It was a glorious afternoon, but a very small attendance. However the cast entered into the spirit of the afternoon and in fact entered a Tug of War Team in the local fete which was narrowly defeated. They also enjoyed the tea and refreshments provided. It was one of the great things about the whole tour that wherever the show was put on it was greatly appreciated and the local population always provided ample refreshment which for a party over a hundred strong was no mean achievement.

On 2nd and 3rd August the show was put on at Sheringham and Cromer respectively and on the

5th at Beccles where, after performing on a very small area in really intimate circumstances, the salute was taken by Field Marshal Sir Claude Auchinleck who spoke in most encouraging terms to all who took part. Later Major Howgego received, on behalf of the Regiment, two embroidered plaques of Viking ships, presented by the Mayor of Beccles and worked by Miss Dorothy Allen, a descendent of Lord Nelson.

On August Bank Holiday on another boiling hot day the show was put on in Blickling Park, Aylsham at the West Norfolk Agricultural Show before a crowd of more than ten thousand people. Two days later the Band, Drums and Drill Squad narrowly avoided a drenching at Kings Lynn. They had just beaten retreat on the Market Place before the Mayor with Brigadier Barclay and Lt.-Col. W. D. Flower in attendance and had entered the Guildhall for the Mayor's reception when the skies opened.

On 12th August Wells-next-the-Sea was the venue and here two teams were entered in a local football competition, but both were eliminated in the semi-finals. On the 15th with some trepidation, the show was put on before most of the Battalion and a large slice of the local population at Harwich. This proved a great success, so much so that two recruits were actually gained on the ground during the performance.

Next day the pageant was again at the seaside, this time at Felixstowe. Here the weather was really unkind and it poured with rain during the final scene of the pageant, but it must be said that the crowd were very good and shared a soaking with the Band. Unfortunately the Band then had four hours to wait before they were due to Beat Retreat. They really discovered how uncomfortable No. 1 Dress can be when it is wet, even though most of them spent three hours or so drying out in the local cinema. Nevertheless they put on a really good show under the lights when they did Beat Retreat.

Two days later the show was put on at Thetford, a town steeped in Viking tradition and very well received. Next day saw another highlight in the town, when Anglia Television descended on the pageant at Wisbech and filmed most of the live show, excerpts of which were shown in "Summertime" the following evening.

On the 22nd another famous Viking haunt was visited. Ely, capital of the Isle of Ely, where the monastery had been sacked by the original Vikings, welcomed the modern Vikings and entertained them handsomely. The Chairman of the Council at Ely in a letter to the C.O. after the show said that in the past the Vikings had not been popular in Ely, but after this show they would be welcome at any time.

On the 24th and 26th the group really did themselves justice and earned great praise for two spectacular performances given at the Oulton Broad and Lowestoft Regatta in Everitt's Park at Oulton Broad. The final retreat ceremony was performed by torchlight and made a perfect picture in an attractive setting. Here for the first time the pageant group joined up with the Support Company Group who by this time had begun their operations which were scheduled to follow up and continue into the winter.

The next week saw the whole party move to Colchester for the Military Tattoo and on four consecutive nights, under the floodlights the Viking scene and the Band, Drums and Drill Squad display was put on while the Band and Drums massed with

other Regiments to provide further entertainment. C. Company also gave a great and noisy performance in a modern battle scene. In fact the Battalion played a major role in the Tattoo.

On 4th September a restricted pageant was put on in the local roller skating rink at Great Yarmouth. It was done under the lights and was again well received despite the difficulties of getting a full Band and Drums on to a roller skating rink.

On the 9th the Band, Drums and Drill Squad returned to Saxmundham to take part in the Carnival and again gave an impressive display. The Tug of War Team was not too successful being defeated by the Bentall Badgers in a competition which was won by the Reedham Vikings Tug of War Club, who took the game very seriously.

Next day in the attractive Abbey Gardens at Bury St. Edmunds the group combined with the local Civil Defence Organisation and despite a mishap en route between the coach carrying the band and a civilian car, a grand afternoon was enjoyed by everyone.

The final full pageant was performed at East Dereham on 15th September. Unfortunately the weather decided to be unkind and prevented the Viking Pageant from going out in a blaze of glory by drizzling with rain. The next day at Attleborough and on the 19th at Newmarket the Band and Drums rounded off the tour programme.

On reflection it can fairly be said that the Viking Pageant Group justified its existence, it achieved the aim given to it, but perhaps most important of all, the people taking part entered into it with tremendous spirit and maintained their keenness throughout, while at the same time they really enjoyed themselves, made many new friends, endeared themselves to the people of East Anglia and in doing so established the Vikings as being a Regiment with a future, a Regiment worth joining, a Regiment which is bound to win its battle of survival so long as such a spirit exists among its members.

In conclusion the Pageant Group would like to thank, in addition to all those already mentioned, the following:—The C.O. of the United States Air Force at Mildenhall for the loan of M. 1 Carbines. The C.O. of the C.C.F. at King Edward's School, Bury St. Edmunds for the loan of rifles. C.O. of 5 Cambs. A.C.F. for the loan of German Steel Helmet. Mr. Stone of Norwich for the loan of German Steel Helmets. O.C. Training Company Depot East Anglian Brigade for the loan of camouflage smocks and German Steel Helmets. There are many others who should be thanked for their help and co-operation, but it is hoped that they will not take it too hard for not being mentioned by name.

Finally the military members of the cast would like to pay tribute to the inhabitants of the Ancient British village who did so much to ensure the success of that scene and in fact the whole show by their charm and inspiration. First to Mrs. Howgego who only missed one performance and who did so very much both in the arena and behind the scenes and in the provision and preparation of the costumes to make the show go. Then to the Misses Jane Gowing and Mary Kellehar, whose screams made just all the difference. Then to Mrs. Ann West, Miss Rosemary Appel, Miss Jane Campbell and Miss Patricia Roberts and of course not forgetting Anthea and Charles Campbell and Christopher Melvyn and Suzane Howgego for their portrayal of the typical Ancient British children.

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Unveiling of the Athens Memorial. Lt.-Col. J. K. Forte lays the Regimental Wreath.

THE UNVEILING OF THE ATHENS MEMORIAL

From Lt.-Col. T. K. Forte

"The glory of Greece shines not only in her antiquity but even brighter in these tragic years."

The scene at Phaleron on the morning of the 10th of May 1961 almost twenty years after this typically Churchillian message was sent to the Prime Minister of Greece could be fittingly described in Lord Byron's words as

"... not obscurely bright, but one unclouded blaze of living light."

The early summer sun shining from a cloudless Grecian sky on rows of oleanders and mesembrianthemum radiant in full bloom, the gloss on the greenest of turf, the dazzling decorations of Field Marshals and other high ranking officers resplendent in their colourful uniforms, the glistening bayonets of the skirted Evzones of the Greek Royal Guard gleaming like the Assyrian Cohorts, in their purple and gold, the brilliant bearing of the immaculate Black Watch—and the glittering names engraved on marble which were uncovered as the Duke of Gloucester in the presence of the King and Queen of the Hellenes unveiled the Athens Memorial to Soldiers of the Armies of the Commonwealth who fell in the defence of Greece but to whom the fortune of war denied a known and honoured grave.

This ceremony at which I had the honour to represent The Royal Norfolk Regiment, The Suffolk Regiment and the Northamptonshire Regiment was quite the most moving and impressive that I have ever witnessed.

The occasion of course, symbolised something wider and older than the recent Comradeship of War, emphasising as it did the old Anglo-Greek Alliance, which was later to walk a somewhat stony path, but which brief bitterness never destroyed.

The Ceremony began with the mounting of the Royal Guards of Honour, on behalf of the Armies

of the Commonwealth, by the 1st Battalion the Black Watch and, on behalf of the Greek Army, by the Greek Royal Guard. Representative detachments of the Armed Services of the Commonwealth and of Greece lined the Memorial.

Following the mounting of the parade, the march on of the wreath bearers, and the entry in procession of the chaplains, the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester arrived at the cemetery entrance, where they were received by the Chairman of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, Mr. John Profumo, the Vice-Chairman of the Commission General Sir John Crocker, and General Sir Dudley Ward, Commander-in-Chief Near East representing the Army Council.

The Deputy Prime Minister Panayotis Canellopoulos, British and Commonwealth Ambassadors, representatives of the Armed Forces and the architect for the Memorial, Mr. Louis de Soissons, were then presented.

Following the Royal Salute and inspection of the Royal Guards of Honour, the Duke of Gloucester then returned to the cemetery entrance to greet King Paul and Queen Frederika, Crown Prince Constantine, Princesses Sophia and Irene, and Prince Michael.

The Service

The Service began with the Venerable Archdeacon I. D. Neill the Chaplain General to the Forces saying:

"We have gathered here to-day humbly to bring before God the names of 2,888 men whom the Athens Memorial Commemorates."

After the singing of the hymn "Fight the Good Fight" prayers were spoken by Archimandrite Amvrosios Mantzoros and the Rev. N. Maclean, the Deputy Chaplain General.

Mr. John Profumo then invited the Duke of Gloucester to unveil the Memorial.

In his address the Duke said:

"Greek Patriotism, Greek Courage, the Greek Passion for independence have been an inspiration



Unveiling of the Athens Memorial. The General Scene.

to many of us British People. These men whom we commemorate added further glory and strength to an alliance treasured by us all."

After giving his address, the Duke pulled the tassel which caused the Union Jack and the Greek Flag veiling the entrance to the Memorial to fall away. The flags of the Commonwealth Countries veiling the eight columns on which are engraved the names of those whom the Memorial commemorates were then released in succession by soldiers drawn from the Regiments and Corps whose casualties are named on the Memorial. The Last Post was sounded by buglers of the Royal Marines, and the Pipers of the Black Watch played the lament "Lochaber No More."

The Chaplain General to the Forces then dedicated the Memorial, and followed his dedication with a reading from "Pilgrim's Progress," and as he concluded with the famous passage "And so he passed over, and the trumpets sounded for him on the other side," the Royal Marine Buglers up on the slope by the Cross of Sacrifice sounded "Reveille."

After the hymn "Praise My Soul the King of Heaven" the Chaplain General read a verse from Thessalonians and pronounced the Blessing and Monsignor Stevens read the psalm De Profundis.

Diversionary Interlude

The Prayers ended with the Rev. Ali Hizzan, Imam of the Liverpool Mosque, dressed, as it seemed to us Philistines, like an eastern potentate in a Hollywood colour film, wailing lustfully and immodestly interminable extracts from the Koran.

This of course formed an essential and integral part of the ceremony; yet paradoxically this performance which—physically if not figuratively—was every bit as breathtaking as that of the pipes of the Black Watch, somehow seemed incongruously out of place on such an occasion.

It would be both sacrilegious and fabricating the truth to suggest for one moment that this interlude

provided any light relief, but it must nevertheless be confessed that this performance had such a profound fascination as to cause the moisture to disappear from the eyes of even the most emotional witness of this poignant and moving ceremony.

Wreaths

After the singing of the British National Anthem, King Paul and the Duke of Gloucester laid wreaths.

Other wreaths were laid by representatives of Commonwealth Governments and by representatives of the Corps and Regiments of the Armies of the Commonwealth.

The wreath of poppies which I had the honour to lay bore the inscription:

"All ranks of the Royal Norfolk Regiment, the Suffolk Regiment and the Northamptonshire Regiment proudly remember their fallen Comrades."

During the laying of the Wreaths the pipers of the Black Watch played the lament "The Flowers of the Forest."

Then came the least ceremonial part of the Ceremony but perhaps the most moving of all, as the King and Queen of the Hellenes and the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester moved amongst some 300 relatives without formality to talk to each individually as they sat in the sunshine.

Guests

Amongst the several hundred guests not hitherto mentioned were:

Lt. General Lord Freyberg, V.C., C-in-C, Allied Forces in Crete in 1941, Lt. General Sir Ronald Scobie, G.O.C. Commonwealth Forces in Greece 1944-46, and General Sir Richard Gale, representing the British Commonwealth ExServices League.

Amongst the regimental representatives with whom I spoke and who had pleasant recollections of their association with the Ninth Foot were General

Sir Robert Mansergh, Master Gunner, and Major General Sir Allan Adair, G.O.C. 13 Division in Greece in 1946 of which the 4th Battalion the Royal Norfolk Regiment formed a part.

The Memorial

Set in the midst of large expanses of lawn, the Athens Memorial comprises a paved terrace and flower beds on each side of which rise marble pillars (or stelae) on which are carved the names of those commemorated. The entrance to the cemetery and memorial is through a small Temple of classical design made of veined light grey marble, from the same quarries of Mount Pentelicus which gave the stone to the Parthenon. On the interior walls are inscribed, in English and modern Greek, these words:

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WITHIN THIS CEMETERY STANDS
MONUMENTS BEARING THE
NAMES OF SOLDIERS OF THE
COMMONWEALTH AND EMPIRE
WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN THE
STRUGGLE FOR THE DEFENCE OF
GREECE AND CRETE IN 1941 AND
IN LATER OPERATIONS IN
GREECE, THE DODECANESE AND
YUGOSLAVIA BUT TO WHOM THE
FORTUNE OF WAR DENIED A
KNOWN AND HONOURED
GRAVE.

An additional inscription, in English and ancient Greek, consists of a quotation from Simonides:

WE WHO TO CLOTHE HELLAS IN
FREEDOM FOUGHT LIE HERE AT
REST IN PRAISE THAT FADEETH
NOT.

Beyond the Memorial a short flight of steps leads to the great Stone of Remembrance from where a wide avenue passes through the War Cemetery to the Cross of Sacrifice situated on a terrace high above the cemetery.

Commemorated in this beautiful garden are the names of the following:

The Royal Norfolk Regiment: Sgt. S. J. Moores of Cambridge, Pte. D. R. Lathrope of Glasgow.

The Suffolk Regiment: Captain D. J. F. Thirkell-White of Snape, Suffolk, Pte. W. Green of Cambridge.

The Northamptonshire Regiment: Pte. W. T. Jones, of Hereford.

The Glories of Greece

In his address the Duke of Gloucester recalled that:

"Here in Greece twenty-five centuries ago, on such a Memorial to brave men as this, was inscribed a famous epigram thus translated by an English poet:

"Go, tell the Spartans, thou that passest by,
That here obedient to their laws we lie."

I found myself reflecting that Greece of the time of Phaedias was only one Greece, Greece of the time of Odysseus was one more. There was the Greece of the Byzantines too, and Mediaeval Greece, and Byron's Greece, and now there was contemporary Greece, in a corner of whose fair land there lies a sacred plot that is forever a part of the Commonwealth of Nations.



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

GENERAL NEWS

This year the Battalion carried out its camp at the Civil Defence School, Millom. The camp lasted from May 13th—May 27th and was a great success. The main reasons for this were fine weather, an interesting detailed programme of training, and a well administered camp run by the Civil Defence School.

The Battalion came through its training with flying colours and was rated one of the best units there in the last two years. The officers got a particular mention, and this may make up for a certain amount of storm damage which occurred in the Officers' Mess marquee during the guest night in the second week. Great amusement would have been had by any old soldier listening to Captain Chatting explaining to the Camp Q.M. how a phenomenal gust of wind came along and tore the marquee on a completely windless night. Weekend outings were organised to Blackpool and the Lakes, while the Adjutant got up a cricket match against the local village in which everyone bowled, and none with more startling results than the R.S.M. who got a wicket with a wide—the batsman swinging himself completely round in his efforts to reach the ball and knocking down his stumps.

During the two weeks a considerable amount of Drill was done under the Adjutant, and the Band and Drums got in some very valuable training. Mr. Cadge ran a Recruit Cadre which got excellent results and kept all the P.S.I.'s busy, they all looked very happy at their work. To end the camp, the Band and Drums led us as we marched out of Haverigg Camp after 14 days which had been both useful and enjoyable.

Since camp the Battalion has carried out numerous days on the range, sleeping out and getting in plenty of shooting. We have also run a successful Regimental Tent at the Royal Norfolk Show, held the Annual Cocktail Party for the County, and organised the Regimental Cricket Week, all of which went with its accustomed happy swing.

In late July after these social functions, the Adjutant and Lt. Ridley Thomas backed up by the Doctor, Captain J. Mc. G. Elliott, went to Nijmegen. A considerable saga could be written about what they did, but suffice it to say that they marched for four days at Nijmegen, on the International Marches and for five days back through Holland and East Anglia to complete a 280 miles march on arriving back in Norwich. Here they handed over to the Lord Mayor of Norwich a message of greetings from the Burgomaster of Nijmegen which they had carried

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with them. The stock of The Royal Norfolk Regiment stands very high in Nijmegen as a result of all this. Both Mr. Hustinx the Burgomaster, and Mr. Ernie Swigert the American who so kindly entertained us and had us to stay while on the marches, considered that "only the English would think of doing this." Being English we took this as a compliment.

In August we rested.

Now September is on us and there is a fever of preparation for the Brigade Inter Unit Competitions. We hope to do well, and look forward to an enjoyable weekend with the other four Battalions of the Brigade.

blowing reveille beat it with the full Corps of Drums; could not be told that the lines he marched through every morning were our officers' lines and not the Cheshires.

Another expedition slightly out of the ordinary for the officers was a trip on the middle Saturday when a party of officers, not having had enough exercise during the week, set out and climbed Scafell Pikes under the title of the Commonwealth expedition on the strength of "Cobber" Francis Harding our Australian member of the mess over in this country for a couple of years and Q.M. Tim Chatting claiming Canadian birth. The sense of achievement was rather shattered when on reaching the top in various



Camp at Millom.
The G.O.C.-in-C., Eastern Command watching Light Rescue training.

OFFICERS' MESS

Since the last edition the 4th Battalion Mess has made a great step forward in moving into an almost permanent home at Britannia Barracks after its long spell in the rather restricted stay in the O.C. Depot's room. The new mess is an ideal size for a T.A. officers' mess and already it feels like home.

On Friday 14th July the annual Cricket Week cocktail party was very thankful for the new mess as rain fell quite heavily and the prospect of a wet evening was averted by moving across the square to the mess where a pleasant although slightly cramped evening was enjoyed by some 200 people.

Camp this year as is known was spent at Millom Civil Defence Camp where perhaps the most remarkable feature was that of having all the officers in the mess awaiting breakfast every morning for the first week; rather alarming for the mess staff who however coped admirably with such odd behaviour. But in case any readers have got the idea that this was due to excessive keenness it would be better to explain that the Drum Major of the Cheshires; our camp companions who instead of

degrees of exhaustion the time of day was passed with a dear old couple well in their sixties and a couple taking their two daughters aged about eight and six for an afternoon's stroll.

Let it be hastily said that the officers did some work and in the rescue exercise the officer section ably led by "Cpl." Richard Boulton with "L/Cpl." Paul Raywood giving him his support (?) and the rest of the section all voicing their opinions did manage to extricate all the victims in their area although medical opinions might not have agreed with the first aid administered. At least all the knots held!

SERGEANTS' MESS

New faces in the Mess at Camp this year included the Bandmaster (W.O.I. Lyon), Drum Major Wilson, Sgts. Ransom and Clarke (B. Company), who we trust enjoyed their first T.A. Camp in the Mess.

The weather at Camp was cool but dry, however those who joined the Advance Party "slog" (10th - 12th May) were treated to a real "Millom Scorchers" the weather has seldom been better this year.



C/Sgt. Moore and Sgt. Lee tunneling.

C.S.M. Hewett is to be congratulated on getting top marks on the C.D. Course at Camp, a "B" grading in fact, few come away from Millom with this honour. All the Mess members on the course gave a very good account of themselves.

Whilst at Camp we had lunch time visits from G.O.C. E. Command, Honorary Colonel, 161 Brigade Command, the Chairman and the Secretary of Norfolk T. and A. F. Association.

During the week we were invited into the Cheshires (T.A.) Mess, and the W.O.'s and Sgts. who were in Camp with us gave us a splendid evening. A few days later we were able to return the compliment, and we are pleased to say that they enjoyed themselves equally well.

On Tuesday of the first week we entertained the Officers in our Mess, a most jolly evening, and some very good stories I understand! The about turn visit took place on the Friday of the same week, in the Officers' Mess. A bit of a crush, with such a good Camp attendance among the Officers and Senior N.C.O.'s, however we were very well looked after and thank the officers for their hospitality.

The catering was well taken care of by Jim Gale, even the Q.M. Staff managed to get up early and partake of the mid-day meal!

Back at Britannia Barracks we are still without a home, but we have been promised a couple of rooms behind the N.A.A.F.I., with which we shall have to "make do."

Sgt. Perrett has joined the throng as a fully fledged "Credits." (What about my Pay and Allowances for my 1 hour drill on October the 32nd?)

Sgt. Eke has been with us for some time, and although he has not changed his regalia you might be interested to learn that he has completed his R.A.R. service with an attachment to us; and has enlisted into the T.A. proper. Maurice is a power of strength on the sports field.

Ken Moyses-Tann has completed his T.A. engagement and his civilian employment with the Army Information Office is keeping him so busy that he has been unable to re-engage for further T.A. service.

Sgt. Groom, for a long time our unofficial cook (and a very good one too!) has now been able to take the W.O.II (A.C.C.) vacancy within the Battalion. Bill, always a hard and thorough worker deserves this promotion.

The Range Course has taken up several of our week-ends since Camp and we hope to do well at Horsford on 22nd October when the Norfolk T.A. Rifle Meeting takes place.

"A" COMPANY

We have now settled into our new T.A. Centre on Southtown Road. We were blinded at first by the unaccustomed brightness of the Drill Hall, after the friendly gloom of York Road, but we are glad of the spaciousness both inside and out.

Our next move is running a Company farewell party for Mr. and Mrs. Amis. Percy had been caretaker for us at York Road since the T.A. reformed in 1947, and during all these years Mrs. Amis hardly missed a single Thursday evening behind the bar. We wish them both good luck in the future. By coincidence we still have an Amis behind the bar—L/Cpl. Tony now presides on Thursday evenings and at the Sunday morning sessions which are proving a popular new feature.

Yet another one of our Amis's, Harry junior is getting married and we hope his troubles will all be little ones. Kidding aside all the best Harry. Since our last notes we have had two promotions, Sailor Barnes L/Cpl., also Tony Amis. Best of luck to you both.

Congratulations to C/Sgt. Harry Amis on his Silver Wedding, we all hope he and Alice have many more years of wedded bliss. We would also like to extend a hearty welcome to Sgt. Jim Sweeney and hope he will enjoy his stay with us.

We hope Sgt. Gilly Offord is settled back in the 1st Battalion. We miss him very much, and now have more cigarettes to smoke. Hoping that he and his family are keeping well, we expect to have a letter soon.

"B" COMPANY

There is a great deal to be said for the August break in which T.A. indulges, it gives all a chance to take their holidays, get on with jobs long overdue at home and in general take a rest from matters military. It has one great disadvantage though, the Orderly Room seems to be quite capable of churning out paper even when there is supposedly no one there. Amongst the pile lying on the writer's desk there was apparently a reminder that these notes were due.

Time seems to have flown since we last went to press and this is largely due to the Summer break, and camp at Millom. There is no doubt that this

was thoroughly enjoyed despite some earlier misgivings. The highlight as far as "B" Company was concerned was undoubtedly the week-end camp at Blea Tarn, a delightful spot at the foot of some quite interesting hills, it was to many of the Company a great change from their rather flat and featureless homeland. The Company Commander and the Doctor (wearing the most magnificent pair of boots), not wishing to be disgraced by the younger members assaulted a hill on their own, much to their surprise they arrived at the top in surprisingly good time.

Camp is fully covered elsewhere but we are all agreed that we learnt a lot, particularly our recruits, and at the same time managed to enjoy ourselves.

Since Camp we have endeavoured to attain the two objectives laid down for us—to improve the

of Germany, Holland and Belgium on his motor cycle, amongst other places of interest he visited the beautifully kept Rheinburg Cemetery where he saw the grave of 2/Lt. P. A. C. Everitt, 2nd Battalion The Royal Norfolk, the first officer to be killed in action in the last war. Sgt. Jordan was most impressed by the way the cemetery was laid out and cared for.

Cpl. Cook was not quite so ambitious this time but we understand that his machine is being secretly prepared for the Isle of Man next year.

Casualties have been few this time but it is with great regret that we report the loss of Lt. Watts, who was posted to Australia by his firm at a week's notice.



A Light Rescue Team.

standard of shooting and prepare our Signal detachment for the Brigade competitions. To this end we have held week-end camps at Thetford (2), Swaffham (1), Horsford (2). These have all been well attended and the standard of shooting, whilst still not high, is a good deal better. The practice of spending the night out especially in conjunction with another Company should, we feel, be encouraged.

The Signal detachment under Cpl. Cook have now really got going and in addition to the week-ends mentioned above have trained with the Signal Platoon at Yarmouth, Swaffham and Thetford.

There is little to report on the social side, the summer is hardly the time for parties, but we have a big engagement in the shape of the Annual Dinner of the King's Lynn Branch of the Regimental Association. The Company have undertaken to run the Bar, and generally to act as hosts, we hope that this will be the first of many such occasions.

Not all of us have been idle during the month of August. Sgt. Jordan did a very enterprising tour

Regular soldiers considering retirement please note that even civilians have to be mobile these days.

To make up for this loss however we have a useful addition in the shape of a son born to C/Sgt. Watson. Perhaps we will see more of him now that the happy event is over.

"C" COMPANY

"C" Company with the 3rd Mortar Platoon, our Heavy Weapons Platoon, as an integral part are well established in our new locality at Britannia Barracks in spite of all sorts of threats of the I.R.A.. Training has got well under way and the Mortar Platoon are very confident of retaining the Mortar Cup and with the M.M.G.s training with us hope that they may also bring home the bacon.

A very enjoyable camp was held at the Millom Civil Defence School, the training was very good and it proved very interesting in spite of many doubts before camp started. Although the bathing beach was situated near to the camp, the cold winds and

lack of "talent" on the beaches resulted in not many making the effort. The camp was very well equipped for its purpose and much was learnt about first aid, knots and lashes, scaffolds, smoke filled tunnels, etc. not to mention a great variety of new types of knots and lashings which had the instructors in a constant source of amazement as well as the use of a bucket following a display on the efficiency of the stirrup pump. Smoke tunnels and obstacle courses caused much weight reduction, as well as the five-a-side knock-out competitions, pity the players were too tired to do justice to their piece and the onlookers had to help out.

Camp had its other highlights not to mention nightly jaunts into the local at Haverigg and nearby villages and locals. The weekend at Blackpool was a great success as was the bivouacing and climbing party in the peaks around the Lake District.

Those that attended the recruit cadre are to be congratulated on the great advance that was made and the high standard of training that was achieved. Our congratulations also go to W.O.II Hewett for the high grading he received at the School.

Since camp a return to more normal training has been in progress and it was pleasing to see the Company well represented at the Brigade rifle meeting.

"D" COMPANY

It should be easy to look back at the annual camp and write a vivid and exciting account of it. A search for information on the subject from the inhabitants of the bar a few days ago, however, did little but perplex your correspondent. It seems that he missed all the highlights. He didn't go through the smoke tunnel. He did not see the look of horror on Sgt. Richardson's face as he was lowered (gently?) down tied to a stretcher. He didn't see Pte. X after that party in the N.A.A.F.I. Neither, alas, did he see "that smashin' bit of stuff in Millom"!

Since camp there have been a few changes in the Company. We congratulate Sgt. Ransome on his promotion and also Cpl. Burton on his rise from L/Cpl. Cpl. Wintle has been about Dereham more since he moved house. He has transferred to the Royal Army Pay Corps and the Company has not been slow to note this and to pass him the 1455s to organise. Opinions are divided upon whether the transfer of Pte. Skipper to the Army Catering Corps will result in an improvement or a decline in his cooking.

It is pleasing to be able to report that our N.C.O.s asked the Company to run a Cadre to help them as instructors. With such spirit it is not surprising that the Cadre Weekend was quite a success. On the same weekend a Potential N.C.O. Cadre took place as well. This went with a bang in more senses than one. It is fortunate that the people who live near a local sandpit are deaf!

In August the Company went on holiday. Sgt. Stevens has asked us to mention that he had had four week's leave. (This is mainly for the benefit of his friends in the 1st Battalion who think that "he has never had it so good.") Major Grant sent us a post card from Ireland; we believe that he has been recruiting leprechauns. An anonymous benefactor sent us a card showing a well known French film star, scantily clothed; need we say more? But the usual pile of naughty cards have not turned up this year, perhaps they failed to pass the censor. The bar does not look the same without them!

While on the subject of the bar, two innovations



The Nijmegen Marchers.

Capt. D. C. Thorne and Lt. W. N. Ridley-Thomas delivering a message from the Burgomaster of Nijmegen to the Lord Mayor of Norwich.

are worthy of note. Cpl. Duff now sells very attractive round flagons of cider. They can be used for making lamp-stands and flower vases. This probably accounts for the phenomenal sales! On one of the shelves reposes a jar of parsley. It appears that a scientifically minded "D" Companyite has found, after long and expensive research, "that the wife can't tell that you've been drinking if you eat parsley after it." We hate to disillusion him, but there are other signs that she might notice!

Our plans for the next month or so are centred upon the provision of a First Aid Team and a number of ferocious bodies for the Brigade Competitions. Sgt. Ransome is to lead the First Aiders though at the moment he is a casualty himself. He damaged his foot playing with his children, the remarks of the Company are not as kind as they might be!

One black cloud looms on our horizon. We hope that "they" are not going to pull down our Drill Hall until the promised new one is built. Perhaps there are plans to move us into the "King's Head," if so, there will be few complaints.

We don't know why our photo was listed as "C" Company in the last issue. We have always thought that we were too beautiful to be confused with any other Company. Perhaps we are biased?

"H.Q." COMPANY

By far the most important event of this quarter was the Battalion Annual Camp which this year was located at the Army School of Civil Defence, Millom, Cumberland. This was a departure from our more normal camp, run strictly on the lines of infantry fieldwork, in that the entire training time was given over to the Army's secondary role as aid to the civil power. Instruction was given on all aspects of civil defence work, both theoretical and practical. The standard set was high and instructors first class. Nobody on the training could fail to benefit in some measure from it.

Millom itself was nothing to write home about. There was a drabness and a general air of not much doing about the place. Something of a one horse town, with the horse on its last legs.

At the week-end a coach trip was arranged to Blackpool. Some of H.Q.'s livelier lads were well to the fore on this, and, according to all accounts, a good time was had by all. Pte. Gunton in particular is said to have enjoyed himself immensely. Other members of the Company made their way to the Lake District, which was just a few miles away and were rewarded with some marvellous scenery. The R.Q.M.S. ventured across the border to Scotland for the week-end, where, it is rumoured, he arranged for the sale of surplus W.D. stores to the partisans of the Nationalist Movement in the Kilmarnock area.

The second week of camp saw an influx of visitors, among them were the G.O.C.-in-C. Eastern Command and the G.O.C. East Anglian District, and of course our Honorary Colonel, Brigadier P. Barclay, D.S.O., M.C.

Further excitement was caused by the burning of one of the 160 lb. tents in our lines. The unfortunate occupants, who were attached to us from Brigade Headquarters, lost the majority of their kit and quite a bit of civilian clothing. A collection was later held to help them out of their misfortune.

The Q.M.'s department also had their troubles. It is rumoured that at one stage the Q.M. had to be given artificial respiration to save him from drowning in an excess of tea. Sgt. Hilton was complaining that all his pay was spent in keeping the two Q.M.'s supplied in cigarettes, and wasn't there something in regulations whereby he could recoup his losses. It is reported that Sgt. Turner counted every mattress, chair, table and fire bucket on the camp charge at least once per day. Cpl. Burrell sat firm in his store and refused everybody everything, as all good storemen should. Sgt. Toll just sat in his store playing solitaire with a wad of fivers all day, murmuring happily to himself.

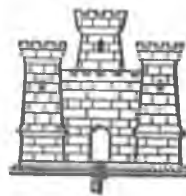
The cooks, one and all, must be congratulated on their work at camp this year. We are quite willing to gamble that many a regular unit does not fare half as well as we did in the catering line.

Before leaving the subject of camp, we must mention a couple of remarkable sights. One was the O.R.Q.M.S. in boots and gaiters, and the other the entire battalion on the square imitating storks. Most unusual, to say the least.

Since returning from camp, we have had two week-end training periods. One at Swaffham Range, to fire the annual range course, and the other at "A" Company's Drill Hall at Yarmouth. The shooting at Swaffham left much to be desired and it is obvious that much more training in this direction, and indeed, of all small arms training, is needed. The Yarmouth week-end was run on somewhat different lines, it being a combined M.T. and Signal

Exercise. It was felt that a good deal of progress was made in both departments on this occasion. We must say thank you "A" Company for the use of the Drill Hall.

We regret that we have to say farewell to C.S.M. Pratt, who has been our P.S.I. for the past two years, and also to Sgt. Moyse-Tann who has done so much to make the "I" Section function. They will both be missed. A warm and hearty welcome is extended to W.O.II Doughty, recently posted to us as P.S.I. We hope that he and his family will have a happy stay with us. A hearty welcome is also extended to all who have recently joined us on transfer, or as new recruits. Long may they stay.



THE SUFFOLK AND CAMBRIDGESHIRE REGIMENT (T.A.)

GENERAL NEWS

Camp

The Battalion proceeded to Camp at Castle-martin on the 24th June, 1961. This was a Battalion Camp and the training was mainly at Company level, finishing a three day exercise to practice the Battalion in all phases of war.

The attendance figures were rather disappointing and it is hoped that next year every effort is made to have a 100% attendance for our Camp at Millom from 16th—30th June.

Recruiting

Since amalgamation 30 people have joined the Battalion and 25 have left. The majority of these are normal "Run Out's" except for six who have joined the 1st East Anglian Regiment.

Motor Cycle Trials

The Battalion Team won the Brigade Motor Cycle Trials and represented the Brigade in the Divisional Competition where they came fifth out of seventeen teams.

Her Majesty The Queen's Visit to Suffolk

On the occasion of Her Majesty's visit to Suffolk the Band had the honour of playing before Her Majesty in the Portman Road Stadium. Captain P. B. Bird carried out the duties of A.D.C. to the Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk for that day.

Return of the 1st East Anglian Regiment

All ranks were very pleased to welcome back the 1st East Anglian Regiment to the United Kingdom. Already a great deal has been seen of them and platoons such as the Anti Tank platoon have already made much use of their experience and weapons.

Ever since amalgamation every effort has been made to help their recruiting and they in their turn have spread the word for us and it is to be hoped that this happy state of affairs will continue.

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Personalities

2/Lt. B. A. J. Wells has transferred to the 4/5 Sussex Regiment (T.A.) as he is now living in that area.

Major J. G. Lawrie is now Manager to the Bournemouth office of Norwich Union and he had to leave us. Major W. Mayhew who was on the unattached list has taken his place as Officer Commanding "D" Company.

2/Lt. C. J. Taylor of Newmarket has recently been granted a probationary commission in the Regiment.

2/Lt. James successfully completed his probationary period of commission by passing his Mons Course and now has a permanent T.A. commission.

Rifle Meeting

The Battalion held a very successful Annual Championship Rifle Meeting at Thetford Rifle Ranges on 9th and 10th September. The success of the meeting was largely due to the efforts of R.S.M. E. J. Hazelwood who bore the brunt of the organisation. Excellent weather prevailed throughout the meeting, making a very pleasant day out on Sunday for the families attending.

The following Units accepted our invitation to enter the Hamilton Leigh match:—

H.Q. 161 Inf. Bde. (T.A.)	... 2 teams
1st East Anglian Regt. (Vikings)	... 1 team
308 (N. & S.Y.) Field Regt. R.A. (T.A.)	... 1 team



Entraining for Camp at Castlemartin.

Left to Right: Capt. Garrod, C.S.M. Valance, Ptes. Cowley, Merchant, 2/Lt. Taylor, Sgt. Smith, Lt. Knight and Pte. Holden.

(With courtesy of John Slater, Photographer, Newmarket).

Major E. H. Morgan, M.B.E., M.C., has returned to the 1st East Anglian Regiment at Harwich and Captain R. G. Wilson has taken his place as Training Officer.

Captain D. I. Bradford has been appointed the Adjutant of the Battalion.

Captain D. J. Baldry has been promoted to acting Major.

Captain George Race has resigned his Commission but is still with us as O.R.Q.M.S.

Sgt. Taylor has replaced Sgt. Croft as Officers' Mess Sergeant.

Sgt. Baldry (P.S.I.) has proceeded on release and his place taken by Sgt. Atkins.

Sgt. Harris has returned to 1st East Anglian Regiment and his place taken by Sgt. Garwood.

Congratulations to Sgt. and Mrs. Mobius on the birth of a son on 2nd September, 1961.

The meeting closed with the presentation of the prizes, very kindly undertaken by Lady Gooch.

The results of the meeting were as follows:—

Individual

Bn. Champion, L/Cpl. Harvey, C.	
H.Q. Company	109
2nd, R.S.M. Hazelwood, E. J.	
H.Q. Company	108
3rd, Sgt. Pollen, J., H.Q. Company	93
Class "A"	
1st, R.S.M. Hazelwood, E. J.	
H.Q. Company	108
2nd, Sgt. Pollen, J., H.Q. Company	93
Class "B"	
1st, L/Cpl. Harvey, C., H.Q. Company	109
2nd, Cpl. Daines, R., "D" Company	79

Class "C"

1st, Pte. Jones, E., "C" Company ... 79
2nd, Pte. Smith, D., "D" Company ... 64

Class "D"

1st, Pte. Bumford, T., H.Q. Company ... 65
2nd, Cpl. Harrison, M., "D" Company ... 63

Visitors

1st, Lt. Trollop, C. J., 1 East Anglian ... 100

Champion Officer

2/Lt. Brown, S. J., "C" Company

Champion Sergeant

R.S.M. Hazelwood, E. J., H.Q. Company

Champion Corporal

L/Cpl. Harvey, C., H.Q. Company

Champion Private

Pte. Jones, E., "C" Company

Team

Hamilton Leigh Trophy, 1st 1 E. Anglian Regt.
Inter-Company Rifle Match, 1st, H.Q. Company.
Inter-Company Sten Match, 1st, H.Q. Company.
Inter-Company L.M.G. Match,

1st, "D" Company.

Inter-Company S.L.R. Match, 1st, "C" Company.

Battalion All Arms Champion Company
H.Q. Company.

OFFICERS' MESS

Since our last contribution to the Gazette, we have got camp behind us, and have shaken down as a new Regiment. Camp this year was at Castle-martin in Pembrokeshire, S. Wales, from 24th June to 8th July. We were very lucky with the weather, the sun shone throughout, and everyone with the exception of the P.M.C., Adjutant, and Unit Pay Officer, achieved a South of France sun tan. Although a tented camp, accommodation was ample, and every officer had his own tent. Twenty-eight officers attended Camp out of a total officer strength of thirty-six, which meant that Mess policy, and future functions could be really thrashed out. As a result of living together for two weeks, it can be said not only did we get to know each other, but we are now one Unit.

Whilst at camp, we held a Regimental Guest Night on the first Tuesday, when we were very pleased to have with us the Lord Lieutenant of Cambridge, Mr. R. H. Parker and our two T. and A.F.A. Secretaries—Brigadier G. P. Clarke of Suffolk and Lt.-Col. B. McCall of Cambridgeshire among our guests.

During this function, the Band somehow got loose in the Bar, and we discovered that liqueurs are drunk by the pint!—an old Band custom no doubt. One gentleman of the Band who consumed a whole bottle of Drambuie, did not return to the land of the living (so we were informed) for at least two days!

On the last Friday evening of camp we held a Cocktail Party, when we entertained about sixty guests drawn from the local population and neighbouring Units in camp with us. The P.M.C. missed this particular party which, by the size of the Mess Guests' bill, must have been no mean party. He had broken his ankle earlier attending another Unit's Guest Night, but despite having the C.O. as a witness (that over indulgence was not the cause), Ernie Morgan's imagination ran to such lengths on the subject, that he considered issuing a Restraining

Order against the latter to prevent divorce proceedings on return from camp.

Cecil Wells very kindly lent his car so that the P.M.C. and Adjutant, who fell ill to some obscure ailment generally thought to be "Adjutant's Ulcers" due to prolonged contact with the T.A., could be returned to base at the commencement of the second week. Richard Wilson for a rest cure at Colchester Military Hospital, and Duncan Sutor home to explain his accident to his wife—and to get his say in before the return of Ernie Morgan.

Almost immediately after camp, on Friday, 28th July, the first Regimental Ball was held at the Atheneum, Bury St. Edmunds. We were delighted to have with us at this function our Honorary Colonel of the Regiment—Col. Sir Robert Gooch and Lady Gooch. Guests included Brigadier and Mrs. E. H. W. Backhouse, Colonel and Mrs. G. V. Martin (Brigade Colonel East Anglian Brigade Depot), the Mayor and Mayoress of Bury St. Edmunds, and Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Arthur Campbell from 1st East Anglian Regiment. With the arrival of 1 East Anglian at Dovercourt just prior to the Ball, we were very pleased to see so many of them able to attend. Parties also from the Depot and 358 (Norfolk and Suffolk Yeomanry) Field Regiment (T.A.) helped to make the whole thing go with a swing.

It was decided at a mass meeting in camp, that in future years we would hold the Ball in November, and that the Atheneum, being in the centre of the Battalion area, and the future location of Battalion H.Q., would be the permanent venue for the Ball.

On Saturday night, 26th August, we "dined out" Ernie Morgan at the Golden Lion Hotel, Ipswich. Ernie relinquished his duties with us as Training Major at the end of August, and departed to Dovercourt to tell 1st East Anglian how to do it. We shall miss "our Ernie," nowhere is quite the same after Ernie! However his name has been perpetuated with the Battalion, as the C.O. has named one of his pet boars after him.

Another member of the mess who has departed, but fortunately not from the Battalion, is George Race. George had to relinquish his Commission after camp due to the amalgamation, however he still reigns supreme in the Orderly Room which is a blessing.

David Bradford has also deserted the T.A., and the appointment of M.T.O. and—"gone over to the other side." He is now in the Chair as permanent Adjutant/Administrative Officer. Although he has not yet developed that harassed "is life worth it?" look worn by all permanent staff, we are working on it, and there is plenty of time!

Richard Wilson has now donned the mantle of Training Officer on the departure of Ernie, and we hear he has booked a bed in advance at Colchester Military Hospital. Very right, Richard, you can never be too careful.

The Battalion Rifle Meeting was held on Thetford Range on Sunday, 10th September. Again (lucky old T.A.) we had a fine day for it, and John Brown won the Champion Officer Cup with a score of 100—well done that man. It was unfortunate that none of the Company Commanders could compete, as the C.O. took the opportunity to hold a conference. We were however all assured that had they participated we would really have seen some shooting. But when one appreciates that we had Cadets in the butts, it is probably as well we were spared the sight.

As forecast in the last Gazette, we have now obtained the use of the "Green Room" Hut at the Officers' Mess, Gibraltar Barracks, as a provisional Officers' Mess in Bury St. Edmunds. We hope to hold informal functions there periodically, when we hope ex-officers of the old 4/Suffolk T.A. and 1st and 2nd Cambridgeshire T.A. will join us.

Before closing, we would like to take the opportunity of asking all ex-members of the above two Regiments who subscribe to the Gazette, to let us have their present address. We would like to know where to contact you, so that for functions in the future we can keep you informed, with the hope that for some of them you could attend. We do wish to keep in touch, and would like to see you again.

The weather was extremely kind to us, which resulted in the Mess being usually deserted in the early evenings, while the members were out viewing the sights, either at the nearby holiday town of Tenby, some "quaint" old pubs in Pembroke Dock or Baldry's special at Angle.

The Mess members took full advantage of the week-end break by going further afield. Particularly three members who, taking their bivouac with them, disappeared until Monday morning. They never did say what they had been doing!

On the second Monday, the Officers' Mess very kindly invited us over for drinks. An invitation, naturally, that we took full advantage of (we are



Camp at Castlemartin.

Men of 'B' Coy. Left to Right: Ptes. Holden, Cowley, Holder, Cpl. Burch, L/Cpl. Snare and Pte. Harris.

(By courtesy of M. B. R. Knight, High Street, Newmarket).

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SERGEANTS' MESS

The Sergeants' Mess had a very nice Annual Camp, thank you. That is if bar takings are anything to do with it. Our Entertainment Committee kept us fully amused regarding how they intended to entertain us, but although very little came of their planning, they weren't altogether unsuccessful. When they failed, we could always rely on Sgt. "Chas" Baldry to tell us an entertaining story about a certain publican in Angle, who's liking for the bottle must have taken all his profits, and who's ability to ignore customers must have been financially suicidal.

sorry if you were late for your dinner that night, sir).

If there were any doubts or fears as to how the Sergeants' Mess were going to amalgamate then this camp must have dispelled them all. The spirit of the Mess could be judged by the fact that nearly every member attended, only two had to go back after one week and only one joined us for the second week. This enabled nearly all members to get together for the whole two weeks. So that now, we can safely say that the stigma of amalgamation is behind us and that we are now the Sergeants' Mess, The Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Regiment (T.A.).

H.Q. COMPANY

The newly formed H.Q. Company was in the process of getting bedded down when we went to our annual camp. The Company Commander did not stand a chance with three W.O.s to cope with plus a large number of senior N.C.O.s. We went

to the Battalion rifle meeting this year with high hopes and for a change they came true as we just about cleared the board. We should like to congratulate the following on making this possible: Rifle team event, W.O.I Hazelwood, W.O.II Cook, Sgt. Stimpson, Sgt. Pollen, Cpl. Allum, L/Cpl. Harvey and Pte. Bumford; L/Cpl. Harvey won the individual, R.S.M. came second and Sgt. Pollen third; Pte. Bumford won the young soldiers; we also won the Sten competition, the team being Sgt. Pollen, Sgt. Hammond, Sgt. Mowle, Sgt. Stimpson and Cpl. Allum.

We should like to congratulate our P.S.I. on his very fine effort by producing another boy; our very best wishes to Sgt. and Mrs. Mobius.

We are forming a wrecking club at Ipswich, to be a member you have to tip a R.S.M. or C.O. in a very deep ditch, details for joining can be obtained from Cpl. Columbus or Sgt. Mowle.

Since the last edition the main event was the annual camp which went off without too many hitches. The journey there was quite pleasant although quite a number of the company complained of the heat but later the same people complained about the cold.

Perhaps the most interesting part of camp was Ex Earthworm especially for those who were members of "Mayhews Marauders."

Since camp training has slackened, mainly owing to the harvest. From the meeting place of Haverhill detachment we have been able to see L/Cpl. Mortlock flying his tractor round the harvest field. Most recent activity has been the Battalion Rifle Meeting and apart from the noble volunteers, who went into the butts, our main successes were Sgt. Pollen (3rd in overall championship and 2nd in class A) and Pte. Bumford (1st in class D.). W.O.II Keeble seemed to be quite busy in the stats tent.

We understand from official sources that the A.C.F. camp went all the smoother for the help given by Cpl. Johnson.

The Company wish Sgt. Chas Baldry all the best on his return to civvy street. He will be a great loss to the Stowmarket section and will be remembered by all. We welcome Sgt. Tommy Atkins and hope he will enjoy his new post as P.S.I. The Company wish Captain Bradford all the best in his new post as Adjutant at Ipswich. We wish to congratulate L/Cpl. Harvey and his wife on the birth of their baby daughter (their first), we also congratulate him on his fine shooting at the Battalion Rifle Meeting (winning three cups). Well done to Sgt. Stimpson (the Vicar) on his fine run down (never again).

Annual camp this year was held at Castle Martin, recently made famous by the new arrivals in the area. The platoon had a fine camp, plenty of training. We would like to congratulate Cpl. Oxford and Pte. Hughes on their efforts with the enemy on the exercise, and in the near future we will be doing enemy in the brigade competition at Stamford Battle Area. The Platoon will also be out with the Cambs. Royal Engineers T.A. on the 4th and 5th of November in the Sandwich area.

STOP PRESS—Our ex-Platoon Commander since leaving Stowmarket has come down in the world from his large car to a much smaller model.

"A" COMPANY

Although "A" Company was lacking in numbers on the ground at camp, it certainly made up for it in sweat and toil and acquitted itself well. For several young soldiers it was their first experience of field firing but there were no actual mishaps.

Everyone seemed to enjoy Exercise Fiddler, especially those, including Pte. Bass, who managed to "thump" the enemy in the dark. Practically everyone completed the 12 mile march back and Pte. Richardson got a special cheer from the others. 2/Lt. Checkley and his party made the journey in record time with L/Cpl. Duke a close runner up.

Major General Freeland, during his inspection, congratulated L/Cpl. Calaby on his well chosen defence positions, which were dug out of almost solid rock. The General had a cheery word for Cpl. Titmarsh and L/Cpl. Bensley also.

During the week-end a pleasant day was spent at Tenby and some of us had a swim in the very cold sea, while others, comfortable after several pints at the local Servicemen's Club feasted their eyes on the bikini's.

During the first week the Company did not see much of the Corps of Drums who were busy practising back in camp. However they did hear them each morning at 0600 hours when they woke the Regiment (with the exception of he that shall be nameless) at Reveille with some good old tunes. They also put on an excellent show when they Beat Retreat with the Regimental Band and the Commanding Officer expressed everyone's appreciation when he congratulated them. The Corps of Drums joined us during the second week for Exercise Earthworm when we joined "C" Company to form a composite No. 1 Company. There was not so much footslogging but plenty of digging and finally a night march and attack. None of "A" Company will forget the moment when a long thin khaki clad line of advancing enemy appeared out of the mist firing everything they had. We held our own and let them pass through us, we never retreat, unless ordered to. When we finally did withdraw, the retreats from Moscow and other places had nothing on it. Lt. Emra got over enthusiastic and sprained his ankle but Sgt. Randall more than stepped into the breach.

While the Company was out in the wilds C.S.M. Chapman and C/Sgt. Emerson were working quietly (?) at camp helping to make the administrative affairs run smoothly. C/Sgt. Emmerson was always welcome when he turned up on time with the food.

On the whole it was a good camp, with good weather for training and a good N.A.A.F.I. with dancing on most nights.

We have recently had the operational Company of The 1st East Anglian Regiment training in our area and their Headquarters were based at our Drill Hall. We apologise to them for the extremely poor turn out we had on the night we wanted to patrol against them. It was however well worthwhile just to see W.O.II (Mick) Fowler spend two hours up a tree. The Vikings will always be welcome in our T.A. Centre and we congratulate them for leaving our Drill Hall in a slightly better condition than they found it especially the bar fund.

No. 1 Platoon

The most outstanding activity of this relatively quiet quarter has obviously been Annual Camp. If

those fifteen days taught us anything, it surely must have been the quantity and quality of our shortcomings. Chief of these undoubtedly was power of command at all levels. Now that camp is over, let us learn from our mistakes. Practice in command is the only sure way to success. This of course requires planning and organisation during this autumn quarter, when we hope to have increased attendance. Oddly enough where one might expect weakness we were pleasantly surprised. Our new volunteers gave of their best, particularly where physical effort and grit were required. Another pleasant innovation was the provision by the C/Sgt. of hot shaving water when we were out on exercises. Two important decisions seem to have been taken by the platoon as a result of Camp experience: to avoid joining Cpl. (Flash) Titmarsh's squad on any marching or map reading exercise, and to indent for clock, alarm, platoon, commander for the use of.

We continue to send with our best wishes, good men and true, to serve with the Vikings. So far Ptes. Richardson, Hancock and McClagish have left us. Like the traditional mother-in-law to be, we console ourselves that we are not losing a T.A. Volunteer, but gaining a Regular.

In conclusion we congratulate our Company Commander on his newly announced promotion, and the 2 i/c on his recent marriage.

No. 3 Platoon

Life goes on steadily at March and on the whole progress has been quite satisfactory. On May 27th we accompanied No. 1 Platoon to Lowestoft where we were the guests of "D" Company at their Company Rifle Meeting. Lt. Emra and L/Cpl. Moate won the visitors' Bren pairs cup and a very enjoyable Saturday evening was had in one of the Lowestoft pubs.

On 13/14 May the Platoon ably assisted by the March Cadet Force spent a very profitable week-end on Salthouse Heath. We intend to repeat this as soon as possible.

We hope to see more Old Comrades at our Friday night Socials now that the bar has been improved and prices reviewed. C.S.M. Chapman, Sgt. Feary, and others have done a good job in making a new bar cabinet and front of the counter.

Corps of Drums

The Corps of Drums led by Drum Major Doughty played more than their share in keeping the flag flying at the Mepal Fete on 10th June and together with the Regimental Band marching through the town of Wisbech on 11th June, not to mention various other small engagements around the area. We are pleased that L/Cpl. Ward has joined us from Cambridge and is doing his share to make the Corps a success.

A recruiting team led by Captain Baggaley visited Whittlesey in the early part of September to try to recruit enough men to start No. 2 Platoon at Whittlesey. During the evening some 12 men arrived at the Drill Hall to enquire what it was all about. W.O.II Drew did most of the talking and had to be revived with beer during the course of the session. However, it turned out successful, four recruits put pen to paper and the remainder may well sign on with persuasion. The potential in this area we feel is good.

"B" COMPANY

Activity in the Company during the last month or two has mostly revolved round Annual Camp, which this year was at the now famous Panzer training area of Castlemartin. One well known national newspaper recently had a photograph of our camp area prominently displayed and it has been interesting to find everyone busily pointing out their particular tent! We mostly travelled to camp by the special train which picked us up at Newmarket and Cambridge, and arrived at Pembroke some twelve hours later. We learnt that, with a little forethought, we could have had a company canteen with us, and we hope that another time this will be arranged. As it was, those who had been wise enough to fill their water bottles before leaving were extremely popular with their less thoughtful comrades. The road party took nearly forty eight hours on the journey, whereas Pte. Holden B. made the journey on his scooter in ten hours!

The weather at camp was kind this year, in fact the only hardships, in the words of a local newspaper headline, were "sunburn and horseflies." We soon settled down into the camp routine and accomplished some useful training during the first week, firing all the platoon weapons, taking part in battle exercises using live ammunition, and ending with exercise "Fiddler." This involved patrolling against the other companies, a map reading exercise, and some strenuous cross country marching, causing a number of blistered feet, attended to by our M.O. — Major C. H. Walker.

An extremely enjoyable week-end divided the two weeks of camp, most members of the Company went to Tenby on both days, and it was noticed that, on the Saturday, they were clever enough to get away without the senior N.C.O.s! However, the latter were fortunate that Lt. Keatley passed them in his car and gave them a lift. Many implied that this week-end constituted the best two days in the whole fortnight, especially with the added attraction of the W.R.A.C. camp two hundred yards down the road.

The second week of camp was mostly taken up by exercise "Earthworm" when we joined with "D" Company to form a composite company. As the name implies it meant plenty of digging-in, and ended with a full scale night attack, when, if the truth was known, we were well and truly defeated by the enemy. But still we lived to tell the tale, and many useful lessons were learnt. The social life at camp was most entertaining—L/Cpl. W. Jolly and Pte. Jock Irvine made the most of it, having wangled their way into the Officers' Mess staff under Sgt. Taylor, where they proved to be most helpful. Pay parade was very well attended this year, as bounty was also paid out at the same time, and the food, though not the sort that mother prepares, was on the whole quite good. The general opinion was that the 1961 camp—the first of the new Regiment—was most enjoyable, and the many new recruits attending for the first time did extremely well.

All shooting eyes in the company are now fixed on the impending Battalion Rifle Meeting which is to take place on Thetford Range. We have recently had a day on Barton Road Range where the company team was selected, and good results are much hoped for. The inter-company competitions are also shortly due, and training in September will be in preparation for these. L/Cpl. Snare and Pte. Cowley are again busy training for the Rocket Launcher event, which they won last year in the Brigade competition.

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Promotions and appointments always make good news, and since last going to press the following are to be congratulated on their elevation—L/Cpls. Clark, Herriven and Jones to Cpl. and Ptes. Bridges, Snare and Walker to L/Cpl. and not forgetting the inimitable Christopher Taylor on being commissioned, and who is now Commander of No. 4 Platoon at Ely. Sgt. Taylor has been appointed Officers' Mess Sergeant, and we wish him the best of luck at his new job. Sgt. Garwood, our new P.S.I. has now been broken in to our T.A. ways and has been keeping a watchful eye on our training. His enthusiasm and assistance have been of great help to the N.C.O.s and we hope the improved standard of training will bring results at the inter-company competitions.

by recruiting. Eight recruits were obtained at Leiston, bringing the total at that T.A. Centre to 56. In addition another two are awaiting their medical. 12 Platoon at Woodbridge however, are not finding it so easy to get the recruits they so badly require. But a start has been made and their first recruit goes for his medical this week. On the debit side we have lost Lt. B. L. Coates, who has recently got married; he has settled down in the Lowestoft district and has been transferred to "D" Company. We are also losing that old stalwart, Sgt. P. Emmerson. Percy was one of those rare types to which the T.A. was almost life itself. Joining before the war he served with 4 Suffolk throughout, spending most of the war in the Japanese hell camps. After his release he



Camp at Castlemartin.
The Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire with Lt. Keatley and 2/Lt. Taylor.

The "Vikings" visited Ely with their "Pageant" and attended a recruiting display in Cambridge. So far they have enticed four away to Her Majesty's Colours and pleased as we are at their success, we can't help feeling sorry for ourselves in our loss.

The M.M.G. Platoon has been training hard under Sgt. Kelly and gave an excellent display at Papworth fete. The intelligence section, under Sgt. Beaumont, are now really getting to grips with their problems, and we hope they will soon be a sub-unit to be proud of. The platoons themselves have been endeavouring to make up some of the deficiencies in training, brought to light at camp, and we feel this has been done with some success. Since camp, holidays at first, and now the harvest, have helped to make our task difficult, but there are nearly over and we are looking forward to the start of our new training year with confidence.

"C" COMPANY

During the past months the company has been consolidating its position and starting the build up

slowly regained his health and as soon as he was fit again, re-enlisted into the Company. Now, however, his time spent in the P.O.W. Camps is beginning to tell and he feels that he can no longer keep up with the high tempo of modern training and has most reluctantly had to ask for his release "to make way for a younger and fitter man" as he puts it. This is typical of Percy. Throughout the years he has served he has never been heard to utter a word of complaint, carrying out any duty allotted to him cheerfully and thoroughly. He will be greatly missed. We understand that he has already offered his services to the Cadet Force and I am sure that, if accepted, we shall have a steady flow of recruits from that direction in the future. Another loss is Pte. Fryatt from Woodbridge who is joining the 1st East Anglian Regiment. Although he had only been with the Company since the amalgamation, Fryatt proved himself to be a steady reliable type and was on the short list for promotion. Our loss is certainly the Vikings' gain and we wish him all success in the future.

Annual Camp will no doubt receive full coverage elsewhere. Sufficient to say that we enjoyed it and the training, for the most part was interesting. We managed to maintain a balanced Company throughout and during the second week were the strongest rifle company in the Battalion. During the middle week-end nearly 50 members of the Company spent a very enjoyable week-end at Aberyswyth where the girls were pretty and the beer strong (according to Tubby Howson). During Camp our tame film cameraman, Cpl. Bill Humphries, produced an epic film of the Company's activities with the Company's recently acquired 8-mm Cine Camera. A preview shows that Bill is really in the wrong profession. We shall be using the film in our winter recruiting campaign.

Incidentally, Bill was so engrossed with his film making that he forgot to write to the little wife and bairns he had left behind. This enforced the good lady to write to the C.S.M. The resultant interview went something like this. C.S.M.: "Cpl. Humphries. Why haven't you wrote to your wife since you have been at Camp?" Cpl. Humphries: "Sir, it wasn't my turn—I wrote last year."

Since Camp most of the time has been spent in (a) overhauling the Company typewriter which almost collapsed under the weight of "rolls to be rendered to the Orderly Room by" at Camp; (b) preparing for R.E.M.E. inspections. We scraped through them all with the exception of the weapons of which the least said the soonest mended. Apparently our weapons are just about to fall to pieces.

On the 9th and 10th September the Battalion Rifle Meeting was held at Thetford. Chipping as much rust as we could from our barrels and blowing the cobwebs out of the backsights, we went in with our hearts in our mouths expecting all weapons to disintegrate with the first shot. The results, however, far exceeded our expectations.

Lt. Brown won the Officers' Cup. Pte. E. Jones won the Class C Cup and the Private Soldiers' Cup and Pte. D. Smith was runner up in Class C. We won the S.L.R. Team Cup, were second in both the Rifle Team Match and the Sten Team Match (loosing the latter by only two points after Pte. Smith lost one whole practice through a stoppage) but was last in the L.M.G. Team Match (in the latter it is understood that our efforts were sabotaged when some stupid clot actually cleaned the Brens before firing). We finished second in the overall championship. The R.S.M. cancelled the China Cup Team shoot which we are convinced we could have won. The cancellation was due to the time factor and not because he thought our rifles couldn't stand any more punishment.

The Company entered floats in both the Aldeburgh and Saxmundham Carnivals and received a third prize at Aldeburgh. 12 Platoon also staged a show at the Orford Flower Show and look forward to gaining at least one recruit for their efforts.

Wedding bells have been ringing in the Leiston area and we congratulate Pte. Jones E. and Pte. Varela R. on their recent marriages. The latter must have found something exciting as we haven't seen him since the wedding. L/Cpl. Spud Murphy has only a week left of freedom before he walks up the aisle. Even that old diehard L/Cpl. Sperry Free has announced his engagement. We also understand that ex-Sgt. Tony Sprunt took the plunge recently and should be back in the fold before long. Cpl. Jimmy Taylor is busy building his bungalow within a stone's throw of the T.A. Centre and once it is completed

he will be off up the aisle and we can then expect to see more of him. Good luck to them all and may they think of the future of the Company at all times.

"D" COMPANY

Since our last notes of four months ago the company has travelled far in both senses of the word.

A company training week-end was arranged on May 13th/14th by our new Company Commander, Major W. Mayhew. 50 O.R.s attended and Platoon training in M.M.G., 3" Mortars, Rifle and L.M.G. was carried out. We travelled to Stanford P.T.A. and established our H.Q. at the old favourite haunt, "Mouse Hall." The week-end was a complete success.

During May and June a series of Recruits, Juniors N.C.O.s, M.M.G., 3" Mortar, and Signal Cadres were held.

A joint company rifle meeting was held at Pakefield on May 28th with "A" Company, our affiliated company from Wisbech. This proved most successful and I am sure our visitors from Wisbech enjoyed the stay at Lowestoft, especially "The Spread Eagle." Randy should know. The awards were as follows:—

Rifle—John Lawrie Trophy: 1st Cpl. R. Daines, 2nd Sgt. G. Reynolds, 3rd L/Cpt. D. Murton.
Rifle—Young Soldiers: 1st Cpl. Harrison, 2nd Pte. Thwaites.

Bren Pairs: 1st Capt. H. Garrood, Sgt. G. Reynolds.

Bren Pairs—Young Soldiers: 1st L/Cpl. Burgess, Pte. J. Crisp.

China Cup: 1st 3" Mortar Platoon.

Falling Plate: 1st M.M.G. Platoon.

Visitors' Match—Rifle: 1st Lt. Emra, 2nd L/Cpl. Callary.

Visitors' Match—Bren Pairs: 1st Lt. Emra, L/Cpl. Moat.

Annual Camp at Castlemartin, Pembrokeshire was held between 24th June and 8th July. This was our first camp as an Amalgamated Regiment. It was an enjoyable camp in many ways, the weather was excellent and the training very beneficial both to specialists and recruits. A Battalion exercise during the second week lasting for three days was carried out. Many lessons were learnt plus a lot of blistered feet by our young recruits.

The Company held its usual outing on the first Saturday at camp. A coach trip to Swansea was organised and by all accounts a good time was had by all. There is a whisper that Tony Rogers and Alan Bultitude have sweet memories of Swansea or was it bitter memories.

Two inspections were held in August on M.T. and Arms, by all accounts our report is a good one. Cpl. Daines and L/Cpl. Rogers with their five to eight hour "Wallahs" gave up a tremendous amount of spare time to make these inspections a credit to the company.

We are very pleased to welcome the following recruits who have joined us since the last issue. Ptes. Perring, Powley, Howletts, Baldry and last but not least who must have special mention, none other than that old timer ex-C.S.M. Bert Richardson. We trust that their stay with us will be a long and happy one.

During May we held a very special social evening in honour of our late Company Commander Major J. G. Lawrie, T.D. This was very well attended and full credit should be given to our

social committee for a very good evening's entertainment. Our "Terrier's Skiffle Group" should be given some credit for their efforts, namely John Burgess, Bill Rix, John Crisp and lastly Peter Clarke. Well done young "Nobby," we hope to hear more of you in the near future.

Our recreational Friday evenings are fast becoming popular. Our latest addition is a huge Juke Box and "Bingo" sessions which are catching on very well.

Congratulations to Cpl. R. Daines on his successes at his very first Bisley attendance. This to my knowledge is the first time a competitor has been selected from Lowestoft to attend Bisley. He gained prizes in the following competitions: Imperial Tobacco, Queen Mary, Secretary of State, S.R.A.

an extremely varied and interesting training programme and recreation.

The programme, which had been carefully prepared before camp by the County Cadet Commandant (Col. J. G. A. Beckett, O.B.E., T.D., D.L.) and his staff, was based on platoon training. Drill, platoon patrol exercises, first aid, recreational training and P.T. signalling and camcraft were all included in the programme and all were very successfully carried out.

Exercises with such alluring names as "Pampas Grass," "Chindit," "Jungle Green," "Dragon Fly" and "Swan Lake" included day and night patrols, organisation of bivouac areas, river crossing and reconnaissance of ground under enemy observation. These were carried out with great gusto and enthusiasm and a remarkable high degree of determination spirit and ability.



Cambridgeshire Cadets leaving for Annual Camp.

(By courtesy of Cambridge Daily News).

Aggregate, Kinnaird, and the T.A. "Fifty." Well done—"Dagwood."

In the field of promotion we congratulate Cpls. Bunn and Lloyd on achieving full corporal's rank. The following are to be congratulated on being appointed L/Cpls., Ptes. Murton and Bultitude. We are sorry to lose Cpl. M. Plant who has left us to join the 1st East Anglian Regiment on a regular engagement. We wish you well Micky. On the family side we congratulate Pte. and Mrs. Jeffries on the birth of a daughter.

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

CAMBRIDGESHIRE ARMY CADET FORCE

The Annual Camp of the Cambridgeshire Army Cadet Force at Crowborough in Sussex, provided everything that any member of the Army Cadet Force could wish for in the way of comfort, good food,

The Officers Mess Guest Night was on Tuesday and all the visitors on that day were invited to attend the Regimental Dinner held in the Officers' Mess that evening. They have all expressed their satisfaction of what they saw in the way of training and general camp administration and their enjoyment of the very successful dinner.

Each morning the two Battalions paraded at 8.30 a.m. and, after prayers conducted by the Battalion padres, and having carried out some Battalion drill, they started their platoon training, sometimes on exercises on the training areas and some of the time on training within the camp area.

The Brigade Training Officer (Major R. L. Cole) achieved a remarkable feat of programme-devising with some 288 periods of 45 minutes each period in the week's training. This meant that there were six different programmes running at the same time without overlap. That this programme was successfully completed proves that the planning was well done.



THE 1st EAST ANGLIAN REGIMENT (Royal Norfolk and Suffolk) PAST AND PRESENT ASSOCIATION

THE ST. LEGER SWEEPSTAKE

Our first venture of raising funds by the way of a sweepstake has been most successful, a sum of over £449 having been subscribed.

Prizes amounted to £57, whilst expenses of printing and postage cost £37, so that over £350 has been raised to assist in our benevolent work of relieving distress among former members of the Regiment.

Brigadier Barclay officiated at the draw and the principal prize winners were:—

1st, Major E. H. Morgan, M.B.E., M.C., 1st Battalion, £25.

2nd, Mr. F. Field, 288 Unthank Road, Norwich, £10.

3rd, M. C. Newark, 4, Drakes Buildings, St. Peter's Plain, Great Yarmouth, £5.

The Sweepstake Committee are most grateful for all the support they received, and look forward with confidence to even better results in the future.

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Dates to remember

1962

June 3—London Branch will place a wreath on the Cenotaph in Whitehall. Meet on Horse Guards Parade at 10.30 a.m.

July 14—Summer Re-Union at Britannia Barracks.

Sept. 29—Reunion Dinner to mark the 40th Anniversary of the formation of the Regimental Association.

Oct. 12—Memorial Service to Nurse Edith Cavell at Lifes' Green, Norwich Cathedral.

Oct. 26—Kings Lynn Branch Reunion Dinner.

Nov. 9—London Branch Reunion Dinner.

Nov. 11—Remembrance Day Service at the Regimental Memorial Cottages, Norwich.

SUMMER REUNION

The attendance on 15th July was not up to the average of recent years. Unsettled weather may have been responsible for keeping away some of those who live in the country, but there are many hundreds of members living in and around Norwich whom we should like to see on these occasions. A distinctly cool breeze on the cricket ground made tea in the

Gymnasium all the more enjoyable but as usual, it was Beating Retreat by the Regimental Band and Drums which proved to be the highlight of the day.

REUNION DINNER

The eighth successive annual reunion dinner to be held since these were resumed in 1954 took place in the Gymnasium, Britannia Barracks, Norwich on Saturday, 30th September. Brigadier Peter Barclay presided over a record gathering of some 270 members. Lt.-Col. Arthur Campbell, Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion was guest for the evening.

Messages of loyal greetings were sent to Her Majesty The Queen and to the Colonel-in-Chief, who graciously replied as follows:

**From the Private Secretary to Her Majesty
The Queen.**

Please convey to the members of the Norfolk Section of the 1st East Anglian Regiment (Royal Norfolk and Suffolk) Past and Present Association assembled at their annual reunion dinner tonight the sincere thanks of the Queen for their kind and loyal message of greetings which Her Majesty very greatly appreciates. (Sgd.) Private Secretary.

From The Colonel-in-Chief.

I am most grateful for your message of loyal greetings and send to all members of the Norfolk Section, 1st East Anglian Regiment dining together tonight, very best wishes for a happy evening. (Sgd.) Margaret, Colonel-in-Chief.

In replying to the toast of "The Regiment" Col. Campbell spoke of the achievements of the 1st Battalion in Berlin and its plans for obtaining recruits for the Regiment.

LONDON BRANCH

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

Since writing my last few sentences for the "Journal" much water has passed under the bridge here in the "Smoke." The annual parade at the Cenotaph was very disappointing as far as numbers are concerned, thirty-two members attended this, the Association's most important parade of the year. Only 32 out of hundreds turned up to pay homage to their comrades who never came back. The wreath was carried to the Cenotaph by two of our older members, Captain Connors and Mr. "Dolly" Gray, our former secretary. At the Cenotaph the honour of laying the wreath went to our old friend Captain S. J. Cozens or as he might be known "Mr. London Branch," for no Association could have a more faithful member. Mr. W. (Dapper) Street took the parade with Mr. Joe Shackles fighting gamely with the banner.

In the Clarence after the parade a hearty thanks went to one of our ladies namely Mrs. Edwards of Coulsdon. This good lady produced out of the blue sandwiches and sausage rolls that appeased many an empty "Tum." Should any readers decide to come to the Cenotaph next year Mrs. Edwards will find a snack for them.

On the following Saturday my wife and I were entertained by the London Branch of the Dorset Regiment O.C.A., and we do thank those present for the really wonderful evening. Our Mr. and Mrs. G. Burns were also present at this function.

The open day at the Barracks was attended by a few members from this Branch but they expressed their disappointment at the lack of evening entertainment.

The St. Leger Sweepstake run by the Association was welcomed by all members, some thought that a little more publicity could have been given but everyone here in London wished the Association the best of luck with the draw.

The London Branch Dinner has been fixed for 7 p.m., Friday, 10th November, and we have finally decided on the Westminster Dragoons T.A. Drill Hall. Tickets 15/- each. This hall is only about five minutes walk from St. Margaret's, Westminster, and it is hoped that everyone attending the dinner will first join us in a short service at the "Field of Remembrance" at 6.30 p.m.

Although a little early the London Branch wishes all readers a Very Happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year. **FRIAR.**

3/4th BN. NORFOLK REGIMENT O.C.A.

The annual outing and Reunion was held on 21st May when 41 members and their wives visited London. Lunch was taken at the Union Jack Club where Mr. C. W. R. Hodges and Pensioner George Fryer were guests. During the afternoon the party were shown round the Royal Hospital, Chelsea by former members of the Regiment now resident there.

Mr. A. E. Gristwood, the Honorary Secretary was responsible for making the arrangements for what proved to be a pleasant and most interesting outing.

On 20th August 36 members and their wives visited Halton in Buckinghamshire, a place which holds many pleasant memories for those who were stationed there during the Great War 1914-18.

To commemorate the O.C.A.'s ties with Halton, a notice board bearing the badge of Britannia was presented to the village church where so many members of the Battalion had worshipped some 48 years or so ago.

1/6th BN. NORFOLK REGIMENT O.C.A.

Captain W. M. Palmer has sent us the following. Since the last issue with the splendid report of the Dinner at Norwich, I have been asked to supply some details of the activities and history of the O.C.A.

I well remember Colonel B. H. L. Prior, D.S.O., T.D., who raised the 6th Battalion and commanded the unit from its formation, saying to me in 1919 "We must keep together and have a Dinner every year till there is only half a dozen of us left and have to come along in bath chairs." R.Q.M.S. Jack Marshall (Thetford) was the Hon. Secretary from 1919 to 1953 and Wallace M. Palmer Assistant Hon. Secretary 1919 to 1953. Jack retired owing to age in 1954 and was presented with a fine cigarette box suitably inscribed. W. M. Palmer thereupon assumed the Hon. Secretaryship. Our former Quartermaster T. W. Spurling (who thought so much of "his boys") left £50 in his will for the O.C.A. Dinner Fund.

Incidentally, Captain J. Brewster found the gallant gentleman a nice job in his firm between the wars, and I know that Captain Spurling gave of his best in return. It had become increasingly difficult to run the Annual Dinner because of the lack of funds and it was always the late Colonel's wish that the price of the Dinner should be less than the cost of the meal and drinks. To put matters on a business footing it was decided in 1959 to have an annual subscription, and this together with donations too many to mention in detail, just about balanced the book.

With regard to the future it is now our firm intention to continue to hold the Annual Dinner, and I am confident that the support of all former members of the 1/6th Battalion will make this possible. Whether or not you are able to help financially is less important than letting me know your address so that I can keep in touch with you.

I should like to place on record my deep appreciation of the help and co-operation of all members of my Committee. It is by their combined efforts that the 1/6th O.C.A. is such a live organisation today.

Captain C. B. Bolingbroke—An appreciation

Charles Bensley Bolingbroke was one of the first officers I remember around 1910 at the then new Drill Hall at the Cattle Market, Norwich, so I have known him for half a century. Always happy, kindly, and tolerant, he took a great interest in the young men then coming forward to join the 6th Battalion.

During Annual Camp in 1914 Lt. Bolingbroke returned with the Battalion to Norwich for embodiment. After being fully armed and equipped his company cycled to "War Stations" on the Norfolk Coast. Lt. Bolingbroke later went to France where he was severely wounded. There is no doubt that his wounds contributed to his serious heart condition, and also to the rapid deterioration of his eyesight. It was only a matter of six weeks ago when I went to see him in his capacity as President of the 1/6th Norfolk Regiment O.C.A. Regretting his inability to attend this year's Reunion Dinner he asked me to tell "his old friends" that he would be thinking of them, and especially desired that Captain A. E. Dixon should take on the Presidency. His many "old boys" will long remember him with affection. He set a very high standard for himself in courage and devotion to duty, and never spared himself for his City, his County, and above all for England.

It is with regret that I have to inform you of the passing of three more of our members, F. E. Smith, J. A. Mann and A. C. Warner. Each one of them will be remembered for his own achievements and all of them as staunch members of the 1/6th Battalion and its O.C.A.

2/6 BN. NORFOLK REGIMENT O.C.A.

London Branch

The Annual General Meeting took place on 17th June at the Feathers, Broadway, London, and the opportunity was taken to present Mr. A. V. Davenport with a travelling clock in appreciation of his 25 years service as Secretary.

Lt.-Col. W. P. d'Arcy Dalton who is already President of the Norfolk Branch was elected President of the London Branch.

After refreshments, members went to the Phoenix Theatre to see "The Brighter Side."

Norwich Branch

70 members attended the Annual Reunion Dinner held in Norwich on 16th September. Captain David Thorne of the 1st East Anglian Regiment, grandson of a former branch president, was among the guests for the evening.

An album containing photographs of the 1915 Sergeants' Mess members was presented to the Regimental Museum for safe keeping.

Regimental Memorial Cottages

The death took place on 2nd September of Mr E. T. Elliott who had lived in the Memorial Cottages

for ten years. Mr. Elliott, who lost a leg in World War I was 70 years of age and a widower.

Regimental Museum

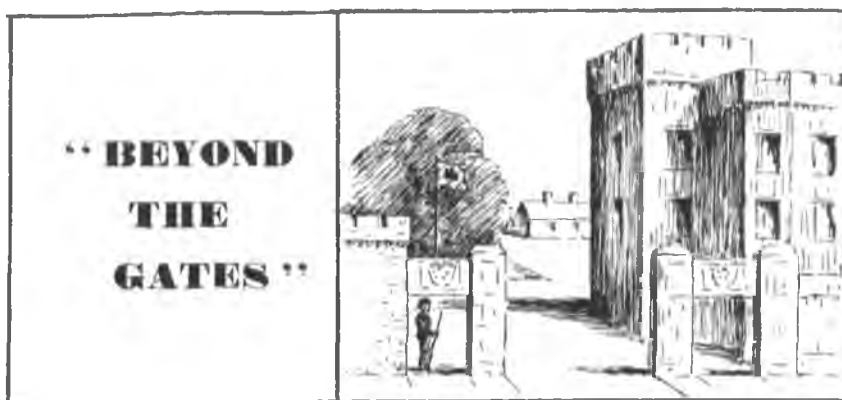
A Trust has been formed to safeguard the future of the funds and property of our Regimental Museum. The original Trustees are:—

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of the Battalion are ex-officio Trustees.



SUFFOLK SECTION (From Mr. S. Winter).

For the benefit of those who do visit Bury occasionally we are still housed in Gibraltar Barracks, now a rather dim and dismal scene. As I walked across the deserted square the other day, I thought of the thousands of recruits who had trained there, and in my short 30 years' experience of the old 12th Foot, had seen so much active service during their soldiering days.

On Sunday, the 23rd July, 1961, the Annual Reunion was held, and we were blessed with lovely weather.

As usual the day started with a Church Service on the sports field conducted by The Venerable Hugh R. Norton, O.B.E., M.A., Archdeacon of Sudbury, and the lesson was read by Brigadier R. H. Maxwell, C.B., Colonel of the Regiment.

By kind permission of Lt.-Col. A. F. Campbell, M.C., and the Officers, the Band and Drums of The 1st East Anglian Regiment gave an excellent programme of music throughout the afternoon and Beat Retreat in the evening. The performance was greatly appreciated by the spectators. Throughout the afternoon there was a cricket match, East Anglian Brigade versus the Gentlemen of Suffolk, who won by five wickets.

We are grateful to the Brigade Depot for allowing our old friends Percy Watts and Mary Gilbert with their staff to run the two bar tents. For the benefit of those who knew Mary during his service, he is now civilian Mess Caterer of the Brigade Depot Mess, owns a car and having had the examiner in the Mess for a couple of drinks managed to pass his driving test first go.

Most of the day I was situated quite near the bar selling Histories of the Regiment and was able

to check in many old timers who always seem to turn up, namely:—Dick Sanderson, Ernie Borlie, Taffy Williams, Shady Burroughs, Jack Barnard, the two Harlocks, Shoeey Yarham, Chris Pilgrim, Harry Haddow and many others, also present this year was Charlie Prentice of Hooze Squad 1930 whom I had not seen for over 25 years.

Owing to lack of accommodation in the Barracks only one member of the Royal Hospital was able to be present, Charlie Petch, who has just recovered from a severe illness. He tells me that he has been forbidden to take any form of liquid refreshment, however we were very pleased to see him.

Unfortunately the Museum was closed on account of our impending move to Blenheim Camp. Many old timers missed the yearly opportunity to browse for an hour among the old scrap books and items of Regimental interest. The Museum will re-open when the re-building of Gibraltar Barracks is complete.

Among the many officers present I noticed Major General J. A. Campbell, Brigadier J. S. Frere, Brigadier R. H. Maxwell, Brigadier E. H. W. Backhouse, Lt.-Col. H. B. Monier-Williams, Lt.-Col. A. F. Campbell at present commanding The 1st East Anglian Regiment, and his father, Lt.-Col. W. M. Campbell, D.S.O., M.C., and Mrs. Campbell and many others who had made the long journey to be present.

Messrs. Roll's of Cambridge provided an excellent lunch and tea, which was enjoyed by all.

The highlight of the day was the Viking Pageant presented by Major Howgego whose informative and witty commentary added much to the pleasure of it all.

From a Viking raid the scene changed to a Minden Guard, to a 1914-1918 vignettes, to patrols

in the last war, to a Malaya scene, then to present day soldiering. Altogether an impressive spectacle which will be presented in various places in East Anglia to stimulate recruiting.

The day ended with the Beating of Retreat by the Band and Drums of the 1st East Anglian Regiment, then came the time for the usual farewells and everyone agreed that the 1961 Reunion was a great success.

Whilst in Woodbridge recently I called in at The Red Lion Hotel and found mine host to be none other than ex-Drum Major "Dusty Millar" who was Drum Major in Greece and in Malaya took over Sergeants' Mess Caterer. He recalled those hectic Mess Nights in Penang.

In the village of Melton I met Harry Owen who was a L/Cpl. at Blackdown and won the Young Soldiers' Army Shooting Cup at Bisley in 1931. On the bus returning to Ipswich I found the driver to be ex-Lt. Q.M. Allum, who was Signal Corporal at Blackdown.

During a visit to Northwood, Middlesex, last week I was given a lift by a retired Indian Civil Service Officer who remembered the Regiment in Trimulgherry. He remarked "they were a good boxing Regiment." How true he was when one remembers some of the boxing team of those days, Jackie Tuck, the two Pallants Ted and Jim, Chestie Barber, Bob Shorter, Chris Pilgrim, Joey Wolton and many others of their class.

I received a letter from No. 7001 ex-Bandsman S. O. Walker enclosing 5/- Gazette subscription. Now living in London Mr. Walker joined the Suffolk Regiment in 1904 and spent the whole of his service in the Band. He was a stretcher bearer at the Battle of Mons. He says that like his name he is still going strong and remembers his old Regiment with affection. In the concluding paragraph of his letter he says:—"I sincerely hope that you will make this the best Regiment in the British Army. Good luck to you Norfolks and Suffolks wherever you may go and God bless you always."

Letters also received from:— Ex 5824992 A. E. Cowles who joined the Regiment in 1930. He is at present in Ward E5 Oldchurch Hospital, Romford, recovering from an accident. He would be pleased to see any Old Comrades living in that district.

Mr. G. Crouch of West Dereham, Kings Lynn, wrote in for a Regimental History. He says that he enlisted into the Regiment in 1911 and was with the 1st Battalion in Khartoum on the outbreak of the 1914 War and was invalided out of the Army at the end of the War having been badly wounded.

Visitors to the Office recently included Sgt. Tom Kelly, now P.S.I. with the 5th Beds and Herts, he tells me that his Quartermaster is ex-R.S.M. Froggy French who many will remember from the 3rd Holding Battalion days at Margate, and the R.S.M. is ex-Sgt. Vic Hurd, who was at one time in the Suffolk Regiment. Ex-C.S.M. "Piggy Boreham" will still no doubt remember the march from Margate to Sandwich and the story of the "Lost Sten Gun." He is at present caretaker at the Shire Hall, so any of you attending the Magistrates' Courts in any capacity should look him up.

Although these notes are normally confined to ex-members of the Suffolk Regiment, the following will show how in the past, Norfolks and Suffolks have always been closely connected.

An ex-member of the 4th Norfolks, Mr. B. W. Carter, now residing in the town, showed me a photograph of a converted London omnibus, which was then based at Easton, near Wickham Market, Spring 1915.

The converted armoured car was commanded by the late Major Kilner, 5th Suffolk, and the crew was composed by 4th and 5th Norfolk and Suffolk.

In closing I would like to remind readers that we are always interested to hear from them and to include any information regarding Old Timers in these notes.

We regret to report the death of Mr. Harold Kemp of Priors Road, Bury St. Edmunds, who died at Papworth Hospital on Saturday, 11th August 1961, aged 63. He had been custodian of the Abbey Ruins for three years. In the first World War he served in the Suffolk Regiment and during the Second War was in the R.A.F. In all he spent about 26 years in the service.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of No. 5819186 ex-C.S.M. C. H. Faiers, which occurred in the West Suffolk Hospital on 22nd August, 1961, after a short illness from which he appeared to be making a good recovery.

C.S.M. Faiers joined The Suffolk Regiment in 1906 and until the outbreak of the First World War served with the Corps of Drums, 1st Battalion.

During that War he served continuously with the 1st Battalion in France and Salonika, being fortunate enough to avoid becoming a battle casualty, but suffering from occasional bouts of malaria.

After the war he continued the foreign service tour which the war had interrupted, and saw service at Gibraltar and Shanghai, from where he was discharged to pension.

His connection with the Army was not yet severed, for he obtained employment with the N.A.A.F.I. until he rejoined the Colours during the Second World War, serving with the 6th (afterwards 30th) Battalion.

On returning to civil life he resumed his work with N.A.A.F.I. until he reached retirement age when he settled at Glamsford, near Sudbury, and devoted his spare time to cultivating a picturesque garden.

He is survived by a widow and two daughters, both of whom served in the A.T.S. during the second World War, as cook and car driver respectively.

We regret to record the death of 7413 ex-Pte. W. S. Scott. Mr. Scott saw service with the 1st Battalion from November 1906 to March 1920. Mr. Scott had been a resident of the British Legion Halsey House Home where he died suddenly on August 22nd.

London Branch

(From Lt. (Q.M.) Haddow).

By the time this Journal is published our meeting on 30th September will be over but I hope to be able to report a good attendance.

Charlie and Mrs. Flynn must be excused for missing our last couple of meetings, but Charlie has been seriously ill and has undergone a couple of operations. I can assure you Charlie that all of us wish you a very speedy recovery and sincerely hope that you will be back in circulation as good as ever and as soon as possible.

We are looking forward to the visit of "Polly" and Mrs. Hopkins at our next meeting on 30th September. I am sure that their holiday in the Emerald Isle will put them in just the right mood for that visit. Sorry "Polly" although the old 2nd Battalion bus driver Francis Smith will probably be attending too, we are unable to provide the bus to bring you to Elverton Street.

Francis must be congratulated on drawing a horse (Illa II) in the St. Leger Sweepstake run by the Regimental Past and Present Association.

It is anticipated that Albert and Mrs. Chapman will attend this meeting in addition to Bobby and Mrs. Byrnes. Although missing some of our meetings they have, on the whole, been regular attenders.

A welcome is extended to Bill Godson and Alec Hurley who are both ex-members of the 2nd Battalion and it is hoped that they will be in a position to attend our meetings regularly.

We also live in hope of extending a welcome to Mr. J. Palmer, D. Jones, S. Moody, M. Scully, B. Lloyd and D. Kindell, who have recently been discharged from the 1st East Anglian Regiment and have elected to join the Suffolk section of the Past and Present Association. They will be assured of a most cordial welcome and a thoroughly good evening's enjoyment. I hope all of them received my letter and sketch map.

Sammy Shields has been conspicuous by his absence and has not even left the price of a couple of "straights." "Sprasso" King is of the opinion that Sammy is bashing the P.O.S.B. Is that Pukkha Sammy? I can remember the time when you had a nice big account with "Shabo." Anyway if you will let me have a "Pauncher" I will order the wallop from our old friend "Ankles" and also get No. 9 to sing "I like Eggs and Bacon."

For quite a long time I have had no news of Bill Barratt, "Tubby" Weston, "Stalky" Reid, Harry Eede, "Mouthy" Speakman, "Tich" Moulding and George Sartain. Perhaps we will see something of them on 30th September.

I had a letter from "Busty" Tyler who was a well known member of the Regiment. He has promised to get time off in order to meet some of his Old Comrades on 30th September. We are looking forward to seeing you Busty and you can be assured of a hearty welcome. There will be quite a number, I hope, of Old Comrades who will be there to welcome you.

In this connection I would like to recommend the Regimental Gazette to all ex-members of the Regiment, as it was through its medium that Busty was put in the position of being able to meet a lot of his Old Comrades. He happened to spot Bill (Mr. Takeover) North's address and wrote to him. The Gazette does indeed serve a very useful purpose.

I thoroughly enjoyed the Reunion at Bury St. Edmunds on 23rd July, but again I am afraid that the attendance left a lot to be desired. Amongst others I missed "Dinger" Bell and his well known Canary Group, Jim Upson (who can be forgiven owing to distance), Bill Bailey, Stan Cullum, Mick Meakins, Doug Baddock and Slogger Leach.

"Shoey" Yarham and I set off for Bury with every intention of reaching there on Saturday evening. John Yarham very kindly took us to Ipswich by road as we had planned to have a couple with Mr. and Mrs. "Shady" Burrows. That couple—

well suffice it is to say that we all left for Bury on the Sunday. What a slow train too—at some places it even went backwards and that's the truth too. "Shoey" of course takes a very keen interest in public houses, both ancient and modern, and the Railway Tavern at Ipswich serves an excellent brew I must say. We will be looking forward to a further visit in 1962. Incidentally it was in the Railway Tavern that I met Mr. A. E. Orford (873957) who served with the 1st Battalion in Malta and also took part in "D" Day landings with that Battalion. During the fighting in Holland Mr. Orford was unfortunate enough to receive a severe wound which resulted in the loss of his right forearm. He remains as cheerful as ever and expressed great pleasure in meeting again some ex-members of the Regiment.

We are indebted to Brigade and must consider ourselves extremely lucky to be granted permission to use Gibraltar Barracks for our Reunion and give thanks for the concession. The meals at Bury again reached the high standard previously attained and the service also was of the same high standard. This all helps to make the day a great success.

All the time poor old "Shoey" was adamant about that "Shower" from Chatteris not being able to persuade him into going back with them. What a hope he had of getting out of it! On the way back to Chatteris we visited "Bos" Masterson and his wife. When we all walked in and asked him if he would like to try a "snifter" he was quick to say "No thanks, not with you shower," but at the same time putting on his coat and telling his wife to get ready to go out. We spent a very pleasant hour or so with Bos and his wife and then went on to Chatteris with Bill Ladds, "Tich" Collins and "Happy" and Albert Harlock.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. "Shady" Burrows and Mrs. "Happy" Harlock for tolerating "Shoey" and myself in their homes and for the hospitality so readily and willingly given by them. Burra Salaams to both of you.

I would like to have stayed in Chatteris a little longer in order to have met Sid Smart the old "Mucker" of Harry Cropley, but I had to be firm with that man "Shoey" and also set him a good example. Believe me Margaret you deserve your two weeks holiday and lets hope you enjoyed them too.

I very much regret having to close this news with the sad mention of the death of an old member of the Suffolk Regiment—Joseph Henry Langton (39487) who served with the 2nd Battalion from 1917—1919 in France and Germany. Prior to his joining the Suffolk Regiment he served with the Cyclists Battalion Royal Fusiliers (City of London) Regiment.

After service with the Regiment he resided at Wimbledon and during World War II served in the Special Constabulary and was awarded the Police Long Service Medal.

We offer our deepest sympathy to his widow in her sad bereavement.

Ipswich Branch

On 10th June a party of 30 members and friends from the Ipswich Branch visited the Royal Tournament at Earls Court. The party left Ipswich by coach at 2-30 p.m. and arrived at Earls Court just in time to have light refreshment before the start of the programme. It was a very good show and was much appreciated by our members. A stop on the way home for supper and a leg stretcher was most welcome. Everyone enjoyed the trip and the display.

and suggestions were put up for another such outing some other time. We would like to thank Brigadier R. H. Maxwell for his assistance in getting us seats in a block at short notice.

Captain G. S. Parker represented the Branch at the Annual General Meeting of the Past and Present Association of the Regiment which was held at Bury St. Edmunds on the 15th July. Details of this meeting will, no doubt, be published elsewhere in the Gazette.

On 21st July Her Majesty The Queen visited Ipswich to open the Civic College recently built in the Rope Walk. Her Majesty also visited Portman Road Football Ground where local ex-Service Associations and Youth Organisations were drawn up. The Branch was represented by 20 members and the Standard was carried by Captain G. S. Parker. Mr. W. Given was marshal for the Branch.

Owing to many of our members being away on holiday at the end of July our apparent muster for the Annual Reunion at Bury St. Edmunds on 23rd July looked to be very small and transport was not arranged. However, a few of our members managed to get there by rail and public road services. We should like to make mention of "Nobby" Clarke who booked a Mini-bus and went round to ex-members of the Regiment who he knew and persuaded them to join his party for Bury! He was well rewarded for his effort as he finished up with a full bus and all his passengers expressed their appreciation of a grand day out. Nobby proves to us that with a little "push" some things can be achieved—even getting folks to the Reunion. Well done Nobby.

We regret to record the death of one of our members—Bill Manning—who died at Ipswich on 2nd June. Bill was a member of the 4th Bn. Band since it reformed in 1950. He was also a very keen member of our Branch. He seldom missed a meeting and was always ready to help when required. He was admitted to hospital about four years ago and had been seriously ill for the past year. He was buried at Bildeston on 7th June. The Branch sent a wreath and was represented at the funeral by Major and Mrs. Williams, and Mr. and Mrs. Wyartt. Our sympathies go to Mrs. Manning and her daughter in their bereavement. We are very pleased to see Mrs. Manning attending our meetings.

Sudbury Branch

The monthly meeting was held at our H.Q. on 26th August 1961, there being 14 members present. As usual, several members were late on Parade and were awarded extra fatigues. It was unanimously agreed to adopt the new title instead of O.C.A. and in so doing fall in line with all Branches. The meeting agreed to accept the offer of the British Legion re new Headquarters. As from the 1st September our new address will be—The British Legion Club, The Croft, Sudbury, and meeting will be held on the 1st Saturday in the month at 7-30 p.m.

Last night I was appointed "scribe" at our A.G.M. and would like to take this opportunity of letting you know that our O.C.A. in Sudbury and District is still very much alive and financially very sound, thanks to the very efficient Secretary and Committee who have for the past few years been running a series of Dances at the Town Hall. These are billed as "Saturday Night Out" and are attended by enthusiasts from a wide area, including on some occasions, a party from Bury St. Edmunds. Kings

Lynn are not the only ones who have been lucky with Premium Bonds. We also won £25 last year which we ploughed back into more Premium Bonds.

For the past three years now we have bought a pig at Christmas, had it killed and shared it out amongst our members.

During the past year we have lost three members through death, one of whom may be remembered by older Comrades as "Bricky" Debenham.

Last week we were honoured by a visit from the Band and Drums of the 1st East Anglian Regiment, who put on a Pageant Display, deputing the Army through the ages, and finished the evening by Beating Retreat. The marching and counter-marching was excellent and the detachment of riflemen were very smart.

We may be shortly moving to new Headquarters, mainly on account of the fact that our present premises have gone "dry," but not through lack of rain. The property is due for demolition along with other places in the district.

I was interested to read in the last issue of Britannia and Castle, that Gerald Moxom is still going strong and wonder if he ever thinks of the good old days when he was Post Corporal at Corsham, and the two week-ends running when bombs fell on Bath.

The History of the Suffolk Regiment, 1928/46, which was obtainable at the Reunion, price 1/-, is proving very good reading and it is an honour to be able to say "I was there" when pointing out various campaigns to other people.

At our last Branch Meeting we had the pleasure of a visit from a member of the London Branch, who lives at Brighton. He was here on holiday. So from Sudbury Branch, greeting to all ex-Suffolks.

Woodbridge Branch

(From Captain R. Le Mare).

As I have recently taken over the Branch as Secretary, Chairman, etc., I feel I must produce a few notes for the Britannia and Castle.

Attendance at Branch Meetings is very small but we struggle along.

The Branch was formed in 1948 and for some years flourished exceedingly well, but alas interest began to wane.

We do, however, still have a Minden Day Reunion which does attract several Old Comrades, their wives and several officers.

On this day at 8 p.m. a 200 year old cannon is towed to the car park at the Royal William, Theatre Street, and this year was touched off by Sir Percy Wyn Harris.

Deputy Bandmaster of the Woodbridge Excelsior Prize Band sounded the Last Post.

Colonel Slade, Major P. R. Carthew, Major Keith Brown were amongst those who saw the firing of the cannon.

The B.B.C. Television Unit took a recording of the firing.

The Branch generally meets at the "Royal William," Theatre Street, and our thanks are due to Chummy Goldsmith and his wife for letting us foregather there.

I must apologise for these short notes and hope to gather more news before the next issue.

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