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**Ptes Steve Oldfield, Mark Wickes and Paul Knobbs, of 7 R Anglian
Mortar Platoon, in action at Otterburn**

From the Colonel of the Regiment



THE first Regimental Gathering at Bassingbourn in July was a great success. Despite blustery weather, which tested the fortitude of the Colour and Standard bearers, over 1200 comrades of present and former regiments enjoyed the day.

I am most grateful to Lieutenant Colonel Goldschmidt and everyone at the Queen's Division Depot for whom it all meant much extra work. My thanks go, too, to the Pompadours for their Colours, Escort, Band and Drums, the 5th Battalion (Steelbacks) for their Band, and the RIT, Depot and 5th Battalion for the many stalls and sideshows. It was very good of Padre Tom Hiney to travel from Belgium to officiate with Padre Pearson-Miles of the Depot at the moving Drumhead Service and everything was skilfully co-ordinated by Regimental Headquarters.

The Gathering is here to stay and we plan Sunday, 16 Jul for it in 1989. Sixteen Branch Standards were on parade this year and with a very special effort for our 25th Anniversary celebrations we can hope for even more next year.

We value our connections with our Allied Regiments in Australia, Bermuda, Canada, Gibraltar, Malaysia, New Zealand and Pakistan and enjoy visits and communications from those battalions. I

am pleased to announce that Her Majesty The Queen has recently approved an Alliance with the Belize Defence Force and I look forward to forging new links in the near future. An account of the Force appears elsewhere in Castle.

All of our battalions, regular and territorial, are in fine fettle and continue to be pace-setters for the rest of the Army. We have a most impressive list of young men seeking commissions in the Regiment many of whom have already passed their RCB's, and this at a time when demographic trends and increasing job opportunities make even hotter the competition for the services of such talented young men. The competition is equally hot for soldiers and we may well return to an era of struggling to keep up to strength. Countering this calls for the closest attention to keeping men committed within the battalions and to making use of every possible recruiting agency, including every present and past member of the Regiment.

Colonel Paddy Blyth handed over to Col. Christopher Dale as Regimental Secretary in November. On behalf of everyone in the Regiment I should like to record our thanks for all he has done in the last eight years. Conscientious to a fault, ever hard working and loyal to

everything the Regiment stands for he has been a constant source of sound planning and wise advice. Much of the credit for our satisfactory young officer situation is due to him for his careful counseling and thorough follow-up procedures. During his tenure the Colonel of the Regiment has mostly been abroad, meaning extra work and responsibility which he has gladly shouldered and I, for one, am most grateful.

After 25 years the numbers of Royal Anglian members of the Comrades' Association are ever on the increase while time takes its inevitable toll of numbers in the Former Regiments. Gradually the former will assume the responsibilities of the latter and it is time to give this process some additional impetus. To this end I have asked Maj. Gen. Sir David Thorne to be President of the Association, and Col. Paddy Blyth to take over the chairmanship from Col. Peter Badger, who has had a long and very successful stint in that office. I hope everyone will do their best to co-operate with the new team as they prepare for the future.

The Regiment is in excellent order. I congratulate you all and wish everyone a Happy Christmas, and good fortune in 1989.



Colonel-in-Chief

HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH THE QUEEN MOTHER

Deputy Colonels-in-Chief

Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowden
Her Royal Highness Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester

Colonel of The Regiment

General Sir John Akehurst KCB CBE

Deputy Colonels of The Regiment:

Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire: Major General A J G Pollard CBE
Lincolnshire, Leicestershire and Northamptonshire: Major General P P D Stone CBE
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Suffolk: Brigadier W C Deller OBE
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Leicestershire: Lieutenant Colonel W G Dawson TD DL
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Hertfordshire: Major D W Willard TD JP
Essex: Lieutenant Colonel P D L Hopper

Alliances

Canadian Armed Forces

Sherbrooke Hussars
The Lincoln and Welland Regiment
The Essex and Kent Scottish
The Lake Superior Scottish Regiment

Australian Military Forces
New Zealand

The Royal Tasmania Regiment
3rd Battalion (Auckland (Countess of Ranfurly's Own) and Northland) Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment

Pakistan Army

5th Battalion The Frontier Force Regiment

Malaysian Armed Forces

1st Battalion The Royal Malay Regiment

Barbados

The Barbados Regiment

Bermuda

The Bermuda Regiment

Gibraltar

The Gibraltar Regiment

Belize

Belize Defence Force

Civic Honours

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2nd Battalion (Lincolnshire, Leicestershire &
Northamptonshire) Celle, BFPO 23

Lieutenant Colonel T Longland MBE

3rd Battalion (Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire &
Essex), Minden BFPO 29

Lieutenant Colonel A Behagg MBE
(Lieutenant Colonel J D Lacey - Jan '89)

5th Battalion
TA Centre, London Road, Peterborough

Lieutenant Colonel N H Kelsey TD

6th Battalion
TA Camp, Blenheim Camp, Bury St. Edmunds

Lieutenant Colonel P R C Dixon

7th Battalion
TA Centre, Ulverscroft Road, Leicester

Lieutenant Colonel G I G Brett

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Depot the Queen's Division

Lieutenant Colonel M K Goldschmidt
(Lieutenant Colonel M Boocock - Jan '89)

RMA Sandhurst

Captain C R Webster

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Major F J Perry MBE

Action by you

The cost of postage is such that we cannot afford to send out separate details and reminders of functions to everyone. At the same time, details printed in Castle under separate headings are often overlooked or put on one side and forgotten because they are several months off! In an attempt to reduce costs and to produce a consolidated reminder, we will include an Action By You section in future issues.

Officers' Club

5 May 89 Regimental Reception Banqueting House, Whitehall. See page 96 for details.

3 Nov 89 Regimental Dinner. Details in Jun 89 Castle.

Past and Present

14 Oct 89 - Past and Present Dinner at Bassingbourn. Details in Jun 89 Castle.

Regimental Gathering

16 Jul 89 Gathering at Bassingbourn. See page 94 for details.

Mainly about people . . .

Senior Appointments

Col T T Taylor:
Def Arms Control Negotiations.
Col M E Romilly OBE:
RARDE
Col D J W Browne MBE
Higher Comd and Staff Course Jan 89
Col R Howe OBE:
Col MO2 May 89
Lt Col (for Col) C Groves:
Comd Bde and Battle Gp Trainer Jan 89
Lt Col D H Greenfield MBE:
QM Staff College
Lt Col P P D Long OBE:
Comdt SPTA
Lt Col A Behagg MBE:
SO1(W) DS RMCS Apr 89
Maj (for Lt Col) D S B Phipps:
SO1 Staff College Jan 89, CO 1st Bn Feb 90
Maj (for Lt Col) A P Deed:
SO1 Staff College Jan 89, CO2 2nd Bn May 90
Lt Col R E Haes:
CO 7th Bn Oct 89
Lt Col A D Slater MBE:
SO1(W) Def OR Land,
CO 6 UDR Oct 89
Maj (for Lt Col) P W Field:
CO Snow Queen, CO 7/10 UDR Sep 89.

Commissions

We congratulate and welcome on their commissions:-

Maj J W Rollins from R Signals.
Lt D J Gregory on rejoining.
2Lts G T Corkery and
A W Price on award of Cadetships.
2Lts H N Back, I S Davidson, G J Bartlett
and **G Morris** on commissioning from
RMA Sandhurst in Intake SMC 873.
2Lts M J Kelleway, J M Gladwyn and **M D P Parry** on commissioning from RMA
Sandhurst in Intake SMC 881.
Lts W O'Driscoll, P D Thurston and **G W Meen** on their SSC(LE).
ACapt T J Smith, Lts G D Cattermole,
J M Woodham and **D A England** on being
granted regular commissions.

RSMs

The following RSM appointments have been made:-

WO1 A Jones: 1st Bn.
WO1 R J Brown: 2nd Bn.
WO1 R W Potter: 3rd Bn. from JIB.
WO1 P L Smith: BEM 5th Bn.
WO1 P A Cookson: CUOTC from 1st Bn.
WO1 W H Vessey: 7/10 UDR.
WO1 C Norman: In Mar 89.



Military bird watchers! Lt Col Richard Haes, with the advisory team, the Saudi Arabian National Guard, enjoying the sunshine with Richard Dinnin, ex Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, now with Air Work UK in Bournemouth.

We wish a happy retirement and success for the future to **Col S A Green OBE, Maj D W Spalding MBE** and **Capt L B Keogh**.

ON 29 Sep **Col R G Wilkes OBE TD DL** hands over as Deputy Honorary Colonel TA (Leicestershire) to **Lt Col W G Dawson TD DL**. Col Richard Wilkes has given a lifetime of service to the TA in Leicester and was the last Royal Leicester TA Commanding Officer at Ulverscroft Road. Since then he has been a TA Colonel and an outstanding member of TAVRA. He will be sadly missed but, as he will remain on several key committees, his sage advice will still be available. His successor, Lt Col Bill Dawson, is well known as a former National Service subaltern with 1 R Leicesters, as a former CO of the 7th Battalion and as Chairman of the Royal Tigers Association.

Mike Meredith, late 1st Battalion, called at RHQ with his wife and two children. He now lives at Bath and deals in wine.

Lt Col Alastair Veitch writes from BATT Sudan that life is as complicated as ever. Unfortunately Rozy has been ill but is now well again. As BATT is a major prop of the Sudan Club the recent bombing resulted in much work but luckily no injuries to the Veitch's or Amanda Ford. This has now of course been followed by the flooding.

Congratulations on their marriage to **Capt Robert Edmundson-Jones, Capt Richard Clements, Capt James Harris, Capt Frank de Planta** and **Lt Stephen Westmacott**.

We were pleased to see **Capt James Harris** at RHQ on his transfer into the Regiment.

Lt Desmond O'Driscoll visited RHQ during his block leave from Minden.

Capt Phil Crook writes to say that he and Ally have moved to 64 Stone Manor, Bisleigh Road, Stroud and that he is now 21C C Sqn. Royal Gloucestershire Hussars (Royal Wessex Yeomanry).

Mainly about people . . .

Maj F D Goode, late R Lincolns, is collecting personal stories of D Day for a book he plans to publish. If you have a story please write to him at 2 Glebe Close, Ollerton, Devon EX9 7JW.

Congratulations to **Brig Charles Barnes** on his appointment as ADC to Her Majesty The Queen.

We also congratulate **2Lt Gerald Corkery** who is at Swansea reading History who has been awarded a Cadetship. **Jonathan Veitch** and **Ralph Wooddisse**, who are both sons of officers of the Regiment, have both been awarded Bursaries.

Lt Col John Child, who has transferred to the Gurkha Rifles, writes from Kathmandu that he saw **Brig Bob Pike** in Delhi and **Capt Roger Antolik** at the conclusion of the Everest Expedition. He would be pleased to see any members of the Regiment in the area; he and Helen were some 40 miles from the epicentre of the recent earthquake following which Helen and other wives helped to work in the BMH.

Congratulations to **Lt Cols Leon Paul** and **Ian Pearce** who won the Jubilee Regimental Foursomes at the AOGS Autumn Meeting at the Berkshire Golf Club in September. This is the first time that Royal Anglian Officers have won this Regimental competition since it started in 1961.

Capt Roger Hare and **Lt Nick Nottingham** both shot in Australia during the Bicentennial celebrations, **Capt Hare** in the Army team and **Lt Nottingham** in the National Rifle Team. **Lt James Lewis** was awarded his Combined Services colours for shooting.

Congratulations to **Maj A W M Petch (NRPS)** on being made an MBE, to **Maj A D Chissel** for receiving his TD and to **WO2 Greenhough** and **Cpl Thompson** on receipt of their TM. Congratulations also to **2 Lts Ashley, Facer** and **Turvey** on their recent TA commissions.

Omani Honour

ON 2 Aug Lady Creasey and her family went to the Omani Embassy to receive the insignia of The Grand Cross of Renaissance which was awarded to Gen Sir Timothy Creasey before he died, but was not presented. The Grand Cross is the highest award made by the Sultan and includes a beautiful jewelled collar in addition to the sash and other insignia.

Welcome to the club

To The Colonel of The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment)

WE of The 16th Foot are proud of our connection with the Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment) and very much appreciate the kind sentiments expressed by the Colonel of that illustrious Regiment, Lieut Gen Sir Robert Richardson in this letter to Brig T Dodd.

On 9 Oct 1688, Col Archibald Douglas, with other officers and NCO's of The Royal Regiment of Foot, raised a Regiment of

Pikemen and Musketeers at Reading, which later became the 16th or Bedfordshire of Foot.

On the tercentenary of this auspicious occasion I send, on behalf of All Ranks of The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment), greeting and very best wishes to you, the Commanding Officer and All Ranks of the 3rd Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment, together with the chairman and members of The Royal Anglian Regiment, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Association.

Welcome to The 300 Club.

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Past and Present

ONCE again, at the usual venue of the Depot The Queen's Division, the Past and Present Dinner Club held its annual dinner, this year celebrating 21 years since taking the Royal Anglian Regiment title. 191 members and their guests sat down to a superb meal produced by the Depot ACC staff.

The Dinner Chairman was The Colonel of The Regiment, Gen Sir John Akehurst; other guests included Maj Gen Sir David Thorne and Maj Gen P P D Stone and members of the depot staff from the RRF and Queen's Regiment.

Two in-pensioners from the Royal Hospital were also guests and it was a consider-

able coincidence that one, Sgt. W. Millhouse from the Lincolnshire Regiment, had, in 1937, in India as a private soldier, embroidered a miniature set of The Regimental Colours. After presenting them in 1938 he lost contact with them and although trying for many years without success to find them, had given up hope. It gave him great pleasure to find on entering the mess that they were on display. A photograph of him with them was taken and will be presented to him by the Club.

A splendid programme of music was played by the Band of the 5th Battalion by kind permission of the commanding officer.

Mainly about people . . .

*From Col P D Blyth, retiring
Regimental Secretary*

Dear Colonel of The Regiment,

Thank you for the superb silver salver that you presented to me at the Regimental Dinner on behalf of the Regiment. I had expected a mention in your speech but not such a present: it will long remind me of a happy eight years and of the many good friends I have made throughout the Regiment. I would be most grateful if you would thank everyone on my behalf.

I have been most fortunate to work for three great Colonels of The Regiment, all of whom have been easy to work for and who became firm friends. I have also been closely associated with a succession of Deputy Colonels, both regular and TA, Commanding Officers and Adjutants who have, without exception, been considerate, hospitable and forbearing. Indeed I cannot recall a single unpleasant incident in eight years, which says a great deal for the atmosphere our Regiment. I thank them all for their considerable kindness.

You said some very nice things about me in your speech but what little success I may have had has been due to teamwork. At RHQ Major Tony Cobbold is involved

in many aspects of our work but it is with our benevolence work and financial affairs that he has done so much for the Regiment. Major Guy Hipkin has done great work as RCO as our officer manning demonstrates while all who have contributed to the RITs deserve praise for their efforts in our recruiting areas. Mrs. Natalie Martin as our new AO, Mrs. Joan Bithray who has been with us 11 years and Mrs. Ann Brown who does the clerical work for potential officers, the shop and telephone, have all been a tremendous help, while Mr. Jack Easlea and Mr. John Goodfield have been stalwarts in the Museum and throughout The Keep.

As a Regiment we owe a great deal to our Area Offices manned by Lt. Col John Wilson, Maj. David Thorogood and William Reeve, Capt. Alwyn Smith and their staffs who maintain a presence in our counties and do so much for our Associations. To all of them, and their predecessors, I offer my thanks for their co-operation and friendship.

You and the Regimental Council have kindly appointed me to be the next Chairman of the Association, an honour I appreciate not least because it will allow me to keep contact with my many friends. I will

certainly remember them whenever I use the magnificent salver which already has pride of place in our house.

With my thanks to you and the Regiment.

Paddy

To: The Colonel of The Regiment.

Dear General,

I was one of the old soldiers of the 16th Foot who assembled at Bassingbourn for last Sunday's Regimental Gathering.

In your closing speech you said the attendance was magnificent and the work done at all levels tremendous. The opportunity for us to thank you and the Regiment did not arise, so I am writing now to do just this.

The Service was simple and most moving. The Padre got the 'We must never forget' message over in a way that I have never heard bettered. Everyone seemed out to spoil us oldies. Maybe a little dose of nostalgia did no harm to flagging egos! But the thing which really came over for me was the skilful way in which history and tradition were blended to present the modern Regiment with dignity, modesty and the right kind of pride.

Thank you and everyone else for a most uplifting day.

Yours sincerely,
Brig Bill Peters.

Diary Dates

26 Jan	2nd Bn Deploy Op. Banner	24 Jun	6th Bn Ofrrs Ball
2 Feb	1st Bn Advance Party Colchester	25-26 Jun	R Tigers Weekend, Leicester
13 Mar	1st Bn Complete Colchester	28-29 Jun	Norfolk Show
1 Apr	48th Officers' Burma Dinner	1-2 Jul	Northampton Weekend
8-9 Apr	6th Bn SAAM	8-9 Jul	TA Bisley
14 Apr	Regimental Golf, Flempton	16 Jul	Regimental Gathering, Bassingbourn
15-16 Apr	7th Bn SAAM	18-20 Jul	East of England Show
21 Apr	3rd Bn Dinner Club Cocktail Party	24-11 Aug	1st Bn NITAT
23 Apr	R Norfolk Commemoration Service, Norwich	29 Aug	Suffolk Reg Officers' Dinner
5 May	Officers' Club 25th Anniversary Reception, London	30 Jul	Suffolk Reunion
5 May	Northamptonshire Regt. Officers' Lunch, London	26-29 Aug	1st Bn to NI
10 May	Suffolk Regt. Council Meeting	2-16 Sep	6th Bn Camp Wathgill
10-12 May	Postings Meeting	15 Sep	Regimental Golf, Flempton
13 May	4 Northampton's Dinner	16 Sep	Golf v Flempton Golf Club
13-14 May	EDSAAM	23-7 Oct	7th Bn Camp
22-27 May	1st Bn Battlefield Tour Normandy	24 Sep	R Norfolk Assn Service
31-1 Jun	Suffolk Show	6 Oct	3rd Bn Dinner Club Lunch, London
2 Jun	R Norfolk Officers' Dinner Club	3 Nov	Regimental Council
3 Jun	R Norfolk Luncheon	3 Nov	Regimental Dinner
9 Jun	Regimental Golf, Worlington	7 Nov	Essex Remembrance Service, Chelmsford
11 Jun	Cambridgeshire OCA Reunion	9 Nov	Field of Remembrance, Westminster Abbey
16-3 Jul	2nd Bn Post NI Leave	19 Nov	Bedfs Herts Reunion, Kempston
22 Jun	Queen's Division Triangular Golf, Gog Magog	2 Dec	R Leicester Officers' Lunch (London)

Regimental Gathering



The 3rd Bn Colours on their Silver Drums in windy conditions during the Drumead Service

1200 come to Bassingbourn

ON 24 Jul 88, some 1200 past and present members of The Regiment of our founder Regiments assembled at Bassingbourn against a backdrop of Regimental flags for our first Regimental Gathering.

The day started with a Drumhead Service taken by the Reverend Tom Hiney MC, late of The Royal Tigers and The Regiment, assisted by Padre Pearson-Miles from the Depot. The 3rd Battalion Silver Drums and Colours were on parade, together with 16 Standards from association branches. Despite the very high winds, the Colour and Standard parties were a brave sight and the moving service included lively hymns played by the Pompadours' Band.

A march past The Colonel of The Regiment followed with each association led by its Standard, including for the first time, The Royal Anglian Standard of the Bury St. Edmunds branch. The 3rd Battalion marched in two guards with their Colours, dressed as they had been for the Tercentenary Freedom

Marches of the previous two days through Chelmsford, Hertford and Bedford.

It rained during lunch but luckily most managed to shelter in the bar tents and the hanger. The wind and rain failed to detract from the excellent lunch provided by the staff of the Depot and the light music being played by the Volunteer Band.

After lunch, between showers and visits to the beer tents, association branches took part in a shooting competition, with prizes of tankards from the Royal Anglian Association and of a crate of beer from NAAFI. Unfortunately because of the rain, not all teams were able to shoot, but of those who fired the winners were Hemel Hempstead C team (96), Hertford A team (94) and Hitchin A team (90).

The others know that they would have won if they could only have fired!

Other activities were displays of equipment and a Command Post by the RIT and 5th Battalion, and firing the new rifle. The Regi-

mental Shop did a roaring trade, as did the bouncy castle, kindly lent free for the day.

Beating Retreat was scheduled for 1600 hrs but was luckily brought forward to 1500 as the heavens opened an hour later. In the event, the 3rd Battalion Band and Drums gave an outstanding performance in dry, if windy weather, including a medley of our Regimental Marches and a moving Sunset Ceremony as the ten flags were lowered.

The Gathering proved to be a great success which we expect to grow into an annual family event. It could not have taken place without considerable help from many people, especially the Commanding Officer and staff of The Queen's Division Depot. We are also grateful to all others who helped make this a memorable day, including the 3rd and 5th Battalions, RIT, NAAFI and numerous others.

Next year's Gathering will be on 16 Jul at Bassingbourn. Come and join us for what promises to be an even greater day.

Regimental Gathering



Association Standards prepare to march on



On parade for the first time, the Royal Anglian Standard of the Bury St Edmunds Branch



Vikings



High Tide dominates summer

THE SUMMER of 1988 has been dominated by Ex High Tide for which the battalion returned to UK. With no regular battalion available to take over our Gibraltar duties the exercise had to be split into two. From mid-August the three rifle companies, plus essential support from elements of HQ Coy carried out a four week training package based at Stanford Training Area, whilst the remainder of the battalion met the many continuing commitments on the Rock.

The rifle companies' training was split into three phases, the first of which involved putting everyone through their annual personal weapon test with the SA80. Results

were very good and inspired great confidence in the new weapon.

Phase two built on these skills during an intensive field firing package. Starting with individual CQB ranges the culminating point was a live-firing company attack. For many of the younger soldiers this was their first experience of such a range; for everyone the firepower of the combination of SA80 and LSW was a revelation.

With the basic skills and tactics sorted out, the companies were ready to begin phase three, a seven-day battalion exercise to practice operations requiring companies to work closely together. Thus the exercise opened

with an assault river crossing. A Coy, under Maj Jonathan Borthwick, set up the complex control organisation at the crossing site itself through which B and C Coys passed to cross the river. Cpl Archer and the Assault Pioneers provided expertise for the pre-training and safety on the assault boats. Other skills practised during the exercise included attack, withdrawal and long-term ambushing.

Following a short period of R and R, the Rifle Companies returned to Gibraltar to relieve Sp Coy and the remainder of HQ Coy who flew out for the second part of Ex High Tide. HQ Coy formed two rifle platoons for the exercise and operated as D Coy throughout with great enthusiasm and energy.

During the field firing the Mortar Pl was able to live-fire their 81 mm mortars whilst the Corps of Drums practised their alternative role as Machine Gun Pl. Both platoons fired in support of the battalion Junior NCOs cadre which was being run concurrently to take advantage of the excellent facilities offered at Stanford. Opportunity was also taken to run the first sniper cadre held in the battalion for several years.

Part two of Ex High Tide also ended with a battalion exercise, this time based around the framework of the support platoons. Valuable experience was gained in the co-ordination, deployment and siting of the different weapon systems. Realism was helped greatly by the 'Fantasian' motor rifle company provided by members of the 7th Battalion. D Coy also took part, ending their exercise with an inter-section competition won by Cpl Cummings' section.

Overall Ex High Tide has been of tremendous value in helping the battalion to prepare for its future role in 19 Inf Bde. A great deal was learned (and re-learned!) and training in Gibraltar can now build on this experience.

Gibraltar commitments have not, however, diminished in any way. Ceremonial duties continue to be a major feature of life on the Rock. Conversion to SA80 arms drill has gone very well but the high spot of our ceremonial role was undoubtedly the Queen's Birthday Parade held amidst unprecedented



Cpl Anema (A Coy) on the platoon attack range

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Sgt Page gives a safety brief on the CQB range



Maj Gen Pollard presents the LS & GC to CSgt Morton and Sgt Benner

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levels of security.

Minden Day was also celebrated in traditional style. During the battalion parade His Excellency The Governor presented SSgt. Charles APTC with the BEM in recognition of his services to the Battalion.

The battalion has also hosted many visitors. The Band was particularly involved during the visit to Gibraltar of HRH The Duke of Gloucester in May. Two months later Maj Gen Tony Pollard CBE, Director of Army Training, returned to the Vikings and during his stay presented the LS & GC to CSgt Morton and Sgt (ORC) Benner.

In June members of the 6th Battalion joined us in Gibraltar on ex Marble Tor, a chance to strike up new acquaintances and renew old friendships.

Despite the busy programme, time was found to organize a battlefield tour for 20 members of the battalion who visited several Peninsular War battlefields, including Badajoz, Albuhera and Busaco Ridge. The trip was organised by Maj Ian Hall and Capt Frank de Planta.

Sport has not lost its importance in the battalion. B Coy narrowly beat HQ Coy to first place in the athletic standards meeting in June. Cpl. Bliss took the Victor Ludorum award.

The battalion has also been active in inter-services sports. Vikings made up more than half of the Army men's team that won the inter-services swimming meeting in July. As resident battalion we were also strongly represented in the Army men's athletic team that was similarly successful in their inter-services match.

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The Colour Party heads the March Past



The CO with the Band and Corps of Drums

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Off to the Morroccan snows



EX SPRING RUN provided the chance for members of the battalion to carry out adventure training in Morocco. Using two civilianised Land Rovers as transport the team were self-contained during the week-long exercise. Activities included hill walking and snow and ice climbing.

L.Cpl Brian (Int Cell) kept a photographic record of one expedition up Mt Toubkal in the Atlas mountains led by CSgt Bacon and assisted by QSMI Pagmanelli APIC.

Left: Supper before the final assault

Below: The team skirts a remote Moroccan village



News from the Vikings



QMSI Pagmanelli sets a fast pace



The summit of Mt Toubkal. Left to right, LCpl Brian, Pte Briggs, QMSI Pagmanelli (seated), Sgt Dixon, Sgt Stollery, CSgt Bacon and LCpl Adcock



Poachers



Dusk at BATUS

First visit to BATUS

THE highlight of the year for the Poachers has been their first ever visit to BATUS in July and August for Ex Medicine Man 4. It proved to be a highly successful period with much interesting and testing training. The build-up had begun at Soltau in March and continued through until the Battlegroup's embarkation for Canada.

After a hardworking but enjoyable two weeks field firing at Sennelager in April, Battlegroup Headquarters deployed into the field on Exercises Stag's Head and Hurst Park between 10-19 May. Both the 22 Arm'd Bde and 1 Arm'd Div command post exercises were designed as part of the build-up for exercise White Rhino in 1989. Quick planning and much hard work by the Ops Officer, Capt David Napier, proved the key to a successful two weeks during which much track mileage was used as the Headquarters seemed to cover most of Northern Germany.

With Battalion Headquarters at Trenchard Barracks almost empty, the chance for many to have two weeks of leave was taken. The two weeks was, as always, short lived. Between May 24 and 27 Maj Kevin Hodgson took A Coy (Lincolnshire) on Ex Poachers Pennent to practice procedures for positional defence. They were visited on the 25th by officers from 32 Pz Gren Bn who were participating in an Anglo German Study Day run by Maj Tony Domeisen.

The Recce Platoon competed in Rhino Trophy, the 1 Arm'd Div Close Recce Competition, acquitting themselves well in the SA 80 battle shooting and AFV recognition, coming first and third respectively under difficult conditions.

Social engagements during May included the Band and Drums visit to Lille and Dunkirk in France, and a highly successful and most

enjoyable Summer Ball in the WO's & Sgt's Mess on the 28th. The Hindoostan Dinner was held in the Officers' Mess on the 5th at which Comd 22 Arm'd Bde, Brig Pike and Dr H Sevrin, the Oberburgemeister Celle, were the primary guests.

The Athletics team, under the guidance of the RSM, WO1 O'Driscoll and Sgt Powell, started the season as they intended to continue. The inter-company meeting was a triumph for D (Sp) Coy, while the Brigade meeting was won by the Poachers in fine style. Outstanding individual performances were produced by Ptes Auckland, Andrews and Matthews in the triple jump, 400 metres and 400 metres hurdles, all winning their events. The team produced an excellent all-round performance as a result of having a very

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round performance as a result of having a very strong B string to back them up.

At the end of the month the Battalion received its first ORT Callout since arrival in BAOR. The day proved to be a resounding success with the inspecting team being unable to find any faults. A creditable performance from every soldier involved impressed the Brigade Commander.

The Battlegroup deployed to Soltau on 3 Jun for a two week pre-BATUS exercise and Reinschlen Camp was transformed into Camp Crowfoot. The first evening of the exercise was taken up by getting to know personalities from other components of the Battlegroup, such as A and C Sqns., 1 RTR and The Chestnut Troop 1 RHA. The first week was spent in the customary manner crossing the area from end to end and side to side as often as possible, but included a number of short TEWTs to break up the pattern. It was during this period that the Commanding Officer ensured that the Battlegroup procedures for BATUS were formulated and practised.

Among the officers much of the talk was about the CO's birthday. It had been well planned to the extent that even a cake was provided, but then it was transpired that the entire idea was only an excuse to plan a function to celebrate the fact that Maj Tony Domeisen had been awarded an MBE.



Ptes Martin and McGlynn take a break on the Mortar Line

The second week of the exercise was to be the Brigade Commander's test of the Battlegroup. There was much speculation as to what form this would take but there was some surprise when orders were received for a move to Hohne.

In order to compete in the 1 Armd Div.

Athletics Championships the team had to leave Soltau and travel to Verdun. The journey proved to be well worth while and the Poachers left as champions for the second year running. To round off the season on the 25th, at Sennelager, the team took part in the BAOR Championships. After competing against some almost professional teams a creditable third place was won, this was the highest position gained by an Infantry Battalion. Excellent individual results were achieved by Pte Parker and Pte Andrews who came first in the 200 metres and 400 metres respectively.

Ex Poachers Prairie over, the wives were not going to be outdone. On 25th and 26th Capt Bob McDonald took 40 wives away on Ex Poachers Petticoat which was an introduction to Mechanised Warfare, FV 432 driving, cooking compo and fire and manoeuvre. It proved to be an interesting experience for all, not least the instructors from the training wing.

During June the Band and Drums participated in a KAPE tour covering Lincolnshire, Leicestershire and Northamptonshire. In this period they had 21 engagements and, under the musical guidance of the Band Master, WO1 McCrum, did much to maintain associations with our parent counties and further long-term recruiting prospects for the Battalion.



LCpl Thorpe commands during Ex Poachers Prairie

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Capt Tim Smith with his Recce Platoon

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On 7 Jul the annual Talavera Dinner was held in the Officers' Mess. As always this was one of the main functions of the year and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

Just prior to the advance party move to Canada the final of the inter-company boxing championships were held. The competition was easily won by B (Leicestershire) Coy but the evening still gave all ranks much to cheer about. Some outstanding bouts were fought, particularly by LCpl Fox who won the Cooper Trophy for the best boxer and Pte Faulkner who put up a spirited performance to gain the prize as best runner-up.

As the Battlegroup move to BATUS began 20 Poachers started to work with 1 SG at Hohne, to bolster their numbers for Ex Medicine Man 6, and Lts. Matthew Ellis and Simon North spent a week hosting cadets from Kimbolton and Uppingham Schools for what proved to be a successful visit.

The takeover in Camp Crowfoot was quickly effected by the QM, Maj. Ken Laight, and his team, while the vehicles were thoroughly checked by the LAD. By the time the main body move began on 21 Jul commanders' recess had been completed and the officers were longing to deploy in order to get away from the spartan conditions in camp. With much work to be done prior to deployment on 25 Jul many had to wait until the R and R period before sampling the infamous Medicine Hat entertainment.

The Special to Arm exercises provided some of the most valuable training. The two rifle companies under Maj's Kevin Hodgson and John McColl produced excellent results throughout. Prairie Falcon, which was run by Maj Jim Badger in the absence of the 21C, gave the Recce Platoon, under Capt Tim Smith and CSgt Lonsdale the chance to prove their excellence. The Milan Platoon, under Capt Robert Knox, started in fine style which they continued throughout in order to achieve a creditable 92 per cent hit rate.

Exercises Gopher, Goshawk and Alamein proved the Battlegroup to be on excellent form. The 21C gained his chance to command during ex Alamein when Lt Col Longland was knocked unconscious and had to be carried back to Camp Crowfoot. The CO was not, however, to be kept away for long and was back on the Prairie within 24 hours. Success mounted upon success and so successful was the final day, with great flexibility shown by commanders at all levels, that Comd 22 Armd Bde and Comd BATUS were able to finish the exercise early as no higher peak in performance could be envisaged. Brig Pike followed by the CO then congratulated all ranks on a first-class performance before the Adjutant issued the movement order for the long return journey back down the Rattlesnake Road to Camp Crowfoot. As is always the case, there were more vehicle casualties

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Capt Nigel Burrell hard at work as usual

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on this return journey than during the entire exercise.

The work was by no means over. The handover, the QM's last major task prior to posting, went smoothly and the customary Officers' Mess cocktail party was a great success. When at last the work was finally over a short period of R & R was taken. A tented camp at Lethbridge, run by Lt. Mark Robinson, proved to be one of the most popular options laid on by the Paymaster.

The last Poachers to arrive back in Germany were those who had chosen to go adventure training in the Rockies under Lt Justin Barnes. The RAF eventually produced an aeroplane and they got back on 12 Sep after a long delay. It had, however, all been worthwhile with white water canoeing and equestrian activities considered as highlights.

The opportunity to reforge links with the 10th of Foot in Boston, Massachusetts, was not passed up. Lt Simon North spent a week



The Adjutant and his birthday cake during Ex Medicine Man 4

with them during which time he was excellently hosted and was selected to take part in a film.

Medicine Man 4 over, the Poachers took some well-earned leave between 2 and 26 Sep before returning to start working for the next goal, Belfast 1989.

The arrival back in the Battalion of Maj. Mike Beard heralded the reformation of C Coy (Northamptonshire) which had been disbanded for BATUS. D Coy (Sp) then went through the painful procedure of being split up in preparation for the Op Banner Tour and both a PNCO and Standard 2 Signals Cadres got under way.

On 3 Oct the main recce to Belfast set out while many soldiers departed on All Arms Search Courses. This was followed by a week at STC where all commanders were put through the NITAT Commander's package and the next week when all multiple commanders went to Belfast to study the present situation for themselves.

Between 17 and 20 Oct the chairman and chief executive of Leicestershire County Council visited the battalion where they met many soldiers and were hosted to a lunch in the WOs' and Sgts' Mess. A dinner in their honour was held in the Officers' Mess.

During the week 24 to 28 the Battalion NITAT Briefing was held at Trenchard Bks, this set the scene for pre-Northern Ireland training which started in earnest on 1 Nov.

After such a busy and successful summer the Poachers now look forward to a very different, but equally demanding challenge over the coming months.



LCpl Chambers and Pte Rickman of the Milan Platoon during Ex Skunk

News from the Poachers



A Coy ask the question everyone wants the answer to

Variety in Canadian adventures

FOR many, the adventure training from 18 Aug - 6 Sep 1988 provided the "true R & R" after three weeks hard exercising and it offered a striking contrast to the flat plains of BATUS.

The term "base camp" used to describe our accommodation for the three weeks at Dry Haven Creek (Nordegg) was an apt description! Although sparse, the accommodation was in the form of Twynham huts with several Portacabins providing kitchen, TV and ablution facilities, it proved adequate although being 11 kms away from Nordegg the night life was provided by the odd stray bear wandering around the camp.

The compulsory trekking phase took place in Banff National Park in and around Lake Louise, made famous by the 1986 Winter Olympics. Perhaps the less glamorous phase, the trekking, proved demanding both physically (70-90 kms) and mentally with the possibility of a midnight visit by a grizzly bear. Groups of 5-6, led by UEL qualified personnel, planned their own routes taking in some spectacular scenery and viewing an

assortment of wildlife. It was an ideal opportunity to prove that the art of being geographically embarrassed is not solely a commander's prerogative!

Whether the high temperature reflected the reason for 18 students obtaining the ACU Inland Proficiency is open to debate, but the canoeing phase proved excellent fun.

Soldiers were introduced to basic techniques of kayaking on calm waters before being propelled to the world of moving water. The activities took the students along the Red Deer River, pitching tents at numerous campsites by the river, until the exercise culminated on the final day at Briely's Rapids, a grade IV section of water. At this stage even the most competent canoeists found the warmth of the river appealing and joined the majority floundering further downstream!

For those who opted for cycling it proved by far the most demanding option. As distances of 400 kms were covered the ability to work as a team was tested severely. Two teams of 5-6 cyclists, equipped with 10-speed mountain bikes, cycled round a set route in

opposite directions through Banff and Jasper Parks. Memorable views of the Columbia Icefields and Athabasca Glacier will remain with everyone for a long time.

Any aspect of mountaineering requires students to be disciplined to follow the leaders orders and ultimately one's fellow climbers. Again the format for this phase was an introductory period practising basic techniques on snow and ice, followed by successful attempts on Mount Athabasca (11,478 ft.) and a snow and ice climb on Mount Andromeda.

Ideas that true cowboys have long since disappeared were rapidly dispelled for students involved in the horse riding. A mini-ranch provided the "camp" for the 5 days with all relevant facilities. The basic fundamentals are taught prior to a trek into the Big Horn Mountain range. The experience of 8-10 hours in the saddle quickly makes one appreciate why John Wayne walked in a certain manner!

In conclusion it must be said that the adventure training was a great success. All those that were lucky enough to participate gained greatly from their efforts.

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The Poachers REME present Lt Col Tom Loughloud with a cheque for the Ray Hazan guide dog appeal



Poachers wives ready for Ex Poachers

News from the Poachers

BATUS - a personal view

By 2Lt R W H Colgan

"CHALK Commander again?" Oh well, such are the joys of being junior subaltern I suppose. And so it was. I was in charge of roughly 100 eager soldiers for the next 24 hours (no wonder all Company Commanders seem to go grey early!).

We touched down in Calgary, all feeling rather jaded. Welcome to Canada. Four hours later I was standing outside the JRC at Camp Crowfoot being told by an RMP Sergeant of 1,000 ways to get arrested. Canada really sounded like a fun place.

D Day was approaching. Kit was packed and wagons loaded. We were ready for war (at least that's what the Colonel told us). The war began and it soon became clear that my fourth month in the battalion was going to be one of my hardest. As the war progressed the fighting became more intense but morale was still high. Battles for Gopher, Burrowing Owl and Night Jar were fought and won. Burnt out tank screens littered the battlefield. The war was going well but why was it always my radio that seemed to pack in during an attack?

We did take some casualties (eagerly handed out by the DS in the form of casualty cards) but why was it always my platoon sergeant that seemed to get a "suffering from battlestress - immediate evacuation" card at the beginning of every attack? (I found out later that the going rate for such a card was 100 cigarettes!)

As I sat on my sand-bag one evening, listening to my platoon sergeant's personal experiences of past wars, the news came through: we were to attack Beaver at once.

TAC HQ had known this fact for nearly a day but obviously had thought it better for morale not to tell us. Lucky really, because if we had known we would have been loaded up with all the excessive luxuries that take the man against the elements factor out of soldiering; rations; water etc. So, unencumbered by such trivia, we made good time on the approach march. The first river crossing was followed by a climb out of the river valley. The sides of the valley appeared to me to be vertical but this was quite obviously an opti-

cal illusion, as the OC informed me the going was good as he passed in his sedan chair!

A night march followed by another river crossing in the dead of night produced an interesting lesson in my military education.

The assault boat for the 10 man detail of my platoon was waiting on the muddy bank. I noticed, with pride, the speed with which the men embarked. In fact, leaving me as the last man in. As I settled in at the back of craft, a senior private explained to me that we could be there for some time unless we were pushed off; a role usually performed by the last man in! As I heaved the craft into the river, (up to my chest!) to cries of 'full ahead, Boss' and 'Steady as she goes', I realised there were several aspects of assault river crossings I needed to urgently discuss with my platoon sergeant!

Once on the other bank, the attack on the enemy position involved an assault out of a very steep valley and through a wire obstacle on the top. The wire was to be breached by two Bangalore Torpedos, one in front of our company and one in front of A Coy. The simultaneous explosions of the torpedos marked the beginning of the assault.

We charged up the side of the valley and once on top we observed with consternation that opposite B Coy there were two breaches - unfortunately this meant none for A Coy! My thoughts turned to A Coy - hanging on the wire like washing on a line! My platoon sergeant told me to "look sharp and stop smiling" (or words to that effect!)

The end of the war was approaching, as was the battle for Alamein. We dug in on the hills overlooking the village of Prairie Flower and waited for the inevitable onslaught. The enemy finally attacked. "Send sit rep, over ... SEND SIT REP OVER! Why was it always my radio? Anyway, we withdrew to new positions and prepared to counter-attack. The end was in sight.

The enemy crumbled under our furious counter-attack, and soon white flags began emerging. The war was won. The Brigadier was happy, as then was the Colonel, as then was my OC. I was also happy they were happy. We had fought well and it was now time to celebrate our victory. The locals in Medicine Hat welcomed us warmly, keen to share our company (and LOA). But alas, all good things must come to an end. "Oh no! not Chalk Commander again."



Sgt Buzzard proves that the Poachers can still find time to relax



Pompadours



Farewell to BATUS

FOR the fourth consecutive year Pompadour soldiers travelled to Canada to the British Army Training Unit, Suffield.

This year, as in 1986, the battalion took part in Exercise Medicine Man II, the second in a series of seven exercises that take place between the severe Canadian winters. The 3 R Anglian Battle Group was comprised of: Battalion HQ as Battle Group HQ, B and C Companies, A and B Squadrons, 5 Inniskilling Royal Dragoon Guards, 4 (Sphinx) Field Battery Royal Artillery, 1 Troop, 29 Field Squadron Royal Engineers and Gazelle light helicopter flight from 665 Squadron Army Air Corps. We were also delighted to have attached 2 officers from 1 R Anglian and 20 all ranks from 5 R Anglian who were a tremendous asset to the Battle Group.

The Medicine Man exercise provided a superb opportunity for all elements of the Battle Group to practice their craft using live ammunition in a fully tactical environment. Training, covered in the last edition of Castle, began at the beginning of the year. Consequently, by the time the battle group arrived in Camp Crowfoot at BATUS, skills were of a fairly high standard.

The package involved a series of progressive exercises that began at platoon/troop level and emphasised battle drills for the attack and infantry/tank co-operation. In addition, support platoons, the artillery, engineers and helicopters all took part in exercises designed to practice their particular skills. All exercises at BATUS are run by the BATUS staff, allowing the commanders within the battle group to concentrate on their soldiers, as opposed to conducting the exercises.

The Battle Group quickly progressed on to company and squadron level exercises, involving all the supporting arms. After nearly two weeks on the prairie the Battle Group began Exercise Alamein, the final phase of the package. This was a five-day fast-moving exercise that thoroughly tested the battle group in all phases of war.



B Coy demonstrating their skills to the safety staff at BATUS

Following 17 days of hectic, live firing exercises the battle group returned to Camp Crowfoot for the final part of the time in Canada: the clean-up, handover and R & R.

The handover to the incoming battle group was over quickly, allowing soldiers to leave Camp Crowfoot for a few days well-earned rest. The R & R cell had taken great pains to ensure that all members of the battle group had a wide choice of options.

Well over half of the Battle Group took the opportunity to arrange R & R through the cell. Pompadours ranged across the American continent from Hawaii and California to Washington and the Yukon. Calgary and

Edmonton were swamped and there was also a Battle Group tented camp which played host to large numbers of weary Pompadours. The residents of Lethbridge, Alberta, where the camp was situated, were charmed by these happy campers. It was an excellent package and the battle group made the most of being in Canada.

An alternative adventure training package was split into two parts, an expedition to the Yukon and secondly, the battle group run an adventure training camp high in the Rockies Mountains, both of which are covered later in this edition.

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Pte Fay of the Drums making light work of the GPMG SF



Brig Phipps, 11 Armd Bde Commander, talking to WO2 Brett in C Coy HQ trench



Clearing an enemy trench system in the heat and dust



Cpl Nathan hiding under the sniper suit

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The CO and Comd BATUS reviewing the day's training



Lts Latham, Marinos, Gowdy and Cattermole happy to be in Hawaii and not on the prairie

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At the end of Ex Med Man II, 72 officers and soldiers from the Battle Group carried out adventure training in the foothills of the Rockies at the Adventure Training Centre in Nordegg. After a tedious eight hour bus drive from BATUS all most participants wanted was a meal and bed. However this was not in the programme; before any training took place all had to complete a compulsory swim test! After the dip all returned to camp for briefings on the training and on the ever-present threat of bear attack. Rolling up in a ball and pretending to be dead seems rather an insane solution when faced with an angry grizzly but is evidently the approved method. Fortunately no-one put it to the test.

The activities offered on the course were: ski-mountaineering, trekking, mountain cycling, horse riding, kayaking and Canadian canoeing. All students could select a preferred option in addition to the compulsory trekking.

Although mandatory, the trekking probably was one of the most popular activities. The scenery and wildlife were fantastic although as most of the treks were over 9000 ft, a high level of fitness was required.



Lt Williams enjoying a meal on the Columbia icefield

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The horse trekking group preparing to go

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Pompadours riding high along the Saskatchewan river

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Ski-mountaineering proved somewhat arduous as 75lb bergens become rather a burden in time. Unfortunately, due to bad weather the climb of Mt Columbia, the highest mountain in Alberta, was not completed much to the chagrin of our weary adventurers.

Mountain cycling, a very tough and demanding sport had previously been given a somewhat wide berth. However, the Pompadours got pedalling and turned the activity into an enjoyable sport. With no instructors on this activity it was up to the senior soldier in the group to decide where stops and camps were to be made. An average of 60 km/day

had to be covered over hard terrain. It was quite a challenge even for the fittest member of the group. Its popularity has led the battalion to purchase some mountain bikes to enable members to follow this sport.

Both the kayaking and Canadian canoeing were very popular even though the water temperature was generally cold. Shooting rapids, taking in the scenery and camping in remote places next to the river is a quite superb way to spend five days. Many of the soldiers who took part in the kayaking passed their Army proficiency, a reflection on the high standard of instruction received.

It has been said before that there are a lot of "cowboys" in the army and this was certainly proved by those who took part in the horse trekking. The activity took place in a remote area and the soldiers were taught all aspects of horsemanship and cowboy campcraft by genuine cowboys! They went out on overnight treks, slept rough and many a budding John Wayne returned at the end of the five day course!

All activities provided a superb opportunity to train in one of the most beautiful areas of the world and those who participated will have memories sufficient to last a lifetime.

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A Coy's tercentenary parade in Minden

Celebrating tercentenary

The founder Regiment of 3 R Anglian, the 16th of Foot, was 300 years old this year. To celebrate this auspicious anniversary many events were planned in Minden, culminating in a battalion families day.

This was a great success with over 1,000 people spectating at the various parades and activities. The day started with an impressive, mobile display of the Battle Group's assets. Tanks roared around the square, soldiers rushed out of vehicles and helicopters hovered overhead. Then, after all the mayhem, the band and drums calmed the nerves with a musical extravaganza. Maj Gen K Burch took the salute and the third part of the morning's programme commenced - "The Assault River Crossing." With a hessian river, a spanish galleon and a hump-back whale, it was initially difficult to believe that the battalion were taking things very seriously. However, reality returned with bangs, smoke, and the roar of armoured vehicles. This was "real" war. A Royal Engineer bridge layer crossed the river Tiger and a squadron of tanks assaulted "Hamburger Hill" and the village of "Bratwurst".

In the afternoon, the assault course competition and the It's a Knockout events proved

very popular. The Sgts mess team, allegedly cheating at every corner, won the It's a Knockout competition and HQ Coy the assault course. The stands and stalls provided further entertainment with the Bucking Bronco - a firm favourite.

In the evening, 170 officers and their guests attended the summer ball in the extremely picturesque setting of Schloss Petershagen. Guests arrived by boat and enjoyed a memorable evening which included a Beating Retreat ceremony, a disco, a dixie band, and excellent meal and, for the hardy, a swim. Most arrived home as dawn was breaking and the gallant members of the officers' mess cricket team instantly commenced their pre-match training.

The weekend ended with the annual sergeants' versus officers' mess cricket match. After a well-fought match the officers won by a narrow margin and both teams and spectators returned home for a well-earned rest.

The tercentenary celebrations continued as the Pompadours returned to England on 20 Jul exercising the battalion's right to march through the county towns of Chelmsford, Hertford and Bedford. With bayonets fixed and colours flying the commanding officer

led B and C Companies through cheering crowds in all three home towns. It was an excellent opportunity to cement our already close links with our county towns.

The freedom marches culminated in a most successful regimental reunion, hosted by Depot Queen's Division at Basingbourn. Several hundred officers and soldiers, both serving and retired, braved the blustery conditions and enjoyed a true family day out.

Upon their return to Minden, the battalion embarked upon well-earned block leave and all took the opportunity to relax before the exercise season began in earnest once again.

In between the tercentenary celebrations, the battalion found time to participate in the Garrison athletics day on 13 Jul. Heavy Weapons Company won the football with HQ Coy winning both the athletics and the volleyball. Overall on points A Coy collected the Garrison Trophy and the Pompadours families stalls raised a considerable amount for the brigade commanders welfare fund.

In addition to all this enthusiasm on the sports field, members of the battalion were involved in the smooth running of the Minden

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Maj Gen Burch taking the salute from Drum Maj Bullbeck at Minden



Joust with John proved to be a big favourite on tercentenary day



The victorious wives club assault course team on tercentenary day. From left (standing) Capt Davies (UF), Mrs Simpson, Mrs Bowden, Mrs Keeble, Mrs Ritchie, Mrs Morley, Lt Col Behagg. Kneeling: Mrs Marlow, Mrs Shakespeare, Mrs Woods

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The CO, Adjutant and RSM leading B and C Coys during the tercentenary marches in the UK

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massed bands display. This took place in the spectacular setting of the Weser stadium on 16 Jul. Floodlit, with a castle wall as the backdrop, the massed bands of BAOR laid on a magnificent performance for the people of Minden. The administration and arena duties of the whole event was ably organised by HW Coy. Despite inclement weather the display was an outstanding success.

Following a well-earned summer leave the battalion left Minden on a series of fully tactical training exercises which occupied almost all of September. Initially the battalion deployed to Ex Pompadour Highlander, a warm-up exercise and taste of things to come later in the month.

In addition some time was spent exercising against 1/51 Highland (Volunteers), the TA battalion in 11 Armoured Brigade.

Ex Golden Crown 1, the brigade commander's exercise was split into two phases, with each phase lasting a week-and-a-half. This exercise concentrated on integrating all elements of the brigade against an enemy formed from a German panzer grenadier battalion. The exercise was particularly useful in ensuring that the complete battalion was ready for war, and able to integrate itself with not only other British units but those of our Belgian and German allies.

In phase 2 of the exercise, 11 Armd Bde became part of the 1st Belgian Corps and participated in their exercise. This exercise covered all phases of war - although at times the battalion found itself in reserve and had a fairly quiet time. The most interesting aspect was exercising against an enemy made up from Belgian and German units using their own and not Soviet tactics.

During the year the battalion has been delighted to be host to numerous visitors. The most memorable visit must have been the Thurrock branch of Essex Old Comrades in October. They managed to out-shoot and out-drink the battalion hands down.

With only three months left in Minden, the battalion has already played host to the incoming battalion, 1A & SH, who have now completed their initial recces.

The battalion deploy on its last FTX BAOR on an umpire role. Christmas is fast approaching and with it our thoughts turn to Colchester and the impending move.

Ex Random Quadrant II ran during the whole of October, an adventure training exercise sponsored by B Coy. The course was aimed at those in the battalion who had never taken part in any adventure training pursuits before and was based at the Queen's Own

Hussars adventure training lodge in Ortwang, north of Sonthofen. This was an excellent, well equipped hut which catered extremely well for the activities.

All activities were compulsory, and included canoeing, climbing/abseiling and trekking. Unfortunately, especially in the first two weeks the weather was not particularly good and it was essential to produce a wet weather programme. The canoeing was hampered by tremendous fluctuations in water levels and it was not always possible to canoe all the stretches on the rivers.

It is not everyone's idea of good time to throw oneself off a 90' bridge but is a great way to introduce abseiling techniques to complete beginners. Everyone completed this confidence-building feat and moved on to further training in climbing techniques and more abseiling.

The trekking phase was limited due to the weather and unseasonably low snow levels. However, once the snow disappeared climbs over the three local peaks were completed and the students had a rewarding yet demanding day's climb.

The four weeks in Bavaria proved a challenge to all who participated and all learned much about adventure training and themselves.

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The CO reviewing the battalion with the chairman of Hertfordshire County Council



Brig Dodd receiving a ceremonial sword from the Mayor of Chelmsford to celebrate the Pompadours' tercentenary



Brig Dodd accepts a print from the Lady Mayor of Bedford to mark the battalion's tercentenary

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2Lt Dixon briefing his platoon on vehicle NBC decontamination drill during Ex Golden Crown



NBC decontamination drill - putting it into practice during Ex Golden Crown

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CDE visit during Ex Golden Crown. A visiting Soviet Colonel hands out badges to the Milan Platoon

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Sgt Mackness presents Ex Provost Sgt Jimmy Tarbutt with a bottle of sherry after his crack shooting with the SA80



Capt Skingsley and Lt Williams on the way down in Bavaria

Centrepiece is refurbished

THE founder Regiment of 3 R Anglian, the 16th of Foot, was 300 years old this year. The Regiment, raised at Reading in October 1688 by Sir Archibald Douglas, remained under that title until 1809. Throughout this time, the Regiment served in many hard-fought campaigns, notably in the War of The Spanish Succession (during which we were awarded four battle honours) and the suppression of the Jacobite rebellion.

In 1809 the territorial title of Bedfordshire was assumed, and the Regiment fought under this title until after World War One, when the title was changed to the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment. This forged a closer bond between the Regiment and the counties that filled its ranks in war.

The amalgamation with the Essex regiment took place in 1959, when the Queen presented new colours to "3rd East Anglian Regiment," and became our Colonel-in-Chief. On 1 Sep 64, the Royal Anglian regiment was formed, and the 3rd East Anglian regiment became the 3rd battalion of that regiment.

3 R Anglian, therefore, has a rich and glorious history and one of which the battalion is particularly proud. In all the battalion has received over 200 battle honours, and 15 Victoria Crosses. To celebrate the tercentenary the officers commissioned a magnificent statue of the Bedfordshire Hart. However, in addition to this new piece, the Bedfordshire Centrepiece was extensively refurbished and restored. It arrived just in time to occupy pride of place at the many functions held to celebrate the battalion's tercentenary this summer.

The centrepiece (pictured) was made in 1876 to replace the silver of the 16th Foot which was lost, when a troopship, the SS City of Boston, sank in 1870 whilst returning from Canada. The officers whose names are listed around the piece contributed towards the start of a new collection.



The centrepiece commemorates the service of the 16th Foot under the Duke of Marlborough from 1689-98 and 1701-13. In the latter campaign the Regiment earned the famous battle honour of Blenheim (1704); this and other honours are inscribed around the column.

On top of the centrepiece is the Duke of Marlborough on horseback. Four statuettes of 16th Foot soldiers in the dress of the period guard the base; they are an officer, a drummer, a musketeer and a pikeman. Finally, panels

around the base and column depict scenes from both campaigns.

The inscription on the centrepiece reads

*"John, Duke of Marlborough, who by military knowledge and irresistible valour in a long series of uninterrupted triumphs broke the power of France.
When raised the highest, when exerted the most: Rescued the Empire from desolation; Asserted and confirmed the Liberation of Europe."*

Feature Focus

Operation Raleigh - extracts from letters from Maj. Peter Barnes who was sponsored by The Regiment.

THE project in Kenya consists of four expeditions; one near Lake Tana in the north which consists of 10-day camel safaris and community projects; one on Lake Baringo which is a science based project; and one in the Central Highlands which combines climbing Mt. Kenya and a variety of community building projects. The fourth project, mine, is based on Tsavo West National Park, roughly the size of Wales and some 250 km south of Nairobi.

I have four distinct tasks at the moment. First we are doing a lot of construction work on the Sheldrick Animal Orphanage for rhino and elephant, secondly we are building six bandas (local houses) at a place called Lake Jipe close to the Tanzanian border and in the shadow of Mt. Kilimanjaro.

My third project is based on a place called Lemura, north of Nairobi, where we are rebuilding the dairy of a community farming college, this is slightly on a limb, but nonetheless very worthwhile. My last project is based on the Tsavo West Rhino Sanctuary. Rhinos are so heavily poached they have to be guarded night and day by armed rangers.

The scenery is truly majestic and the abundance of game makes every day an adventure in itself. There are however, some drawbacks; ants, scorpions, snakes and ticks to name but a few. We have already had our first scorpion sting, they are not fatal, but, by all accounts, very painful.

To help in my projects I have a very mixed bunch of both staff and venturers. The staff are all military of one sort or another. My 21C is a female captain in the US Air Force. She's an air traffic controller by trade - very useful living in the bush. I have a Singaporean doctor who is an excellent cook, another female captain in the R Mon Militia RA (TA), she has a boyfriend in 2 R Anglian (a girl of good taste), a sapper radio op and a US Army Sergeant.

The venturers are split almost 50/50 male and female and are a super bunch. The majority are Brits but I have a fair sprinkling of Americans, Aussies and the odd ones from Indonesia, Switzerland, Jordan, New Zealand, France and three Kenyans. All in all we number six staff and 31 venturers.

Needless to say, by English standards the weather is wonderful, although I am told by the locals that we are in the depth of winter. Apparently the temperature drops as low as 68°F! I'm writing this letter by the pool of a

Managing projects in worthwhile venture

local (25 miles drive to it across marrum tracks) safari lodge watching a Nairobi Rugby Club throw their wives and girlfriends into the water - as you can guess it is not all work.

The locals, both black and white, are a most hospitable bunch and appreciative of our efforts. By now you may have guessed that I am very much struck on Kenya and the Kenyans. It's a wonderful country and Operation Raleigh is a most worthwhile venture.

Second Letter:

I'm now well into the second phase of Operation Raleigh, Kenya and I can assure you that the very generous Regimental grant is money well spent! I am still thoroughly enjoying both the job and the country and apart from missing my family have no burning desire to return to England, although the thought of Bermuda does somehow sweeten the bitter pill!

I've just had a four day visit by John Blashford-Snell which I'm glad to say was a great success. He is such a pleasant man and a very good companion. His fund of stories kept both staff and venturers amused well into the warm African nights.

His visit started in Mobasa where I have a project working with an ecologist called Rene Haller who has reclaimed a large cement quarry. It is a fascinating place and the pure white beaches and clear blue ocean make it a real favourite with the venturers.

My other projects are based in the Taita Hills near a town called Voi. At one site we are building a water catchment system and at the other a dispensary. Both are super projects, very hard work and most rewarding. At my last project, the rhino sanctuary in Tsavo West National Park, we are working with a chap called Bill Woodley, a very experienced wildlife expert. That too is very popular because of all the game on the sanctuary doorstep.

You may have heard from Gordon Brett that I was transferred from Tsavo during the last expedition to take over at our science camp at Lake Baringo, 600 km north.

This was a complete change from Tsavo. Here the country is dry and bush. At Baringo the mountains are green and lush and the lake, although heavily silted up, is ideal for

adventure training activities. The only small drawback was the weather. We had a great deal of unseasonal rain which made administration very difficult.

I had two vehicles, a Toyota Landcruiser (like a Land-Rover) circa 1976 and an ex. UK Army 4 tonner which joined the army the same year as me - 1968. Needless to say the vehicles were a nightmare and when you consider our nearest town was Nakura, 100 miles away on some pretty rough roads, getting resupplied was an adventure in itself. Somehow we made it work, but it was always on a wish and a prayer.

Happily Tsavo is fairly simple to administer but I do have some pretty old vehicles here too.

I have an extremely good venturer in this group called Keith Raynor, he's ex 5th Bn. and a solicitor.

My new staff are again a very mixed bunch. My 21C is a good young Kenyan who works for the Standard Chartered Bank. Although now a Kenyan citizen he was born a Somali nomad so is well versed in bush skills, a real treat after my female US Air Force Air Traffic Controller! I also have two US Army SNCO's and a Singaporean teacher as well as a female Scottish doctor whose last job was in a family planning clinic!

The Venturers are pretty similar to the last lot, so very full of life, untidy and always hungry. If they are an example of modern youth I honestly don't think we have much to worry about.

Before I finish, I would like to recommend Op Raleigh to the Regiment. I know how hard pressed battalions are but if they could afford to release a Captain or SNCO for three months I believe we would gain a great deal from the attachment. It is not just a swan, although I can't deny it is great fun, but the person involved really does benefit from working with the venturers and has to be pretty flexible to cope with running an expedition on a shoe-string.

I know I have learnt a great deal here and cannot speak too highly of the aims and ideas behind the operation. Enough, I don't want to over egg the pudding, but if we can engender a little enthusiasm I think we would all benefit.

Feature Focus



The expedition team: Capt Blakeney-Edwards, Pte Garrett, 2Lt Baker, Pte Sanham, Pte Hughes, Pte Shaw, CSgt Robinson, Capt Skingsley, LCpl Willey, Pte Wood, Pte Smith, Pte Blok

Canoeing in the wilderness

FROM 19 Jun to 4 Jul the battalion mounted an ambitious adventure training expedition called Exercise Yukon Quadrant. The aim of the expedition was to successfully canoe 400 km of wilderness rivers in the Yukon Territory in North Western Canada. The route followed was the big salmon river from its source at Quiet Lake to its confluence with the great Yukon River and from there down the Yukon River to the settlement of Carmacks.

The exercise had been planned to take place immediately after Medicine Man II, thus dispensing with the need to "indulge" out to Canada. Once the battalion had completed the Medicine Man II exercise the expedition party started preparing for the long drive north. It is over 2400 kms from Calgary to Whitehorse, the capital of the Yukon territory and the expedition's base camp. The expedition party consisted of 14 members, 12 to do

the canoeing with a two-man back-up and support team. Once the canoeing started there would be no further contact with the outside world until the trip concluded at Carmacks on the Yukon River.

Unfortunately, on the journey north, the expedition made an unscheduled two-day stop at Jasper on the Banff/Jasper National Park due to a vehicle breakdown. This put the expedition behind schedule and meant the remaining 2300 kms of the journey had to be driven non-stop. After two days gruelling driving on some of the worst roads outside the BATUS training area the Yukon Quadrant party arrived in Whitehorse. The town lies about 500 kms south of the Arctic circle on the banks of the Yukon River. The Yukon territories themselves are over twice the size of Great Britain yet have a population of around 22,000. Of these 22,000 nearly 75% are

indigenous Indians whilst the remainder are ancestors of trappers and gold prospectors who wandered throughout the Yukon in the last century.

Once the expedition had established a base camp in Whitehorse the large amounts of equipment and rations required for such a trip were packed into the canoes. The expedition party had opted to use two-man Canadian open canoes for the simple reason that a one-man kayak would not be able to hold the necessary supplies. The final part of the preparation was to register with the royal Canadian mounted police. When travelling in the vast wilderness areas of northern Canada it is essential to report to the local authorities as anybody who gets lost is unlikely to come across a friendly guide to help them out.

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CSgt Robinson (2nd Bn) taking it easy on Quiet Lake, Yukon.

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The expedition drove up to Quiet Lake, the source of the big salmon river. The next nine days were spent canoeing the big salmon and Yukon rivers. Both flow through some of the wildest and most beautiful surroundings in North America. The wildlife is prolific and the expedition saw a great deal including brown bear, moose, elk (wapiti), beaver, mountain goats, bighorn sheep, bald eagles, pelicans and mule deer. The rivers were extremely clean and abundant with fish including arctic grayling and brown trout. Both these species were caught with fishing tackle bought in Whitehorse and helped supplement our rations.

Despite the distance to be canoeed the expedition was aided by fast-flowing water due to a high spate and also by the 24 hours of daylight which exist at this time of the year.

Throughout the journey the expedition camped on the banks of the rivers. However at times it made use of abandoned Indian settlements. Throughout the journey there was evidence of previous settlers, the majority of these being local Indians who caught and traded salmon or white Canadians who travelled north and became trappers or prospectors. Now that roads have replaced the



A brown bear - one the many species seen by the expedition

rivers as the main transportation arteries in Canada's wilderness areas, the rivers are virtually totally depopulated other than in areas where roads are nearby.

After nine days of getting wet, hitting rocks, avoiding sweepers, sitting around camp fires and listening to the sounds of the forest and its inhabitants, the party arrived at the settlement of Carmacks. From here it was picked up by the back-up team which returned

them to Whitehorse. After a couple of days rest and administration the expedition started the long drive southwards back to Calgary for the flight back to BAOR. The expedition comprised the following members of the battalion: Capt Blakeney-Edwards, Capt Skingsley, 2Lt Baker, CSgt Robinson (2 R ANG LIAN), Pte Garrett, Pte Blok, Pte Hughes, LCpl Willey, Pte Shaw, Pte Sanham, Pte Wood, Pte Smith and a back-up team comprising Capt Eke and 2Lt Newson.

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Above: A 'drift stop' on the Yukon River.
From left: Ptes Garrett, Smith, LCpl Willey, Ptes Show, Blok, Wood, CSgt Robinson, Pte Sanham, 2Lt Baker.

Left: Pte Smith takes a break at Big Salmon Village

THE Battalion at War, Singapore 1942

By Michael Moore

THIS is the story of the Cambridgeshire Regiment who formed part of the British 18th Division which was committed without jungle training (they were originally destined for the Middle East) and precious little air support against the experienced Japanese Imperial Guard and 15th and 18th Divisions.

It is a story of amazing courage, untold glory and painful tragedy. Only one in three of those who fought in the campaign survived. The book is published by Gliddon Books, price £14.95 and the ISBN is 0947893.11.

Feature Focus

Standing on the roof of Europe

THE PRI minibus groaned in protest as we pulled away from Minden on our way to France for two weeks in the Alps. The minibus is an obscure relative of Dr Who's tardis; it looks large on the outside but is about the size of a telephone box inside! Laden down with every conceivable item for a two-week expedition we made headway for Chamonix, the home of Mt Blanc and probably the most diverse Alpine region in the world. All the instructors and others such as Sgt Simmons, recently back from an ice-climbing course in Norway, were eager to get to grips with some "real" mountains. However, as we approached Chamonix we began to realise that the Alps were suffering what could only be charitably described as monsoon conditions.

Donning our waterproofs with British enthusiasm, (foreign climbers tend to stay put during bad weather!) we headed off for a few days ice-climbing on the Bossons glacier. The Bossons is perhaps the most spectacularly crevassed glacier in Europe and offers numerous ice-routes of varying difficulty.

Expedition members soon began to realise that ice-climbing was not as easy as it looked. A few interesting methods of ascent using knees, finger-nails and prayers were developed, notably by Swinfield-Welts whose knee technique was extraordinary, although not wholly effective.

Days in the valley were spent enjoying local France and bouldering at Les Gaillands. As the weather grew steadily worse we decided to move up to an Alpine hut in the hope of being in a better position to begin climbing, should the weather clear. A white-out slowly shrouded the Aiguille de Chardonnet and 36 hours later, with food supplies beginning to thin, thoughts turned towards



"Ring of light" - down in the French Alps

base camp. Reminiscences of "I'm going out, I may be some time" were not far off. We returned to the valley.

As the days passed and the weather became steadily worse, locals expressed astonishment at the early winter, Chamonix emptied and sales of beer and coffee soared! So different to the successful recce just five weeks before! More ice-climbing and bouldering filled our days as we realised the weather was not going to allow any major ascents. Common-sense prevailed and although we departed two days early the trip did introduce people to basic alpinism and offered a good insight in to bad alpine conditions. But most of all we returned to Minden having enjoyed the experience.

Expedition members were Capt Harris, Lt O'Driscoll, Sgt Simmons, Cpl Edwards, LCpl Leahy, Bdr Smith, Pte Swinfield-Welts.



Lt O'Driscoll on the roof of Europe



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Maj Thomas and members of the Champion Coy at the BNSAAM

Strong competition between Coys

HAVING become Champion Company at the end of March 1988, 3 Coy has been under pressure to maintain that position - there is after all only one way to go. Morale has been high and the Coy is thriving with young NCOs who are becoming better trained as each month goes by. All 3 Pl Sgts. have now been to the Brecon School and if the battalion is given a good chunk of the places at next year's Junior Brecon Courses, many of the INCO's will also "endure".

In April the main event was the Battalion SAAM. The Coy took a creditable 2nd place overall to HQ Coy. The Champion Shot and Best SLR Shot for Young Soldiers both went to Pte. Bacon of 9 Pl.

A parade rehearsal for the Tercentenary Parade in Chelmsford in support of 3 R Anglian took place on 11 Jun. Captured on video are the immortal actions of OC 3 ordering "Eyes Right" whilst saluting to the left. Obediently the men looked right. Much amusement in the bar later when the video was replayed.

On 2 Jul we had our final rehearsal for the Parade, joined this time by members of 1 (Essex) Coy who were also to take part in the

event by providing the Colour Party and some men for the Guard. It was a much more serious affair than the previous rehearsal, secure as we were in the knowledge that we could not let The Pompadours down.

Nor did we on the day. It was a proud moment for the members of the two Territorial Companies to march behind The Pompadours.

Immediately after the parade, Chelmsford Borough Council hosted a tea party in the town's Chancellor Hall, and later that memorable day, after the Pompadour Band had very kindly Beat Retreat in the park as part of the borough's own centenary celebrations, the officers and senior ranks of 3 Coy entertained both civic dignitaries and the officers of the 3rd Battalion to a cocktail party in the Officers' Mess at Chelmsford TAC.

Much credit must go to Capt. Dennis Fisher, the Company PSAO, and WO2 Eke for the hard work that they both put in to ensure the success of the day.

We said farewell to WO2 Eke after his very successful tour of duty with us as SP51 and Capt. CSgt. Brothers who returns to the Vikings.

In place we welcome WO2 Rouse from the Pompadours. The QPS1 slot is to be filled by Sgt. Bullard our present Mortar PS1. Sgt. Mallon is expected in the spring from the Poachers.

One training evening, members of 3 Coy surprised an old soldier. Mr. Ron Wilshaw, who had served with 3 Coy for 18 months following a long career with the regulars, was like many Second World War soldiers, in that he never applied for his medals. However the Coy ensured that Mr. Wilshaw retired this time with his well earned awards.

4 Coy has gone from strength to strength and now numbers total 130 men - 116 per cent of establishment. On the 23 Jul members of the Coy joined the 3rd Battalion as they exercised their Freedom Rights. For the majority of the Coy the battalion annual concentration was their first taste of prolonged military training. The success of the battalion recruit cadre at Otterburn has added a further 24 soldiers to the Coy strength. While the recruits attempted to master basic skills the rest of the Coy utilised the field firing ranges to good effect.

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The Padre's visit to the recruit cadre was enlivened by the discovery that his respirator leaked - only of course after he had entered the gas chamber!

HW and HQ Coy is the name adopted by HQ Coy since the Assault Pioneers and Mortar Line "3" have joined us to supplement the thriving Signals and Catering Platoons. The company strength now stands at 160 and a vigorous recruiting campaign, lined with the national one is underway to boost numbers to 200.

The broadening of expertise certainly adds colour to the rivalry within the company. It also makes attending a training night somewhat hazardous with the Assault Pioneers, wiring and mining, the Recce Platoon carrying out river crossings (without boats) and Captain Dormer with his Mortars attempting to earn an MBE (Mortar Bombs Everywhere).

The battalion SAAM was yet again a great success for the company. This was not only due to the company's sharpshooters but also due to the dedication and pre-training carried out by the CSM, WO2 Neal, who is

awaiting confirmation of his commission. He is to be congratulated on winning the SMG trophy at Bisley.

After several CPK's the company was ready for the Otterburn Concentration. Specialists Cadres and an excellent shooting package were the form for the first eight days. Two four legged friends in the form of pack mules/horses were taken with us to Otterburn to add a touch of style. WO2 Steele was easily distinguishable - he was the one eating the carrots. The help from WO2 Breeze of the RAVC was invaluable.

The final phase of camp ended with a fun run! Four-and-a-half miles of hills, with Cpl. Chapman the first TA soldier past the tape.

1988 saw the establishment of a new Mortar Line at Peterborough, and the strengthening of the Mortar Line based at Chelmsford. These changes at the beginning of the training year have resulted in a doubling of the strength of the platoon, and the possibility of achieving eight detachments, fully trained by April 1989.

The year also brought a new mortar officer, Capt. Tom Dormer, and a new 2IC WO2 Steele, both formerly of 2 Coy (Northampton-

shire). Two new CPOs also emerged - namely Sgt. Thornley and Sgt. Stagg. We said goodbye to WO2 Rose, who had served the platoon for more than 18 years and has now retired from the TA. The Mortar PSI, Sgt. Bullard still continues to provide a fatherly eye.

Our training culminated in seven live shoots at Otterburn Camp in September. Pre-camp training included a shoot in conjunction with 101 Field Bty. at PP and E Shoeburyness. The targets were anchored in the Thames Estuary. The shooting needed to aim clear of the occasional fishing boat and even cross-Channel ferries steaming in and out of Sheerness.

Camp commenced with a period of dry training, culminating in three separate combat team attacks. It is some time since the Mortar Platoon were deployed by the Battalion to provide fire support for a live firing attack. The experiment turned out to be enjoyable for all concerned and commanders soon learnt that mortar fire is limited to the amount of ammunition available.

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The Mortars and their four-legged friend

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Further lessons in the logistics of providing mortar fire were firmly brought home to the whole battalion in the final FTX. Each soldier was detailed to carry two mortar bombs (the equivalent weight in sealed Greenies) on to the bridgehead and companies were then responsible to ensure that ammunition reached mortar lines.

The problem of carrying the mortar barrels, base plates and bipods was resolved by using the two pack horses, enabling the mortars to be moved across country in support of the battalion. The pleasure of having our heavy kit carried by horse was not appreciated by the rifle companies and the platoon was nicknamed "Dormer's Donkeys".

The animals proved to be most effective, covering the same terrain as a man, but unable to climb if the going required a soldier to use his hands. In a scene familiar to the mud of Flanders, a pony was unloaded after sinking in deep mud up to his haunches, in order to be pulled clear. Indeed the harnesses to hold the mortar equipment were in use in 1908 and still in excellent condition. The Mortars were grateful for the support given by the Farriers who accompanied the animals and no doubt this novel form of military conveyance will be taken up by other units.

On Saturday 11 Jun 20 men from 1 (Essex) Coy of the 5th Battalion took a break from training for their role in support of NATO in Germany to raise money for the Great Ormond Street Hospital Wishing Well Appeal.

The soldiers from Vange in south east Essex, and Braintree in the north of the county, completed a sponsored forced march from Vange to Horseshoe Barracks, Shoeburyness. The troops covered the 18 mile journey in a fast three hours with a load approximately 35 lbs.

The original idea came from Pte. Pillet, of 2 Platoon based at Vange. The marchers, many of them sponsored for more than £100 each, were accompanied throughout by a support Land-Rover commanded by LCpl Faulkner, which mounted a trailer on the back into which passers-by and motorists were encouraged to place donations. At the end of the march the troops were delighted that the money collected en route amounted to £267.

Altogether, when these funds were added to the sponsorship money pledged in advance, the company succeeded in raising just under £2,000 for charity in the space of a morning. The delight of having achieved this was reinforced the same evening when the company



WO2 Neal, winner of the Dragon Trophy SMG TA at Bisley. Picture: Peterborough Evening Telegraph

held a party at Vange, attended by more than 100 people to celebrate the completion of the event.

The planning stages took several months and included at least two recces to Otterburn, in the most appalling weather which did not bode well for the Concentration itself. We found the range and training area staff to be the most friendly and helpful so far encountered.

The CO wanted a mixed package of events and we eventually came up with a four days company exercise and adventure training. The whole concentration would then end with a battalion training exercise. The adventurous training package was in the super Kielder Water area with its sailing and windsurfing schools, pony trekking schools and virtually every sort of outdoor pursuit that you could

think of. At Kielder we enjoyed the rock climbing, windsurfing, canoeing and the orienteering course laid out through the magnificent pine forests around the water.

The field firing was a four day progressive package, building up from the 30 metre range through pairs and fire teams to platoon and finally to a live firing company attack supported by mortars and SF. Two night exercises were conducted, one in defence, and a live night ambush.

For many of our soldiers this was the first time that they had done anything like this and after a hesitant start they gained confidence rapidly. The culmination of the field firing was Ex Poacher Probe which was a three-phase attack using supporting mortar fire and

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Some happy recruits at Otterburn. Picture: Peterborough Evening Telegraph

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SF. The platoon commander had an MFC on the ground adjusting rounds onto targets that not only the platoon commander but also the soldiers could see as well.

The company exercise was a short 36 hour "shake out" for them held in a very hilly and heavily wooded area. It was a foretaste of things to come (well at least the hills were).

The battalion FTX was based upon a Falkland Island scenario. The plan was to take the "island" from two sides at the same time with two companies under command of two tac HQs. Communications were going to prove difficult but worked surprisingly well. Most of our radio operators are now "HF user friendly". For the FTX our recruits joined us as the final phase of their training. They coped very well with their heavy loads (in-

cluding two mortar rounds per man) over very punishing country. A very hard FTX in which the battalion confirmed its "Steelbacks" title.

On the social side, a very pleasant dinner was held at the Radesdale Arms, at which all out TAVRA Colonels attended. A mess photograph was taken.

In summary, this was an excellent Concentration which all benefited from and which all enjoyed.

Two weeks in Berlin

THE Intelligence Section had a chance for a close-up examination of Warsaw Pact AFVs when they spent two weeks in Berlin in October. Black Watch, who hosted the section, laid on a full and varied programme packed

with valuable training. Indeed, within hours of landing at RAF Gatow, the section was taking part in a Berlin Brigade CPX in Ruhleben fighting city.

The section later joined 1 Black Watch Recce Pl for patrols down the wall by Land Rover as well as patrols by Gazelle with 7 Flight Army Air Corps. Several crossings through the infamous Checkpoint Charlie to East Berlin were made - for official 'flag tours', shopping/sightseeing trips and for the East Berlin October Parade.

The same members of the section agreed that the highlight was the East Berlin parade when an array of current wheeled and tracked vehicles were shown off but for some nothing beat emerging from the moonlight River Havel soaked to the skin, during the deployment exercise which completed the fortnight.

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Recce Platoon doing a night river crossing - including casualty. Picture: Peterborough Evening Telegraph

A busy year for 'Steelbacks'

IT IS a great honour for the battalion to have been allowed to adopt the title, "The Steelbacks" as its official nickname. This nickname was originally earned by the Northamptonshire Regiment (48th Foot) for their ability to show 'complete contempt when being flogged with the cat-o-nine tails', which was the method of administering punishment in the Army at that time, even for very minor crimes. The nickname is not intended to reduce those all important territorial links which are so vital to a Territorial Army battalion, but rather to draw the battalion closer together and give us a common identity.

"The Steelbacks" have had an effective training year with soldiers attached to the 3rd Battalion for Medicine Man II, and the Int. Section spending two weeks with the Black Watch in Berlin. In addition we have several soldiers on 'S' type engagements. Many soldiers have attended external courses but for the majority the high point was the two weeks training period Ex. Steelman 1 at Otterburn.

Inevitably, personalities in some departments have changed. Maj Huggins has handed over 2 Coy to Maj Ffitch after a period where the Northamptonshire Company has become

more than 100 per cent recruited. Maj Ffitch has handed over the Recce Platoon to Lt. Dixon whilst Capt. Dormer assumed command of the Mortars.

A change in NRPS saw Capt. Aylin moving to Wellingborough and Maj Petch MBE taking over at Peterborough. Maj Petch is to be congratulated on his award of the MBE. The QM John Ross, was promoted to Major in September, whilst the RSM was promoted to substantive WO1 Smith. In addition, WO2 Marrison and CSgt. Clarke were both promoted to their substantive ranks. The latter has since returned to The Vikings. The battalion Second in Command, Maj Chissel, has been very busy. His efforts have earned him the award of his Efficiency Decoration whilst the Efficiency Medal has been presented to WO2 Greenough and Cpl Thompson. The battalion has met the recruiting challenge head on and at 31 Aug were 102 per cent of establishment. In addition there are ten good officer cadets in the pipeline. Things are certainly looking healthy.

The Milan Platoon was heavily involved this year with the UKLF Milan Concentration at Otterburn. The lead-up training was in-

tense and culminated in a skills week end. The passing-in test at the concentration earned the platoon a very creditable 98 per cent. The final exercise at the concentration was testing and included an eight-mile walk in the hills complete with the "man portable" Milan. The troops at least thought it was "a good crack".

For 2 Coy the concentration at Otterburn was a fitting swansong to its department OC Major John Huggins. For many, the highlight of the two weeks was seeing the look of relief on Maj. Huggins' face as he successfully scaled a cliff face on the adventure training, ably encouraged from above and below by the SP51, WO2 Grenfell and WO2 Wilcox. The fact that the OC is a former RAF Vulcan pilot makes his dislike of heights even more interesting. A similar story relates to the Adjutant, Capt. Brunt who, having successfully scaled one rock face was encouraged to attempt one, slightly more taxing, by WO2 Duncan. When asked why he was shaking he replied "No Duncan I'm not cold just bloody petrified!" Needless to say the Training Major, Maj. Seed and WO2 Duncan had just scaled the same rock face in a style more frequently attributed to mountain goats!

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Ptes Cox and Thorpe call for some mortar support. Picture: Peterborough Evening Telegraph



Sgt Bell doing his Confidential Report no good at all. Picture: Peterborough Evening Telegraph



Somewhere under the greenery is Capt Godfrey the Padre

Action weekend in Snowdonia

The recce's can be fun too!

£24.20



6th Battalion



Success at Bisley

"WIN Bisley". Having received these orders from the CO in September 1987 our planning went into full swing. After EDSAAM 1988, where some new shots were identified, training started seriously. Previously, weapons had been selected, bench tested for grouping capacity and our ideas on the programme agreed. After two weeks of training, based at Colchester, sharing ranges with 5 and 7 R Anglian, the team slowly started to produce good, consistent results. At Bisley, we started rather slowly, 15th in the Wessex Match, but after a quiet talk everyone settled down and shot consistently well.

Day 2, and the pressure was on everyone. However, CSgt Mason kept the team on a tight rein, and, coolly and calmly, we produced consistently good results to emerge as winners of the Major Unit Championship, the Dragon Trophy, the first time a T A R Anglian Battalion has won. The results of the matches were:

Mullens)	ARA Cup
MMTT)	= 2nd by 1 point
Yorks Volunteers)	
SMG		4th
GPMG		7th
Section		7th

Wessex 15th

Individuals:-

LCpl. Rolph - 2nd in GPMG, Queen's Medal and Cpl/Pte Class Matches, 3rd in the MMTT and Whitehead and 1st in the QM 2nd Stage.

Capt Bateman - 4th in the Best Officer and 10th in the Roupell.

LCpl Woolhead - 6th in the GPMG.

Sgt Sinclair - 7th in the Whitehead.

But we are not just a shooting battalion. We spent many weekends preparing for Ex

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Dragon Trophy winners - Back row from left: Capt Hare (team captain), CSgt Brunton Douglas, LCpl Ralph, Sgt Sinclair, CSgt Mason (coach). Front row from left: LCpl Woodward, SSgt Ashley (armourer), Pte King, Capt Bateman, Sgt Williams

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Eastern Shield, the EDIST Home Defence exercise that was the week one of our annual camp. A CPX and FTX early in the year had the C3 system tried and tested and found to be working well. Ex Eastern Shield held in September, practised us in mobilization and then the deployment of companies to KPs under command different county TAORs. The HSF companies spent a day training and then deployed also to KPs and relieved TA Coys who became MRFs. Incidents kept everyone busy and even Bn HQ, who up to Day 3 had been in reserve, were deployed to several incidents requiring the C3 that we could offer. Derailed trains, aircraft crashes and the groups of Spetznas kept us all on our toes.

Week two of camp and we moved to Lydd and a day off. Some people went to France on a battlefield tour, saw a little of the countryside and returned via the hypermarkets. Others enjoyed a bit of peace and quiet at the seaside.

The training, on the superb range complex, usually used for Op. Banner but in our case used as a Home Defence range, tested out soldiers skills. Unfortunately, for readers, photographing was verboten. We had several visitors, Sir Joshua Rowley, President TAVRA and Maj Gen Pollard came down from London and saw some of the companies on a lightning visit. On Gaza Cup day, our inter-company competition, which consisted of a 3-mile run, an assault course, shooting, military knowledge test and skills stands, was won by C Coy, who also became the champion company for 1988. They had the winning section in the Gaza Cup as well which meant that the other companies spent a lot of time clapping! Brig Deller, Col Wetherall and Col Raywood, Honorary Colonels were present, also Cornwell WRAC braved the winds to see the Gaza Cup and then stayed the night for the Officers' Mess Guest Night.

Earlier in the year we sent 120 people to Gibraltar on Ex. Marble Tor. Based on the A Coy HQ, men and women from all companies spent 14 days in the warmth, training and enjoying the sun. Activities included sailing, windsurfing, abseiling and a two-day package R & R in Spain.

We also hosted an Exercise Executive Stretch, designed to give young men and women a taste of the TA. 44 people turned up and spent a hectic weekend on assault courses, navigation exercises, patrolling, living rough, and command tasks RCB style tested their initiative. After the weekend, although it was not designed as a recruiting exercise, several



Cpl Randall of HQ Coy swings into action in the Gaza Cup

people have since joined the battalion.

We held our annual sports day at Bassingbourn, which although earlier this year still managed to get a good deal of weather. Strong winds couldn't stop the enthusiastic competition, and after a very close battle between C and D Coys, D Coy finally won after the tug-of-war which favoured the heavier teams.

There have been several celebrations this year. Capt John Milward was awarded the MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List. TEMs were awarded to SSgt Ashley, the unit armourer, LCpl Rymills of D Coy and Miss Ruby Fenning was awarded the C in Cs' Certificate of Meritorious Service after 37 years service. Minden Day at Bury St. Ed-

munds, and HQ Coy had soldiers on parade as many of the Suffolk OCA marched past. A lovely hot day, for a change, greeted these warriors.

The Officers' Messes of 5 and 6 R Anglian held a joint Summer Ball at St. John's College, Cambridge. 300 people attended and music was provided by the Band of 5 R Anglian; somewhat different to the music that the discos produced until breakfast at 0230 hrs.

Tercentenary celebrations for B (Bedford) Coy started in May with a service at St. Paul's. Then, on 23 Jul, elements of 3 R

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the City. The Mayor of Bedford took the salute and in attendance were the Mayors of Luton and Dunstable. Afterwards a reception for 500 people was held at the rugby ground with E (HSF) Coy providing the overt security.

On a sad note, we say goodbye to Lt. Col. Tony Taylor who is leaving us for COS Queen's Division. As GOC Eastern District was heard to say, "You have done very well." The battalion has much to thank him for, and wishes him and his wife Jan, the best for the next posting. We welcome, in the same breath, Lt. Col. Peter Dixon who takes over as this is written. We wish him and his wife, Penny, a most enjoyable command.

We also think of two injured people. Sgt. Saunders from F (HSF) Coy who is bravely recovering after a hit-and-run accident which left him with 27 fractures of his right leg. Likewise, Lt. Andrew Stewardson is recovering after a horse fell on him. Both are showing courage and determination and our best wishes go to them for a speedy recovery.

Looking forward, we have a great many potential officers moving through the system. Welcome to O Cds Sebastian Nokes, Suzanne Wartnaby, David Durrant, Robin Comerford, Pat Tovell and Tim Seal. We also have John Donoghue transferring from the Royal Navy to swell D Coy ranks at Cambridge. Congratulations to O Cds Joy Shaw, John Skliros and David Pearson for passing the Sandhurst Commissioning Course, soon to be 2 Lts in the battalion. Lt. Chris Wawn returns from on SSVC with 1 R Anglian and a trip on Op Raleigh to America. 2 Lt. Peter Chilvers has left on SSVC to 1 R Anglian and Capt Johnny Grosch retired this summer and has been replaced by Capt John Reed as PSAO C. Coy.



Above: C Coy striding to victory in the Gaza Cup

Below: A Coy paddling to third place in the Gaza Cup



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Up and over - it's all go in the Gaza Cup



C (Ipswich) Coy - Champion Company 1988, winners of the Gaza Cup, champion section in Gaza Cup and overall Champion Company, seen here with Brig Dellar

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Lt Col Tony Taylor leaves to become
Chief of Staff Queen's Division

Ex Executive Stretch - some stretched
more than others

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One of the adventurous pursuits on Ex Marble Tor

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Sir Joshua Rowley presents SSgt Ashley with the TEM



Miss Ruby Fenning, leaving after 37 years service - 17 with D Coy at Cambridge



Sir Joshua Rowley presents LCpl Rymills with the TEM



Lt Paling, B (Bedford) Coy, carries the Colour through Bedford in the tercentenary celebrations

7th Battalion

Good turnout for annual camp

ANNUAL camp in Scotland in September may not sound a very attractive prospect but more than 400 volunteers proved the sceptics wrong.

The battalion was based in two locations: Barry Buddon near Dundee and Kinlochleven, near Fort William. At Barry Buddon the rifle companies made good use of the field firing facilities. The Commanding Officer stressed the importance of realism and good battle simulation during the field firing period and, as a result, the companies carried out extensive field firing exercises at section, platoon and company levels. This also incorporated the use of mortars (HE and Illum), overhead SF fire and anti-tank fire during the attacks. An excellent tactical grenade range was also run during the period. The battalion also drew up a template for a new field firing range. Such was the success of this range the camp commandant has agreed to retain the template and name the range after the battalion.

The emphasis was very much on cadres which were run for recruits, potential NCOs, Signals, HGV, Mortars, Recce, SF and Drums.

Kinlochleven was used as an adventure training Base through which two companies rotated at a time, and was run by Capt Malcolm Dawe and Tony Amos, supported by an intrepid band of instructors. An exhausting programme of canoeing, rock-climbing, ridge-walking and a Ben Nevis expedition was completed by all.

We were visited by Maj Gen Naylor, GOC 2 Inf Div who spent a day with us during the exercise held at the end of camp.

Brig Firth, Comd 49 Inf Bde, also paid us a visit and saw a cross-section of company and cadre training.

The Band of the 5th Battalion, at camp at the same time, travelled up from Otterburn to play for a joint reception of the two messes prior to their Regimental Dinner Nights. The Officers' Mess entertained a number of guests including, Brig Stevenson (Secretary, East Midlands TAVRA), Col Wilkes (Deputy Honorary Colonel TA, Leicestershire), whom we dined out, and Lt Col Dawson, his successor, whom we welcome to the battalion.

Ex Executive Stretch was run by the battalion at the end of May at Proteus, the aim



Lt Col Brett plans a 'joint operation' with OCs B Coy Maj Matthews and D Coy Maj Sweeney in the Carron Valley Forest

being to give young executives from industry a taste of the TA by providing them with a physically and intellectually challenging week-end. The weekend developed into a challenge for the DS as well and finished with a much appreciated Bucks' Fizz breakfast in the hot May sunshine on Sunday morning.

Following our success at EDSAAM we came 6th overall at Bisley out of 51 units, our best-ever position. In particular Sgt Walker did well, coming 3rd in the SMG Match and we took 9th (Lt Mitchell), 15th (Sgt Walker) and 42nd (Capt Mallett) positions in the Queens Medal top 50.

We also won the Howard Trophy, presented by Brig Howard (the first commander of 49 Bde), to be awarded to the 49 Bde unit with the best Bisley result.

At camp we completed and came 1st in the non-central TA GPMG (SF) Match 83 competition an indication of Lt Pete Slinger's enthusiasm for SF, and a great feather in the battalion's cap.

We have been joined by three new PSIs,

WO2 Jim Pancoust, WO2 Vince Gamble and CSgt Clive Brazier who replace WO2 Alf Todd, WO2 Phil Pacey and CSgt Jim Reid respectively.

To those who have left we offer our thanks and appreciation for their dedicated services and we extend a warm welcome to those taking up their new appointments.

COMPANY NEWS

A Coy continue to prosper producing yet another best recruit, Pte Davis. Five men were selected to go to Canada on exercise with 2 R Anglian. Here they had the time of their lives while the PSAO, Capt. Ken Bruton, in an effort to find new recruits, is rumoured to be offering a "get your medals service" for Normandy Veterans.

B Coy is still jealously guarding its champion company status and is thought to be hatching a further plot to confound the battalion statisticians next year.

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Maj Gen Naylor, GOC 2 Inf Div, with Maj Tomlin on the final exercise

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LDY Coy now occupies a luxurious Drill Hall in Loughborough, having benefited from a £750,000 TAVRA refit. The official re-opening was performed by HRH Princess Alice after attending the Frezenberg Day Parade at Bradgate Park. After the ceremony HRH met many members of the company, followed by a sherry reception and luncheon.

D Coy, as a change from its usual stamping ground at Lydd and Hythe, put on a very convincing display at Daventry Carnival rescuing the Daventry Gala Queen in the presence of Lord St John of Fawsley.

HQ Coy beavers away, sometimes with spectacular results, especially from the Mortar Platoon.

Congratulations to SSgt. Rogers RAPC on the award of a BEM in the Birthday Honours List. His devotion to duty as HQ Coy Pay NCO for 16 years has been such that the honour was thoroughly deserved.

The HQ Coy adventure training weekend was held on the River Trent, at Kings Mills near Castle Donnington. Saturday was spent in basic canoe instruction under Cpl. Dave Nunn, followed by an expedition on Sunday on the river in full spate.

Having passed through a busy period a glance at the forecast of events shows the pace quickening even more as we prepare for the build up to Camp 1989 - "somewhere in the South of England".



Lt Col Brett accompanied by WO2 (now Lt) Bryant, inspecting the JNCOs cadre



Maj Chandler gives a report to Brig Firth and Lt Col Brett



WO2 Pacey and CSgt Anderson assessing the feasibility of a shovel recce

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Princess Alice, escorted by Lt Col Brett, says farewell to Maj Gen Stone



Two tankards for the best recruit, Pte Davis



The officers looking their best at Camp 88 at Barry Budden

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Wet but cheerful, Lt Mendies and a group of canoeists from D Coy at Kinlochleven



A typical group from Ex Executive Stretch

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Lord St John of Fawsley chats to Pte Darren Mucklow and Sgt Tony Phillips of Daventry Gala



Paymaster Maj Barrell and WO2 Knightley balance the battalion pay account



LCpl Marriott (right) after successfully completing his swim test. Pte Derry holds the canoe



Lt Mendies, about to go down in the world, but apparently quite happily

Depot Queen's Division

Jubilee at Bassingbourn



The Colonel of Regiment presents best Royal Anglian shot awards for Anzio and Blenheim to Pte Evans and Pte Stones

ACTIVITY at the Depot has been intense throughout the summer and autumn. In addition to the normal training commitment, we have also been involved in two major ventures: Home Defence Training and Bassingbourn Barracks' golden jubilee celebrations.

Fifty years ago Bassingbourn was taken over by the RAF when the station became an operational base in 2 Group Bomber Command. However, most of Bassingbourn's life has seen it established as a training base in a variety of roles, not least for the past 18 years when it has been training recruits for the Queen's Division.

This was to be Bassingbourn's Golden Year and the official jubilee celebrations started in March with a commemorative church service, attended by previous station commanders, commanding officers and local people who have had a close and continuous association with the station. From then on there has been a succession of events to celebrate the jubilee.

Beating Retreat by the St. George's Band was held on 10 Jun. This was followed by the centrepiece of the year's events, the Open Day on 2 Jul. Amongst the many stands and arena displays, the main attractions were the flying displays by four Canberras, Tiger Moth, Boeing Steerman and the B17 Flying Fortress "Sally B". The spectacular bombing runs of the B17 were a moving reminder and tribute to the USAF 91st Bombardment Group (Heavy) who occupied Bassingbourn in WW2, losing 197 aircraft in action.

The following day saw a half marathon in aid of the British Olympic Association, and since then the celebrations have been completed by a Sportsfest and commemorative rugby and hockey fixtures involving the local community.

Home Defence training reached its climax in September with Eastern District Ex. Eastern Shield. Depot Headquarters commanded the Tactical Area of Responsibility (TAOR) of Bedfordshire, and AQ Coy provided staff for TAOR Hertfordshire. Company groups were deployed to man the Sea Transit Centre in Colchester and as Home Defence (ITO) Companies under command Northamptonshire and Nottinghamshire

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From left: Lt Col Goldschmidt, Maj Ayling, Mr Ray Holland and Sir Austin Bunch. Fundraising at the Depot has raised a considerable sum for the British Limbless Ex-Service Men's Association. In an informal presentation in August, the CO and Maj Ayling handed over a cheque for £4,232 to the National President of BLESMA, Sir Austin Bunch. The Depot's achievement was recognised with the presentation of a Friend of BLESMA certificate

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TAORs. The remainder, based on D Coy, were responsible for manning the District Mobilization Centre, mobilizing and training a large number of regular reservists who were deployed either as individuals or in Home Defence (Reservists) Companies. The exercise brought out many important lessons, not least regarding the handling of reservists and reinforcements. It was particularly encouraging to see how quickly our recruits with as little as seven weeks training could adapt to the new challenge after only a short period of work-up training. For the permanent staff, to be thrown once more into the unknown as exercise players was a valuable and enjoyable stimulus.

Recruiting remains an area of constant concern. After the lull in platoons forming up in the summer, the recruiters have succeeded in almost filling the autumn intakes, which will complete their training early next year. We pray that they will continue to fill our

successive intakes so that the Division will come close to the SCAMF allocation to March 1989.

Results with SA80 continue to be most impressive, and training on Law 80 has now been introduced for all intakes forming up from November. The work of Kohima Platoon (the Medical Rehabilitation Platoon) continues to be refined to give injured recruits the best possible chance of completing the training. All visitors have been highly impressed by this scheme but as yet the staff for it are not established and must be found from savings elsewhere in other training teams. The trial of new boot insoles is now running in selected platoons and hopefully we shall see a lesser incidence of lower limb injuries as a result.

The main aim remains the search for ways in which the training can be made more gradual yet progressive both physically and psychologically, especially in the early stages. We recognise that society produces a young

man on Day 1 less well equipped than his predecessors. And yet the standard of recruits when they pass out of training should remain as high as ever. Clearly the extension of training time in the Common Military syllabus (anticipated for late 1989) will be invaluable in achieving that aim.

The Depot has held two major Passing Out Parades in recent months. On 30 Jun the Colonel of the Regiment was Inspecting Officer for the Parade of one ex-junior soldier and two adult recruit platoons. And on 13 Oct the Drums Platoon, two ex-junior soldiers and two adult recruit platoons, just about squeezed on to the Parade Square before the Colonel Commandant, Lt Gen Sir Jeremy Reilly. Further parades were inspected by Col. Patrick Shervington and the Mayor of Royston.

The Depot has also received visits from the GOC, Maj Gen Graham and from Brig

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Townsend (G3 (Trg) IIQ UKLF) and Brig Kerr (Comd East Anglian Area). We have also enjoyed hosting the Past and Present Dinner and also the first Regimental Gathering at the Depot on 24 Jul.

The Depot team qualified for RASAAM at Bisley and was comprised entirely of Royal Anglians. Their hard work in training was rewarded with great success, as the team was eventual runner-up in the Minor Units Championship, winning the Roupell Cup and Moving Target Match in the process. Lt James Lewis was selected for all 7.62mm Army teams and for the Combined Service Team. Cpl Dickinson and Cpl Havercroft were selected for rifle and SMG teams respectively.

Depot wives, not to be outdone, have taken part in their own Ex Golden Garter in June. This was held on the airfield training area and was organised by the RSM. Training included firing the SA80 rifle, an assault course competition and a patrolling exercise. Teams had to defend their overnight campsites, and on the last morning they carried out watermanship on the lake.

Fundraising efforts by recruits during their training continue to be highly successful. Albuhera Platoon raised £2,000 for epilepsy by cycling in relay from Lands End to John O'Groats in 50 hours. Ypres and Falaise Platoons (commanded by ex-Pompadoours CSgt Cunningham and CSgt Pallant) ran in section relay from Hertford to Bedford in conjunction with the Pompadoours' Freedom Marches on 23 Jul. They completed the 40 miles in 3 hours 40 minutes (averaging a mile every 5½ minutes) and raised £3,000 which was divided between the Mayors' Charities in Hertford and Bedford, the appeal to build the new youth club sports hall in Stevenage and the Army Benevolent Fund.

Sports and adventurous training continued despite the workload and dismal weather throughout the summer. Ex-Poacher Lt Adrian Gosling led an expedition to Norway in July (see separate feature) and the first novice gliding course was held at the Depot during summer block leave. Orienteering and cross-country is particularly strong at the Depot, and, with good rugby, soccer and hockey squads, we are looking forward to a successful winter on the sports field.

The appearance of the Depot continues to change. The Royal Engineers' Plant Course have finished off their landscaping project, before re-deploying to Oakington. Long's Lake (named after SSgt Long RE) has been extended again and now covers eight acres. Plans for further development, including the construction of a new boat storage compound



Pte Andy Smith passed out of training at the Depot as a member of Rhine Platoon on 19 May. But he is no stranger to Bassingbourn, having been born in 1970 while his father was an Instructor Corporal at the Depot. He returned in 1979 with his father, now a Platoon Sergeant. This time he arrived to begin training a few months ahead of his father who is now CSM B Coy. 19 May was therefore a proud day for the family which saw father, son and uncle (himself a WO2 in the Royal Artillery) on parade. Pte Smith has now joined the Pompadoours in Minden. Photo: Pictured from left: WO2 Les Smith RA, Pte Andy Smith, WO2 Dave Smith

and a slipway are being developed. Two new company accommodation blocks have been built. The first of these, Reilly Block, was opened by Gen. Reilly during his visit on 13 Oct and it is now home to A Coy. The second, Akehurst Block, was opened by the Colonel of the Regiment in November and will house B Coy. Each new block will provide offices, stores and accommodation for a complete recruit training company, allowing the old H Block buildings, familiar to so many, to be either re-allocated and refurbished or demolished.

Since the last edition, we have welcomed Poacher CSgt Catton and Pompadoours Lt

Michael Dixon and CSgt Jones. We have said farewell to Maj Peter Ferrary on departure to Australia (it's a hard life!) and to CSgt Baldwin. Lastly, Lt Col Michael Goldschmidt handed over command in November. His command has seen many improvements to our training techniques during a difficult recruiting and media climate. Headquarters South East District now gains the benefit of his expertise as a trainer in his new appointment at Aldershot as Chief G3 Training. We wish he and Margaret every good fortune and now welcome Lt Col Mike and Sandy Boocock to the Depot

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Handling over Ypres and Falaise Platoon's fund-raising cheques. From left: CSgt Cunningham, Mayor of Bedford, Mr Faure-Walker, CO, Deputy Mayor of North Bedfordshire, CSgt Pallant



Depot wives on the range From left Mrs David, Mrs Smith, Mrs Keeble and Mrs Baker

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Demanding way to explore Norway

By Lt. A Gosling

EXERCISE Mountain Viking is an expedition extensively organised by the British Outward Bound Centre, Norway. In July four instructors from Depot The Queen's Division, found a gap between training commitments and took the opportunity to explore central Norway. The expedition was led by Lt Gosling and the remainder of the party were Lt Harknett, Queens; Cpl Davies RRF; and Cpl Ellison RRF.

The journey out was an experience in itself, flying to Hannover in West Germany, driving overland to the northern tip of Denmark, then by ferry to Kristiansand, and Land Rover for the final stage. At last the group arrived at the British Mountain Training Centre, Isosjaer. After being briefed by the centre staff, and an afternoon of packing and planning, they set off on the night train bound for Oslo and the start point. The following afternoon they arrived at a small hamlet, Breistolen, in the middle of Norway, glad to have finished travelling - or had they only just begun.

The first afternoon's walk was quite gentle, sorting out any problems. The next day the group found out just what they were up against. The route that the centre had set was intended to be both scenic and demanding. This turned out to be true on both accounts, with some very spectacular glacial scenery and a lot of ups and downs.



From left: Lt Gosling, Cpl Ellison and Cpl Davies on Ex Mountain Viking

At this point the group was walking between nine and eleven hours a day, about twice as far as its civilian counterparts. This was brought home to us when two old and gnarled Norsemen christened the group the "Norse Express" as it stormed by. The pace for the first three days did not slacken but it became apparent that the lightweight boots that Cpls Davies and Ellison were wearing were not up to the task. The constant turning and twisting as they traversed the debris left by retreating glaciers was playing havoc with their feet and ankles. The group determined to stay together and carried on with the punishing route, covering more dramatic scenery. By the fifth day Cpl Ellison's ankle resembled a football and Cpl Davies was limping badly. After a day's rest it was decided to split the party.

The injured Cpls caught a bus to the

finishing point and explored the valleys, whilst Lt Gosling and Lt Harknett continued with a now reduced route. The second half proved to be less spectacular than the first but no less demanding. It did, however, give the opportunity to meet some interesting fellow walkers from nearly every corner of Europe.

Eventually, after what had been a very varied, arduous but enjoyable twelve days the group was reunited once more. All that was left was the final day's walk to the bus stop to start the journey home. Even this was not uneventful, with innumerable lemmings brightening the final hours in Norway.

Overall, I feel the group achieved a great deal in Norway, testing themselves physically and at the same time seeing this very beautiful country. It is an exercise that I would recommend to anyone.

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Cementing links with Belize

By Lt Col T D Veitch

AN alliance has recently been approved between the Regiment and the Belize Defence Force (BDF).

On 1 Jun, I completed a tour as Commandant of the Force of 1100 all ranks. It was a fascinating two years and enormously rewarding to work with a developing tri-service force in a beautiful environment and among good people.

Some Vikings and Pompadours will recall recent postings but for those in the Regiment who have not served in Belize, some details of the BDF follow.

The BDF was formed on 1 Jan 78 with the role of defence of Belize in conjunction with British Forces. The Force comprises regulars in the land, air and sea elements and a volunteer force not unlike the TA. Its size is 714 regulars (including 35 females) and 385 volunteers.

The regular elements can be compared to an infantry battalion plus training depot and logistic departments, together with small maritime and air wings. The maritime wing is equipped with two 65 ft fast patrol boats and various small, fast craft; the air wing has two Britten Norman Defender aircraft.

The Force, though small, is self sufficient and must recruit, train, procure and maintain its equipment without outside assistance, though military aid in the form of equipment and training courses is provided by the UK and US. To assist its development the BDF has a British Loan Service team of 13 Army, RAF and RN Officers and Senior NCOs.

The role of the BDF is primarily the defence of Belize. This entails routine patrolling with British Forces on the border with Guatemala and the occupation of a number of border observation posts. Its secondary role is in support of other government agencies such as the police, customs, immigration and fisheries.

The varied nature of the BDF's work keeps boredom at bay. Border operations with the British Forces Battalion involved much patrolling, together with frequent joint exercises. There is training to be done and many ceremonial duties. There are also interesting aspects to the BDF's secondary role - the search for and arrest of illegal immigrants, assistance to Customs and Excise, the



Lt Col Veitch presents JNCO Cadre certificates in Belize

arrest of illegal fishermen and support of police anti-drug operations, with ground troops, boats or aircraft.

The police operations themselves include responsibility for marijuana eradication by crop-spraying or hand-cutting, vehicle check points, searches, surveillance and the destruction of illegal airstrips. This secondary role is recognised as making a major contribution to law and order in the country by stopping movement of marijuana and co-

caine from or through Belize to the United States.

Recent successes have included the arrest of traffickers and finds of automatic weapons, the destruction of processing plant and finds of processed marijuana, the capture of aircraft and the destruction of illegal airstrips.

A few words on life in Belize may be helpful, since not all who serve there a short

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One of the BDF Britten Norman Defenders and its pilots

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time enjoy the climate and the sometimes hostile environment. Certainly the climate takes some getting used to, and the standard of living does not offer many of the comforts enjoyed in Europe. Nor is the road system well developed but the growing tourist industry is being supported by better communications and hotels.

However, a visitor should not concentrate on what the country does not yet have but on its qualities - it has mountains and rivers, areas of untouched rain-forest, birds, butterflies and the jaguar, coral reefs and deep-sea fishing. But above all it has the happiest and most friendly people you will ever meet.

The new alliance between the BDF and the Royal Anglian Regiment will offer great opportunities for both sides. For those of the Regiment who may be involved in Belize tours in the years ahead, there is a chance of jungle training or expeditions in canoeing, sub-aqua or climbing. Conservation and wild-life studies in Belize also have much to offer.

For the BDF a link with a British battalion or with the Depot will give them a UK

base during their courses at Sandhurst or elsewhere, the chance of pre-course training or perhaps exchanges. Anyone in our battalions or at the Depot who assists in supporting the alliance with the BDF will, like me, be able to play a small part in the development of a fine organisation which needs all the help it can get.

The first 10 years of the BDF have seen enormous progress and development. The future will not be easy, but the young Force is determined to play a full part in the future stability of Belize by guaranteeing the integrity of its borders and by assisting the police and other government agencies in numerous ways.

The Royal Tasmania Regiment

THE Governor of Tasmania, General Sir Phillip Bennett AC KBE DSO, recently wrote to the Colonel of the Regiment on taking over as Colonel. The Royal Tasmania Regiment with whom we are affiliated. He sent greetings to all ranks of the Regiment.

The 12/40 Infantry Battalion has recently reformed with its HQ in Hobart. This has been a welcome and long-awaited development within the Australian Army order of battle, and particularly so in Tasmania. The Royal Tasmania Regiment had a fine record in the Boer, Great and World Wars, earning an impressive list of Battle Honours and individual awards, and it is great news that the 12/40 Infantry Battalion has reformed. Any members of The Regiment visiting England will be assured of a warm welcome at RHQ or any of our battalions.

The Lake Superior Scottish Association

WE hear from the Secretary of The Lake Superior Scottish Association, Master WO Penny CD, that the inaugural meeting of the Association took place at The Armoury, Park Avenue, Thunder Bay on 17 Sep. The association address is 26 Mansion Street, Thunder Bay, Ontario P7A 6Y6.

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R Anglians active at Shorncliffe

SINCE June some 77 Royal Anglian Juniors have left Shorncliffe having completed basic training. Of these, 38 were Junior Leaders who have gone directly to their battalions and the remainder Junior Soldiers who have gone to Depot for continuation training.

We currently have 83 Junior Entrants in training who will leave us within the next year. As you can see, we at Shorncliffe are doing our bit to keep the ranks of the Regular Battalions filled with new talent.

To assist with the training of these Juniors, there are 29 permanent staff from the Regiment with a cross-section from all battalions.

We welcome Capt. Andrew Wiles as Adjutant, Sgt Chris Andrews and Cpt Andrew Adcock as EL instructors and Cpl Trevor Collins as a section commander, all from the Vikings. From the Poachers, new arrivals include Cpls Philip Thompson and the Pompadours continue to be supported by Cpl. Paul Sykes who has taken over from Cpl. Anthony Pearce. Among those who have left are CSgt. Dave Wharton and Cpl. Dave McCulloch.

Royal Anglians featured prominently among the battalion's successes at JASAA including Junior Leaders Kelly, Harris and Donnington, who have since left to join the Poachers, Vikings and Pompadours respectively. The team had the benefit of first grade instruction and coaching from Cpls Glover and McCulloch.

When Salamanca Coy passed out in August, the company was commanded on parade by JCSM Jackson, now of the Poachers.

In the New Year, the battalion is running a skiing package in Switzerland for the Juniors. Meanwhile, the Adjutant is spending minimum time in the office by taking Juniors away sailing, while Lt Roger Knight escapes with them at weekends under the pretence of parachuting.

All in all, the Junior Infantry battalion is a thriving organisation, well supported by Royal Anglians and producing what we hope is a first rate product for the battalions. Incidentally, Maj John Perry continues his loyal support as Quartermaster; I am led to believe he was a far fiercer man when he was RSM of the Vikings!

Busy show season for RIT

ONCE again RIT has come to the end of another show season with the three teams covering more than 110 shows between April and September. With recruiting at the lowest level for a number of years the RIT has to work even harder to convince the young lads of today that the Army still has a lot to offer. Now that the show season has finished we move into the ACF period, where we try and visit as many ACF Units within the Regiment's area as possible.

We also attended the CADSAAM at Colchester this year which produced some very good Cadet shots from all the local areas.

The RIT had a good leave period this year with many of the members going to Spain to find the sun, so the NRSA does come in handy! As for those left behind in UK, they enjoyed the normal wet and cold summer.

We say goodbye and good luck to Capt J P Sweeney who has left after wearing out the golf course and moved to 39 Bde and LCpl West and Pte Watts, who have left to become either post men or lorry drivers.

We welcome Capt P H Byrne in his new job as ARCO, Pte Nicholls, recently married, Pte Leeson and Pte Beagle who has re-enlisted into the Vikings and rejoins the Battalion in Colchester in Apr 89.

Northamptonshire Army Cadet Force

by Lt. Col. D. Williams

WERE you aware that there are 19 ACF Detachments in Northamptonshire stretching from Brackley in the west to Oundle in the east and that 50 per cent of the Detachments are badged Royal Anglian.

They meet on most nights of the week and unlike most units in the Army, they work on an inverted V principle, in that the base, i.e. the Detachment, is probably the single most important sub-unit. Without the dedication of the Detachment Commander, many of the Detachments, which provide such an excellent social service to the community, would not survive.

Detachment Commanders even with the help of the county headquarters staff, operate in isolation for three-quarters of their time, being responsible for their own Cadet Centres including the recruiting of their Cadets.

Northamptonshire recently had a most successful camp at Long Moor, near Aldershot and, as the pictures with this article show, all the usual military skills were practised. Our visitors included GOC Eastern District, Maj Gen Graham and the Mayors of Kettering and Northampton. The ACF in your area is always looking for additional adults and is particularly keen to recruit ex. Regular and TA Officers and NCOs to help us in this very important service to the community.

Why not call in to visit us at County Headquarters at Gibraltar Barracks, Northampton, (the old Northamptonshire Regiment Depot) or telephone Northampton 32446 and ask for further details.

Editor's Note: Or in fact call in at any of our County HQ or ACF units. Help is needed throughout our area

Schools visit battalions

A RECORD number of potential officers have visited regular Battalions this year. 15 visited Ex High Tide at Stamford Training Area and 3 went to Gibraltar, all hosted by the 1st Battalion. The 2nd Battalion received 9 and the 3rd Battalion 7. We are very grateful to the three battalions for making these visits so successful.

In addition, Framlingham and Greshams visited Gibraltar in July while Kimbolton and Uppingham visited Celle. Several undergraduates also spent some of their summer vacation with their parent battalions. Next year we are likely to get 10 visits to BAOR and we will be sending some potential officers to Colchester.

CCF Field Days

OCTOBER was a hectic month for the RIT when they hosted field days for Oundle, Uppingham, St. Edmund's College, Ware, Merchant Taylors, Greshams, Ipswich, Aldenham, Woodbridge, Langley, Bedford Modern, The Leys and Stamford.

Awards

WE congratulate Gerald Corkery on being awarded a Cadetship and both Jeremy Veitch and Ralph Woodisse on being awarded Bursaries. The Regiment now has 6 Cadetships, 14 Bursaries and 10 Army Scholars in the system.

Schools

Kimbolton CCF visit Poachers

ON 13 Jul 88, 10 cadets and two officers from Kimbolton School CCF arrived at Bremen airport, West Germany to visit 2R Anglian. Any apprehension in the party was heightened by the fact that the same morning the IRA had bombed a similar barracks in the west of the country.

We were welcomed by Lt. Simon North at the airport and after what seemed a long bus ride, we arrived at the barracks in Celle, the former HQ of a Nazi Mortar Platoon. The accommodation did not sound too appealing, but our hosts had obviously gone out of their way to furnish it as you would expect in a modern barracks.

Lt Auger (WRAC) and our two girl cadets were housed in a suite in the Officers' Mess, complete with all domestic comforts, but unfortunately our programme did not allow them sufficient time for their use.

Thursday began in usual Army style with early morning exercise, the basic fitness test (BFT) which all soldiers are required to do. Training started at 0800 with Lt North giving a lecture on the reason for the Army's presence in Germany. Then followed a tour of the barracks, where we saw a vehicle mounted section deploy on a parade square, how to use a 81mm mortar, had a hair-raising ride in the Recce Platoon's Scimitars, visited the REME, and finally, before lunch, were taught how to set an anti-personnel mine. After lunch we visited the Signals, who told us that the Russians monitored everything that we said over the air, and the Milan platoon. I haven't yet mentioned that our visit was a joint affair with Uppingham School CCF, but now seems a convenient time, having just beaten them in a relay race carrying one of the Milan Platoon's weapons.

The assault course started on Friday, after breakfast and a room inspection by Lt. Ellis. This was range day when we fired the SA80. The day was enlivened by a flight in an Army Air Corps Lynx. In the evening a barbeque was run by the Officers' Mess and we were shown the Regimental silver.

Saturday started with self-defence. We failed to come up to standard at the room inspection! Morning training consisted of first aid, NBC and vehicle recognition (how to spot a T64 in Kimbolton High Street). A re-inspection followed at lunch time, with marginal improvements according to Lt Ellis. In the afternoon we visited Belsen prisoner-of-war camp, which we found depressing. That evening we were given training on

432 APCs, which we were to use later in the week.

Sunday, the beginning of the three day exercise, thus we were excused early morning PT. The morning was spent drawing stores and generally preparing ourselves for the events ahead. After drawing weapons, we set off to the training area, our section NCOs kept praying for rain. Their wish came true while travelling but not for the exercise. After a safety demonstration, we tagged (marched) to the area of our triangular platoon harbour (I thought that harbours were to do with the Navy). Anyway, we proceeded to make our harbour with no water in sight.

We learnt how to dig shell scrapes, set trip wires, sentry duty and the joys of "stand to" which always seem to happen at meal times. Patrols went out, one even encountered the enemy, letting off 1 para flare, 8 mini flares and 4 thunderflashes. Sunday and Monday merged into each other, but Monday definitely began when we had to bug out and move to a defensive position. More trenches to be dug, which was OK except that the underlying rock base was only three feet down, thus digging was hampered. Having beaten off a vehicle-mounted attack, it was more marching to a new RV and we were supposed to be ambushed en route, but we caught the enemy parked up having a quick brew. At the RV it was resupply, two hours sleep and our chance to ride to war, yet another harbour (still no water) with more shell scrapes, sentry duty and patrols.

Tuesday began at 0300 with preparation for the big attack on a defended building. However, we discovered we had had visitors during the night, Uppingham had one officer and two cadets captured, whoops!! Who was on sentry? In went the attack with much

shouting and noise. I think we won but where did they get all the pyrotechnics from? Then it was time to fill in all the holes we had dug, clean the weapons, remove porridge stains from the webbing and return it all to the stores and try and remove indelible cam cream before a visit to Celle in the afternoon.

That evening we had a few beers with the NCOs and the end of camp debrief. On Wednesday we cleaned up, handed over the accommodation and went to the airport. We had time to kill before our flight home and this we spent at the local adventure park!

All in all, it was a very new and entertaining week.

Thank you 2 Royal Anglian.

*Cdt. Sgt. D.R. Brown
Kimbolton School CCF*

RMA Sandhurst

CURRENTLY we have 17 cadets at RMA Sandhurst on SGC/SMC who are due to be commissioned in April/August 1989. Marcus Parry (Oundle), Martin Kelleway (Culford) and John Gladwyn (Felsted) were commissioned in December. Two more cadets completed the Rowallan course in December.

The Ashburton Shield

WE congratulate Uppingham on coming 3rd in the competition (503 points) and for coming 3rd in the Country Life Trophy. Woodbridge won the Cottle Vase. Kimbolton came 2nd in the Devon Cup. Charterhouse won the team rifle championships taking over the prize position from Oakham, who won the event with a record score last year.

The Army Eastern Challenge Shields were awarded to Uppingham and Kimbolton.

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A Northampton ACF member trying out the new cadet rifle



Future leaders from Northampton ACF learning how to do it



Kimbolton Cadets prepare to visit the Poachers in Germany



The Duke of Edinburgh visits Greshams during an event supported by No 1 RIT

Around the Branches



NORFOLK

AT THE annual reunion dinner of the Royal Norfolk Regiment on 1 Oct in Norwich, 188 former members of the Royal Norfolk, East Anglian and Royal Anglian Regiment enjoyed an excellent meal provided by Maj 'Gilly' Banthorpe. Maj Gen Sir David Thorne was pleased to see the numbers growing and next year he hopes to see even more old comrades from all three Regiments attend.

In his after dinner speech, Gen Thorne highlighted the number of old comrades including Bert Bowden and Len Stoker who visited the 1st Battalion in Gibraltar. He went on to congratulate 6th Battalion for their outstanding and unique success in winning the TA Unit Championship Prize at Bisley. In benevolent cases 63 former members had been helped and some four electric wheelchairs have been purchased.

Gen Thorne then mentioned the significant part played by Mr Bill Holden, 1st Battalion D-Day Veterans, in arranging, building and putting together the programme for the dedication of the Molen Beek Memorial at Venray in the Netherlands on 25 Sep.

Gen Thorne then explained that the Royal Norfolk Military Heritage Appeal had now reached £150,000 which was its original target. As a result of an English Tourist Board grant of £41,000 towards the capital costs to convert the No. 2 Shirehall, the Norfolk County Council have now accepted the remaining capital cost expenditure of £93,600 together with staff and running costs. Consultations are now in hand with the designer, Robin Wade.

On Sun 2 Oct the Regimental Chapel and the area outside was full for the annual association service conducted by the Regimental Chaplain, Canon Wynter Blathwayt. The very apt address was given by the Reverend Jonathan Boston who has had many years service with Norfolk Army Cadets.

Royal Hospital, Chelsea have informed RHQ that Cpl Compton, whose service began in 1945 and who joined The Royal Norfolk Regiment in 1946, served in Korea, Cyprus and the Radfan, is now an in-pensioner - our first ex Royal Anglian. Many congratulations.

The Secretary has been informed that on his last audience with The Sultan of Oman in Mar 86, Gen Sir Timothy Creasey was told he was to be awarded "The Grand Order of Renaissance". Lady Creasey received this award on 2 Aug from the Deputy Prime Minister for Security and Defence. We join in her moment of pride in knowing that her husband had been so highly thought of by the Kingdom of Oman.



LINCOLNSHIRE

OUR Old Comrades' Reunion was held at the Beacholme Holiday Camp, Cleethorpes, on the weekend of the 10/11 Sept. Over 200 were at dinner on the Saturday night.

Maj Gen Sir Christopher Welby-Everard presided and among those attending were Maj Gen Patrick Stone, Deputy Colonel The Royal Anglian Regiment, Maj Gen Dick Gerrard-Wright and Maj Gen Glyn Gilbert.

Sir Christopher announced that he would be retiring after the 1989 reunion and would be handing over the appointment of Association President to Maj Gen Gerrard-Wright.

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The 'Sobraon' weekend will take place at Sobraon Barracks on 22/23 Apr 89. It will take the usual form, Officers' dinner on the Saturday night followed by a cocktail party and curry lunch on the Sunday, which wives are invited to attend.

We have a mailing list for this function and if there is any officer who wishes to be included please contact Capt Alwyn Smith at Lincoln.

May we remind all retired Royal Anglian personnel that membership of our association is available to them and that their presence at our functions would be most welcome. Those interested should contact the secretary at Sobran Barracks, Lincoln, LN1 3PY.

Since the last issue of Castle the following have passed on. Col J G M S Gough, Mr H Hanson, Mr A F Hodgkinson, Mr K Hickman, ex-Sgt. Price (Canada), Capt Brynn Thomas and Mrs Lyn Disney, widow of Lt Col Disney.



BEDFORDSHIRE & HERTFORDSHIRE

SADLY our president Lt Gen Sir Reginald Denning KCVO, KBE, CB, has resigned for health reasons. Brig Robertson thanked him for all he had done over so many years and said how sorry we were to see him leave the appointment which he has filled with such distinction.

Sorry as we are to learn of General Denning's resignation, we are delighted that Col John Barrow DSO has accepted the invitation to become president and we wish him a long and happy tenure.

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Lt Col Behagg with the ceremonial sword presented to the Pompadours by Mr J P B Kinchella, chairman of Bedfordshire County Council. From left: Cllr R O Bennett, chairman Mid Beds D C, Cllr Mrs A L Bush, Mayor of Luton, Cllr Mrs E Luder, Mayor North Beds D C, Brig Dodd, Mr J P B Kinchella, Lt Col Behagg, Cllr P R Rawcliffe, chairman S Beds DC

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More than 200 people enjoyed a social evening on 25 May in the Queen's Hall, Dunstable.

The guest of honour was Mr Peter Rawcliffe, chairman 4, of South Bedfordshire District Command. Brig Angus Robertson thanked him for all the help he and his council had given with the organisation of the occasion, and presented him with a 16th Foot Tercentenary memorial plate. In reply the chairman said the plate would be given a place of honour in the council chamber.

A number of interesting items from the Regimental Room of Wardown Museum in Luton were on display on a stall organised by Maj Andrew West including an embroidered fire screen with the badge of The Bedfordshire Regiment in

its centre presented to the Museum by Maj D L Crane of the Army Workshop in Colchester, who had reported it after finding it badly smashed in a corner of his workshop.

On 23 Jul the 3rd Battalion, the Royal Anglian Regiment, exercised its right to march through the county towns of Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire with Colours flying and bayonets fixed, when a contingent consisting of the Band and Drums, the Colour Party and two Guards each of 60 all ranks, under the command of Lt Col Alan Behagg marched through Hertford in the morning and Bedford in the afternoon.

In Hertford the parade, augmented by the Colour Party of the 5th (V) Battalion and a Guard from No.4 (Hertfordshire) Coy was inspected by Councillor Fred Peacock. The salute was taken by

the Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire, Mr Simon Bowes Lyon, with whom on the saluting base were Brig Bill Dodd, deputy Colonel, The Royal Anglian Regiment, Mr Ian Stewart MP, Mr Peter Ruffels, Chairman East Herts District Council and Councillor Mrs J Sparkes, and other dignitaries.

After there followed presentation during which the Lord Lieutenant presented an engraved ceremonial sword, given by British Aerospace, to Brig Dodd, the Major of Hertford gave a silver salver to No 4 Coy, the Deputy Colonel presented a copy of "The Story of the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment" to the Mayor of Hertford and a commemorative print of "The Raising of the Regiment" to the chairman of Hertfordshire

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County Council and East Hertfordshire District Council.

The occasion was marked by an exchange of messages between the Mayor of Hertford, Mrs Judith Sparks and our Colonel-in-Chief, The Queen Mother.

Showing no signs of fatigue after their efforts at Hertfordshire the 3rd Battalion detachment began the march through Bedford at 1600 hrs. The salute was taken by the Mayor of North Bedfordshire, Mrs Elizabeth Luder, who was accompanied on the Saluting Base by Brig Dodd, also present were the Mayor of Luton, the chairman of Bedfordshire County Council and the chairmen of the Mid Bedfordshire and South Bedfordshire District Councils.

Brig Dodd thanked Mrs Luder and the council for allowing the march to take place and he then presented her with a copy of "The Story of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment. Mrs Luder then asked Brig Dodd to accept a painting of the old Town Hall. Finally, Mr John Kinchella presented an inscribed ceremonial sword in a silver scabbard to The 3rd Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment.

After refreshments the Band played a rousing programme of military music and this was followed by Beating Retreat. This was a most impressive display and was praised by the many ex Bandsmen and Drummers in the audience.

Many had travelled long distances for the occasion but none further than Lt Col Ian Ross MC who was making his first visit to this country since emigrating to New Zealand 30 years ago.

A most enjoyable officers' reunion was held at Shuttleworth Agricultural College, near Sandy, Bedfordshire, on 18 Sep when over 120 people enjoyed an excellent curry luncheon.

The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment) were represented by Maj R H Adams who presented a very colourful painting depicting the uniforms of his Regiment throughout its long history. He said that Col Archibald Douglas would have been proud of the Regiment he formed 300 years ago.



Lt Col Behagg leads the 3rd Royal Anglians through Bedford



THE Comrades' Reunion Dinner was held in the Drill Hall, Clare Street, Northampton on Saturday 2 Jul and was attended by 190 Comrades and their guests.

After proposing the loyal toasts of "The Queen" and "HRH Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, our Colonel-in-Chief", our President, Gen. Sir John Akehurst KCB CBE, Colonel, The Royal Anglian Regiment, proposed the toast of "The Regiment". Gen. Akehurst said

how pleased he was to see so many present. Numbers were only slightly down on last year, which, being the 50th anniversary of HRH Princess Alice as Colonel-in-Chief of the Northamptonshire Regiment, was an exceptional year.

General Akehurst congratulated Maj Alan Petch on being awarded the MBE in the Birthday Honours List and thanked all those who had worked so hard to make this reunion so successful, in particular Comrade David Deacon, who had again persuaded 40 of his contemporaries to be present with us; Lt Col John Wilson, our Regimental Secretary who had worked so hard with the administration and Maj Tony Amos for organising and preparation of the Drill Hall, for the provision of the Regiment-

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tal Silver and who had ensured that our every comfort was attended to. General Akehurst also thanked Maj Donald Baxter whose efforts had been instrumental in securing the Victoria Cross for the Regiment and Col Bob Jeffery, Hon Curator of the Regimental Museum, for organising the presentation.

By 0945 on 3 Jul Comrades had started to arrive in Gibraltar Barracks and at 10.30 the parade, 220 strong, formed up under the command of Lt Col Peter Worthy. Headed by the Band and Drums of the 5th (V) Battalion the parade marched to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre where they halted to await the arrival of the Colonel of the Regiment, Gen Sir John Akehurst KCB CBE, who was greeted with a General Salute.

After inspecting the Comrades, Gen Akehurst received from Mr Peter Birkett, nephew of the late Capt WE Boulter, the Victoria Cross and his other medals which were willed to the Regiment by his widow who died in January this year.

Turning to the parade and showing the medals to the Comrades, General Akehurst then said: "The Victoria Cross is the most historic, the most famous, the most exclusive and the most prized award for heroism in the world. With typical British understatement it bears only two words, 'FOR VALOUR', but it is only given for deeds of spectacular heroism in action. The Victoria Cross that we have just received was won by Sergeant, later Captain, WE (Billy) Boulter in the terrible battle of the Somme. The citation reads: 'Awarded for most conspicuous bravery. When one company and part of another were held up in the attack on Trones Wood on 14 Jul 16 by a hostile machine gun which was causing heavy casualties, Sergeant Boulter with utter contempt of danger and in spite of being wounded in the shoulder advanced alone under very heavy fire in front of the gun and bombed the gun team from their position. This very gallant act not only saved many casualties but was of great military value as it materially expedited the operation of clearing the enemy out

of the wood and thus covering the flank of the whole attacking force.'

"Billy Boulter joined the Regiment for the duration of the First World war and thus became part of the family of the Regiment. He always wished that his medals would be returned to that family and it is his own family who have brought them here to be presented today. We receive them with great pride and they will be placed on display in our Regimental Museum here in Northampton for many thousands of visitors to see in future years."

The medals were handed to an escort of Warrant Officers from the 2nd, 5th and 7th Battalions, commended by Maj. A.W.M. Petch MBE, TD and taken by the escort into the Church of the Holy Sepulchre where the Comrades were able to view them as they filed in.

The medals and some interesting memorabilia and photographs brought to Northampton by the family were later put on display at Simpson Barracks during the officer's lunch party at which Mr. Birkett and other members of the Boulter family were guests. Sadly, Boulter's sister, now aged over 90 and living in Wimbledon, was not well enough to attend this event but photographs have been sent to her.

After the Service to the strains of the Regimental Marches, we marched past, giving a smart "Eyes-Right" to Gen Sir John Akehurst who took the salute. The parade then returned to barracks and were bussed to Clare Street, where bars had been organised. The Corps of Drums once more entertained the Comrades who reminisced until late evening.



FOR the second year running we were lucky with the weather for the annual Minden Reunion and once more attendance was up. This was Capt Tim

Slinn's first year in harness and he and his Sub Committee did a wonderful job, quite in the Tommy Warren tradition.

Padre Tim Lawrence conducted our Drumhead Service and delivered another rousing sermon. We were all delighted that Lady Goodwin was able to attend.

Brig Bill Deller changed the pattern of his annual address by including the award of a GOC's Certificate of Commendation to ex LCpl Ian Rodger who was the personal driver of CO 1 R Anglian during the Battalion's tour in Londonderry. The Certificate was handed over by Maj Gen Tony Pollard, Deputy Colonel of the Regiment, who has become a regular and welcome "attender" at the Minden Reunion. The President briefed us all about the Hillman strongpoint gift and rounded off his address with a presentation to Maj Tommy Warren in recognition of all he had done for the Regiment, and for outstanding service to the OCA since. The great applause which greeted Tommy was an additional sign of the great respect we all have for this man.

The march-past was an even greater success than usual. Brig Ian Wright, surrounded by his family in platoon strength, took the salute as the Suffolk Military Band played us along at a cracking pace. What else could they do with "Speed The Plough"? Next year we are planning to have a Royal Anglian contingent marching on their own behind their own Standard. It will be their 25th anniversary after all. Before the march-past was dismissed, Hemel Hempstead Branch made two very generous donations to OCA funds and to the Regimental Chapel, received by Lt Col Pat MacDonald and Mrs. Gilson Taylor respectively.

During the afternoon the Suffolk Royals from Cornard did us well, as always. The salute was fittingly and kindly taken by Col. Allan Munro, Commandant Suffolk Army Cadet Force. The afternoon was brought to a successful conclusion by the TA band The Royal Anglian Regiment and Corps of Drums of the 5th Battalion Beating Retreat. As

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it happened, that was not quite the end of the Minden festivities. Apart from some highly professional and dedicated later afternoon devotions in the bar tent, the evening was rounded off by someone's little darlings setting fire to some of the tentage. Ah well, another lesson learned!

Annual General Meeting

OUR 1988 annual general meeting was held at the TA Centre in Ipswich on 4 Jun. Our hosts were Ipswich Branch and they laid on a good meeting and a very good buffet lunch.

Forty five members and their ladies attended. There were apologies from eight others. The chairman considers that to be a poor performance and hopes for a better turnout in 1989. The arrangements for that are already in hand - so make a date for your diary NOW!

SAT 17 JUN 89 at 1100 HRS.
at TA CENTRE,
BLENHEIM CAMP,
BURY ST. EDMUNDS.

by kind permission of Lt. Col. P.R.C. Dixon.

Hillman Memorial Appeal

THE capture on 6 Jun 1944 of the strongpoint Hillman by 1 Suffolk was the culmination of the battalion's operations on D-Day. This German position was much more extensive and strongly held than the planners had thought and its elimination was a considerable feat, the extent of which is only now being recognised by historians. It was recently described by Carlo D'Este, an American writer, as "the most serious problem encountered by 3rd Division on D-Day." When finally cleared, 270 Germans surrendered.

Madame Lenauld, the owner of the land on which Hillman still stands, has offered the site to the Regiment as a tribute to the Suffolk soldiers who fought to liberate her country. This generous offer has been gratefully accepted. There are many complications to be resolved but it is intended to create on the site a memorial to all those who fought with 1



Maj Tommy Warren and his wife Jean at the Minden Reunion

Suffolk in Normandy and NW Europe 1944-45.

Although the site has been given to the Regiment there will be legal and other expenses in its acquisition. Some form of memorial will be erected and it will be necessary to fence or demarcate the site. A dedication ceremony will also be arranged. As usual there are no funds that can be used for all this and an appeal fund is being opened to pay for it. At a guess, at least £2,500 will be needed.

Those wishing to subscribe may do so by sending their donation to Mrs. V.A. Gilson-Taylor, 3 Harefield, Long Melford, Sudbury, Suffolk CO10 9DE. Cheques should be made payable to 'Suffolk OCA Hillman Fund'.

Beccles and District Branch

RECENT events include Remembrance Day and the Poppy Appeal when with the local RBL we co-operate with the sale of poppies.

The RBL annual concert and Festival of Remembrance took place at the parish church on 29 Oct. The Regimental marches of the Suffolks and the Royal Norfolks were played in the programme.

Since our formation two years ago, we have had a Christmas party and this year it takes place on 22 Dec at the Caxton Club 7.30 p.m. You are assured of value for money at 50p.

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month at 8 p.m. when welfare work in tandem with the RBL continues apace. The Mayor and Mayoress visited us recently.

Hopefully we shall have a Branch Standard for the next Minden celebrations. What a glorious day the Minden Reunion was. We had 56 there. The organising committee led by Tim Slinn did a wonderful job.

Noting the age of members, we have some in their 90's, we need an injection of younger members not only to ensure the future but also to maintain the momentum of essential and caring work. How do we get Anglians to join us?

Merry Christmas.

East Suffolk

THE major happening was the Reunion Dance at the TA Centre, Leiston, on 7 May. We are sorry that the event clashed with the Bury branch annual dinner, however, we were full almost to bursting point and delighted to welcome many old comrades from as far as High Wycombe, Norwich and Yarmouth and a good turnout from the Ipswich Branch.

We trust that they all arrived home safely - especially Dapper Ling who was still propping up the bar long after most had departed. Our thanks to all those stalwarts who made the long journeys, to John and Donna Catt for providing both the bar and the excellent buffet, to OC B Coy, Suffolk ACF for allowing us the use of the TA Centre, as well as providing the smart young Cadets to organise car parking and to clear the table debris etc.

Thanks also to all the old local TA warriors who came up trumps again by donating all the prizes for the excellent draw and especially to John and Jenny Murphy for their most generous donation to ensure that we did not make a loss. We hope to hold the event again at about the same time in 1989.

As a result of the response to a suggestion that we should form our own branch of Old Comrades embracing Leiston, Aldeburgh and Saxmundham, we hope to have it launched before winter and certainly before next year's dance.

Another Minden Reunion has come and gone and what a terrific day it turned out to be. The warm day ensured that the bar tent was crammed throughout the day - so much so that Les Jaggard missed our bus home. I was pleased to meet a few of the old ex-8th Battalion warriors of Spilsby and Blakeney days. Unfortunately time has taken its toll and the changes over the years make it almost impossible to recognise each other. If only we could have had face masks made 40-50 years ago so that we could don them at reunions and become instantly recognisable to each other.

Ipswich Branch

DURING 1988 we maintained very good attendance at our monthly meetings and our membership has increased to the extent that we will soon need a larger room.

We have recently enrolled Michael Rinder as a new member and reinstated "Shady" Burrows now that transport can be arranged to bring both he and his wife in to join us. We hope that Michael, Shady and their wives will remain with us for many years to come.

On 7 May 39 travelled to the TA Centre at Leiston for the annual buffet dance arranged by "Smudger" Smith. As usual it was well supported by Old Comrades from other areas, making a very pleasant evening with an excellent buffet.

Our next event was a visit to the Bury Branch. On arrival we were welcomed by Jack Gingell and his branch members who gave us a free drink. We thank Jack and his members for the kind hospitality afforded us and hope they will visit Ipswich Branch in the future.

Bury and District Branch

WE went to Hemel Hempstead on 9 Apr with 47 members. We had an excellent buffet and the music for dancing was provided by Tony Rogers and his band. We took our Standard and Derrick Johnson, our Standard Bearer, did a very good job with other Bearers in a short ceremony to place the Standards on stage.

It was good to hear "Speed the Plough" again.

On 26 Apr, we had 21 members of the newly-formed Stowmarket Branch over to see us. They visited the Regimental Museum where they were met by Jack Easlea who showed them round. They finished at the Royal Anglian Club for a buffet and natter.

On 7 May we held our annual dinner at the TA Centre, Newmarket Road. The hall was well decorated by a band of volunteers. The dinner chairman, Brig Bill Deller and Mrs Deidre Deller were escorted into the dining hall by Jack Gingell (branch chairman) to the strains of "Speed the Plough." After Len Keeble said grace we all sat down to a very good meal. After the Loyal Toasts were made, the dinner chairman was toasted by Jack Gingell. In his reply, the Brigadier spoke of the time he was Military Attache in Islamabad, he paid a visit to Razmak where the 2nd Battalion was stationed in 1939; apparently the old skating rink is still there but is now used as a helicopter pad. We were very pleased that the following were able to attend: Canon Michael Walker and Mrs Walker, Col W A Heal OBE, Col Peter Dean and Mrs Cynthia Dean, Pat MacDonald and Mrs Sue MacDonald and Herbie and Mrs Taylor from our friends of the Cambridgeshires. We would like to thank all the members and guests who donated about 40 raffle prizes to help with the overall cost of the dinner and all who helped.

Bury Branch AGM was held on 31 May. Jack Gingell stays as chairman, Mary Martin stays as Treasurer and Tiddler Martin as Secretary. After the formalities of the meeting we had a visit from Ipswich Branch. They had hired a coach, took off on a mystery tour and finished up with us.

On 12 Jun, Bury was well represented at the Cambridgeshires' Memorial Service at Ely Cathedral. We had our Standard with us and about 18 members took part in the March Past after the service. Maj Gen A J G Pollard CBE took the salute. A very nice tea was

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provided for us in the Haywards Theatre and the City of Ely Band played some excellent music.

The Regimental Reunion of the Royal Anglians took place at Bassingbourn on 24 Jul. Bury Branch was well represented. It was very windy with showers during the afternoon but this did not dampen the enthusiasm of all who attended.

The Minden Eve Buffet/Dance on 30 Jul was attended by 120 members and guests. We had a very good band in "Gracious Manner" and several members brought a prize for the draw.

On 31 Jul we had the event of the year - Minden Day - the Bury Branch is very much involved with the organisation that goes on to make it a day to remember.

On 4 Aug a coach carrying members and guests visited Colchester Searchlight Tattoo; this was thoroughly enjoyed in spite of strict security, as it was a lovely warm evening for this open air event.

Hemel Hempstead Branch

THE branch had a good night out at the Dagenham R B L on 11 Jun with 53 members attending.

The Minden Weekend was the best yet. We had 42 members there and 37 more came over for the Sunday. Thanks to Jack Gingell and his branch committee. It was a good dance in the TA Centre - one of the best.

On 27 Aug the branch had an outing to Southend with 57 members. It was a good day with the sun out.

One member, Mr Peters, is now on the move to Suffolk and will soon become a member of the Beccles Branch. We will have to see Mr Fred Taylor about a transfer fee as Mr Peters was a good member of the Hemel Branch.

The Branch held its second dinner on 24th September with 84 members present. Our thanks to Mick Murphy who had the job of laying it on. It was good to have Mr & Mrs Lunn with us for the evening.

With the help of the R B L we have made a start in getting a few of the older members away to convalescent holidays at Weston-super-Mare and Clacton-on-Sea. More will go in 1989.

As Col 'Mac' calls us the Foreign Legion Branch, we are still getting ex-Suffolks from all over.

INFORMATION REQUIRED

Ex-RSM Leonard James Charles (Paddy) Hawkins (Deceased)

If anyone should have any information concerning the above, will they please contact his daughter:

Mrs. C.I. Elmer,
131 Fountains Road,
Ipswich IP2 9ET.

Only known information:- Enlisted as a boy in Suffolk Regt. Stationed in Ireland for considerable time. Known to have been killed in Ipswich 1944. Invalided out in 1947/48.

Review of "The History of The Suffolk Regiment 1946-1959"

THE history of the British Army outside the major conflicts of the Napoleonic and World Wars is largely the history of Empire and in the post-war period the withdrawal from it. This was particularly true of the infantry and The Suffolk Regiment was no exception.

In the 13 years covered by this fourth volume of its history, it was overseas for virtually the whole time and only one spell of two years was spent in the near normal garrison life of Germany.

All the rest was taken up with the difficult and often unpleasant task of covering the end of Empire or dealing with the tensions of the Cold War. Sometimes the two coincided. The British retreat from colonialism, while frequently unpleasant and inevitably untidy, was managed with significantly less difficulty and ill feeling than elsewhere and this book shows why. In the circumstances of the time the discipline, professional standards, good humour and complete lack of any political ideology in an army largely composed of conscript soldiers was remarkable and their performance in many countries made it possible for the government of the day to do what they did. The outcome was by no

means perfect but it was far better than anyone had the right to expect.

The Suffolk Regiment, as the author rightly remarks, was never smart or fashionable. Steadiness, stability and reliability were its hallmarks and it is these qualities that come so well out of the pages of this book, which account for its achievements in these post-war years. Everywhere it served it was counted amongst the best units in the theatre and in Malaya it was quite simply the best and most successful. Even the Gurkhas did not achieve the same success over the same time period as did the Suffolks. Those Suffolk characteristics of perseverance, quiet good humour and stamina harnessed by high standards of tough training and leadership were the reasons for the Regiment's achievements.

Bob Godfrey, who served in the Regiment for much of the time under review and who was decorated for gallantry in Malaya, has told The Suffolks story well. Apart from a chapter covering the 2nd Battalion's brief post-war period in India and subsequent disbandment and two about the Depot and the Territorial Army battalions, the core of the book is an account of the 1st Battalion in Palestine, Greece, Malaya, Trieste, Germany and Cyprus. Each tour of duty is covered in two parts - firstly a summary of the overall situation in which the battalion found itself and the background to events there and then a longer, more detailed account of its activities and operations. The first part will satisfy the historian looking at the wider picture of the times while the second, full of names of people and places and the detail of happenings, will revive memories for the many hundreds of soldiers, mostly National Servicemen, who took part in the many and varied tasks given to the battalion.

The activities in Malaya and Cyprus are particularly well recorded and are a remarkable tribute to the National Service officers and soldiers who made up the bulk of the battalion in those days and to the levelling of regulars who trained and led them. While it is invidious to single out one action from so many, that which resulted in the award of the DCM, perhaps the most difficult award after the VC to win, to Lance Corporal Price in 1951 exemplifies the standards that were demanded and achieved in the battalion. Reading about those days now after nearly

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40 years it is possible to understand why many who served then call for the re-introduction of National Service as a cure for some of our social problems, however irrelevant such a course would be to the needs of the Army. Also the accounts of some of the battalion's actions in Malaya and Cyprus, and the acclaim they received at the time, make interesting reading against the background of some of the comments heard today after a successful anti-terrorist action in Northern Ireland or elsewhere.

The chapter on the TA leads one to conclude that it survived despite, and not because of, the many and various governmental interventions, re-organisations, and rebadgings. That it did so was more to do

with the loyalty and dedication of a core of officers and soldiers, supported by the traditional county leadership, who were determined that, come what may, they would continue to serve in their local unit - whatever it was. Such is the essence of Territorial soldiering and those who preserved have their reward in the highly efficient, very professional TA battalions of today who still maintain their county links, and who still observe the old traditions and standards of the regiment from which they sprang.

This is a good story that deserved to be told and Bob Godfrey has told it well. No-one who served in The Suffolk Regiment during these post-war years, wherever he came from, for National Service produced "Suffolk" soldiers from all over East

Anglia, will want to be without his own copy of this book. After reading it, many of them will, perhaps for the first time, realise how much they achieved. For the student of military history it is a valuable account of what a County Regiment was all about and how and why it achieved what it did. It is not only a "good read" it is also a fine tribute to those who took part in the last scene of one more act in the story of infantry soldiers recruited in and around Suffolk which began in 1685 and which continues today under a somewhat different capbadge, which nevertheless carries The Castle and Key.

N.B.:- The book is obtainable not only from booksellers but from The Suffolk Regimental Office, The Keep, Gibraltar Barracks, Bury St. Edmunds for £12.50 + £2 p.&p.



Brig I L Wight takes the salute as the Old Comrades march past on Minden Day, also on the saluting base is Maj Gen Pollard.
Picture: Bury Free Press

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Suffolk Old Comrades at Bury on Minden Day. Picture: Bury Free Press



Col Morgan leading The Essex contingent past the Colonel of the Regiment at Bassingbourn

Sport on camera



The strong Viking presence in the Army Inter-Service Athletics meeting



Viking C Coy tug-of-war team, winners of the Inter-Coy competition

Sport on camera



Pte Parker of the Poachers takes the baton at the 1 Armd Div athletics championships



Pte Browne of the Poachers in the high jump during the 22 Armd Bde athletics championship



Poacher Pte Auckland going for gold in the long jump

Sport on camera



Pte Peacock of the Poachers D (SP) Coy goes for Pte Cooper of C Coy during the Inter-Coy boxing championships



LCpl Brown holds the Poachers Inter-Coy boxing shield aloft for winners B Coy



LCpl Fox of the Poachers - winner of the Cooper Trophy for the best boxer

Sport on camera



The victorious cricketers win cup

Pompadour cricketers win cup

THIS season has been the best since 1981 when the battalion won the Army Cup. The first game of the season was a friendly against 1 RRW in which the battalion gained a comfortable victory. Highlights of this game was a half century from Cpl Neville and a good all round performance by Lt Andy Latham. Little did we know 3 R ANGLIAN and 1 RRW would meet in the semi-finals of the Infantry Cup BAOR.

Our next game was against 1 Gren Gds in the first round of the Infantry Cup BAOR, in which we won convincingly. Lt Andy Latham was again Man of the Match with a fine knock of 27 runs and a hostile spell of quick bowling in which he claimed 5 wickets. This win enabled us to advance to the second round against 1 BW in Berlin. 1987 was well remembered when we lost to them in the first round. We reversed last year's defeat by

skittleing them out for 42 runs in 19 overs. Sgt Kretay and Cpl Neville reached the required total in 13 overs.

Having played 1 BW on Monday the team had to rush back to Minden in order to meet 1 RRW in the semi-final on Wednesday. The team we had met earlier in the season was now stronger and restricted the battalion to 113 runs off 35 overs. Lt Latham and Sgt Kretay battled well against some accurate bowling. 1 RRW got off to a good start but came across some good bowling by Lt David Harding and Lt Andy Latham which reduced them to 102 all out off 29.2 overs. The battalion then proceeded on block leave to await the final against 1 Kings.

Having earned a well-deserved spell of leave the battalion defeated 1 Kings in the BAOR Infantry Cricket Cup Final played at Bad Lippspringe on Wed 24 Aug 88. The

battalion, having lost the toss, were put into bat by 1 Kings and soon lost the wicket of Sgt Kretay in the first over. However good knocks by Lt Latham, Maj Slater and Maj Baylis despite some good bowling by 1 Kings enabled the battalion to reach a respectable score of 100. When 1 Kings batted, their hopes were completely dashed by LCpl Duffossee who in a hostile spell of quick bowling took their first six wickets, with only 19 runs on the board. LCpl Duffossee was judged the man of the match.

The season was enjoyed by all who played and the following are to be congratulated for their efforts: Lt Col A Behagg, Capt D Harding, Lt A Latham, Sgt Kretay, Cpl Neville and, last but not least, our two qualified umpires Cpls Dermitt and Hayward for umpiring throughout the season.

Sport on camera



Cpl Harding of the Pompadors receives the BAOR Infantry Cup from Col Davenport



WO2 Eke of the Pompadors showing how it should be done

THE Pompadors football team are well into the season and have already played three matches. Despite the demands of courses and cadres the battalion has been able to field a good side. However, the team is eagerly awaiting the return of its captain, Sgt Hughes, from Brecon and has hopes of a good run in the Infantry Cup quarter finals.

On a less serious note, the most exciting

match played to date has been the Sergeant's v Corporals' Mess. The veterans of the Sergeant's Mess showed the Corporals how football used to be played! (Or so they thought.) The odd flash of brilliance was followed by hopeful glances to the QM(T) the battalion manager. However, Capt Burford has declined the opportunity to fill the team with hardy pensioners.



LCpl Duffossee of the Pompadors - Man of the match in the BAOR Infantry cup

Cricket results

RARCC Opponents

The Leys	165 for 6	71 for 8	Draw
Haileybury	168 for 8	179 for 3	Draw
The Perse	188 for 5	115 for 9	Draw
Bancrofts	153	216 for	Lost
Harrow	150	176 for 3	Lost
Uppingham	127 for 9	129 for 1	Lost
Felsted	193 for 9	190 for 5	Won
Framlingham	198	94 for 6	Draw
Greshams	85 for 9	175 for 3	Draw
EELs XI	154	157 for 1	Lost

Sport on camera



The Pompadour rugby tour in Banff with the Rockies in the background

Team plays rugby Canadian style

THE 1987/88 rugby season ended on a relatively high note with the battalion reaching the final of the BAOR Infantry Cup. To keep interest alive a mid-season tour was organised, as part of the BATUS package, for two teams drawn from the battle group. The party hired a Greyhound bus and left Camp Crowfoot for a seven day tour. Four fixtures, each for two teams, were played. The first was against the local side from Medicine Hat, two in Calgary against different clubs and one in

Banff high in the Rockie Mountains. One match was drawn, two lost and one won. The tour party played some very good rugby and was extremely well looked after. It was interesting to play a slightly different style of rugby against predominantly young and extremely fit, hard sides.

1988/89 season has begun with the Pompadours fielding two sides on most Wednesdays and Saturdays, thus demonstrating that there is still a great deal of interest in

rugby with in the battalion. It is still too early to judge how the season will progress, but both teams are doing well and are now through to the 4th Armoured Division Army Cup final and the quarter finals of the BAOR Army Cup. The 1st XV completed a three-match tour to Berlin at the beginning of November, winning two games and losing one. Needless to say the seven-day tour of Berlin was enjoyed by all.

Sport on camera



The Pompadours Berlin Marathon team who raised money for Great Ormond Street Hospital

Pompadours run Berlin

3 R ANGLIAN marathon team participating in the Berlin Marathon yet again. The team were met from the Berlin military train on Fri 7 Oct by members of 1 Black Watch who hosted our visit. We extend our thanks to them for being such superb hosts.

The team registered for the race on Saturday morning and took the opportunity to participate in the 6 km breakfast jog from Charlottenburg Palace to the Olympic Stadium. For many members of the team this was their first visit to Berlin and this early morning jog provided them with an excellent opportunity to feel the atmosphere of this famous historic city. The marathon itself was organised to the usual very high standards

with over 16,000 runners taking part. The marathon was run in a continual downpour and all team members achieved excellent results in completing the course in under four hours. Our three best places being achieved by LCpl Oxby (C Coy) in 3.24, Pte Davis (A

Coy) in 3.26 and Capt Davies (HQ Coy) in 3.29 hrs. All team members felt a great sense of achievement and a considerable amount of money was raised for Great Ormond Street Hospital.

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Sport on camera



The victorious H W Coy soccer team after the garrison athletics day. Back row, from left: Pte Hubbard, Cpl Bricklebank, Pte Lane, LCpl Essai. Front row: Pte Wilton, Pte Gotch, LCpl Glynn, Pte Griffin



Winners of Minden garrison athletics A Coy. Back row from left: Pte Thowrey, LCpl Penn, Pte Henderson, LCpl Gowling, Pte Appleby, Pte Gowling. Front row: Pte Tufness, Pte Elliot, Sgt Demeyer, Pte Thorburn, Pte Ronskley

Sport on camera



6th Bn HQ Coy tug-o-war team put their backs into the contest at Sportex

Ideal conditions for Regimental golf

THE Regimental Golfing Society Autumn meeting took place at Flempton Golf course on 9 Sep.

As usual the course was in superb order and the weather unusually kind, warm with no wind. All set for high scores which proved to be the case for the majority of the 24 members taking part.

The Handicap Medal was won in fine style (handicap now cut!) by ex Sgt Mike Smith with a net score of 61.

Second was ex WO2 Templeman and third Lt Col Harold Moore.

The results of the Stableford were: first Maj Guy Hipkin; second WO2 Ken Taylor; and third Capt Gordon Halewood.

The afternoon foursomes was a keenly fought competition being won by WO2 Ken

Taylor and Maj Tony Cobbold, second were M P Turvey and Mr Mike Smith and third were Majs Colin Ladley and Roy Jenns.

The annual match against Flempton Golf Club took place the following day, again in warm, windless conditions. At lunch the club were in the lead by 3 matches to 2. Majs Roy Jenns and Tony Cobbold and Capts Gordon Halewood and Ian Gowdy winning their matches.

In the afternoon the same pairs won again with ex. Sgts. Sean McAnally and Steve Ellis turning the tables on their morning's opponents.

The match against the club was therefore halved. It was a really enjoyable day and the first time for many years that we have been within a whisker of beating the Club.

Employment

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Obituary

Brigadier Peter Young DSO, MC, MA

BRIGADIER Peter Young died on 13 Sep 88 aged 73. He was commissioned to the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment in January 1939 from Oxford University, where he read Modern History with Military History as a special subject.

He joined the 2nd Battalion and went with it to France at the outbreak of the war in 1939. He was wounded during the evacuation at Dunkirk and joined No.3 Commando on his recovery, taking part in the raids on Guernsey, Lofoten and Vaagso. During the latter he was awarded the MC. After a period on the staff at Combined Operations H.Q. he re-joined No.3 Commando as Second-in-Command and took part in the raid on Dieppe, being awarded a DSO for his part in it.

In 1943 at Agnone, in Sicily, he was awarded a bar to his MC and while commanding No. 3 Commando in raids in Italy he was awarded a second bar. In 1944 he took his Commando to Burma and in 1945 took command of No. 1 Commando Brigade and was generally acknowledged to be outstanding.

After the war he attended the Staff College and in 1947 joined No. 2 War Office Methods of Instruction Team and, after a short period as a Company Commander in the 1st Battalion at Salonika, he took command of the 9th Regiment in the Arab Legion of Jordan. In 1950 he joined the staff of the Joint Services Amphibious Warfare Centre. His last serving appointment was on the staff of the Regular Commissions Board.

On leaving the Army in 1959 he became head of the Department of Military History at Sandhurst with the title of "Reader", which he found very amusing.

He had always been interested in the Civil War, about which he wrote a number of books. He also formed The Sealed Knot, a Society dedicated to the reproduction of Civil War battles, of which he became Captain General.

He wrote many books on his own account, was co-author of many others and was also TV consultant for a number of productions including "Churchill" and "The Generals".

Peter Young was a remarkable character with a most colourful and likeable personality and a prodigious sense of humour. His kindness and understanding of the problems of others were outstanding.

Col. J.G.M.B. Gough



COLONEL Kit Gough, who died in June shortly before his 81st birthday, was commissioned into the Lincolnshire Regiment in February 1928 and joined the 1st Battalion then in Dover Castle. The next year he carried the Regimental Colours when the Battalion was on public duties in London.

He went overseas in 1930 and except for a tour at the Regimental Depot in 1933-34 he remained with the 1st Battalion until 1939, serving in Gibraltar, Shanghai, Hong Kong and India. In Hong Kong he was ADC to the GOC China Command.

In 1939 he was again posted to the Depot but war intervened and he joined the 2nd Battalion as a company commander. He was with the battalion during the fighting in May 1940 and was evacuated from Dunkirk. After a tour as an OCTU instructor he returned to the 2nd Battalion as second in command. However, this was to be his last posting with his own Regiment, for in 1942 he went to the School of Infantry, which had recently been formed, as an instructor.

After about a year, although he pressed to return to his Regiment, he was posted to the 1st Battalion the Suffolk Regiment as second in command to Lt. Colonel (later Lt. Gen. Sir Richard) Goodwin. This was a start of a long friendship between the two men.

Kit Gough landed with the Suffolks on D-Day. After a few days Colonel Goodwin was wounded and he took over command. He led the battalion during the heavy fighting around Caen and Falaise until he was wounded. Sadly, his health was seriously affected and he was never again to be fit enough for another front-line command.

However, his days as commanding officer were not over, for he had three more commands, 2/6 Bn. The East Surrey Regiment in England and 636 Regiment RA and the Hallamshire Battalion the York and Lancaster Regiment in NW Europe. He retired in 1947.

Kit Gough was a traditional regimental officer, devoted to the Lincolns and Suffolks. In retirement he was active with other officers of the Regiment living in the area in forming a south western branch of the Regimental Association. He had always been a fine shot and won many prizes for service shooting. His prowess with the gun was well known, particularly in Dorset, where he lived after retirement.

While at the Depot he hunted with the Burton and in Gibraltar with the Royal Calpe Hunt, which today must be a rare distinction.

He is survived by his widow Nancy, a son and two daughters.

Maj. H.N. (Paddy) Moffitt

THOSE who served with the 1 Suffolk in Malaya during 1950 and 51 will remember Paddy who was attached from the RAOC. He died in Dawlish, Devon on 18 Jul of a heart attack, the first of which he suffered last year.

His platoon, No. 11 "D" Company, were known as Moffitt's Marauders and despite the dangerous handicap of his misting spectacles, Paddy and his men fought several successful battles.

A qualified Ammunition Technical Officer he became a bomb disposal expert and retired in 1969. Following this he qualified and taught at St. Thomas' High School, Exeter, until 1986.

Paddy fitted well into the Suffolk Regimental family and was liked and respected by both officers and men.

He leaves a widow Berry and two daughters, Vayla and Fiona, to whom his many friends extend their deepest sympathy. Their address in Dawlish is 6 Rosyl Avenue, Holcombe, Dawlish, Devon.

G.F.N.C

Obituary, Marriages, Births

Major Donald Baxter DL

WE are sad to announce the death on 12 Nov 88 of Major Donald Baxter DL, in his 71st year. Many will remember him as a serving officer in the Northamptonshire Regiment in which he was commissioned in 1937 and as Assistant Regimental Secretary from 1960 and as Area Secretary from 1964 until his retirement in 1979.

Cremation and Service of Remembrance took place at Bugbrooke, Northamptonshire on 18 Nov. Our condolences and sympathy go to his widow Gwen and their children, Graham and Mary.

(Donald Baxter's death occurred too late to do other than make this announcement in this issue of Castle. A full obituary will appear in the next issue.)

1ST BATTALION:-

Marriages

LCpl WILLIAMS ACC to Luanshya Nicolette on 10 Jun 88.

Pte TOOKE to Tracy Anne on 18 Jun 88.

Maj HALL to Lynda Susan on 20 Jun 88.

LCpl WHATLEY to Laura Diane on 24 Jun 88.

LCpl RYAN to Nancy Michelle on 25 Jun 88.

Pte BRYANT to Jane Patricia on 2 Jul 88.

Pte TIERNEY to Linda Jane on 5 Jul 88.

Cpl ARCHER to Wendy Jane on 15 Jul 88.

Cpl LOVE to Carmen Jesu's on 16 Jul 88.

LCpl BROWN to Vera Sara on 16 Jul 88.

Pte McKENNA to Johan on 16 Jul 88.

Pte QUINN to Denise Angela on 30 Jul 88.

Pte BESTED to Maria Rosanna on 1 Sep 88.

Births

Cpl & Mrs AVISON, a daughter Ashton.
Pte & Mrs PENN, a son Mark.

LCpl & Mrs GOODERSON, a son Lucas.

Capt & Mrs JONES, a daughter Emily.

Capt & Mrs MARSH, a daughter Alexandra.

LCpl & Mrs DZUNDZA, a son Jason.

Cpl & Mrs WHITE, a son Xenon.

Cpl & Mrs DUNN, a daughter Rebekah.

Cpl & Mrs LIIV, a daughter Hazel.

LCpl & Mrs TATE, a daughter Rebecca.

Cpl & Mrs KELLY, a son Gareth.

LCpl & Mrs COLLINS, a son Shaun.

Pte & Mrs BRISTON, a daughter Katie.

Pte & Mrs ALLEN, a son James.

LCpl & Mrs CALLAGHAN, a daughter Lean.

Cpl & Mrs HINCH, a son Nicholas.

Pte & Mrs WESTERN, a daughter Jade.

LCpl & Mrs WILDNEY, a son Arron.

Pte & Mrs SHEPHERD, a son Toni.

SSgt & Mrs MINCHIN, a daughter Danielle.

Sgt & Mrs NEATH, a daughter Charlotte.

Cpl & Mrs TRAVIS, a daughter Kimberly.

LCpl & Mrs CAVELL, a son David.

WO2 and Mrs TAYLOR, a daughter Laura.

2ND BATTALION :

Marriages

Cpl THOMPSON to Dawn on 19 Dec 87.

LCpl CARLIN to Katherine on 22 Dec 87.

LCpl GOOKIN to Angela on 20 Mar 88.

Pte LOBLEY to Odette on 7 Apr 88.

Pte SANDERS to Eileen on 25 May 88.

Pte TATE to Carol on 25 Jun 88.

Cfn WOODWARD to Ann on 25 Jun 88.

Pte ROARTY to Kelly 25 Jun 88.

Pte BAVISTER to Sylke on 7 Sep 88.

Births

Pte & Mrs FARR, a son Paul Joseph James.

Cpl & Mrs QUILTER, a daughter Rebecca Louise.

Cpl & Mrs HETTERLEY, a son Christopher Liam.

Cpl & Mrs KEATING, a daughter Sharon Marion Joan.

LCpl & Mrs SMITH, a daughter Kirsty Anne.

Maj & Mrs HODGSON, a son James William John.

Pte & Mrs HOLDERS, a son Stephen Frank.

Pte & Mrs NUNLEY, a daughter Roxanne Pamela.

Pte & Mrs ARMIGER, a daughter Jodie Lee.

Pte & Mrs SEDMAN, a son Nicholas James.

Pte & Mrs HUNTER, a daughter Kelly Louise.

LCpl & Mrs BARTON, a daughter Sarah Louise.

Pte & Mrs HAYES, a son Liam Edward.

LCpl & Mrs CLARK, a daughter Laura Ann.

LCpl & Mrs BONFIELD, a son Lee Daniel.

Pte & Mrs HARRIS, a son Daniel Paul.

Cpl & Mrs GOOD, a son Anthony James.

Cpl & Mrs THOMPSON, a daughter Zoe Hayley.

LCpl & Mrs BLACKBURN, a son Cain Kevin.

LCpl & Mrs LYNES, a daughter Natasha.

LCpl & Mrs MORRISSEY, a son Luke.

Pte & Mrs ISBELL, a daughter Samantha Jade.

LCpl & Mrs JACKSON, a son Carl Charles.

LCpl & Mrs LAWRENCE, a daughter Katie Louise.

Sgt & Mrs RALPH, a daughter Holly Doreen.

Pte & Mrs THOMSON, a daughter Rose Ann.

Cpl & Mrs HAYCOCK, a daughter Sara Louise.

Pte & Mrs BROWN, a daughter Shantell.

Pte & Mrs TATE, a daughter Charlene Kirsty Anne.

Pte & Mrs HANCOCK, a daughter Carrie Ann.

3RD BATTALION:-

Marriages

Pte CROFTS to Miss E Becker on 27 Feb 88.

Pte WHITE to Miss J Smith on 9 Apr 88.

Cpl HIND to Miss S Kreutzer on 29 Apr 88.

Pte COOK to Miss R Langenburg on 3 Jun 88.

Pte WELLS to Miss L Clarke on 12 Sep 88.

LCpl McGREGGOR to Miss M Hooker on 6 Aug 88.

LCpl MACE to Miss J Wingenfeld on 8 Aug 88.

Capt WILCOCKSON to Miss P McClement on 27 Aug 88.

Capt CLEMENTS to Miss C Epplstone on 6 Aug 88.

Pte FULLBROOK to Miss S Danz on 11 Aug 88.

Births

Pte and Mrs RUDLING a son, Patrick.

Cpl and Mrs BEDFORD a daughter, Mandy.

Cpl and Mrs HACKETT a daughter, Danielle.

Pte and Mrs BOULTON a daughter, Carrie.

Sgt and Mrs WATERMAN a son, Nathan.

Pte and Mrs PETERS a daughter, Sinead.

Cfn and Mrs PULLEN a daughter, Emma.

Pte and Mrs BOW a son, Christopher.

SSgt and Mrs REES a son, Daniel.

Marriages

LCpl and Mrs PERRIN a daughter, Lauren.

Maj and Mrs GODKIN a son, Charles.

Pte and Mrs GOODRUM a daughter, Tessa.

Sgt and Mrs BULBECK a daughter, Averele.

LCpl and Mrs MORRISON a daughter, Michelle.

Sgt and Mrs TOMSON a son, Wesley.

Cpl and Mrs SHAND a son, Graham.

Pte and Mrs HORNE a son, Martin.

Maj and Mrs PORTER a daughter, Amy.

Pte and Mrs GEORGE a daughter, Denise.

Cpl and Mrs GEORGE a son, Brett.

Pte and Mrs RICHES a son, Timothy.

Pte and Mrs DENTON a daughter, Charlotte.

LCpl and Mrs BROWNLIE a son, Lee.

LCpl and Mrs HARDIE a son, Aaron.

LCpl and Mrs CHRISTIAN a son, Sean.

Pte and Mrs FORD a son, Jason.

5TH BATTALION:-

Marriages

CSgt COSTEN to Sheila.

Sgt CULLEN to Janice.

Pte GUNNER to Elizabeth.

Births

Maj and Mrs SEED, a daughter Stephanie Jennifer Laura.

WO2 and Mrs DUNCAN, a daughter Eleanor Kate.

Cpl and WLCpl Harrison, a son Richard William.

Pte and Mrs FOULGER, a daughter Chelsea.

DEPOT:

Marriages

Cpl K PATTISON to Miss F CRASS on 9 Apr 88.

Pte NICHOLLS to Miss A WADE on 3 Oct 88.

Births

Cpl & Mrs LAZIC, a son Alexander John.

Cpl & Mrs SMITH, a son Nathan James.

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REGIMENTAL GATHERING

BASSINGBOURN 16 JUL 89

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1. **Attendance.** I/We would like tickets for the Gathering on 16 Jul 89.

2. **Food.** Please reserve box lunches at £3.00 each for which I enclose a cheque for £ made out to RHQ R ANGLIAN. *

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(IN BLOCK CAPITALS)

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NOTE: Would OCA Branches please send consolidated returns through Area Secretaries at Lincoln, Norwich, Northampton and Warley as appropriate who will co-ordinate contingents from their area.

Regimental Association

THE ROYAL ANGLIAN REGIMENT ASSOCIATION COMBINED GENERAL AND BENEVOLENT FUNDS

Abridged Balance Sheet as at 31 Dec 88

CAPITAL OF FUNDS			ASSETS AND LIABILITIES		
1986		£	1986		£
173,677	Balance brought forward	216,766	847	Office furniture at cost less depreciation	845
17,390	Excess Income over Expenditure	19,590	188,778	Investment at Cost	233,663
25,699	Profit on disposals	18,854	28,010	Cash loans/debtors	26,345
			9,982	Stocks	11,986
			5,175	Cash at bank, deposit and in hand	972
			16,026	Deduct Liabilities, Creditors and Case Loans	18,601
<u>216,766</u>		<u>255,210</u>	<u>216,766</u>		<u>255,210</u>

GENERAL FUND

Abridged Income & Expenditure Account

INCOME			EXPENDITURE		
1986		£	1986		£
110	Subscriptions	115	198	Administration	250
92	Investment Income gross	92	117	Printing & Stationery	258
1,044	Profit on Sale of Regimental Souvenirs	1,315	84	Postage, Sundries & Depreciation	-
400	Refund of Administration Expenses from Benevolent Fund	408	151	Stock Written Off	-
				Donations	-
			153	Recruits entertainment on Liaison Visits	-
			88	Wreaths	-
			855	Excess of Income over Expenditure	1,422
<u>1,646</u>		<u>1,930</u>	<u>1,646</u>		<u>1,930</u>

BENEVOLENT FUND

Abridged Income & Expenditure Account

INCOME			EXPENDITURE		
1986		£	1986		£
42,837	Days Pay Scheme	45,104	388	Audit	304
13,964	Investment Income	15,181	7,499	Case Grants	14,103
13	Interest from Short Term Deposit	387	6,000	Donations to ABF	7,000
2,073	Sundry Donations & Receipts	1,907	6,700	Grants to Outstations	7,184
			1,500	Personal Accident	1,500
			4,646	Grant to Journal	6,001
			1,021	Donations and Appeals	1,235
			403	Depreciation	-
			3,680	Write Off Regimental Loan	473
				Grant to Suffolk Regiment War Memorial Homes	600
			3,915	Grant to Regimental Image	-
			412	Recruits Visits Expenses	403
			5,988	Transfer Officers Subs from Half Days Pay	5,400
			200	Association Admin. Expenses	208
			16,535	Excess of Income over Expenditure	18,168
<u>58,887</u>		<u>62,579</u>	<u>58,887</u>		<u>62,579</u>

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There will be two Officers' Club functions in 1989 - a 25th Anniversary Reception and the Annual Dinner.

25th Anniversary Reception:

The Colonel-in-Chief, Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, is honouring Her Regiment by joining us in the Banqueting House, Whitehall at 1830 hrs on 5 May 1989 to mark the 25th Anniversary of the formation of The Regiment. As the Banqueting House only holds 500, tickets are initially limited to two per member of the Officers' Club, i.e. all serving officers and retired officers or members of the TA or our founder Regiments who subscribe to the Club. (Should you wish to join the Officers' Club contact Maj. Tony Cobbold at RHQ.) An application form for the Reception is on page 96 and administrative details will be sent with tickets.

Regimental Dinner:

The next Regimental Dinner will be held on 3 Nov 89. Details will be in the June 1989 Castle.

REGIMENTAL GATHERING 16 JULY 1989

The second Regimental Gathering will be held at Bassingbourn on 16 Jul 89. The format will be similar to that for this year:

1100	Drumhead Service
1145	March Past
1200	Bars open
1300	Lunch
1330	Shooting and static displays
1500	Beating Retreat

We hope that even more Association Branches will attend with their Standards and increase the 1200 who were present on 24 Jul 88. If you would like to join us for our annual family day, please contact your Area HQ (address at page 92) if you belong to an Association, or direct to RHQ, using the application form on page 90.

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