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Reproduced from the original painting by Charles
C. Stadden of a Regimental Drummer against a
background of the Abbey Gate, Bury St. Edmunds.



Tension on the final day of the Poachers' gruelling patrols competition which was won by 1 Platoon A Coy.

From the Colonel of the Regiment

IN December I wrote that despite the momentous events on the other side of what used to be the Iron Curtain there was no cause for the Army or the Regiment to be depressed about the future. Six months later and after substantial progress towards German reunification, and towards conventional and nuclear agreements, I see no reason to change my view. Nevertheless it is clear that we shall have to endure some turbulence before things settle down.

Until the future for NATO is resolved it is hard to see what firm decisions about strategy or organisation for defence can be taken by individual governments. There seems little disagreement that NATO should continue in being, with its role more political in nature; it will remain a military alliance with forces committed to it to preserve peace in Europe and to provide the infrastructure and consultative machinery to keep its member states closely associated. What remains in considerable doubt is the membership of the alliance and the level of forces it will have assigned to it. It will take some time to reach the basic decisions about these matters, let alone those about stationing, training and equipment, and not until then can our own Government go firm on the shape and size of our national forces.

Meanwhile there will be political clamour for the so-called "peace dividend". Even now the Treasury is said to be demanding substantial savings in the Defence budget and a temporary moratorium on the placing of contracts for major equipments has already been imposed. There is also a call for reductions in the number of headquarters in the United Kingdom and it seems possible that there will be a reorganisation here to prepare for the Army of the future when inevitable



withdrawals from Continental Europe and force reductions occur.

It has to be recognised that all this amounts to a period of unsettling frustration while arrangements for the future are thrashed out. But this is all in the mind. Our battalions, both regular and territorial will continue to have valuable roles to perform and their motivation will come from professional pride in their ability. I am sure they will be as busy as ever but I hope that apart from tours in Northern Ireland they will benefit from the general reduction of tension, and therefore of operational readiness by opportunities to train more thoroughly, with more variety and better quality of life. This will only be possible if battalions are up to strength, so our recruiting and retention will assume greater importance than ever, both for present enjoyment of service and for future survival when reductions are made.

No one is entitled to complacency but the Regiment has plenty of grounds for pride and satisfaction. All of our battalions are well thought of by their commanders. We can see

excellent progress in the careers of our senior officers and warrant officers, our officer recruiting is as good as anyone's and only soldier recruiting gives cause for concern. We have won more than our share of honours in military and sporting fields, and our name is good throughout the Army.

Shortly before retiring from active duty in April I was lucky to visit our allied Bermuda Regiment, where I was most warmly welcomed and hospitably entertained. Our alliances are mutually important and I was delighted to have the opportunity to give the Regiment's good wishes to Col Shorto and his Regiment.

The annual Association Gathering takes place at Basingstoke on Sunday July 15 and I hope for a record turnout. The programme will be much the same as last year but enhanced by the presence of the Viking, Pompadour and Volunteer bands. Padre Tom Hiney will again officiate at the Drumhead Service.

This year marks the 90th year of our wonderful Colonel in Chief and the whole Regiment will join me in offering our devotion and congratulations. The Queen Mother is associated with so many organisations that individual functions and practical tributes are strictly limited but there is to be a celebratory event on Horse Guards on Wednesday June 27 and we shall be represented on the parade by a Colour Party from the 1st Battalion. Three weeks later Her Majesty, at her special request, is visiting the 1st and 3rd Battalions together at Colchester and I am sure this will be a memorable day for everyone there, especially the families.

Wherever you may be I hope you feel part of the family of the Regiment and I send you my warmest greetings and good wishes.

Gen Sir John Akehurst



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Alliances

Canadian Armed Forces

Sherbrooke Hussars

The Lincoln and Welland Regiment

The Essex and Kent Scottish

The Lake Superior Scottish Regiment

Australian Military Forces

The Royal Tasmania Regiment

New Zealand

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

The Regiment has been granted the honour of the Freedom of Bedford, Boston, Bury St. Edmunds, Cambridge, Chelmsford, Cleethorpes, Colchester, Dunstable, Ely, Grantham, Grimsby, Hertford, Hinckley, Ilford, Ipswich,

King's Lynn, Lincoln, Lowestoft, Northampton, Norwich, Peterborough, Romford, Southend, Watford,

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To Fermanagh, Northern Ireland on Op Banner Tour,

May 91

Lieutenant Colonel D S B Phipps

2nd Battalion (Lincolnshire, Leicestershire &

Northamptonshire) Celle, BFPO 23

Lieutenant Colonel A P Deed

3rd Battalion (Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire &
Essex), Colchester

Lieutenant Colonel J D Lacey

To Edmonton Barracks, Londonderry, BFPO
807 on accompanied tour, May 91

5th Battalion

TA Centre, London Road, Peterborough

Lieutenant Colonel

C G Stallard

6th Battalion

TA Camp, Blenheim Camp, Bury St. Edmunds

Lieutenant Colonel P R C Dixon

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7th Battalion

TA Centre, Ulverscroft Road, Leicester

Lieutenant Colonel R E Haes

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RMA Sandhurst

Lieutenant Colonel M J Boocock

Captain N G Burrell

Diary Dates 1990 - 91

JULY

- 7-8 Jul Northampton Association Reunion.
- 7 Jul Joint TA Ball, Newmarket.
- 14-15 Jul TA Bisley.
- 15 Jul Association Gathering, Bassingbourn.
- 16 Jul Colonel-in-Chief visits 1st & 3rd Battalions, Colchester.
- 17-19 Jul East of England Show.
- 18 Jul 3 R Anglian receive Freedom of Thurrock.
- 19 Jul 3 R Anglian Exercise Freedom of Colchester.
- 21 Jul 1st & 3rd Battalions Officers' Mess Ball.
- 22 Jul 3rd Battalion Church Parade Regimental Chapel Warley.
- 22 Jul Regimental cricket match v Edward Evans Lombe team, Martlingford.
- 28 Jul Suffolk Regiments Officers Dinner Club Dinner.
- 29 Jul Suffolk Regiment Minden Reunion.

AUGUST

- 1-4 Aug Colchester Tattoo.
- 10 Aug 1st & 3rd Battalions block leave.

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Sep 26th Anniversary of the founding of the Regiment.
- 3 Sep 1st & 3rd Battalions return from block leave.
- 7-23 Sep 5th & 7th Battalions annual camp BAOR.
- 13 Sep 3rd Battalion exercise freedom rights in Dunstable.
- 14 Sep 3rd Battalion Band and Drums Beat Retreat, Bedford.
- 14 Sep 1st Battalion Band & Drums Beat Retreat, Bedford.
- 14 Sep Regimental Golf, Flempton.
- 15 Sep Golf v Flempton Golf Club.
- 15-29 Sep 6th Battalion Camp, Sennybridge.
- 21 Sep 3rd Battalion Officers' Dinner Club Lunch, Duke of York's.

- 22 Sep 1 R Anglian Open Day, Colchester.
- 22-23 Sep R Lincolns Cleethorpes Old Comrades Reunion.
- 29 Sep Royal Norfolk Regiment Reunion.
- 29 Sep SSAFA Military Band Spectacular, Snape Maltings.
- 30 Sep R Norfolk Association service.

OCTOBER

- 5 Oct Royal Anglian Officers' Club cocktail party, Duke of York's.
- 6-7 Oct Lincoln Tattoo.
- 6 Oct Past & Present Dinner Club dinner, Bassingbourn.

NOVEMBER

- 6 Nov Essex Remembrance Service, Chelmsford.
- 8 Nov Field of Remembrance, Westminster Abbey.
- 9 Nov Regimental Officers' Careers & Council meeting, Colchester.
- 9 Nov Regimental Dinner, Moot Hall, Colchester.
- 11 Nov Remembrance Sunday.
- 16 Nov * Regimental TA Career Meeting, Bassingbourn.
- 18 Nov Bedfordshire & Hertfordshire reunion, Kempston.
- 26-28 Nov Queen's Div Posting Meeting.

DECEMBER

- 1 Dec Royal Leicesters Officers' lunch, London.

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MARCH

- 11-13 Mar RSMs convention, Bassingbourn.
- 20 Mar Undergraduates gathering, Bassingbourn.
- 23 Mar Bedfordshire & Hertfordshire annual dinner, Hertford.

** to be confirmed*

Mainly about People . . .

Promotions, awards and retirements

WE extend our heartiest congratulations to the following on their operational awards for service in Northern Ireland - all are from the 2nd Battalion: Lt Col T Longland OBE: mentioned in Despatches, Maj R M Brunt, Cpl R J Cole, Cpl S M Dale, Pte A Warren, Lt S J North and Sgt M Thorpe.

The following earned the GOC's Commendation: Lt D G H Hunter, Sgt T P Beighton, Pte S A Lawson and LCpl I G Morgan.

We congratulate Maj Gen A J G Pollard CBE on his appointment as Colonel Commandant of the Queen's Division from Jul 1 90. He takes over from Lt Gen Sir Jeremy Reilly KCB, DSO, the Colonel of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers.

Commissioning from RMAS: We congratulate the following on their commissioning from RMAS on Apr 13 90 from SGC 893 and SMC 892: Lt Ian Astley, 3 R Anglian; 2Lt Ian Bristow, 3 R Anglian; 2Lt Robert Blades, 1 R Anglian; 2Lt Paul Leslie, 2 R Anglian, 2Lt Nick Nottingham, 1 R Anglian; 2Lt Thomas O'Driscoll, 3 R Anglian; 2Lt Christopher Stephenson, 2 R Anglian.

We welcome back into the army and into the Regiment 2Lt Patrick Shea-Simmonds who has been posted to 3 R Anglian.

Postings: The following posting orders have been notified to RHQ: Capt M H Wenham to hold strength School of Infantry until Nov 30 90; Maj P Barnes to 6 R Anglian as Training Major, Jul 6, 90; Capt M B Dicker to HQ 8 Inf Bde (Watchkeeper) Mar 12 90; Maj M D Chambers leaves 3 UDR for Battle Group TAC Trainer (UK) SO2 Infantry Aug 20, 90; Lt Col T Longland OBE relinquishes command of the 2nd Battalion prior to posting to the School of Infantry as SO1 AATD (457) Jun 4, 90; Lt I S Davison is attached to 7/10 UDR until Jul 15, 90 and Col J R Hart has left BATT Sudan and is on Queen's Div held strength until posting. Capt P L Ludbrook MBE was posted to JIB Shorncliffe as Company 2IC, Jun 11 90 and Lt P L Smith now serves with 1 R

Anglian; Capt R J Kemp is to go to RMCS ASC No 25 Div 3 Part 1 on Jan 7 91; Capt R J Clements was posted to 39 Inf Bde on Mar 23 90 and Col P P Rawlins MBE is now D Inf COS on promotion. Capt D M Harding is now Adjt 5 R Anglian; Lt R C Calder is at Depot the Queen's Div and Maj S P M Blyth at JFHQ PPG; Lt A Gosling is now back with 2 R Anglian and Col J S Houchin goes to HQ NORTHAG (SP) BAE on Sep 4, 90. Capt S B Brunt is now with HQ 19 Inf Bde as SO3 G3 plans and Col J C B Sutherland MBE a Divisional Colonel at the Staff College. Maj K Hodgson is at RMAS as Company Commander and Queen's Div rep. Maj H S Bullock MBE is attached to HQ Eastern District as an Admin Officer for Exercise Fast Track. Maj A Powell is to be posted to 7 R Anglian as Training Major and Lt N C Crawshaw is now ADC to Maj Gen A J G Pollard CBE. Maj David Baylis was posted to HQ Afnorth in March and Maj Fraser Macdonald was posted to 3 R Anglian in February.

We welcome back into the regiment Capt A J C Wild who has been reinstated as a Captain and is now serving as SO3 G3 Ops HQ 20 Armd Bde.

WO1 Allen is to be posted to 1 R Anglian as RSM in Aug 90; WO2 Goude is to be posted to 2 R Anglian as RSM Sep 90 and WO2 Twell will be RSM 7/10 UDR, Oct 90. WO2 Cook is to be the RSM at HQ Chilwell Garrison Jul 90; WO2 Shrubbsall is to be RSM 3 Queens Oct 90 and WO2 Gedge will be RSM of the Depot Oct 90.

Honours and Awards: We congratulate Col David Harris OBE TD on his appointment as ADC TA to Her Majesty The Queen and SSgt J W Lawton on award of the BEM.

We congratulate CSgt Clive M Brazier on earning the GOC Eastern District's Commendation for prompt and humane help to a man in distress and to Capt James H Freeman and LCpl Bernard A Mann who jointly saved the life of a hurt walker in Cumbria. All commended are serving with 7 R Anglian.

Commissioning: We congratulate the following on their commissioning from the ranks to the battalions and units shown. WO1 R J Brown, 2 R Anglian, Sep 30 90; Lt S Dexter, 3 R Anglian, Mar 31 90; WO1 A Jones, R Anglian, Aug 31 90 and Lt P L Smith BEM JIB, Apr 30 90.

Retirements: The following have retired from the army, we wish them all



The Colonel of the Regiment celebrates his 60th birthday (and retirement) at a celebration lunch on Feb 12 with the Northamptonshire Regimental Association.

success in their future lives. Maj S P B Badger, Jun 2 90; Maj W P Seccombe, Jan 2 90; Col R J M Drummond OBE, Jul 4 90, he is Assistant Secretary to the West Midland TAVRA; Lt R N Goodwin, Jun 10 90; Lt M E Robinson, Jun 12 90; Capt R E Eke, Jun 1 90 and Capt A M L Miles, Feb 23 90.

We congratulate the following on passing their Staff Selection Test this year: Capt Simon Andrews, Capt Phil Jones, Capt Duncan Venn, Capt Alastair Wild and Capt Andrew Wiles.

Maj Paul Denny is now the Cadet Executive Officer for the Suffolk Cadet Force and is to be congratulated on his appointment as a Yeoman of the Guard.

Mainly about People . . .



Secretary of State for Northern Ireland Tom King tries out the 94mm during a three-hour visit to the Pompadours in November.

Poacher's winding road to Auckland

THE road to Auckland was a very long — and occasionally discouraging — one for Commonwealth Games skeet marksman WO2 David Goude, a Royal Anglian on Loan Service in Swaziland.

WO2 David Goude, of the Poachers, found himself in line to represent Swaziland after taking part in local skeet competitions.

He and a Swazi farmer were chosen — only to discover that there were insufficient funds to fly the team to Auckland.

WO2 Goude promptly emptied his bank account and, with generous help from

2 R Anglian and local business, departed for New Zealand via London, Tokyo and Melbourne, a marathon journey that took five days.

Having arrived late, the skeet team had just 14 hours' sleep before their first competition. In the pairs event they finished a creditable tenth, and in the individuals David Goude survived the qualifying stages before achieving 27th place overall.

We hope to hear a fuller account of this in the next Castle!



MAJ Peter Ferrary, now with BDLS Canberra, sent us the above photograph of Maj Gen Patrick Stone enjoying the English style weather at Tibbinbiaa in Australia. The lady in the picture is Peter Ferrary's wife, Mary Clare. Gen Stone had previously addressed a UK exchange officers' convention; there are about 90 tri-service around Australia, in Canberra.

Locations List security

FOR security reasons we are no longer allowed to print our Locations List. Addresses are held by Regimental HQ and we can help with inquiries, but are grateful for notice being given.

However, our lists are only as accurate as the information received. This is particularly true of retired officers. Please keep us informed of any change of address.

Mainly about People . . .



WE announced in the last Castle W02 S A Pollitt's award of the BEM. The photograph above shows the now retired Mr Pollitt receiving his BEM from the Lord Lieutenant of Lancashire, Col J B Timmins TD at a ceremony held at the Army Pay Office, Ashton-under-Lyne on Dec 11. Mr Pollitt works in Salford in a personnel managerial capacity, and as can be seen is in very good heart.

LEGACIES

When you make out your will, do not forget the Regimental Association. The association spends considerable sums of money helping those in times of need and your bequest would be spent wisely and compassionately on less fortunate past and present members of the Regiment. Please do not forget your Association.

Band spectacular

THE Viking Band and the Band of the 1st Battalion The King's Own Royal Border Regiment are playing at a Military Band Spectacular at Snape Maltings at 7.30 pm on Saturday Sept 29, 1990.

Proceeds will help the dependents of service and ex-servicemen and women in Suffolk.

Tickets at £7, £5 and £3 will be available from the Aldburgh Foundation Box Office, High Street, Aldburgh, Suffolk. Tel: (24 hours) Aldburgh (0728) 453543.

The doomed expedition to Norway

THE 39/45 War Veterans may be interested to know that a book, *The Doomed Expedition*, by Jack Adams is soon to be published.

Printed by Mandarin, the book covers the campaign evacuation from Norway in 1940.

The author, who was at the time a private soldier in the South Wales Borders, who were present during the campaign retired from the army as Lt Col in 1967.

How the Ninth named a village

FOLLOWING on from the article in last December's issue of the Castle, Ronald Scrivener was good enough to write to the military attaché at the Embassy in Lisbon who confirms that on May 14, 1809, the Ninth Infantry Regiment, which was part of Wellesley's column, freed the people of Santa Maria da Expectacao from the French.

To commemorate this people began to call the village Nine.

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Dates for your diary

Officers' Club:

Cocktail Party - Duke of York's, Chelsea Oct 5/90 (18/30hrs)

Dinner - Moor Hall, Colchester: Nov 9 (1900 hrs for 2000 hrs)

Post & Present Dinner Club:

Dinner - Banbury, Oct 6/90 (2000 hrs)

Respective secretaries will be in touch shortly.



Vikings



Under fire in South Armagh

THE last couple of months in South Armagh proved both demanding and challenging for the battalion. Observation and patrolling duties throughout the TAOR were stepped up and many multiples found themselves on the ground for extensive periods in unpleasant conditions.

A combination of operational requirements and unpredictable weather meant that patrolling tasks could often last up to a week, and with helicopter availability uncertain, troops were required to carry even more than normal.

In early November, Lt Andy Price and his multiple from Operations Coy were formally introduced to the enemy when they were shot at from across the border. The troops were part of a cordon around the Belfast to Dublin railway line when a gun team positioned across the border opened fire on their positions. Despite their accurate fire the enemy were engaged by elements of C and Sp Coy and suppressed.

The remainder of the tour was scattered with incidents throughout the TAOR and various operations were mounted to clear suspect devices. The most notable of these was mounted on the Dublin Road, an operation involving troops from all six company groups in response to a number of burnt-out, hijacked vehicles blocking the road.

This was intended to draw troops towards a bomb which had been placed beneath a manhole cover. However this possibility was borne in mind throughout the operation and ATO successfully cleared the area having recovered several hundred pounds of explosives.

The last phase of the tour was heralded by 2LI's reece party who visited each location in preparation for the handover in early 1990. Numerous other visitors were hosted including the Archbishop of Armagh, the Most Revd Robert Eames and the Colonel of the Regiment, Gen Sir John Akehurst. We also received a visit from Brig Freemantle before he handed over to the new Bde Comd, Brig Farrar-Hockley.

Spirits were lifted by the arrival of the



Pte Read crosses the Creggan River, followed by Pte Russel and Pte Lomas

two 'Miss Vikings', Rachel Garley and Tracey Harper who spent two days with the battalion. The girls visited as many of the troops as possible and proved to be extremely popular. The battalion showed its appreciation by presenting them each with flowers and gifts as both the Page 3 girls had refused payment for their visit.

Also visiting were 21 children from neighbouring Bessbrook primary school who spent a morning on Bessbrook helipad. The children, who are used to the comings and goings of army helicopters, were delighted to see them at closer quarters and

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News from the Vikings



Top: Troops await helicopter extraction at G20, one of the observation towers at the border. Right: Sgt Prime and his men return from six days' R and R and take the mail with them back to Crossmaglen. Below: Cpl Langley-Stevens is interviewed by a reporter.



News from the Vikings

From Page 10

were impeccably behaved for the members of HQ Coy and C Coy who hosted them.

Whilst the locals were busy preparing for the festive season, the battalion stepped up its vigilance. Although decorations adorned much of the living accommodation, little could compensate for the fact that Christmas and New Year would be spent away from home. Long periods of 'non-flying' weather ensured that patrols either travelled by foot or braved the elements for longer periods whilst waiting for helicopters to arrive.

Santa Claus did visit South Armagh, however, in the form of a team from Soldier Magazine looking for a front cover for their Xmas edition. This they found to the guise of CSgt Donnelly of B Coy who proved to be a superb Father Christmas.

Disc Jockey Dick Hutchinson from Radio Broadlands also visited the battalion in order to record messages from the troops. The programme went on the air on Christmas Day afternoon for friends and relatives in the Norfolk area.

Meanwhile, in South Armagh an effort was made to have as many platoons as possible together for a proper Christmas dinner in the company locations or in the Golf Towers.

New Year's Eve came and went and the advance party departed for the mainland on Jan 2. COP platoon received a taste of things to come as the RSM, WO1 Jones, ensured that their hair was cut to an acceptable length (short) before travelling homewards. With their departure we saw the arrival of 2LI's advance party. As their administrative staff began to settle in, the multiple commanders were introduced to patrolling their respective TAOR.

The movement of the battalions main body was carefully planned with troops being extracted directly from the observation posts and towers and with Ops Coy remaining until the last minute, in many cases to be extracted directly from the ground. The movement home ran smoothly and before long the Vikings were back in Colchester where the battalion remained for a week to complete their post-tour administration before going to leave. The troops also had to get used to the freedom of being back in England and being able to drink more than two pints a night! Inevitably company and department parties were held throughout the week in

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Above: 2Lt Henry Simpson and his men from Ops Company provide the Airborne Reaction Force. Below: Pte Taylor tackles a tricky obstacle in Crossmaglen.



News from the Vikings



Above: Sgt Callaghan has second thoughts about hosting Bessbrook Primary School. Below: LCpl Szynal and LCpl Milligan present the two 'Miss Vikings' with flowers from the battalion.



News from the Vikings



From Page 12

Above: Pte Jones of B Coy on patrol in Crossmaglen. Below: Santa Claus, alias Bill Moore from the Soldier Magazine visits membes of 3PI at the R21 hill top site.

celebration of a successful tour and in anticipation of a well-earned period of block leave.

On 19 Jan the battalion said a fond farewell to the Commanding Officer, Lt Col John Sutherell MBE. He was ceremoniously towed out of camp in a 1942 vintage truck to his waiting staff car. The Colonel and his wife Amanda have only recently had a baby, Charlotte Louise.

They have now moved to Staff College Camberley where Colonel Sutherell is posted as a Divisional Commander. They will be missed and all Vikings wish them well.

Five week's leave came not a moment too soon and the rear party held the fort whilst the main body dispersed. The band continued with Operation Orderly providing emergency back-up assistance during the national ambulance strike in Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire.

The battalion returned to work towards the end of February and welcomed a new commanding officer, Lt Col David Phipps. Also posted to the battalion were Maj Johnny Rollins, OC A, Maj Simon Lamb, OC B and Maj Andy Wiles OC Sp Coy.



News from the Vikings



Commendations for tour of South Armagh

On 8 Mar the CO awarded the following commendations as a result of the recent South Armagh Tour:-

SQMS Addle - Responsible for catering throughout the TAOR; CSgt Richardson - IO Crossmaglen; Sgt Raven - Chef Crossmaglen; Sgt Windmill - Multiple Commander Newtownhamilton; Cpl O'Brien - In Cell Collator Crossmaglen; Cpl Leggatt, LCpl Freeman, Pte Amos - C Coy, Cross border contact near Forkhill; Cpl Keeble - MT Platoon; Cpl Botley - Ops Clerk; Cpl Hales - Ops Clerk; Cpl Kelly NG - Int Cell Forkhill; Cpl Williams - Team Commander Newtownhamilton; LCpl Braine - COP Int JNCO; LCpl Milligan - RSI C Coy.

Above: The award winners display their certificates. Below: Cpl O'Brien receives his commendation for his work as the Intelligence Cell Collator in Crossmaglen.



News from the Vikings

Rebuilding sports teams

With the tour firmly behind us, the Vikings began training in earnest in the form of Coy training, driving, signals and gunnery cadres. The drums platoon began to sharpen the quality of the daily bugle calls around camp and a potential NCOs Cadre began at the end of March.

Wednesday afternoons have been set aside for sport and the battalion teams are being rebuilt. The Vikings orienteering team set off to a good start by winning the UKLF EDIST Orienteering Championships, for the second consecutive year. A Viking team came top in each of the three courses with particular congratulations to CSgt Bonnett who came first on course 1 and was 5 minutes in front of the next runner. Capt Eddie Thorne came third on course 2 and WO2 Long came first on course 3 with Cpls Woods 3rd and Sgt Stimpson 4th. The team now qualify for the UKLF National Championships. Also running well were the cross-country team coming third in the EDIST league and second in the championships behind neighbouring 3rd Battalion. Junior Vikings Pte Cox and Pte Rudd did well qualifying for the Junior Army Championships.

The Vikings Chefs have also seen success with their team taking part in the EDIST Catering Competition over the weekend of Mar 17-18. The team of Cpl Williams, LCpl Evans and LCpl Grey came a creditable third overall.



Above: The new commanding Officer, Lt Col Phipps, presents cross-country colours. Below: Members of the highly successful Viking orienteering team.



Hockey resumed after Northern Ireland with an draw against MCTC.



News from the Vikings



Sea trials with new navy frigate

THREE lucky members of the battalion, Cpl Wright and Pte Cox of B Coy and Pte Brown of C Coy, disappeared for 10 days on board HMS Norfolk as she underwent sea trials.

They sailed to Hamburg where they spent five days before sailing back to Portsmouth. The three were well looked after by the ship's crew who awarded them each with a plaque after their visit. The frigate, the first of its kind, is still undergoing trials. It is due to be commissioned on June 1 this year.

The battalion continues with its individual training geared towards its BAOR role in 1990. In particular, its sights are set on building up to the battalion and brigade FTXs on Salisbury Plain in the summer and Exercise Quarter Final in Germany in the autumn. This is destined to be a busy year.

Meanwhile, the Drums Platoon paraded on the square on Mar 14

Drum Major Bokenham led the platoon on to the square and after a short musical display the Commanding Officer inspected

Above: Drum Major Bokenham leads the Drums Platoon for the last time. Below: Pte Cox and Cpl Wright of B Coy on board HMS Norfolk.



the ranks before bidding farewell to Drum Major Bokenham and calling forward Sgt Flemming, the new "Drummie". Sgt Flemming was presented with his Drum

Major jacket in a ceremony that had not taken place for six years since Drum Major Bokenham took over command. He now goes on to be a recruiter in Leicester.

News from the Vikings



Exercise Red Shank on Salisbury Plain.

Conventional warfare practice

THE battalion's major RAAT commitments began with Exercise Red Shank on Salisbury Plain in support of the TA Company Commanders Course.

Most of the battalion were deployed for the exercise in which everything from FIBUA to fighter ground attack was incorporated.

The exercise lasted a week and gave the battalion a chance to practise conventional warfare for the first time since Northern Ireland.



News from the Vikings





Poachers



Busy start to the year

EVEN though our delivery of Warrior has been delayed until 1991, the Poachers have been kept quite busy during the first quarter of 1990. Following a visit by the new Commander, 22 Brigade, and a 100% pass of the battalion tickle BFT, we finished 1989 on a high note prior to Christmas leave. Well rested, all but A and D (Sp) Coy returned to Celle on Jan 3 ready to tackle all that lay ahead.

B and C Coys moved down to Hammelburg on Jan 8 for eight days' FIBUA training, aided and abetted by a troop of Chieftans from the QOH, both companies are now in possession of numerous 'war' stories, which appear to be slightly contradictory depending on who you hear them from!

A 22 Armd Bde BBGT kept numerous officers busy in Sennelager for the week Jan 15-19 whilst C Coy, just back from Hammelburg, moved to Hulsede for a week of DSS Guard.

January drew to a close with Exercise Morning Glory (CPX) and our ARU Supporting Pay Inspection.

To maintain a high level of 'hands on' experience, so far this year our gunnery training wing has run two Warrior Gunnery courses. The first, which was mainly attended by personnel from 3 RRF, was run from Jan 15 to Feb 6 and the second attended by a mixture of other units, from Feb 8 to Mar 2.

Early February was used to prepare and practise for the battalion's patrols competition which actually commenced with an Active Edge in the early hours of Feb 12. Nine platoons deployed into the Celle area at the start of a 2 1/2 day competition designed to test platoon commanders in all aspects of dismounted infantry work. Each platoon was carefully watched by two or more DS who awarded or deducted points accordingly. As well as orders, reces, administration and basic tactics, the fitness and teamwork displayed by each platoon contributed to the final total score.

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Above: 7PI C Coy led by Lt Kelleway on the first 12 km speed march in the patrols competition. Below: The final morning of the competition.



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Top left: It's a dog's life. Top right: The QM(T) demonstrates the new edible officers' cane. Below left: The 1st Celle Scout Troop which is raising money for Barnardos. Below right: Commander 22 Armd Bde asks Cpl Roberts the name of his barber.



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The weather, which OC D (Sp) Coy insists he indented for, played a major role in the platoon commanders decisions. After a gruelling first day, the first snowfall of 1990 fell on the second night, followed by heavy rain on the final morning.

To warm everyone up and to test the mind over matter' theory, the final activity was a 12 kilometre forced march and river crossing in NBC kit. By lunch time of Valentine's Day, all nine platoons were back in barracks. The marking conference announced the results out of a maximum score of 5000 points.

Congratulations must go to Sgt Stone and all members of 1 platoon. A coy for achieving the final winning score of 4,920 points, and to all other platoons for their efforts in such deteriorating cold weather conditions.

The latter half of February, as usual, was taken up with exercises. Exercise Stags Head, Feb 18-21, saw BG HQ and B Coy deploy on a CPX, and Exercise Hurst Park, Feb 21-28 added A and D(Sp) Coy HQs.

Prior to everyone deploying, out into the field, Sobraon Day was celebrated with Regimental dinners in the Officers' and Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Messes. The Officers' mess was pleased to host Brigadier Infantry, Maj Jim Badger, Maj David Napier and Maj Dick Harold, all of whom attended on the evening of Feb 9.

A Coy commenced March with a change of OC.

Maj Kevin Hodgson departed BAOR on route to RMA Sandhurst leaving the Coy in the capable hands of Maj David Whitehead. The Coy deployed to Soltau for four days of company training between Mar 5-9 prior to the battalion taking part in Exercise Prairie Stag. Our main role on Prairie Stag was to act as enemy for the 1st Battalion The Scots Guards Battlegroup and to provide two umpire teams at company level.

Observing another battalion in action proved to be quite an education for all ranks.

The commanding officer, and all field officers, attended the 1st Armoured Division study day on Mar 30. Their role as both students and presenters emphasised the Poachers' position as 1st Armoured Division's obstacle crossing experts. We are hoping that other elements, particularly the Engineers, learnt something from the day.

Mid-April was the date set for the Battalion ARU, which thankfully went very well. Other visitors during the month included three potential officers, who accompanied A Coy on a week long defence exercise, and a total of 104 ACF and officers as part of a Bde organised visit. 2Lt Martin Lyne had the honour of hosting the ACF and with at least 50 here at any one time, his man management and organisation skills have improved greatly.

Above: The final morning of the patrols competition. Below: The secret is out — Adjutants can't walk on water.



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Above: Help was at hand during the gruelling patrols competition. Right: "The prisoner won't tell me where he left his scooter sir." Below: 2 kms to go on the final morning.



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FIBUA skills training at Hammelburg

THE early hours of a crisp winter's day saw the deployment of Hammelburg of the advance party from B and C Coys. This was composed mainly of the usual "Q" element and all the Coys' "trainers" for the week.

It was on arrival at the prospective camp that the rumours proved correct.

"Yes we are living in a tented camp," and "Yes the normal camp is occupied by one East German family."

From this cheery start the training personnel moved down to the village to be met by the German staff who operate the village.

The Germans had provided a WOII to revise us in our FIBUA skills and once he had completed his "bit", we were left to get on with preparing for a FIBUA skills circuit the next day. It was at this point that we encountered our first difficulties. According to the Germans, whenever stepping away from a wall to throw something through a window, one must always step away with the left foot first.

The initial day covered the individual and pairs skills such as entering rooms or buildings, and movement from floor to floor.

The next couple of days dealt with section tasks and methods of operating followed by platoon level tasks. These included obstacle crossings in difficult breathing and communicating situations, as well as basic floor to floor, building to building operations.

Amongst this, time was found to, in brief, outline cover DIBUA and also for sections to experience the warmer sensations in the fire house. For some it was so warm they could have been said to have been on fire.

The final two days were spent with, first, B Coy in defence and C Coy assaulting, then changing roles the next day.

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FIBUA training at Hammelburg



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At the end of that came the usual task of cleaning up. This took about a day, the result being that the village was in a cleaner

condition when we left than when we arrived.

All in all it was a most enjoyable week with much relearnt about FIBUA and much learnt about using MBT's in built up areas.



Pictures: Hammelburg FIBUA training.





Pompadours



Collective training resumes

THE hectic pace described in the last edition of *Castle* has shown no sign of letting up, although the Pompadours' activities have become less and less diverse as the training cycle advances into collective training.

In early October the battalion hosted two parties of cadets from Greshams School; the Band received 20 reinforcements and A Coy 16. Those joining A Coy took part in a series of night patrols and ambushes followed by a dawn attack and a march and shoot competition. Although tired and tested, most appeared to have enjoyed their visit and taste of shooting.

In mid-October A and B Coys travelled to Catterick to spend two weeks' live firing on Feldom Ranges and training in the Fighting in Built Up Areas (FIBUA) complex at Whinney Hill. This was the first major outing with Saxon for the Pompadours and it was with some trepidation that the companies set off on the eight-hour trip north: fears of breakdown proved unfounded and the Saxons have since proved themselves very reliable.

The two week package was most effective and although the Feldom Ranges were limited and only low level field firing was possible, some soldiers were able to fire the new Light Anti-Tank Weapon, the 94mm, both with its 9mm spotting gun and its heat round. The Whinney Hill complex is an excellent adaptation of an old married quarters area with additional features such as tunnels and an abseiling building. In order to make the best of the facilities, A and B Coys combined and in three days produced an almost impregnable "village". Their fieldworks were then subjected to a number of challenges in a 48-hour exercise using a locally acquired enemy force, principally from the Royal Signals, many of whom expressed regret that they had not joined the Infantry!

November and December were taken up with visits, cadres and adventure training. The big event of November,



Above: "I'll hit him, you grab the money" — Ptes Riley and Chalkley at Whinney Hill.
Below: Comd 19 Inf Bde meets Pte Wray.



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Above: LS and GC recipients and their wives — (left to right) SSgt and Mrs Preston, WO2 and Mrs Goodchild, Sgt and Mrs Jones, WO1 (Bandmaster) Parkinson, WO2 and Mrs Morley and WO2 and Mrs Tewill. Below: Cpl and Mrs Howden, Cpl and Mrs Holmes and Sgt and Mrs Hallebone. Left: Pte Denton notices a rise in temperature during the GOC's visit to the First Aid Cadre.



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however, was the return of C Coy group from the Falklands. Their final month is recounted elsewhere. The cadre period covered Saxon training for commanders and drivers, assault pioneer training, signalling and included a Grade 1 Board. 2 Lt Guy Bartlett ran a 2-week adventure training camp at Ardlingth in Scotland, enabling over 40 soldiers to take part in challenging pursuits on land and sea. The centre is run by Tom McLean, the lone Atlantic oarsman, and provides a rugged setting for walking, windsurfing and canoeing.

A variety of visitors kept the battalion sharp in November and December. On 7 Nov 1989, C-in-C UKLF Gen Sir Charles Huxtable visited and was shown Cpl Hardies' installation kit for Milan equipment in Saxon. The Commanders old and new of 19 Inf Bde, Brigs Freemantle and Farrar-Hockley, visited in November and December respectively. GOC EDIST, Maj Gen Evans visited the Pompadours on 17 Nov 1989 and saw a variety of activities, met many members of the battalion, and appeared to enjoy his day. During his visit the General presented Long Service and Good Conduct medals to six members of the WO's and Sgr's Mess.

On 23 Nov 1989, the battalion was honoured to host the Secretary of State for Defence, The Right Honourable Tom King

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Above: Christmas dinner in the cookhouse. The calm before the storm. Below: The Hertford Rotary Club are briefed on demolition equipment by CSgt Dowling.



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MP. Mr King spent 3 hours with the Pompadours during which he had lunch in the WO's and Sgt's Mess and was briefed by the Commanding Officer and by members of C Coy group.

The High Sheriff of Essex, Mr Alan Jordan, served as a Lieutenant in the Essex Regiment so he particularly enjoyed his visit to the Pompadours at the beginning of December. Mr Jordan presented three members of the battalion with their Long Service and Good Conduct Medals during his stay.

Additionally, the battalion was pleased to see the Rotary Club of Hertford, the Old Comrades of the Thurrock Branch of the Regimental Association who, together with the 4th Battalion The Essex Regiment OCA, visited in November.

December seemed to be dominated, however, by a plethora of Christmas parties. Somehow a football match between the WO's and Sgt's Mess and Officers' Mess was fitted in and despite the efforts of the referee, Capt Bob Eke, the Officers were beaten by the narrowest of margins (9-0) - Maj David Baylis was nominated Man of the Match for a fine own goal.

Not all members of the battalion were able to enjoy a Christmas at home as the civilian ambulance dispute resulted in members of the Band being dispatched to Basildon, Bedford, Dunstable and Harlow to put into practice their alternative role, along with the battalion's medics and drivers. Operation Orderly - the name given to this deployment concluded in March 1990 with all participants having found it an illuminating experience.

The return to duty in January saw the battalion embark on a further set of cadres.

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Above: Pte (now LCpl) Boulton fires the 94mm on the PNCO Cadre. Below: The CO congratulates Pte (now LCpl) Riley on being top student on the PNCO Cadre.



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this time including the Heavy Weapons Platoons who now had their detachments back from C Coy. The Assault Pioneer cadre, at Wyke Regis, had the camp blown down around their ears as the first of the winter storms struck. Following the end of the cadre period A and B Coys reinforced by soldiers from C Coy deployed to Salisbury Plain for Exercise Phantom Bugle, the largest of the School of Infantry exercises and the final exercise of the All Arms Tactics Course. One of the students was of particular interest to the Pompadours - Maj Macdonald, who took command of C Coy upon completion of the course; Maj Baylis left us for HQ in Norway. Concurrently Heavy Weapons Coy deployed to Salisbury Plain to support elements of the USAF on exercise.

February concluded with the battalion deploying to Kent for Operation Spearhead training. Whilst there the Colonel of the Regiment visited, spending two days renewing old acquaintances and meeting many of the soldiers who have joined the battalion since his last visit.

The remainder of March has been spent in final preparation for Spearhead and sub-unit training. The rifle companies have all spent a week at Stanford training area and

Above: Milan Cadre on combat fitness test. Below: Sgt Thumwood and Maj Greenhaugh AAC on Exercise Phantom Bugle.



Whinney Hill, return journeys for A and B Coys, but both enjoyable and worthwhile firsts for C Coy.

The battalion started April with a CFX, a novel form of exercise for most Pompadours and one that is likely to be increasingly common since less damage is caused and it is cheaper to run than the

normal form of exercise. Most phases of war were covered and the exercise proved a useful shakedown of Battlegroup procedures. The battalion is now on Operation Spearhead and looking forward to Exercise Pond Jump West in Canada. The Queen Mother's visit, the bde exercise on the plain, the ...

News from the Pompadours

Preparing to leave the Falklands

THE final month on the Falklands Islands has been very busy for the Pompadours, what with preparing for the arrival of the Green Howards and completing the many objectives, individual and collective, that were set at the start of the tour.

Training has continued at a fast pace with 60 individuals passing a difficult upgrading board on the slopes of Mount Pleasant and qualifying as Grade 1 soldiers. The Drums PI spent a week firing SF machine guns on the Onion Range, enjoying some of the best weather experienced by the Pompadours.

Every member of the company has now completed Exercise Pompadour Kelper, a sponsored battle march in full equipment from Goose Green to Stanley - a distance of 65 miles. It is expected that some £2,300 will be collected for charity on the company's return to England.

Many soldiers have continued to take the opportunity to visit the Navy, with soldiers spending up to a week on board HMS Broadsword. Lt Carver paid a visit to



Onion Range — Des res, secluded site, requires some attention

a submarine and got more than he bargained for. The boat was unexpectedly deployed on an operation whilst he was aboard and the hapless subaltern found his visit extended by several days.

The Inter-Section Competition, run throughout the latter part of the tour, was won by Cpl Hazelwood's section from 7 PI.

The Commander of the British Forces in the Falklands Islands, Maj Gen Stevenson, presented the prizes. Some of the winning team accepted the opportunity to return to the UK by the scenic route, via Barbados, onboard HMS Broadsword. The 7 PI also provided the winners of the prestigious Falklands Islands Road Relay Race.

Cruising home on HMS Broadsword

WHEN the last flight for members of the C Coy Gp, who had spent four months as the Resident Infantry Company (RIC), left the Falklands Islands, a small party of Pompadours were left behind. Lt Newson and seven soldiers had been offered the chance to return to the UK on HMS Broadsword, a Type 22 anti-submarine frigate.

Shocked at first to discover how little room was available for passengers, the soldiers soon felt at home among their strange new surroundings. The ship's

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Right: Lt Newson and nautical Pompadours:- LCpl Sands and Ptes Ellis, Turley, Harley, Ramm, Quelch and McGee.



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Pompadours Recce Platoon past and present

Live firing at Castlemartin

PART with the penguins, wave to the whales, forget the freeze, gloss over the glaciers... it's live firing at Castlemartin.

The Pompadours Recce Platoon returned from their tour of South Georgia, had leave, then started to prepare for the first live firing of their Fox vehicles' Rarden cannon for two years. To start the ball rolling, a gunnery cadre was run in Roman Barracks to refresh the memories of the 'old sweats' and to teach the new members of the platoon.

The cadre was, however, interrupted by

two exercises. The first of these, Blackadder, was an RAC Training Centre exercise; in addition to the normal threat from the enemy the vehicles had to contend with aerial attacks by low-flying trees – one of which scored a direct hit on Pte Hinds' and LCpl Brown's Fox. On Exercise Phantom Bugle the platoon acted as enemy for the force which included A and B Coy.

Two days after leaving Salisbury Plain the Foxes arrived at the Gunnery Ranges at Castlemartin. Sgt's Croft and Corbin were provided by the 9/21 L to act as gunnery

instructors, and the School of Gunnery sent a third instructor to act as an independent assessor. The Pompadours achieved a very high standard for the assessor left after two days, commenting that the results were above those required for the more difficult test shoot which the platoon would fire at Lulworth in March.

After a successful shoot in March, the platoon managed to squeeze in its final preparation for Spearhead, the battalion CFX and a platoon reunion before going on a well deserved Easter leave.

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company were very hospitable and after a few days the Pompadours found their sea legs. As the ship sailed north, the entire company was soon to be seen sunning themselves on the upper decks. 'Tropical rig' adopted four days out of Stanley, making the acquisition of a poseur's tan somewhat easier.

The soldiers were shown round the ship and learnt about many aspects of the sailor's work. In return, the Royal Anglians laid on a number of lessons and demonstrations, provided a sketch for the 'Sods Opera' and

applied themselves to useful tasks like painting the decks!

The highlights of the passage were the Hands to Bath, the Crossing of the Line ceremony and the Sods Opera. During the first of these events, the soldiers found it disconcerting swimming in water 4,000 metres deep, with sailors armed with rifles on shark watch! When the ship crossed the equator the Pompadours were summoned to King Neptune's Court and given the traditional sentence for being 'pongos'. The Sods Opera was an excellent evening, with the ship's company putting on a series of sketches in the helicopter hanger.

After 15 days at sea, HMS Broadsword arrived at Bridgetown, Barbados. Many of the crew were met by their wives who had flown out from the UK to spend a week with their husbands. Lt Newson visited the Barbados Regiment, which has an affiliation

with the Royal Anglian Regiment, and was invited to their Independence Day Parade. The week on the island passed all too quickly for the Pompadours and sailors alike, starved of sun during their tour in the Falklands.

Soon the ship was under way once more, bound for Plymouth. Two ships, HMS Brilliant and HMS Alacrity, joined Broadsword for the final leg of the voyage, exercising as they steamed across the Atlantic. By the time they arrived at Devonport, the soldiers had begun to understand a little of the complexity of naval tactics. The trip proved to be a wonderful experience for the Pompadours and a great opportunity to dispel the myth about the differences between members of the two services. Throughout the voyage, the Captain and crew of HMS Broadsword were magnificent hosts.

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Animal rescue team saves stranded sheep

WHILST carrying out Spearhead training in Kent, 3 R Anglian received a call for help from the local police. A number of sheep had been left stranded by flooding: the result of high tides, strong winds and the collapse of the sea defences.

The sheep belonged to local farmers who lease land from the MoD and graze their flocks on the ranges.

Despite advance warning of the floods, which gave them sufficient time to remove their animals from low-lying pastures adjacent to the coast, many farmers neglected to take action until it was too late.

Spurred on by concern for the animals (as opposed to their owners) the Pompadours' animal rescue team sprang into action. Only those with little work to do could be spared ... producing an interesting selection of helpers which included the adjutant, the doctor and the RQMS. Assault boats and outboard engines were obtained from local units, removing



"Quiet in the cheap seats."

the need to test Maj Hands' assertion that his Land Rover would wade as it 'did not have any electrics.'

The sheep proved remarkably reluctant to allow themselves to be rescued.

Whilst appearing at first to be unable to swim, the animals took every opportunity to

dive from the arms of their saviours and head off to the next small island of high ground.

A total of 189 sheep were rescued by the intrepid aquatic adventurers, who battled all day in the face of appalling weather and ungrateful farmers.

Like father like son. . .

SGT Jim Devaney had every right to feel rather special in August this year when he was joined in Colchester by his son Paul. Devaney junior had just completed a spell with the Junior Soldiers Battalion at Shorncliffe and arrived to take his place in B Coy.

His father had joined the company as a rifleman back in 1971 when the battalion was serving in Paderborn. Sgt Devaney now works in the MT PI but managed to accompany his son on his first major overseas exercise to Cyprus where he acted as a rock climbing instructor.

Not to be outdone by her husband and son (returning from Cyprus with tales of sun, sea and sand), Mrs Theresa Devaney visited Rome at the beginning of November and met the Pope.

Mrs Devaney works in Orchard View, a home for handicapped children, and went with a small party of staff and children.



Above: Sgt Jim Devaney with son Paul. Right: Mrs Theresa Devaney is blessed by the Pope.



Feature focus

Exercise Snow Queen without snow

FOR the first time since the Poachers arrived in BAOR, a slight lull in commitments enabled the battalion to embark on running Exercise Snow Queen. Maj Peter Holme and Capt Mark Robinson took on the daunting tasks of deciphering volumes of Standing Orders and even more bureaucracy.

One of the biggest problems was finding suitably qualified instructors (of which there were none available from the battalion) or qualified skiers to go forward to an instructors' course.

As a result of the shortage, the Pompadours kindly released Cpl Home and Cpl Wolfe, both veterans from their own Snow Queen. Thank you the Pompadours.

Finally, after months of preparation, the hut was ready to house the families course over Christmas. There was just one problem, which was to haunt us for months, one that even Maj Holme could not solve - the total lack of snow. Unfortunately Bavaria had one of the worst seasons for snow for years which resulted in a four month nightmare for Capt Robinson (OIC

Hut) and Lt Morris (Chief Instructor).

As a result of the lack of snow, alternative entertainment was laid on for the courses. Such trips included visits to Munich, Dachau concentration camp, which was probably the most interesting, ice skating and swimming.

As time progressed there were small, sporadic flurries of snow which enabled limited skiing. As is typical, the Poachers skied where no local would. However the soldiers still enjoyed themselves.

As the conditions deteriorated, a major new initiative was taken. It was decided to send the troops to the few places where the snow was in plentiful supply. This resulted in 0500 reveille, a two-hour drive, 5 hours' skiing then a return to the hut at 1900 hours - quite a relaxing day. This was the only way to guarantee skiing for the troops who had already paid a DM 300 fee.

Despite the problems, the skiing was absolutely fantastic and the extra money spent was vital to the success of the exercise. Without this move, Snow Queen could not have achieved so much or have

been so enjoyable.

Most soldiers achieved Army Ski qualifications and some have been spotted as potential instructors. The battalion now holds a pool of talent to act as a basis for any future Snow Queen.

The smooth running of Snow Queen, despite many unforeseen problems, was a direct result of the hard work by Maj Holme and the permanent staff. The battalion now has the experience and interest in skiing which has resulted in a Nordic ski team for 1990/91 and a possible downhill team for the future. The permanent staff believe at the end of Snow Queen that it was a success but to find the real answer, ask the soldiers.

A few quotes from Snow Queen:

"Ex Snow Queen had 95 days' sun and only 10 days' snow!"

"Contrary to popular belief, the permanent staff were not on a holiday or leave for four months!"

"The permanent staff all worked extremely hard, including the ski instructors!"

"Being a ski instructor is not easy!"

On tour in Zimbabwe

SGT Andy Deller 3 R Anglian is coming to the end of a six-month tour of duty as a member of the Mozambique Training Team based in Nyanga in Zimbabwe. He has recently sent us the following letter and photographs:

Zimbabwe, formerly Rhodesia, occupies an area in Southern Africa approximately the size of France. The country borders Zambia in the north and northwest, the Republic of South Africa in the south, Mozambique in the east and Botswana in the southwest. Zimbabwe is the most recent Africa state to have achieved black majority rule and has been the focus of much attention in British newspapers.

These have tended to report the negative aspects of a country trying to find its feet after a bitter war and in the face of world recession.

Undoubtedly, there are both social and economic problems and terrorism still exists

in the southwest of the country; however, these difficulties must be seen in perspective for life in Zimbabwe is both comfortable and pleasant.

Since Independence in 1980 the British Military Advisory and Training Team (BMATT) has played a major role in forming and training the Zimbabwe National Army (ZNA). BMATT has its headquarters in Harare, the site of the Zimbabwe Staff College. The battalion Battle School and the Mozambique Training Team are based at Nyanga, and some additional BMATT instructors are attached to the military academy at Gweru.

In 1985 the President of Mozambique asked Britain for military assistance. It was decided that this should take the form of training advisers, and that the training should take place in Zimbabwe. The first course began in February 1989 when fifty Mozambiquan officers spent eight weeks

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Sgt Andy Deller in action

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Above: Sgt Deller with satisfied customers — a Mozambiquan platoon
Below: Sgt Deller helps a recruit adjust his webbing.



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learning basic platoon tactics and skills. The British Army provided seven instructors and paid for the construction of a training camp. Zimbabwe, in addition to providing a further four instructors, gave administrative and logistic support to the project.

The Mozambiquan soldiers wear British uniforms and are trained along British lines. The current courses last 14 weeks, and cater both for formed sub-units and individual officers. The officers are trained separately for the first four weeks of each course, whilst the soldiers are trained in first aid, signals, and weapons handling (using the AK-47, RPD and RPG 7). An NCO's cadre is then run to select the CSM, CQMS, platoon sergeants, section commanders and their 2ICs. The final weeks of each course are spent in the field on dry training and live firing exercises.

Some of the Mozambiquan officers have been to Sandhurst and a few have attended the Platoon Commanders Battle Course (PCBC) at Warminster. Each

training platoon is instructed by a British Army captain and a sergeant, with an additional officer training the company headquarters. Since September 1989 the training team has had to cater for two companies in training at a time.

The social life in Nyanga is quite good. There are five hotels and three nine-hole golf courses within 35 kilometres of the training camp. Occasionally, the instructors get a chance to visit Harare at the weekend, and most take the opportunity to travel further afield during their six months in Zimbabwe.

Loan Service is great fun, and I would recommend it to anyone looking for an interesting and challenging job in an area which a unit is unlikely to visit.

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Field firing in Kenya

WHEN David Seed, our former Training Major mentioned upon leaving 5 Royal Anglian, that his first task as second in command of 1 RRF was to carry out a recce in Kenya for his battalion, I mentioned the question of field firing and dropped the hint that having now live fired in Canada and the Falklands, somewhere warm would be nice.

Not expecting to hear anymore, I was surprised to receive a call from David asking if I could provide a PRT for six weeks to run a field firing package for 1 RRF.

I thought Christmas had come early. My first task was to get my Royal Anglian team together. Capt Ken Lacey our intrepid London cabbie and highly qualified range officer agreed (after some persuasion) to put his cab into mothballs and come out. WO2 Wilcox from 2 Coy was next and with his Special Forces and field firing experience, was also able to give the time to come out. Last, but not least, Capt Tom Dormer who was invited initially to help the mortar platoon of 1 RRF, whose platoon commander was not at the time qualified.

Before Christmas we attended a series of lectures and presentations in Kenya laid on by 1 RRF, who also provided the required "jabs" and paludrin (anti-malaria) pills to be taken over the Christmas period and for the next five weeks. We were also warned of the dangers of certain nasty diseases prevalent in that part of the world. Any thoughts of misbehaving or too much close association with the locals was quickly dispelled.

We arrived in Nairobi and drove from the airport to the battalion's base camp at Nanyuki - an experience not to be missed. "Akambi" coaches were quickly renamed 'Death Race 2000'. Several of us were genuinely scared and our first words learnt in Swahili were "pole pole" which means slow down.

Nanyuki nestles in the foothills of Mount Kenya, and is used as a tourist staging post. The base camp area was normally used as a fairground and cattle auction centre when not paying host to British soldiers. My team was to be based at Cliffords Farm, about 90 minutes drive from Nanyuki. The other team members consisted of Capt J Buckley (who left us to train his boxing team) Sgt Penny, Sgt Roll



The training team makes plans

and Cpl Beal our medic. The accommodation was basic but the veranda gave us a magnificent view of Mt Kenya. Our Sapper team rigged up showers and toilets. The first week was spent in range reces and putting a programme together. We had been tasked by David Seed to concentrate on individual skills and build up to a PI attack with the emphasis on imagination training. I had, for the first time, the chance to put together a training package with little or no restrictions other than the normal safety requirements.

The plan was that each Coy group would come to us for six days. On day one they would settle in the tented accommodation, explore the area and carry out range reces. All ranks would zero weapons by day and by night. Day two concentrated on individual close quarter battle shoots, highlight of which was a dried out river bed nicknamed "Puff adder alley" for reasons which may not at first become obvious. Suffice to say that before the start of each day several thunderflashes were thrown down to warn the residents that fusiliers were approaching. We then progressed to pairs CQB the following day with a grenade throw at the end of each lane.

The next two days were spent in fire teams and fire team fire and manoeuvre. Each platoon also carried out a live night ambush where the platoon commander was extracted in the morning of the ambush

giving him time to plan his orders, give them and rehearse properly. The patrol was able to test fire its weapons prior to moving off and the patrol was undoubtedly one of the highlights.

The climax of the package was the attack on a feature not too dissimilar to a small Mt Tumbledown. The platoon commander was part of a notional coy attack and was able to call on supporting fire from an SF position, and simulated mortar fire both at the start and during his attack. He had to make tactical decisions that complied with safety; each attack took about two and a half hours on average, where the platoon was in action or moving all the time.

Although there were only four 'bunker' positions on the objective, all of the platoons required ammunition re-supply. The fusiliers themselves entered into the spirit of the exercise.

It was without a doubt the most exciting range I have ever been on, and this was echoed by all the fusiliers at all levels. It was a nice feeling to have several SNCOs from the battalion offer to help on the ranges rather than go on adventure training or other packages. The package ended with a march and shoot and falling plate competition on the final morning. Again the fusiliers entered into the spirit of the event and competition was fierce.

My team ran four packages and had a

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Feature focus

Commemorative painting of 1st Battalion

THE painting, pictured, by Terence Cuneo which portrays the 1st Bn crossing a river in Burma during the Chindit campaign in 1944 was completed in the autumn of last year. It was put on display at the annual reunion at Kempston on 19 Nov when it was highly praised by all who saw it. A second painting by the same artist showing the 2nd Bn taking part in the battle for Cassino is progressing. It is expected that both pictures will hang in the Regimental section of Luton Museum. Copies and prints will be produced details of which are in preparation and may be obtained from the Area Secretary at Warley.

The Chindit campaign of 1944 took place in the mountainous jungles of northern Burma, far behind the Japanese lines. The accompanying photograph of the painting portrays one day in that five-month campaign when the 1st Bn was crossing a river, the Indaw Chaung.

In the foreground, with arm outstretched, Lieutenant-Colonel T J Barrow, issues orders to one of his column commanders. To the right the radio operator can be seen making contact in



morse with base 250 miles away in India. The pack mules are loaded with spare ammunition, Vickers machine guns, flame throwers, petrol for charging engines and medical stores. The men carry some 70 lbs.

The elephants, used for ferrying wounded and stores, were hired locally and paid for in silver and opium. The one donkey carried a column commander's belongings.

It is the only animal that completed the

whole campaign and was flown back to India.

Not shown are the four oxen supplied as meat on the hoof. More sick and wounded are about to be taken downstream to Kamaing. Fires burn as a result of Japanese shelling. On the far bank the small whitewashed pagoda is guarded by a stone Chinthe, the mythical animal half lion, half griffin, which became the Chindit symbol.

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week of R and R, which Ken Lacey and I took at Hemingways Hotel near Malindi about which another article could be written.

A final week at Archers Post for Coy attacks spelt the end of our time in Kenya. Our change-over days were spent either visiting game reserves or coming in from the bush to enjoy a bath at the Nanyuki sports club. Perhaps my most endearing memory will be that of our early morning range clearances by helicopter and having to drive out the big game, hovering above four giraffes and firing a miniflare above their graceful heads to move them before firing started.

Our greatest satisfaction in being in Kenya was that of a TA Royal Anglian training team training regular soldiers, and being appreciated for it. Our thanks to Lt Col Roy Wilde for allowing us the opportunity to train with his battalion.

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Officers' Association services

THE Officers' Association provides services which are available to ex-officers of the Royal Navy (including Royal Marines), the Army and the Royal Air Force, and their widows and dependants, including those who held commissions in the Women's Services.

Although a separate organisation, with its own Royal Charter, council and committees, the association also bears the title of The Officers' Benevolent Department of the Royal British Legion.

This reflects the financial arrangements that were established in 1921, when the Legion was formed, under which the association was allocated a proportion of the Poppy Appeal and other donations as recognition of the fact that it discharges that part of the Legion's functions which has to do with officers.

Services include:-

Employment - an efficient employment department to assist ex-officers of all ages and ranks to find suitable employment.

Financial Help - assistance is given in a number of ways such as cash grants to those in financial distress, continuing allowances to those with very small income and help towards home fees.

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Bungalows - running a 12-bungalow estate at Leavesden, Herts, for disabled ex-officers and their families.

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Steelbacks



Hectic schedule for new decade

WE ALL try, (or do we?) to preserve the balance between training and non-training weekends. Programmes are thought through well in advance, with the very best of intentions, dates filled, bids made, forecasts settled. Then it all goes for a ball of chalk as lots of little extras become apparent.

So it was that 5 R Anglian started the new year, and the new decade, there being one or more activities on every weekend up to the end of June.

Thankfully, not everyone is out every weekend, but it does serve to show that despite, or because of, perestroika et al, if standards are to be maintained, the training has to be done. What have the Steelbacks been up to?

In December, No. 4 (Hertfordshire) Coy were revelling it seems, in a skills weekend which involved among other things, a midnight ICFT. This was in preparation for a battalion event in February but other companies and departments left their prep until the new year, shaking off the Christmas sloth with a number of similar exercises in January No. 3 (Essex) Coy once again took to the fresh sea air and sand at Pakefield.

That month also saw three major recces for future exercises taking place, and we welcomed Capt David Harding (late depot and 3 R Anglian) as Adjutant vice Capt Steve Brunt on his posting to 19 Bde. The battalion also sent representatives to the TA cross-country championships where the unit achieved some creditable placings.

Over the weekend 2-4 Feb, the battalion assembled for and conducted its annual Inter-Platoon competition at STANTA. The weather proved to be no-one's friend, the sleet and biting cold wind soon let some of our soldiers know what the elements can be like. Nonetheless, the competition, which consisted of a series of stands at which each platoon team had to carry out a number of military skills or initiative tests, went on into the night as the navigation skills of the leaders were further examined. The weekend ended with the almost obligatory march and shoot to finally



Sir Joshua Rowley presents 2Lt Robert Facer with the cup for winning the Inter-Platoon competition. Lt Col Nick Kelsey TD looks on.

test the stamina of the teams.

The Recce Platoon, under the leadership of 2 Lt Robert Facer, triumphed over the rest of the teams, but No 1 Coy managed to obtain the most number of points to contribute to the Inter-Coy competition.

In two halves, the Rifle Companies participated in a FIBUA exercise at LITA, over the weekends Feb 9-11 and 23-25. This is an activity that requires no urging from the chain of command and numbers are always high. OC 4 Coy has some interesting video record of 2 Lt Nigel Brown apparently cursing Coy HQ during the first of these weekends during the attack on 2 Coy. The HSI fielded a strong contingent on the second weekend and tested 1 and 3 Coys well.

In between these two weekends, the officers managed a study day followed by a ladies dinner night at Chelmsford, during which the mess took the opportunity to say goodbye to Capt Brunt and Helen his wife, and Maj Stephen Card and his wife Lesley.

Playing the enemy in Polar Dawn

THE first weekend of March saw the battalion joined by a company from 5 LI, playing enemy to the rest of 49 (Inf) Bde during the annual exercise Polar Dawn. Nos 2 and 4 Coys with the LI Coy, dug 2 positions each over the weekend as well as firing more blanks rounds than the rest of the battalion will see for the rest of the year, and getting a ride in Pumas.

This was also the Coys last exercise with the battalion together.

It was also during March that two platoons of No. 4 Coy (haven't they been busy) acted as enemy to 2620 RAAF Sqn by testing the defences at RAF Mareham. By all accounts 4 Coy won the day after

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Above: Lt John Allcock and Pte James Edwards dance the traditional South Essex war dance. Top right: 2Lt Peter Woods, Maj Stephen Card and Pte Steve Dunmow relax during adventurous training in Wales. Right Pte Tim Little learns the ropes.



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OCdt Stirling posed as an umpire which obtained access for OCdt Martin and his platoon to a sqn dispersal/admin point containing Tornado aircraft.

At night 10 platoon attacked the main ops bunker and succeeded in climbing a 15 ft high "unclimbable" wall. Unfortunately, young Stirling failed to observe an 8 ft drop between levels on the bunker. His tail bone fracture is on the mend. To add insult to injury, Sgt Risley trapped the Base Commander in his own HQ by placing a 'bomb' between his inner and outer doors.

The month drew to a close with the CO taking his field officers on exercise Toledo

Steel, the annual commanding officers' conference. The last weekend in the month was taken up by our Skill at Arms Competition for which a separate article appears.

It's all change with the Steelbacks. April saw the departure of Lt Col Nick Kelsey TD to pastures new. We wish him and Sophie good luck.

In his place we welcome Lt Col Kit Stallard and Rosy to the Steelbacks. Also leaving us for his regular battalion was WO1 (RSM) Paul Smith BEM to take a commission. We congratulate him on that, and bid him and Cathy good luck in the future. He will be missed by the battalion.

In his place we welcome WO1 (RSM) Alf Todd from the Poachers. We hope he enjoys his tour with S R Anglian.

Having described what we have done, what do we look forward to? At the time of writing, at the end of Handover Week, the command element of the battalion goes to BGT(S) for the weekend. This presents an interesting dimension to IA flexibility as immediately after that exercise the new CO has to hasten back to Peterborough (to a no doubt apprehensive RSM), with OC HQ/HW Coy for a parade on Sunday afternoon, essentially a civic affair with

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"How many rounds did Sgt say?" 2Lt Ian Branton finally remembers and ammos up with the rest of his platoon.

military participation, where The Princess Alice will be presented with the Freedom of the City.

The O Gp are off to BAOR on Camp recces on 1 May with exercise Executive Stretch looming large on the horizon over the weekend 11-13 May, which will involve all the battalion assets in one form or another. All companies will be spending more time on the ranges preparing for EDSAAM with a view to taking us through to TASAAM later.

After some company level training in June, the battalion will exercise on SPTA. This will also give Col Stallard a chance to see us on the ground, "complete", for the first time. All this is, of course, a prelude to our Camp in BAOR in September, and we look forward with some interest to what we will find when we get there.

In August, each Coy will conduct its own adventure training weekend at various locations throughout the country, followed by Camp in September.

Farewell to Lt Col Kelsey

THE battalion said goodbye on 27 Apr 1990 to Lt Col Nick Kelsey TD our Commanding Officer from November 1987 and only our second TA CO.

Col Nick has given much to the battalion; he has shared and infused us with his continuous enthusiasm and professionalism. He has contributed a great deal towards, if not drafted the blue print for the CMS (TA) which is a better method of training the TA recruit with retention very much the aim.

The young Kelsey started his TA career in 1963 joining the OTC and in 1968 joined the former No. 2 Coy of the battalion at Lincoln.

In 1966 he was attached to the Royal Scots Greys and in 1975 joined RARO to train in photography and video production.

He rejoined the battalion in 1978 (No. 4 Hertfordshire Coy) which he commanded between 1982 and 1985. He was 2IC in 1986 and assumed command of the Steelbacks on 1 Nov 1987.

On 1 Apr he became Deputy Honorary Colonel (Hertford) and in December this year will take up the appointment of Deputy Commander 49 Bde.

We said welcome to Lt Col Kit Stallard and his wife Rosy on 27 Apr at the end of the Handover week. In at the deep end, Col Stallard took his commanders to BGT(S) on the weekend immediately following that Friday.

The battalion thanks Nick Kelsey for a vigorous and interesting tour as a TA CO, and wishes good fortune to him and Sophie in the future.

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Range weekend at Fingringhoe

RANGE weekends at Fingringhoe appear to be either good or bad, so far as the weather is concerned. The battalion benefited from the former over the period 30 Mar - 1 Apr, and most fitting too on the Commanding Officer's last weekend with the battalion prior to handover.

The companies moved into Cavalry Barracks on Friday night for an early start the following day. No one had a clue what the weather forecast was and, with the prospect of some 300 firers to put through the competition, rain at the horizontal with a stiff offshore wind from the steppes was not required!

All fears were soon put to rest though, as the battalion came to life on Saturday morning it merely became a matter of speculation as to exactly what time the mist would lift in relation to the 0900 'range clear' at the beginning of a superb day.

It always seems to take a short while for any rifle meeting to get up to speed and ours was no exception. But with those classic ingredients of strong sun and a light breeze everything soon ticked over smoothly. Maj David Winn, our training

major, and Capt Ken Lacey 2IC of 4 Coy and Bn WTO who put the package together, ensured through their visits to each range that all was well.

It was upon their return from one such visit that our medics were alerted to an emergency which gave our new RMO, Capt Virginia Close, the opportunity to see SSgt Chris Poole and LCpl Andrew Smith (both RAMC) in action.

An accident had occurred at that well-known dreadful junction by the school on Mersea Road. Luckily, our RPs under Sgt Mick Baker, were on hand to control traffic until the civilian police could take over.

The accident involved a motorcycle, the rider of which suffered from a suspected broken right femur and his pillion with minor injuries.

More firing took place on the Sunday and the competition finished with the usual finale of the Falling Plate Competition, with the added 'grudge' match of the Commanding Officer's team against the RSM's team. Guess who won that? The overall results appear tabulated below.

Col Derek Willard JP TD, outgoing

Deputy Honorary Colonel (Hertfordshire), kindly presented prizes and the Commanding Officer then took the opportunity to make a short farewell speech to the Steelbacks on this last, collective time with us.

After three rousing cheers for Col Kelsey, the job of clearing up and moving back to TACs began after a successful weekend at the end of another training year.

Officers dining out

ON the evening of 31 Mar the officers of the battalion dined out the commanding officer, Lt Col Nick Kelsey TD at the Officers' Mess of the 3rd Battalion.

Also present at the dinner was Col Derek Willard JP TD and Col Pat Macdonald (Deputy Honorary Colonel, Cambridgeshire), Maj David Seed RRF and Alain Chissel, the former being the previous Training Major and the latter the previous Second in Command.

After a most enjoyable five course dinner, Col Nick Kelsey was presented with a caricature of himself against a background of a jet airliner. In turn the CO presented the mess with six silver menu holders.

BN SAAM - PRIZE LIST

1. SLR 3 LCpl Holden (3 Coy) 2 LCpl Hand (3 Coy) Best Shot Cpl Scrivener (1 Coy)	6. FALLING TILES (SMG) Runners Up (HQ 2) Best Team (HQ 3)
2. SMG 3 Sgt Stagg (Mors) 2 LCpl Davie (HQ Coy) Best Shot Pte Hearn (HQ Coy)	7. HSF SLR Runner Up Cpl Large (13 PI) Best Shot LCpl Marchant (17 PI)
3. GPMG 2 Pte Brown (HQ Coy) Best Shot Pte Smitheringale (HQ Coy)	8. BEST HSF PL 17 PI
4. MOVING TARGET 2 Cpl Boyd (5 HSF) Best Shot Cpl Scrivener (1 Coy)	9. BEST PL HQ 2
5. FALLING PLATE (SLR) Runners Up 5 PI Best Team 9 PI	10. BEST COMPANY 5th 1 Coy 4th 2 Coy 3rd 4 Coy 2nd 3 Coy 1st HQ Coy



6th Battalion



Intensive home defence training

FOLLOWING its return from annual camp the battalion began an intensive period of home defence training in preparation for the ARU test exercise (Anglian Artist), to be organised and run by 54 Inf Bde. Training nights were put to good use revising the principles and practicalities of MHD, and weekends spent rehearsing our reactions to the more common incidents such as attacks by special forces and response to unexploded bombs and IEDs.

Our 'dress rehearsal' for the ARU was held in November and took the form of a circuit of incidents, each one planned to stretch the resources and imagination of a full company. With only 15 minutes between the conclusion of one operation and start of the next, the battalion's command element was kept on its toes and 'fag packet' planning became the order of the day.

The ARU itself was held on a bitterly cold weekend in December. In addition to our five TA companies we were joined by E and F (Home Service Force) Coys and 5 and 6 (HSF) Coys from the Fifth Battalion, taking the opportunity to practise their primary role of KP defence.

The exercise followed the familiar scenario of a gradual escalation of conflict, beginning with civil disturbances and progressing through special forces operations to the aerial bombing of vital installations. The Red forces were provided by elements of 21 SAS and CUOTC who between them managed to keep the Blue forces on the boil throughout.

With the last FTX of the year out the way, our thoughts then turned to the 1990 shooting season. A series of range weekends culminated in the battalion skill at arms meeting held on Middlewick and Fingeringhoe ranges in April. After a typically hard-fought battle A (Norfolk) Coy emerged as the winners with second place going to D (Cambridge) Coy. One of the surprising yet pleasing results of the weekend was D Coy's victory in the SMG match, having entered a team consisting entirely of WRAC.

Our guest of honour on the second day



Another incident. More problems for B (Bedford) Coy in training for Anglian Artist.

of the competition was Sir Joshua Rowley, Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk, who presented the prizes to the victorious teams and individuals, and Territorial Efficiency Medals to Sgt Negus (C Coy) and Sgt Maclaughlin (HQ Coy).

Earlier in the month Sir Joshua had made two other presentations to the battalion when WO2 Hitchings and WO2 Webster were presented with Lord Lieutenant's Certificates for meritorious service.

To add variety to a training programme dominated by shooting in the first months of the year, Exercise March Hare was something a little different. As an escape and evasion exercise not only was it immensely popular but also a useful medium for practising a wide range of infantry skills.

The hunter force was provided by D

(Cambridge) Coy and the recce platoon, their quarry being the remainder of the battalion working in groups of four. Each team was given a score card which was marked every time they were ambushed or intercepted. Similarly points were deducted for failing to make an RV or the river crossing and by the end of the exercise few teams were left with all points intact.

A large part of the exercise took place on the Euston estate, a huge tract of private land between Bury St Edmunds and Thetford. This provided an additional challenge to those so used to navigating around STANTA that a map is rarely necessary.

In addition to the major training exercises, individuals have been busy on a number of supplementary weekends which

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have kept the programme full and varied. In the last training year no fewer than 200 members of the battalion have attended courses of one week's duration or more and two of our cadre weekends have been staged, concentrating on key individuals and specialist skills.

Whilst imaginative training has, as always, been the main priority, a great deal of effort has also been put into active recruiting. Mail shots, poster campaigns, open days and a hefty presence at numerous local events have kept the battalion in the public eye and at Christmas time we appeared before millions on BBC's Jim'll Fix It Boxing Day Special.

Three-year old Polly Robinson from Norwich had never seen snow and asked Jim to fix this for her. The BBC provided the snow but needed some help to give a barren East Anglian garden the desired Christmas cake effect. Step forward 14 members of A (Norfolk) Coy! Armed with shovels and snow spreaders they soon turned the garden into an Alpine scene, much to the delight of the young girl.

Privates Lucy Sagrot and Simon Ground were then invited to the Jim'll Fix It studio for the recording of the programme and to present Polly with her medallion and a specially commissioned plaque.

The up and at 'em recruiting strategy has paid off and in 1989 we enlisted a total

Top left: Sgt MacLaughlin at the presentation of the TEM. Centre: WLCpl Savage who won the SMG Cup. Right: Maj Akister, commanding A Coy, receives the Inter-Company Challenge Shield from Sir Joshua Rowley. Below: WO2s Hitchings and Webster with the Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk, having received certificates for meritorious service.



of 263 new faces. So far in 1990 we have taken on board a further 84 and reaching the elusive establishment figure now seems a real possibility for the first time in many years.

Retention, as everyone is finding, is an ongoing problem and a number of

initiatives have been set in motion to keep our trained soldiers. Among these is encouraging members of the TA to volunteer for the increasing number of requests we receive from the Regular Army for manpower. In recent months 12 soldiers

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and two officers have joined regular units for periods from two weeks to one year. Several have decided to stay on and those who return come back to us better trained and full of enthusiasm for the TA.

Among our welcome visitors recently has been Gen Sir David Ramsbotham who paid us a call in February. In spite of treacherous winds the Commander UK Field Army choppered into the TA Centre in Bury St Edmunds much to the amazement of car loads of commuters queuing on the Newmarket Road, just outside our gates.

Though only a brief visit, the General had time to tour battalion headquarters and spend some time in discussion with the Commanding Officer and Training Major. Other visitors have included Col Jameson, OIC Infantry Manning and Records, Exeter and Col Pantton the Divisional Colonel.

The sporting and competition scene of late has been relatively busy with our efforts resulting in both successes and disappointments. In October, after an intensive period of training, a team from C Coy took part in the Cambrian Patrol Competition.

Although inclement weather was expected, nothing could have prepared them

Above: Members of A Coy prepare to help Jim'll Fix It! Below: Pte Lucy Sagrot meets Jimmy Saville.



for the floods and gales which eventually forced them to withdraw. Naturally disappointed, a crumb of consolation was

found in the fact that the majority of other teams were unable to complete the course.

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The Commanding Officer greets Gen Ramsbotham on arrival at Bury St Edmunds.

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Headquarter (Suffolk) Coy's Orienteering team fared somewhat better being placed second in the Eastern District (TA minor units) Orienteering Championships, as did their WRAC cross-country team who were also placed second in the ladies event of the Eastern District Competition. In the men's competition A (Norfolk) Coy were placed third with LT Matthew Edwards finishing third and going on to compete in the UKLF Individual Championships.

Since our last report there have been three changes to the battalion's permanent staff, all of them PSIs. After three years with B (Bedford) Coy, CSgt Carter has returned to the 1st Battalion and was replaced by CSgt Harris, a Pompadour. CSgt McGroarty has recently taken over at C (Suffolk) Coy, his predecessor, CSgt Dawson returning to the Pompadours, and in Norwich CSgt Stollery has taken over from CSgt Godby who has returned to the Vikings.

In May, an almost full rotation of the training team was completed when Maj G42 Prescott left us to become Second-In-Command of the 1st Battalion. His replacement, Maj Peter Barnes, a Poacher, will join us in July on his return from a tour of duty as Training Major of the Bermuda Regiment.



Above: HQ Coy ladies after coming third in the Eastern District Cross-Country.
Below: The A Coy team with Lt Mathew Edwards, centre rear, who finished third.



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Steady growth of the Home Service Force

THE Home Service Force (HSF) was formed in 1982 to augment the Reserve Forces by making use of the wealth of experience and knowledge among those previously considered too senior for service with the TA.

As a pilot scheme, platoons were established at Bedford and Norwich and after a successful three-year trial the pilot platoons were expanded to become E and F Coys of the Sixth Battalion. From the early days of a mere handful of volunteers, E and F Coys are now a fully established and important part of the battalion, numbering 160 in total.

The role of the HSF was initially the static guarding of vital installations. Whilst this still remains their primary task the role has been expanded somewhat to include conventional Home Defence operations and as a result training is now far more thorough and comprehensive. Although the minimum commitment is only six days each year, both companies hold voluntary training sessions two nights each month and regularly take part in weekend exercises, courses and skill at arms training. Volunteers are also welcome for one week

Above: Members of the newly formed HSF Section in Bury St Edmunds. Below: Some of them being attested by the Commanding Officer two weeks earlier.



of the battalion's annual camp.

To be eligible for enlistment into the HSF an individual must have had at least two years previous military service (Army, RAD, RN, TA, RNR) and normally be under 51 years of age, 55 for officers still held on the Reserve. The HSF is now also able to enlist a small number of women with previous military service. Appropriate rates of pay and expenses are paid for training completed and for those who complete the minimum commitment a modest tax-free bounty is paid each year.

Many members of the HSF enjoy the renewed challenge of a return to military life, albeit on a part time basis. They particularly enjoy the comradeship and

social aspect lost when they either retired from the regular forces or left their previous reserve unit. Great satisfaction is also found in knowing that, rather than being put out to grass, their skills are appreciated.

Since E and F Coys were formally established at Bedford and Norwich, outpost platoons have also been raised at Cambridge, Ipswich and more recently Lowestoft and Bury St Edmunds.

Anyone interested would be most welcome to call in to any of the above TA Centres on a non-committal basis, or to call any of the following numbers during the day. Bedford 50517; Bury St Edmunds 754632; Cambridge 244738; Ipswich 258477; Norwich 427658.

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The Royalist who is still fighting Cromwell

WHEN Officer Cadet Martin Render is not on manoeuvres with other members of HQ Coy, the 6th Royal Anglian, he is likely to be found, on horseback in full 17th Century Royalist costume, battling against the Parliamentary forces of Oliver Cromwell.

The scenarios and equipment are accurate; the action seems aggressive but is all performed for fun. Martin is one of several hundred members of the English Civil War Society, or ECWS.

Since he first attended an ECWS battle, or "muster" as members call them, in 1975 shortly after emigrating from New Zealand, he has been caught up in the growing world of amateur re-enactors, people who freely give their time, money, and some would say good sense, to portray aspects of life in the past.

"When I first arrived in the country a friend took me along to a muster and it looked rather exciting and very friendly, so I joined," said Martin.

Like any modern army, the ECWS Royalist Army is split into regiments, organised geographically or by arm, such as the artillery. On enlisting Martin became a musketeer in Lord Goring's Regiment of Foot training in the use of an authentic musket. With a barrel of around 2 ft in length, the black powder matchlock musket presented a force to be reckoned with by the Roundhead opponents - even though they were only used to fire blanks!

Rising to become Sergeant of Musketeers, Martin decided to face the battle from a different angle when he joined Sir Richard Grenville's Regiment of Horse five years ago.

"Our job is to break the line of the enemy infantry so that our pikemen can attack and push them back. Being a cavalry man is possibly the most dangerous role within the society, but in some ways it is also the most realistic."

It takes more than just the cavalry to



Officer Cadet Martin Render charges into battle

win a battle, however, indeed the winner is normally decided on paper, and in advance. As Martin explained, the generals commanding both forces, together with their staff officers, discuss the battle prior to arriving on site.

"Their orders are passed down through the section commanders. They are told what the aims are overall, and are left to carry the job out with additional orders being given during the battle."

"Although a battle is decided beforehand, this does not really affect the common foot soldier," said Martin. He simply does his job, hoping to win." *(Editor's note: so what's new?)*

The battles, which can last between three and four hours, are well structured with both sides making advances and suffering losses, and at all times presenting a colourful show to the public.

An advance can involve four types of soldier. At first a line of musketeers fires a volley of blank shots at the enemy causing them to halt and kneel down, avoiding the gunfire. The pikemen then take advantage, moving together in tight formation, aiming to push the Roundheads back to gain

ground. The artillery can be called in to cause mayhem among the enemy, plus a good deal of noise and smoke, and the cavalry charge into the facing line breaking a way through.

Even though this all takes place at a suitably safe distance from the watching public, high standards of authenticity are maintained.

Martin wears long riding boots, woollen breeches and jacket, and a thick leather buff coat, copied from a 17th century original at Littlecote House.

On top of this, steel back and breast plates, and a bridle gauntlet covering his riding hand offer protection. A steel lobster pot helmet, mistakenly thought to have been only worn by Roundheads, covers his head. Whilst racing into battle Martin wields a broad sword and a blank firing carbine, which has to be fired and reloaded on the move.

Not satisfied with looking correct in battle, many members go to musters equipped with accurately constructed and furnished campaign tents, an area in which Martin is concerned professionally, as a partner in a period tent supply company.

7th Battalion

Successful annual camp

AFTER a very successful annual camp on Salisbury Plain the battalion looked forward to another training year.

The new Commanding Officer, Lt Col Richard Haes, soon got to grips with his command, clocking up many miles visiting all the company and platoon drill halls.

The autumn training season culminated in the Bounty weekend at Beckingham, just before Christmas when the battalion was treated to a very impressive firepower demonstration which included the firing of the new LAW 80.

Lt Henry Campbell of the Bermuda Regiment spent the weekend with us to gain an insight into the life of a TA battalion. The weekend included the traditional soldiers' Christmas dinner, a magnificent meal prepared by our cooks and served by the officers and SNCOs.

The new year started with divisional and brigade study days and CPXs. They were followed by Exercise Polar Dawn, the annual 49 Bde exercise, held at Stanford this year, with good helicopter support.

The battalion ran a very successful recruits cadre at Beckingham with Pte Harris of HQ Coy passing out as Best Recruit.

In March we sent a composite company of 130 commanded by Maj Sweeney to Gibraltar (Exercise Marble Tor), to maintain the garrison strength and take advantage of the good military and adventure training facilities there.

The training major organised an excellent section competition at Senneybridge. This was a very tough and demanding weekend where LDY sections took 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th places out of 14 entrants.

The Bn SAAM was held at Colchester at the end of April where we were visited by Gen Sir John Akehurst who presented the prizes. LDY Coy won the Champion Company Competition. The Colonel of the Regiment also presented Capt Freeman, CSgt Brazier and Cpl Mann with the GOCs commendation for life saving.

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Above: Cpl Hibbert tries the SA 80 for size. Below: Cpls Brooks, Clark, Edwards, Tough, Vickers and Carter relax after the NBC Test.



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Above: The battalion cooks ready to serve the Christmas dinner. Left: Lt Mitchell on the Bounty weekend. Right: Why are we waiting?



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Maj Mee, having been Ops Officer for two years, and served with the battalion since its formation, moves to the district training team, his place being taken by Maj Colville from the Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry.

The Adjutant, Capt Pollard having completed his tour with us (including three camps) has handed over to Capt Knox, and departs for 19 Bde.

'A' Coy (Scunthorpe and Grimsby) recruiting continues to flourish in the north of the area and the coy ran a successful field firing weekend at Warcop when the LAW 80 was fired again -- this time with a rare misfire. ATO was in attendance and the miscreant duly photographed! (The Coy sent 28 to Gibraltar and the weekend after returning trundled down to Sennybridge in an ancient double-decker bus (courtesy NE District) to the Section Competition when they came 2nd.

Company members came 1st (2Lt Balsillie), 3rd (2Lt Meeson), 4th (Sgt Briscoe) and 5th (Sgt Masniuk) in the Pl Comd competition which was run concurrently. The company team won the falling plate competition in a closely shot final.

B' Coy (Lincoln, Boston and Gainsborough) now has a new commander, Maj Livingstone, formerly 21C HQ Coy, replacing Maj Matthews, who will be moving to 49 Bde. Also leaving 'B' Coy is CSgt Metcalfe, after many years loyal service, who transfers to 4 para as a cook. Capt Slinger commands the newly formed Machine Gun Platoon at Lincoln and is recruiting experienced SF men. We look forward to a good result in the next Match 83.

LDY Coy (Loughborough, Hinckley and Melton Mowbray) has had a very successful competition year winning Exercise Tasteful Tiger (the cookery competition), the Section Competition, the Champion Coy Shield at the Bn SAAM and lastly winning the Annual Champion Coy Competition. Well done LDY!

In the midst of all this glory, Capt Page took over as 21C having commanded the Reece Pl for two years.

D' Coy (Northampton and Daventry) says farewell to Maj Sweeney who takes over as OC RRTT. Maj Slatter moves up from 21C (after 6 months in India) and we welcome Capt Marsh from the 52nd

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Top CSgt Brazier reveals the secrets of a bergen on Exercise Marble Tor Below GOC's commendation recipients — Cpl Mann, Cgst Brazier and Capt Freeman.



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Above: Exercise Marble Tor champion canoe team. Right: Bn SAAM Best GPMG Pair, Sgt Mackay and LCpl Buckley.
Below: Sgt Nicholson, Best SA 80 Shot.



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Highland Volunteers as the new 21C.

The build at Daventry is now complete and is due to be opened by Col Worthy, the new deputy honorary colonel for Northamptonshire.

We thank his predecessor Col Lowther for the great interest he has shown in D Coy and for all his hard work.

The Northampton Drill Hall hosted the Colonel of the Regiment's 60th birthday party which coincided with his retirement from the Regular Army after 42 years' service.

E' (HSF) Coy (Leicester and Lincoln) is steadily building up numbers and now has two female recruits, a first for the battalion and possibly the shape of things to come. The Coy has settled into its new accommodation in Leicester which has been transformed from bare walls to well equipped lecture rooms, stores and offices. Lt Alexander and seven men went to Gibraltar on Exercise Marble Tor, adding a useful measure of maturity to the youthful elements from the other companies.

HQ Coy (Leicester) continues to excel at competitions, winning Exercise Mechanical Tiger and with the Recce Pl winning the SA 80 MMTT and section matches at the Bn SAAM. Capt Mallett won the pistol match yet again.

The coy came 2nd overall in the champion company competition. We welcome Capt Cole from 6Li as IO and Capt Prebble moves up to Coy 21C.

We also welcome Sgt Bellamy who replaces CSgt Anderson as the Mor Pl PSI.

Above: The Officers' Mess prior to dinner with the Colonel of the Regiment on the Bn SAAM. Below: Sgt Gooderham and his LAW 80 misfire.



Brigadier Firth, Comd 49 Inf Bde, paid a final visit to Leicester in March when he presented 6 TEMs and bars to Coy members.

Looking forward, one sees rifle teams eagerly training for EDSAAM and Bisley and the battalion preparing for annual camp in BAOR in September.

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Above: Brigadier Firth presents six TEMs and bars. Left: Capt Mallet, Best Pistol Shot on the Bn SAAM. Below: The CO with CSgt Metcalfe.



Depot Queen's Division



Lt Col AP Deed inspects El Alamein PI and Burma PI in December with Lt Adrian Gosling the Parade Commander.

Bassingbourn decision awaited

AS we go to print, we await the results of an Army Board decision concerning the future of Bassingbourn as our Divisional Depot and home. We hope for a favourable outcome!

Despite most uncertainties, life continues as normal at the Depot, although B Coy HQ decided open air office planning was in vogue this year, following our storms.

As the weather cooled, the various commitments of the summer months faded away as attention was drawn to the implementation of the new 21-week programme.

The steady influx of both regular and TA recruits has ensured a continuous workload for members of the Depot Permanent staff.

Similarly, the work of Kohima Platoon, now led by CSgt Catton (Poachers), having taken over from CSgt Cunningham (Pompadors) in December, has ensured that wastage of recruits through injury has been minimised.

Autumn saw the Depot run another Project STAR (Scheme for Training Army Reservists) over two weeks at Bodney Camp.

Some 160 Army Reservists of varying ages and rank appeared from civilian street for a week's refresher in Army training and conversion to SA80. The courses gave yet another meaning to the term 'old soldier' as attitudes varied from the individuals taking part. However, it was universally agreed that SA80 was an improvement on the SLR and the Lee Enfield.

High wastage, unfortunately, continues to plague training. The conversion to the new 21-week training programme has extended Phase 1 (CMS(R)) from eight to ten weeks and includes an Adventure Training package in the Peak District.

We all hope that this will allow the recruits more time to ride the transition from civilian to military life. The EL package should also highlight the opportunity for a little bit of fun.

Congratulations should go to Pte Ater (Pompadors), Pte Roberts (Pompadors) and Pte Patchley (Vikings) for their achievement of Best Recruit awards in Anzio, Blenheim and Quebec Platoons respectively.

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The Depot welcomed the visit of the Colonel of The Regiment, General Sir John Akehurst and Lady Akehurst as the Inspecting Officer on the Pass Out Parade of Ypres and Minden Platoon on 29 Mar 1990 for what was his last military day in the Army after 41 years.

Following the Depot's success in sport during the summer, our teams have continued in the same vein in winter sports. At present the football team leads the EDIST Minor Units League with Sgts Coultridge (Pompadors) and Sweap (Vikings) contributing to their success.

Similarly, the hockey team under the leadership of the Adjutant have reached the final of the Infantry Cup after defeating the Pompadors and Scots Division Depot and became runners-up of the District Minor Units League.

Depot Anglians continue to be the mainstay of the team with Sgt Atter, Cpls Dade and Winter (Vikings), Lt Lyne and CSgt Catton (Poachers) and Sgt Keegan (Pompadors) contributing to a very successful season.

Depot Rugby continues on an uneven note following a switch to the London Merit League. However, talented players have used the opportunity of civilian clubs to improve their skills, notably, Cpl Aneam (Vikings) currently playing for Cambridge 1st XV.

The Depot also hosted the first Regimental Rugby Team led by Capt Julian Pollard (Vikings) with a couple of Depot players making the side.

Our boxers were unfortunate to meet the current Army champions in our semi-final round and with some dubious refereeing decisions against them, we were unfortunate not to have bettered our 5-2 defeat.

Although the Queens Regiment won the inter-Regimental falling plate at DEPSAAM, success was achieved by Cpl Dickinson (Vikings) and Pte Churn (Vikings) in various competitions. Cpl Dickinson is also to be congratulated on being selected for the Army VIII.

Yet again we say hello and goodbye to members of the Depot. Since our last note we have welcomed aboard Lt Charles Calder from the Vikings.

Those leaving us have been Capt David Harding (posted as Adj 5 R Anglian) and Capt Peter Cookson (for a short period to 3 Inf Bde as watchkeeper)



Above: D Coy, winners of DEPSAAM 90 — Cpl Winter, Cpl Bull and Cpl Murray.
Below: The CO adding to Sgt Dickinson's trophies at DEPSAAM.



RIT

All systems are go for summer programme

ALL systems are go for the RIT summer programme as confirmed by the inspection party which included the Divisional Colonel, Regimental Secretary and Regimental Careers Officer.

Maj Hipkin asked some awkward questions to which the team members responded well, as they should; they had been put through their paces a few days earlier at the Army school of Recruiting, Sutton Coldfield.

The preceding week the teams had returned from a well earned leave after completing a hectic winter period which ended with CCF camps prior to Easter. The popularity of the cadet visits to the RIT at the Depot has meant an increase in the number of visits and the work load of the RIT.

Loughborough GS CCF are at present the leaders in the Log Race Competition, the culmination of CCF visits.

In addition to the support given to the ACF and CCF, a concerted effort has been made to visit as many schools and careers conventions as the ASLOs will allow.

During the summer term, with the GCSEs in progress and the restrictions involved with visiting schools, the RITs will be able to concentrate on the summer shows and the ACF summer camps. This year, in addition to the assistance asked for by the ACF County HQs, the RIT will have a roving demonstration team lead by CSM Goodchild able to show the Saxon, the Milan Simulator, and the 81mm mortar which will give added interest to the cadets.

The RIT will also be providing the manpower for 3 Look at Life visits to the Depot. These started last year and proved most successful. For sometime school leavers who are not sure about their future careers have been able to spend time in a civilian job before committing themselves. This opportunity is now available to those who want to see what the army has to offer.

In preparation for the summer season and in anticipation of the availability of Saxons, particularly while the 3rd Bn are in Canada, a member of each RIT is now a Saxon driver. When Saxon, at present in

use by 1st and 3rd Bns, was used at 3 selected shows last year it proved to be a great crowd puller. Come and see a Viking in a Saxon!

We have said goodbye to some old hands recently. LCpl Horton, 1st Bn has been replaced by LCpl Bishop; LCpl Clegg 2nd Bn replaced by LCpl Fitzhugh and shortly we say farewell to LCpl Leeson 3rd Bn to be replaced by LCpl Goodrum; we wish them all well.

We also welcome WO2 Goodchild to the RIT and wish him all the best during his tour. The RIT are now primed and ready to go for the summer season, prepared to do all we are able to net our fair share of Royal Anglian Recruits.

Junior Leaders

Quartermaster changes appointment

AFTER four years as Quartermaster, Maj John Perry has now changed his appointment to OC HQ Coy which hopefully will allow him to play more golf.

We said farewell to the Adjutant, Capt A C Wiles, who is rejoining his battalion and being promoted. During his tour he was known as Capt "Birdseye" because of the extraordinary length of time spent sailing! Welcome to Lt M J M H Heap and WO2 D J Wharton, Sgt Martin, Sgt Templeton, Sgt Bolton, Cpl Butterhill and Cpl Hazelwood. We have sadly had to say goodbye to Sgt "Dobs" Carter and Cpl

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Cpl Hill, 3rd Bn (middle) planning enemy activity

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"Red" Smith, who both return to the 2nd Battalion in Celle and Cpl "Jimmy" Glover, who returns to the 3rd Battalion in Colchester. We wish all three the very best in the future.

At the moment there are approximately 450 juniors in training. 4 Coy's juniors will pass out between June and December 1990 and we are expecting a large intake during July 90 (projected figure 400) with a further intake in September.

Training for the junior entrant remains intensive. Although junior leaders and junior soldiers have been amalgamated, a large part of the training emphasis has remained on leadership. This year has seen the introduction of the law 80 training package. The battalion has two indoor trainers and all juniors will fire their outdoor trainer extensively. Since the last entry there have been three more sailing trips for the permanent staff. Viking Raid has been rekindled and staff have sailed in the Solent and west country.

In October 1989 several members of the staff experienced storm force winds on the south coast aboard *Bold Warrior*. In January 1990 four members of staff enjoyed a warm pleasant week's sailing aboard the RCT Yacht *Mariner* in the Solent.

In February seven of the staff explored some of the west country ports aboard a luxury civilian charter yacht. Unfortunately gale force winds meant that the intended destination of the Scilly Isles was never reached.

The Adjutant is handing over the reins of offshore sailing as the battalion prepared to enter a crew in the Infantry Round Britain Adventure.

Yet again the Permanent Staff Foxhounds side have done well, reaching the closing stages of the Army Cup and being runners-up for the second year in the District Cup. The Foxhounds achieved a creditable record of 12 wins from 15 matches played and rounded off the season with a 23-4 win over Canterbury RUFC in the inaugural match of the Stone Street Challenge Trophy. The Regiment has been represented in Foxhounds rugby by Capt Wiles-Vikings, Lt Heap-Vikings and Cpl Cooper-Poachers.



Capt Baker with his platoon on Exercise Mountain High.

Mountain training

By Capt Baker, OIC
Exercise Mountain High

EXERCISE Mountain High took place during the period 15 Jan 90 - 17 Feb. In all two coys from the battalion took part over the four-week period and overall 220 junior leaders and permanent staff participated.

The exercise was based at Jaman near Montreux in Switzerland. Access to the exercise area was via a mountain railway which runs from Montreux central station to Rocher de Naye, a little-known resort used mostly by the local people. There were two chalets providing living accommodation for all the juniors and a flat for six of the permanent staff. The chalets are situated approximately 11.2 kms down the valley from the nearest station, thus their remoteness heightened the sense of real adventure for many of the juniors as access to them was limited to skis, snowcat or foot.

With good administration on the day of arrival it was possible to introduce the junior leaders immediately to the joys or perils of downhill skiing. A policy of all day instruction entailed intensive instruction in the morning of each day and "follow my leader" sessions in the afternoon. With only an hours break at lunchtime and the odd coffee stop, the juniors were involved in constant activity all the time. Two of the seven days were spent learning the merits of Langlauf skiing while the rest spent on downhill skiing.

Four of the six ski instructors were provided by Shorncliffe and two were attached from JSMTTC Lywnye and 3

Queens. In all there was a permanent staff party of 14 who stayed in Switzerland for the entire length of the exercise.

The exercise ran smoothly with all the juniors grasping the basics very quickly. Our biggest problem turned out to be the lack of snow over the four-week period. Although there was enough to ski on, the pistes were very limited for anybody other than a learner. Experienced skiers found the weather and the snow cover very frustrating. This is not to say, however, that a sun tan was not possible!

Fortunately we had a lot of help with our administrative details from a local called Claude Remy who is skier and mountaineer of great repute. It was only because of his expert local knowledge that we were able to ski for the entire period. Ironically the day we left Jaman and Montreux it started to snow very heavily.

Squash

THE arrival of WO1 Richardson strengthened the squash team, having gained promotion to Division 1 of the SEDIST league last season, together with Capt Tim Dawson and Sgt Holmes ensured a Royal Anglian dominance of the team.

Running

RUNNING continues to be a popular past time for many, with some real enthusiasts like Lt Nick Baker, RSM Richardson and Sgt Woodruff aiming for the London Marathon. Cpl Hazelwood and Garwood produced creditable performances in the Ashford Half-Marathon.

CCFs

Assistance in training for schools

THE RIT assisted in training for the following school CCFs which visited the depot in March:- Haileybury, Berkhamsted, Kimbolton, Stamford, Wellingborough, Rugby, Bedford, The Royal Hospital School, Loughborough GS, St George's Stowmarket and Wymondham College. Schools wishing to bid for field days in October should contact the RCO as soon as possible.

No 1 RIT assisted Kimbolton School during their recent Camp at Folkestone and No 3 RIT helped Aldenham School CCF at Penhale.

Hopefully, some further assistance from regular battalions will be forthcoming for CCFs during their summer camps. This will be confirmed when their operational plans have been consolidated.

We have the following cadets at RMA Sandhurst:- SMC 893; Nigel Johnson - Oakham School, Adrian Grinonneau - Rugby School, Christopher Pook - Loughborough GS, David Schwartz - Newark, James Jackson - Market Bosworth College.

Their Passing Out Parade is on 10 Aug 90, the same day as SGC 901.

SGC 901/SMC 901; John Wright - Felsted & Plymouth, Richard Moore - Felsted, Philip Cross - Pangbourne, Jason Calder - Cranbrook.

Their Passing Out Parade is on 14 Dec 90.

SMC 902; Edward Reynolds - Ratcliffe College, Bruce Down - Magdalene College, Brackley; Robert Orr - Brentwood.

Their Passing Out Parade is on 12 Apr 91.

Since January we congratulate Stephen Gandy, James Bowes, Paul Morris, Bruce Down, Philip O'Brien, Elhot Woodruff and J W Houghton on passing RCB.

Loughborough Grammar School

Loughborough Grammar School CCF are to rebadge their army section to the Royal Anglian Regiment. The Corps will



Pre-RCB at Bassingbourn — the end of a successful command task. From the left, Gilad Coppersmith, Guy Greenfield, Matthew Tyson, Mark Howard, John Wright, Justin Taylor and David Durrant. John Wright passed RCB last year and is now at RMA Sandhurst.

be affiliated to the 2nd Battalion in Celle and to 7th Battalion in Leicester. We welcome the formal change and look forward to a happy and successful association which can be enhanced by field days at the depot and possible visits to BAOR.

Visits to Celle

We thank the Poachers for hosting six potential officers at Celle in April. From all reports they thoroughly enjoyed the training and hospitality that was given to them. The final visit will be in the summer.

Undergraduates' Gathering

We were pleased that so many of our undergraduates and army scholars attended the Undergraduates' Gathering at Bassingbourn Barracks on 21 Mar.

The following sponsored candidates were present:- Simon Browne, Ian Couch, Bruce Pettit, Fred Gray, Andrew Moffat, Matthew Still, Matthew Jones, James Middleton, Neil Whithear, Stephen Romilly and David Ward.

Lt Andrew Price from the 1st Battalion spoke on life in 19 Infantry Brigade.

CCFs

Thrilling action on Exercise Polar Dawn

WITH the crowded and hectic school year as it is, it is never easy to fulfil the standing invitations to join on regular TA Training weekends, but again this year, as for the previous years of its existence, we were able to send a small but enthusiastic group of cadets on Polar Dawn. Two of the group, Guy Biggin and Mark Worrall, from Uppingham School, have provided this brief impression of their weekend.

From Uppingham School, we travelled to STANTA not quite knowing what to expect but full of anticipation. Sgt Phillips (7 Bn) met us and guided us to the luxury of a proper shelter for some sleep, before we were kitted out as a part of LDY Coy, one group acting as a section, the rest making up another section's strength.

We were quickly integrated and made to feel at home. We spent much of the Saturday morning practising helicopter drills for the Chinook and Puma, before being moved by the former to our first objective.

As part of 9 Pl, we were tasked to capture a plantation, which was done suitably to the accompaniment of much noise from blank and assorted pyrotechnics!

The sight and experience of moving in formation, within a much larger structure, was thrilling and indeed valuable, something we would not expect to undertake given normal training at school and on field days. We took the plantation and went firm on the area, awaiting our next mission.

Around 1700 hours on the Saturday, we were airlifted to a forest where we had to wait until 0200 on the Sunday. In itself, this waiting was useful; it made us appreciate how much there is to any operation or movement.

Our final mission was to move on a key bridge, take it and destroy any enemy



Above: Uppingham School — Tiger Platoon — with their new Competitive Royal Anglian Shield in the FIBUA. Below: Presenting arms in the bush. AGI at the Leys School

presence there, prior to the final push.

Once we had secured the bridge and checked the area for enemy, we awaited the rest of LDY Coy. We then moved to the last mission, to neutralise the enemy positions on the edge of the wood adjacent to the Harrier Strip.

This final phase was incredible, both as to the scale of operation and with the accompanying crescendo of noise, smoke, explosions and sheer exhilaration of advancing to contact.

We stormed the trench lines, taking each in turn via our fire teams and 'buddy-buddy' methods; all this gave us a great sense of success.

At 0800 on the Sunday came END-EX. We had learnt much and practised many different and new skills. In all it was a most worthwhile venture, indeed it had all the elements of an adventure.

Our thanks must go to 7 Bn, their training major and our invaluable liaison, Sgt Phillips, and to LDY Coy for making it all possible and for helping us so much.

Tiger Platoon has come of age and we hope future members will build on this experience as on any chance to join a TA training weekend.

We can confirm that it can all be very exciting and worthwhile.



Training with the Pompadours

Bedford Modern School has about 260 cadets in four different sections. Field weekend training has been a part of our training process for over 125 years, during which time the school has had a long association with local Bedfordshire Regiments.

Therefore the opportunity of spending this year's field weekend (Apr 27-28) with our own affiliated regiment, 3 Battalion, Royal Anglian Regiment, was contemplated with considerable relish and enthusiasm.

We left Bedford at 1330 hours on the Friday, a clear blue sky and bright sun hastened anticipation of the various days training to come. Earlier telephone conversations with Maj Simon Bacon, O C B Coy had confirmed that an extensive and interesting programme of training had been arranged for the cadets. We arrived at Roman Barracks at about 1630.

Our introduction to the weekend was a visit in groups to various stands including SA80, Milan, Mortars and other weapons. Our cadets were very impressed with the superb display of the Regimental silver, including the Bedford Train.

The following morning, and after breakfast, 52 cadets, and four officers joined a convoy of about 15 vehicles on route for the Stanford Training Area. The cadets experienced for the first time, the joys of Saxon transport, each of the six sections being based in an APC.

The training area at Stanford is excellent, and far better than most we use. It is large and has a wide variety of features, including a river, considerable woodland and some buildings. We shared the area, in passing, with an Australian armoured unit, which on every occasion made strange hand signals to our cadets, possibly indicating (in true Churchillian fashion) the frequent victories attained during their battles.

Saturday afternoon was spent with an introduction to Staves. Again this sort of equipment is completely new to our cadets and they very much enjoyed the experience of using it. We completed the first part of the training and the two platoons moved to a hide, located in a wood about 1,000 metres away. Two patrols went out until 1930 hours, and at about 2030 hours the ambush party moved out.

The ambush was set on the edge of a track near a wooded area. After a wait of about 30 minutes the enemy was seen. The



Ready for action.

platoon commander opened fire, thus springing the ambush.

Heavy fire continued for several minutes and the cut-off groups opened fire on escaping enemy. The ambush party withdrew from the ambush site and returned to the platoon harbour. The other platoon was bumped by a number of 3 Bn in a vehicle, putting up heavy fire from a GPMG.

Considerable skill from our cadets outflanked the enemy and we claimed to have destroyed the vehicle. However, we suffered considerable losses, only a few cadets survived the encounter.

Back to the platoon hide to get tired bodies down into sleeping bags. At 0500 the next morning, Sunday, we saw considerable activity in the hide area. Blissfully unaware that about 6 men of 3 Bn were working their way round the corner of the hide to engage the cadets, our boys heard the first burst of gunfire shatter the early morning calm at about 1530.

There followed a fierce battle, heavy automatic fire from the enemy quickly wiped out 50% of the cadets. Our R S M cadet, died bravely fighting off the sustained attack.

Sunday was a scorching day and the weather ideally suited to the range of

activities arranged by B Coy. This part of the training comprised a section competition and six sections took part. The skills section was - stripping of a rifle, Regimental history, military knowledge, estimating distances, and a radio competition. The next section took the cadets to the lake, where the watermanship was conducted. Our cadets enjoyed this session very much especially the time on the assault craft. The assault course was next, and by the end of the morning session the boys had had a demanding three hours.

Thus this field weekend at B M S came to a close. We were blessed throughout with superb weather, and the organisation by our hosts B Coy, 3rd Battalion, Royal Anglian Regiment, was absolutely first class.

All of us extend our most sincere thanks to Lt Col Lacey, Maj Simon Bacon and all the officers and men who worked so hard to make our time with them such an enjoyable success.

All of the cadets said that without any doubt this weekend was the best they had experienced, and hoped that at some time they might do it again. Who knows some of them, having experienced 'real army training' will be back one day as members of the Royal Anglian Regiment.

CCFs



Congratulations to the Ipswich School CCF, above, for winning last year's log race in a time of 11.14 seconds. The winning team was Sgt Lee, Sgt Seaton, Cpl Burns, and Cadets Lyddall, Griffiths, Dell and Halle. They are pictured above with Maj Clayton (OC).

Right: Three Woodbridge School Army Cadets (U16) came first in the Junior Section of the Eastern Region heat for the Tremlett Trophy. Five teams competed for this trophy which is a test of proficiency in the use of signals equipment in support of military operations. The Tremlett trophy was awarded to cadets Marcus Stapleton, Virginia Cunliffe and Rachel Childs. The all went forward to the National Finals. Well done!



CCF Log Race Results — March 1990

CCF	Date	Time/Mins
Loughborough	Mar 23 90	11.10
Rugby	Mar 15 90	11.28
Haileybury	Mar 5 90	11.50
Stamford	Mar 9 90	11.59
Royal Hospital School	Mar 19 90	12.02
St Georges	Mar 26 90	12.15
Berkhampstead	Mar 7 90	12.36
Kimbolton	Mar 8 90	12.50
Wymondham	Mar 28 90	12.54
Merchant Taylor's	Mar 1 90	13.00
Bedford School	Mar 18 90	13.17
Wellingborough	Mar 14 90	Failed to finish

Another 10 schools will be competing in Sep/Oct 90. The full results will be published in Nov 90.

CCFs, Cadets

Developing a sense of self pride

DURING the past year or more, since an account last appeared in this Journal, the Cambridgeshire ACF has continued its work according to the ACF's Charter, trying to develop a sense of self pride and citizenship in all its members and encouraging those in particular with an interest in a service career.

Like other youth organisations it is having to face the effects of the demographic down curve in the total number of young people available and also the pressures of demand on youth in, happily, an area of high employment.

County numbers overall are probably somewhat reduced as a result and this effect was apparent in the relatively small number of 285 boys and girls who attended annual camp at Longmoor in Hampshire from 21-30 Aug 1989. Numbers apart, this was a good and very enjoyable camp, notable as being the county's first ten-day camp, rather than the usual eight days. This was felt to be such an improvement that in 1990 the county intends to put in a full fortnight at Crowborough.

The encouragement of cadets to enter for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award through the ACF has enjoyed some considerable success under the guidance of D of E officer, Capt Stewart McLoone. Between 1 Oct 1988 and 30 Sept 1989 one Gold, two Silver and eleven Bronze were awarded.

Things have also gone well on range days and the county has been well represented at Bisley and in Eastern District Cadet Rifle Meetings at Beckenham and Colchester. In 1988, Cadet staff Sgt Macder of Soham was the ACF's top shot at the Colchester Cadet skill-at-arms meeting, firing the new Cadet 5.56 mm general purpose rifle (the cadet world's equivalent to the regular army's new SA80). In the 1989 match Cpl K Drane of Cherry Hinton Detachment achieved second place.

The year 1988 was also an excellent one for Cambridgeshire sports, with successes right up to national level. In cross-country one male and two female cadets, Cpl T Garner of Ely and cadets A Bde and J Welford represented their region at the Merseyside Nationals. At soccer, the county won the regional championship and sent two six-a-side teams to the bi-ennial national contest. Likewise the county won the regional tetrathlon at Colchester with



A cadet! Who, where, and when? Answers on a postcard to the assistant editor please.

Sgt A Scott of Burwell as runner-up to the overall champion. Finally nine Cambridgeshires went on to represent the eastern region at national level, where Cpl Garner won the 800 m and female cadet T Garland came second in the high jump.

In the sphere of community relations, the cadet service has also continued to prosper. The cadets of the Peterborough area have done work as ring stewards each July at the East of England Show and this has been extended to the Heavy Horse Show and the English Ponies Meetings which go on throughout the summer. In the south east, the county cadets of the 6th

battalion have carried out similar duties at the Quy County Pursuits Fair and so in this way have become involved in the life of the shire.

Cadet presence has continued at the various Armistice day parades across the county and especially as sidesmen in the cathedral and assistant hosts at the Cambridgeshire Old Comrades' reunion service and parade each June in Ely.

In 1988 Princess Alice's visit to the Wisbech Rose Fair was also attended by the Drums and Guard of Honour from the 3rd Cadet Battalion. Relations have prospered with the Regular Army and TA.

Each July adults and cadets have continued to man a county stand at the Army's Annual Schools Exhibition at Basingbourn Barracks.

On 4 Nov 1989 a pleasant and successful Lord Lieutenant's parade was held at the Waterbeach Cadet Centre, during which Mr Michael Bevan, Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire, awarded his certificate to Capt Tony Waterfall of the 3rd Cadet Battalion and to Under Officer "Nancy" Slattery our Administrative Officer at county headquarters.

Earlier, in April last, after a long and distinguished career in the ACF both as man and boy, the Deputy Commandant Lt Col Colin Norman retired. He had a career of devoted service to the ACF, outstanding for its contribution in the area of cadet training. Under Col Colin 'adventurous training' reached a high level in the county and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme was greatly encouraged.

The following September saw the retirement of County Commandant, Col Derek Latchford after four years in office. He was formally 'dined out' on Oct 21 with the presentation of a silver salver (the replica of a piece of Cambridgeshire Regimental Silver, formerly a sporting trophy on the back of which was recorded his name as winner but in the rank of LCpl). Sixty officers, guests and their ladies attended.

It was our pleasure to welcome in April, the return of Lt Col Derek Bristow, formerly OC of Peterborough's 5th Cadet Battalion, as Deputy Commandant and, secondly Brig Peter Williams, Welsh Guards (retired), formerly commanding 54 Infantry Brigade at Grantham.

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It is with great pleasure we are able to announce that Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief - The Royal Anglian Regiment, hopes to be able to open the Royal Norfolk Regimental Museum at the Shirehall, Norwich during the afternoon of Friday 20 July 1990.

All former members of the Regiment are invited to watch and they should assemble in the Castle Gardens on the south east side by early afternoon.

Once the opening ceremony has been completed, they will be able to view the new museum.

Separate invitations for the beating of retreat and reception will be sent to all those who contributed to the Royal Norfolk Military Heritage Appeal.

In Norwich, Roy Smith and some of the former ex-East Anglian Regiment and Royal Anglian Regiment comrades are continuing to meet at the Clarence Harbour (near the Football Ground) on the last Friday of the month.

In King's Lynn the branch Standard was dedicated during a morning service on Sunday Mar 18 1990 when the mayor and mayoress of Kings Lynn, together with many members of the branch, were able to attend. A small reception was held afterwards and the president expressed his sincere congratulations to the branch in their efforts to raise the sum required to pay for the Standard.

The annual dinner of the 4th Battalion Old Comrades Association was held at St Edmund's Hotel,

Gorleston on 21 Apr 1990. Maj Tom Eaton presided and some 66 members, including a small group of Royal Anglians attended at last year.

The 4th Battalion Officers Dinner Club held their annual dinner at the TA Centre Officers' Mess on 20 Apr 1990. Lt Col Cyril Grant presided at what was a very enjoyable evening.

The Royal Norfolk Regiment Association annual dinner was held on Sept 23 Sept 1989 at the TA Centre, Aylsham Road, Norwich, when some 200 former members of the Regiment dined. This included some 28 officers and was the highest recorded attendance for many years.

On Sunday Apr 22 1990, the Annual Royal Norfolk Regiment Commemoration Service was held in the Regimental Chapel. Canon Wynter Blathwayt conducted the service, the lesson was read by Maj Gen Sir David Thorne and the address was given by the Rev Alfred Loades. The Regimental Chapel, as always, had been decorated with two lovely flower arrangements, arranged by Mrs Rosemary Barclay.

The Gt Yarmouth and Gorleston Branch which has now grown to some 40 members has been holding regular meetings at the Kelvin Arms, Church Road, Gorleston on the last Wednesday of each month. Their new Standard is to be dedicated at the Royal Anglian Regiment Reunion at Bassingbourn on Sunday 15 July 1990.

Gorleston and Gt Yarmouth & District Branch: The first Grand Christmas Draw was held at the Rumbold Arms Public House on 8 Dec. This was well attended by 55 members and guests who shared over 76 prizes. Hard luck to Snowy Snowling, our oldest member who was one of the unlucky few whose name (or number) did not come out of the drum. Organisation for the enjoyable

evening must go to committee members Geoff Smith and Ray Pillar.

Christmas also brought another surprise when our new Standard arrived at chairman's (Bob Waller) home on Christmas Eve. Rumour has it that he had been seen practising Standard carrying drills up and down his driveway.

Thanks for early delivery of the Standard must go to the Area Regimental Secretary, Maj Reeve, in Regimental HQ at Norwich who arranged a loan to meet the shortfall in the cost of the purchase price. Other thanks go for the generous donations of many members attending the Sgts Past and Present Dinner Club's dinner at Bassingbourn in October when Ben Turner (our treasurer) persuaded many hardened drinkers to drop their loose change in his Standard collection box. This exercise in collection techniques raised just over £80.

Thanks also go to the following who have donated towards the cost:- Maj Gen Sir David Thorne, Mrs Clarke, Roy Duffield, 6(V) R Anglian, 1 R Anglian, Tony Amis, Bob Durrant Diving Services, John Morley, Mr C W Knight of Yarmouth Stores, Mrs Joan Davis and Mr K Edwards.

We have been fortunate in having several interesting guest speakers at branch meetings to give talks on a variety of subjects, both military and non-military. Our hearty thanks go to our own member, Snowy, who gave a very interesting and humorous account of life in the Norfolk Home Guard serving the Gt Yarmouth area during the Second World War. Photocopies of original German documents showing what would happen to the local population of the area and plans that the Germans had for the area had they been successful in an invasion, made very interesting reading.

Their intelligence of the area,

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showing all the various military installations, the harbour and its activities and important civilian sites was 100% accurate in actual locations, activities and distances. Many thanks go both to Maj Willie Reeve, the Area Regimental Secretary, for his account of life as Regimental Secretary and the workings and welfare of the Association, and to Lt Col Paul Long, Commandant of Stamford Training Area, with his slides showing the area as it is today and the events taking place. What memories of training there came flooding back to members. We still have one member who is thinking of moving his fish ponds there with a view to improving the conservation of the area.

Thanks also go to a Mr John Hemsworth, an Environmental Health Officer for the local borough council, who gave a very interesting insight into the duties and tasks of the local Environmental Health Team.

Other helpers whom we thank include:- Mrs June Pillar for a nice homemade cloth cover for the Standard; John Morley for his "plastic pipe transit cover" for the Standard, be it after three attempts from 4", to 5" and finally to 6" diameter. I think that John has now got 6" implanted on the brain and will remember it for evermore - even his drinks are now purchased in sixes; George Long in beating the Treasurer at collecting after the Armistice Parade and at the Christmas Draw; Pauline Turner for all the cheese straws that quickly disappeared; and finally all members who regularly give prizes towards the monthly draw.

Membership is still growing strongly, now well over 40, covering members of 4 of the former County Regiments now part of the Royal Anglian Regiment.

The growing membership has resulted in us having to find a new venue with a much larger room. Meetings continue to take place on the

last Wednesday evening of each month, but from March onwards we have moved from the Kevill Arms and meet in the White Lion Hotel (Gorleston). Our thanks go to David, Landlord of the Kevill Arms, who looked after us so well for our first 17 months of existence.

At the time of writing, approximately 75% of the Standard has been paid for. Any further donations will be gratefully accepted, especially as we have yet to purchase any ancillaries.

Our meetings are open to any person (male or female) who has served in (or been attached to), any battalion of the Regiment, or any former County Regiment (Regular or TA). Any serving Regular or Territorial reading this, who is in the Gt Yarmouth area is more than welcome to pay a visit. Further details from Bob Waller (chairman), Gt Yarmouth 669961, or Ben Turner (treasurer), Gt Yarmouth 600070.



A DINNER was held in the officers mess at the headquarters of the R.C.T. at Grantham, on 7 Apr to 'dine out' Maj Gen Sir Christopher Welby-Everard in appreciation of his long and dedicated service to the Regiment and to the Regimental Association. He was the president of the latter for 23 years.

After diligent searching through old records and officers' memories, we came up with a list of 90 or so officers who either served with Sir Christopher or knew him personally and whom we thought might like to attend this dinner. A total of 70 stated that they would

like to come but seven had to drop out at short notice due to health reasons. Amongst the 63 who did attend were Maj Gen Gerrard-Wright, Maj Gen Gilbert, Maj Gen Spacie and Brig Aris.

Many of those present had not met for over 30 years, and some even longer than that which made the evening most enjoyable.

Overnight accommodation was available for those who wanted it and 57 decided to take up the offer. Breakfast was served at a respectable hour on Sunday morning for those who felt up to it.

We understand that Sir Christopher thoroughly enjoyed the evening and was delighted to meet so many of his old friends, many dating back to pre-1945 days.

Sobraon Weekend: Due to the above dinner the Sobraon Weekend was cancelled for this year but will be held in 1991 in April.

OCA Reunion: This year's reunion will be held at the Beacholme Holiday Camp at Cleethorpes on the weekend of 22/23 Sept. Anyone not on the regular mailing list, and who would like to attend should contact Capt A R Smith at Sobraon Barracks, Lincoln.

Herouville: The village of Herouville near Caen was liberated by the 2nd battalion on 8 July 1944. It was a hard battle and cost the battalion dear - 2 officers and 30 soldiers being killed and six officers and 130 soldiers wounded.

To commemorate this action the Regimental Trustees commissioned a bronze plaque to be made to be presented to the residents of the village and unveiled on 6 June by Maj Gen Sir Christopher Welby-Everard, who was the commanding officer of the 2nd battalion in 1944. He was wounded 10 days after this battle by a mortar shell.

Deaths : Since last going to press the following have passed on. Mr Broughton, Maj Bourne, Mr Cross, Mr Drake, Mr Dobbs, Capt Dabb, Mr Groffett, Maj Pacey, OBE MC, Mr Sharpe MM and Mr Wise.

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THE ANNUAL reunion and Service of Remembrance was held at Kempston on Sunday 19 Nov 89 on a warm sunny day which helped to make the event the outstanding success it was. The fact that the number of comrades and their families attending this reunion has increased noticeably over each of the last five years is pleasantly surprising; this year the attendance was in excess of 5000.

We were particularly pleased to welcome our president, Lt Col W A Whittaker and Mrs Whittaker, who were attending their first association function since the Colonel became president.

The service was again taken by Canon Peter Hartley who was an NCO with the 5th Bn in Singapore. After the laying of wreaths the parade, led by the Royal Anglian Regiment TA Band, we marched past. The salute was taken by the Deputy Colonel, Brig W Dodd OBE, who was accompanied on the dais by the president and the chairman of the Regimental Association.

During lunch in The Keep, now the headquarters of the North Bedfordshire Masonic Lodge, the band played a most enjoyable selection of music ending with The Destiny Waltz. This was the last tune played at the farewell ball of the officers' mess of the 1st Bn The Bedfordshire Regiment the night before its departure for France in August 1914. Since that day it has been regarded as sacred music, only to be played on occasions when the Regiment and comrades gather to remember the dead.

75th Anniversary of the Gallipoli Campaign: The 75th anniversary of

the Gallipoli campaign was celebrated by a visit to the peninsula on 25 Apr this year of a party of some fifty survivors, six of whom were British. Of the 1/5th Bedfordshire Regiment which landed in Suvla Bay on Aug 12, 1915 as part of the 54th (East Anglian) Division, only Ex-Private Frank Ames of Bedford, now 99, remains. Although still very active he had to decline the invitation because of family reasons.

Within three days of landing the battalion led the advance against the infamous "Kidney Hill" with such determination that its men were christened "the Yellow Devils", a name that stayed with them for the rest of the war. The reputation for toughness and endurance they won that day became enhanced as the campaign proceeded.

Although Frank Haines is a slightly built man and a little below average height, his history since the landing in Suvla Bay shows him to have been a very tough fellow indeed. However, when he tried to enlist as a regular at Kempston in 1912 he was not accepted on the grounds of being below the required standard of fitness! The TA however, were more discerning and he was enlisted into the 1/15th Bedfords a few days later. He took part in the attack on Kidney Hill and was badly wounded in the chest and most of his right hand was blown away while in a shallow trench after the assault.

Also in this trench were five other men, all of whom were from Bedford; they had all been at school together. He and one other man were the only survivors.

After months in hospitals he was discharged but soon found himself back in a sanitarium with tuberculosis of the lungs where he remained for over two years. During this time he was given only two years to live, but in spite of this dismal prognosis he recovered and was eventually discharged having been told that he could never work again. Again he proved the doctors wrong and worked continually from the time he left hospital until the age of 87!

Five Days to Live — France 1939-40: In 1941, Maj Robin Medley, then a 2 Lt wrote down in detail his experiences as a platoon commander with the 2nd Bn The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment from the time he was commissioned in August 1939 until just after the evacuation from Dunkirk. These have recently been published as a book - "Five Days to Live - France 1939-40" - with a foreword by Maj Gen A J Ward-Booth OBE, DL. Copies may be obtained from the author at:- Pant-y-Goitre House, Abergavenny, Gwent, NP7 9BB; price £3.50 plus £0.40 p&p. All profits will go to charity.

Written while the details were still fresh in his mind, the author has produced a very factual and readable book in a simple and unpretentious style. Maj Gen Ward-Booth says of it:- "It is a very useful addition to, and compliments the existing history of the Regiment, especially as it concentrates on life at platoon and company level."

Bedfordshire Army Benevolent Fund: Col Lord Luke KCMG, TD, JP formerly Territorial Colonel of the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment and Commanding Officer of the 9th Bn in the early days of the war, has kindly agreed to host the 1990 annual event of the Bedfordshire Army Benevolent Fund at Odell Castle, Bedfordshire, on Saturday 16 June. The Band of the 1st Bn, The Royal Anglian Regiment will perform a Band Concert which will contain, in addition to "La Mandolinata", all the military music connected with the 16th Foot and Royal Anglian Regiment B and E Coys. 6th Royal Anglians will be represented as will 201 Battery, Royal Artillery and the Bedfordshire Royal Corp of Signals. The Lord Lieutenant of Bedfordshire, Lt Col H C Handbury LVO, MC, JP will take the salute. The

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function will commence at 1930 hours and wine will be included in the donation of £10.00 per head. Application for tickets should be made to Maj J H Holl MBE, TD, JP, T A Centre, Kempston, Bedford.



At the annual general meeting held on Mar 29 1990 it was reported that membership of the Hertfordshire Regiment Association had risen to just over 360.

A member of the association was recently asked how the Hertfordshire Regiment became known as "The Herts Guards" during the 1914/18 War. The answer is that it had been the intention to allow all Territorial Army units to have six months training in the U.K. after the outbreak of war before being sent to a theatre of war.

However, the losses in the first battle of Ypres in the autumn of 1914 were so heavy that a number of T A Battalions were sent to France before the end of this period. The 1st Hertfordshire Regiment was one of the those. They joined the 4th Guards Brigade, then commanded by Brig Gen the Earl of Cavan, who later became Colonel of the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment.

They went into action near Ypres on 11 Nov 1914, and acquitted themselves so well that the commanding officer of the Irish Guards, who attacked on their flank, reported the "Behaviour of Herts officers, non-commissioned officers and men beyond praise."

They also received a message of congratulations from the divisional



Israel tour, Novembr 1989: from left to right, Mr E Silvester, Mr H M Conn, Essex and Royal Anglian Regiment, Maj D McGillivray and Mr D Clarke.

commander. They remained in the Guards Brigade until June 1915. In addition to acquiring their famous nickname, their companies were numbered one to four in accordance with normal Guards Brigade custom. No doubt this is why the companies in the 5th Royal Anglians bear numbers instead of letters?



Corby Branch: Because of the security situation at TA Centres the branch have decided not to hold jumble sales in the foreseeable future. Any jumble collected will be given to the senior citizens clubs.

To take the place of this fund

raising venture we have decided to hold a race night later in the year.

Remembrance Sunday was better attended than ever. A Curry lunch was enjoyed in the TA Club afterwards. The Company of old friends was enjoyed by all who attended the Peterborough reunion.

Many of the late Maj William's photographs were displayed at a branch meeting prior to them going into an album his widow kindly presented to the branch. The sale of diaries went very well and more had to be ordered to cope with demand.

The widows of our late members received their usual Christmas box and judging from the replies they were very well received. The Christmas draw in the club went very well and the proceeds were shared with the local branch of the Dunkirk Veterans.

The secretary attended the funeral of the late Sid Gilder at Warmington. Sid served throughout the War with the

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Northampton, rising to the rank of Sergeant. Our chairman, Tony Hollins, is making slow progress at present, meantime Peter Huckle is acting as temporary chairman. Our vice-president Jack Woods informs me that he is the last member of our branch from the wartime 5th Bn. Eleven of our branch have taken out life membership of the Association, thanks to our chairman Tony Hollins.

We all look forward to Capt Jack Hogg's release from hospital and return home. His many friends in Corby look forward to his return to the branch meetings. Some members of the Peterborough Branch have indicated they intend joining us at our next meeting. Billy Paterson plans to lay on one of his special curries so we look forward to this meeting more than usual.

K.R.F.

Peterborough Branch: The enthusiasm of the branch in recent years has greatly increased and thanks for that goes to the membership as a whole who have encouraged new members to attend and who have made the meeting so much more enjoyable by their own enthusiasm and participation.

As in my report last year I do reflect sadly on the loss of members over the year which is, alas, inevitable with the passage of time. We do remember them and for all they have done and contributed over the years both to the Regiment and our branch.

In addition to our splendid and well attended regular meetings here at the Woolpack we have as in previous years held a very successful reunion night at Huntingdon and an annual dinner at the I'A Centre in Peterborough. In addition, members and their wives have visited London in the autumn and enjoyed meeting our In-Pensioner at the Chelsea Hospital.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking our chairman

for his hard work in making these events possible for us.

We continue to have strong links with the Corby Branch and also a presence at Northampton for Regimental gatherings. The branch joined with the Cambridgeshire Regimental Comrades during the summer for a barbeque evening which was a most enjoyable get together and will be repeated in July.

Our meeting place here at the Woolpack coupled with the marvellous hospitality given to us by our host and fellow member Peter Newton and his wife provides us with a fantastic hub upon which we can build an expanding branch. Here, over the last few years, we have seen the collection of military items, photographs and memorabilia increasing almost monthly thanks to the enthusiasm of Peter's collecting. I would put on record our special thanks to him for his contribution towards the well being of the branch.

We are fortunate in having a very conscientious secretary and treasurer who is looking after our finances and attending to all the routine matters which go on behind the scenes. Additionally, our secretary's father has been particularly generous in his time and skills in making items for branch use. In particular I think of the standard holder which was in such good use at our annual dinner and for this we are thankful.

The branch standard is on parade and displayed on many occasions throughout the year and as a branch we appreciate the time and energy which Sam Bloye devotes to this important task.

It is my hope in the years ahead that we see a continuing increase in new members and particularly younger ones who have served in the Royal Anglian Regiment. There seems absolutely no reason in a place the size of Peterborough, now that the branch has such a good venue, that we should not increase our membership and our activities.

It is important that the Regimental

ties are kept alive in Peterborough now that we are geographically in the County of Cambridge. It seems always a long way from Northampton but the energies and traditions of the Regiment, in particular the 5th Battalion and the 4/5th Battalion, must continue to be promoted and supported as we have done now as a branch here for over 36 years.

In conclusion may I thank you for your continued support to me as your branch president.

Richard Hill

Northampton: Although Northampton does not now have a branch as such a strong nucleus of comrades who served with the 5th Battalion (78th Div) in N Africa, Sicily and Italy, meet each Sunday lunch time in the TA Club, Clare Street, Northampton.

Very few of them are members of the Comrades Association (which is a pity) but they are a close-knit group and hold an annual mini reunion.

In 1989, as reported in the November Newsletter, 39 comrades and wives assembled for a reunion in Bolsover.

News: Northamptonshire Regimental ties were in profusion among the congregation at the Annual Service of Remembrance at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre on Nov 12 1989. Strong contingents from the Royal Pioneer Corps, the Army Cadet Force, Royal Air Force Cadets and members of the Women's Services attended the service conducted by the Rev Keith Anderson, who preached to a capacity congregation.

In the unavoidable absence of Brig D E Taunton CB DSO DL, who has performed this duty seemingly from time immemorial, the Regiment's Poppy Wreath was laid by Maj E P Kelly DCM.

The annual reunion dinner of the Peterborough Branch will be held at

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the Drill Hall, London Road, Peterborough, on Saturday Oct 13 1990.

Our best wishes for a full and speedy relief to his sufferings go to former RQMS R G (Dick) May, a most popular former member of our Regiment who lives at Reephams, Lincoln, who was recently laid low with a stroke.

Our best wishes for a recovery also go to Cpl Arthur Harris who is very seriously ill. He lives at Ecton Brook, Northampton, where he has been visited by Peter Wilson. Arthur Harris, who served in the Regiment for 22 years, is the son of the late CSM Joe Harris of the Regiment.

Capt 'Ned' Reynolds has received a letter from former Sgt Stuart 'Steve' Munro: 3311 Parliament Avenue, Regina, Saskatchewan S4S 2M1, Canada. Mr Munro sends best wishes to 'Ollie', to Azulay (where is he now?) and to Brig Taunton, whose driver he was during the last six months of the 48th stay in Seremban in 1946/47.

A regular soldier LCpl Munro was a member of the 48th Cadre and returned to Northampton on Apr 17 1947 after the 48th had been placed in "suspended animation". He will be remembered as a Mortar PI Sgt in Austria and Trieste until being 'Medevac' to UK shortly after the arrival in Trieste of his family.

After emigrating to Canada in 1955, he joined the Governor Generals Foot Guards in the rank of Sergeant and in 1956 was commissioned into the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa, a Reserve Regiment, where he attained the rank of Captain.

Mr Munro is currently Director of Communications at the University of Regina.

Always assuming that you can get into the Regimental Museum, (and it is closed at present) a strange sight will greet you. Gone are the uniforms, the silver, the weapons and the medals.

In their place are shelves of stuffed

birds, documents and numerous other "Objets d'Arte".

There are grandfather clocks, items of old fashioned furniture and pots, and the medal room is filled with penny farthing bicycles and old fashioned tricycles.

All the above changes have resulted from the fall of part of the ceiling, which happened last June. The borough, whose museum this is, called in surveyors, and the attic floor was immediately condemned as unsafe. Since it was full of the above mentioned items, it was decided to move them down to the ground floor.

The surveyor has just completed a full survey of the building, and will present his report in May. In June the borough council will deliberate on what is to be done, and it may take some time to find the considerable sum that will be required to effect the repairs, particularly since there are other schemes that will have priority.

At first it was felt that the museum would have to be closed for at least two years. Now it is thought that a partial opening may be possible at an earlier date. However, it is extremely unlikely that this will happen before the reunion in early July.

Meanwhile other business goes on as usual, and more and more people write in to find out about the careers of their ancestors.

J.P.W.



AFTER the celebratory year of 1988, 1989 seemed calm by comparison, but the association had a full year and continued to flourish.

It is of interest that during 1989 some 26 ex-Tigers joined the

association. This was mainly due to chance meetings with members, but it is significant that 26 years on there are still people who are keen to get back into the fold.

Royal Tigers Weekend in 1989 was successful. It was heartening that the numbers attending the annual dinner were well up on the years preceding 1988.

This must be directly attributable to the introduction of ladies dining with the members. This is now standard feature of the annual dinner and hopefully the numbers this year will reflect the success of this innovation.

Most members will be aware that a Memorial Service for Maj Gen Sir Douglas Kendrew was held at the Chapel of The Royal Hospital, Chelsea on May 4.

The Service was most memorable and was attended by a very large number of Regimental friends and comrades, as well as representatives of the Royal Family, The Australian High Commission, the County of Leicestershire and many other organisations that Gen Sir Douglas had been connected with during his long and distinguished career.

Regimental history continues to be a growth industry. A considerable amount of time at RHQ is devoted to research into queries concerning the history of the Regiment.

To this end, a notice appears elsewhere in this article regarding the Regimental Museum.

Any help that members can give in enhancing the splendid museum in the Magazine, Leicester, will be much appreciated.

It would be remiss not to mention the support and help given by Bn HQ and HQ Coy of 7 R Anglian to the association during the year.

The very great aid given for Royal Tigers weekend is well known, but they daily give help in many ways, from taking messages, the use of the

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Drill Hall for meetings of the general committee, organisation of small reunions and use by the Hindoostan Club.

Benevolence 1989: A total of 67 cases for benevolence were considered by the general committee of the association during 1989. A total of £4556 was given in grants during the year.

In addition grants totalling £1456, given by the Army Benevolent Fund to ex-Tigers and their families, were disbursed by the association. Benevolence continues to remain the most important part of the work of the association.

Both the Army Benevolent Fund and the Royal Anglian Regiment Benevolent Fund give considerable financial help to the association, and we are most grateful to both organisations.

Regimental Museum: The Regimental Museum, situated in the Magazine, The Newarks, Leicester is continually being updated with exhibits being alternated between display and store.

Miss Jane Legget, the keeper of Leicestershire history, is also the honorary curator of the museum and has been instrumental in presenting individual items of interest as separate exhibitions within the museum from time to time.

Mr Stan Woods, who has recently retired, assists in a voluntary capacity. Recent innovations include Regimental Music on audio tape and some additional Regimental pictures on display. The medal collection will shortly be revamped.

However, there is a shortage of exhibits from the 1939-45 War and after. Members can help enhance what is already an excellent museum by letting us have any items or documents relating to 1939 onwards that they do not want themselves.

The documents are kept mainly in

the Regimental section of the Leicestershire Record Office. All items and documents will be accessed and the donors notified of the Accession number.

Please forward any item or document to either:

Miss Jane Legget, Newarke House Museum, The Newarke, Leicester LE2 7BY. (Tel: 0533 554100); or The Secretary of the Royal Tigers Association at the TA Centre, Leicester.

Regimental Centurion: Lt Col J C Herring-Cooper, a serving officer in both World Wars, recently celebrated his 100th birthday. He received a telegram from The Queen and the association sent him a 300th Anniversary Enamel Box.

Col Herring-Cooper now lives in South Africa.

BKVA - Leicester Branch: On Sunday Mar 18, the Leicestershire branch of the BKVA held a service of dedication in Leicester Cathedral. Many ex-Tigers were present. Amongst the large congregation was Mrs Susan Neyzan, 60 Carpenters Gardens, Winchmore Hill, N21 3HG. Mrs Neyzin is the daughter of the late Cpl Norman Fenemer.

She is anxious to get in touch with any Regimental comrades and friends of her late father.

Forthcoming Events

June 1990:	Royal Tigers Weekend.
Oct 27 1990:	1st (Old 8th) Bn Reunion, Leicester.
Nov 3 1990:	Hindoostan Club Dinner, Leicester.
Dec 1 1990:	Officers Lunch, London.
Jun 22/23 1991:	Royal Tigers Weekend (1991).



AS a representative of the Essex and Royal Anglian Regiments Association, we visited Israel for the 40th anniversary of the handing over of the Mandate to the Israelis in 1948. It was a most interesting and memorable tour and brought back many memories of serving in Palestine with the 2nd Battalion, later to become the 1st Battalion, The Royal Lincolnshire, Regiment.

If the Israel tour is anything to go by, the tours for 1990/91 arranged by Capt Patrick Pielon are well worth trying.

British and Allied Ex-Services Pilgrimage Tours for 1990 and 1991: The following Ex-Services Pilgrimage Tours are being arranged privately by Capt Pielou of the Middlesex Regiment (Die Hards) who welcomes enquiries from ex-members of all three armed services, and any others who may be interested in travelling with a group of like-minded people to places where British and allied servicemen and women have fought and died.

The town groups pay respects at military cemeteries and memorials but also visit many other places and sites of general and historical interest, with free time for tour members to follow their own particular interests and wishes.

Singapore/Malaya/Penang: Outline itinerary: Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Cameron Highlands, Penang. Restricted to 35 members (September 1990).

Approximate tour price not yet known.

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The Sergeants' Mess of the 3rd Battalion and members of the 4th Battalion Comrades Association and the Thurrock Branch of the Essex Regiment Association on their visit to Colchester in November 1989

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This will include accommodation at 3/4 star hotels where we share twin bedded rooms, breakfast daily and all guided tours and excursions.

Burma: February/March 1991. Outline itinerary: Entry through Thailand (Bangkok), then to Rangoon and Mandalay and adjacent areas.

It may be possible to enter Burma, through India although this can not be confirmed until permission from the Indian Government is granted.

Hotel accommodation and guided tours as for other previous tours.

All tours are arranged through Magic of the Orient, who are very experienced travel operators and who made an excellent job of the Far East tours in 1989.

If anyone is interested please contact Capt Pielou by letter at 2 Emperors Gate, SW7 4HH, on telephone 071-244-8056.



IN the December issue we talked about the three main events in the Regiment's life that took place in the summer months. Not an awful lot seems to have happened in the winter months except for the social events and gatherings which you will read about in the branch news following. You are reminded that there are two major Regimental events to look forward to, namely The Royal Anglian Regiment Grand Reunion at Bassingbourn Barracks on 15 July and the Minden

Reunion at Gibraltar Barracks on 29 July

Bury and District: The branch is still going strong and managing to pick up the odd new member now and again. We are still looking for ex-members of The Royal Anglian Regiment who are entitled to become branch members of the OCA.

Since our last report in the B & C we visited Hemel Hempstead. This was on Sept 30, 1989 and as usual the members of Hemel Hempstead branch gave us an excellent time. On Oct 7 some of our members were invited to the Cambridgeshire's Regimental Sgts Dinner. After an excellent meal and a chat with old friends we made our way home taking with us a couple of draw prizes.

We attended the Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance at the Corn Exchange, Bury St Edmunds on

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the evening of 3 Nov. This event, now in its fourth year, is very well established.

As usual we went to Westminster by coach to take part in the Field of Remembrance Service at St Margaret's Church. On our way we stopped at Cambridge to pick up some of our old friends from the Cambridgeshire's.

Some of our members attended the Felixstowe branch annual dinner held at the Marlborough Hotel, Felixstowe, on Nov 17; members of the Ipswich Branch were also present. This was the first time the Marlborough Hotel was used and I am sure that it will not be the last; there was much more room than the previous venue and the food was very good. I am sure that a good night was had by all.

One of our favourites of the year is our Christmas draw and this took place on Nov 28 at our last branch meeting of the year. We had over 100 prizes to be won so anyone going away without winning a prize could be considered as being very unlucky. Mary Martin, our treasurer and Tiddler Martin (not related), our secretary, went to the local supermarket and purchased appropriate prizes. We left the supermarket with an extra prize donated by the manager.

Marjorie Johnson put on an excellent buffet. This was a very busy night for committee members and I am sure that branch members appreciated it. On our last outing of the year we went by coach to an evening Carol Concert at Thursford on Dec 1st. Those taking part included the band of the Kneller Hall School of Music, the mighty Wurlitzer, which was played by an expert, and choirs from Cambridge and London. The decorations round the stage area and in the Hall were fabulous. A number of our members are very keen to go again.

We had our annual dinner on Apr 21 at the headquarters of the 6th Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment, on the Newmarket Road, Bury St Edmunds. Lt Col E L V Mapey OBE TD, who was to be our dinner chairman, was unable to attend

because of doctor's orders. It was a great disappointment to us all. We all wish him a speedy recovery and hope that we will have the honour of his presence on another occasion. Our sincere thanks go to our president, Col W A Heal OBE for taking over the chair at short notice, and making an excellent job of it.

Maj Ken Starling and Mrs Starling were also unable to attend through illness; we also convey our hopes to them for a speedy recovery.

Representatives of branches from Cambridge, Felixstowe and Leiston joined us to make a total of 94 that sat down to an excellent dinner, and music for the dance provided by Gracious Manner.

Our thanks go to those members who provided 35 prizes for the draw, which was very well supported; the income from this helped to offset the hiring of the band and the hall. I think that I can say that everyone had a very enjoyable night. This was mainly due to the hard work of our committee members.

We had our AGM on Apr 24; it was very well attended. Col Heal, our president, was there and gave us a few words of encouragement. Jack Gingell was re-elected as chairman, Mary Martin was re-elected as treasurer and Tiddler Martin was re-elected as secretary.

There was only one change on the committee; Robert Janes stood down and Ron Middleditch took his place.

W E Martin

Felixstowe Branch : Since our last Newsletter, Christmas has come and gone. This is the time the branch activities quieten down.

Kicking off the New Year on Jan 10, we started having special open meetings once every 3 months. These have proved more than successful, due to the fact that these are treated as a social evening with refreshments provided. The evening we had on Apr 9 has once again proved our point. Our next is to be Monday, July 2 at the

Royal British Legion, Felixstowe.

We held our first car boot sale, for branch funds, on the Solar car park, Felixstowe, which was a success.

Arrangements are now complete for our annual Tea Party with live entertainment by the Alsorts. Invites have been sent out.

Our June 10 coach trip is to Hunstanton (sea world) and Sandringham.

It is with sadness we have to report the deaths of Fred (Gus) Catchpole and ex. Sgt Fred Hunnibell.

Finally we are seeing results in bringing new members into the branch, some from the Woodbridge area. This goes to prove that there is interest in the Woodbridge area, so what about a Woodbridge branch?

S Keeble

Leiston and District Branch: In our last report no name of a contributor appeared and I received several inquiries asking if I was OK - thanks for the inquiries and yes, OK but unfortunately 25-mile bashes are now out.

Our comparatively new branch held its first annual meeting in January with a good turnout of members. Opening the meeting, the branch president, John Perrett thanked all for attending and congratulated the branch on its very successful first year and was sure progress would continue in 1990. The branch chairman reported on events over the past year and the treasurer presented an excellent and encouraging financial report.

He reported membership for the year as 67 and donations of almost £70 had been made, including £20 to the extension building fund of our Aldeburgh Cottage Hospital.

All officers were re-elected, unopposed.

Since our last issue we lost our first president. Maj Walter Mayhew decided to take up his charpoy and move to Bury. We wish Walter and

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Mrs Mayhew long happiness in their new home. We do not have Walter's address but if the Bury branch wish to rope him in we understand he settled somewhere in the southwest corner of the town.

We were fortunate to obtain a new president almost immediately when, by popular demand of all members, our vice-president, Capt John Perrett, late 1st Bn, France, Germany and Palestine, was persuaded to accept. Thank you John.

Our monthly meetings continue to attract a hard core of 20-25 members at the LTAA Club on the first Wednesday of each month. For one meeting the chairman dug up some old 8mm films taken at TA annual camps in the late '50s early 60s. Great cheers - and many jeers - were raised as members, some with fast receding hairlines, recognised themselves 'in action' some 30 years ago.

On another occasion the chairman showed slides backed by a descriptive tape recording, of the beautiful "Overload" tapestry - the story of the invasion on June 6 1944.

Two branch newsletters have now been sent out to all members with the object of keeping them - and some who have not yet become members, where known - in touch with events. These have been well received and will continue when required.

Our major events for 1990 have been agreed and will include a dance at our headquarters in May, a garden fete at the home of our president on Aug 26 and our first branch dinner in the club on Oct 6.

Smudger Smith

Hemel Hempstead and District Branch : In 1989 the branch has been very active with trips to Dagenham and Brighton, always on the look out for new members, whilst in June members travelled to Normandy with Mr Matthews' party for the Hillman ceremony. While there, visits were

made to the cemeteries where many Suffolks lay at rest.

Minden weekend as always is a great time. Our own Mike Murphy manages the impossible every year finding hotel rooms for some fifty members who travel to Bury on Saturday as advance party for the rest of the branch on Sunday. Our thanks as usual must go to Jack Gingell and his merry men for taking care of our needs so well.

Sept 14 saw members of the branch sail for Holland with the MHVA to Nijmegen as guests of Dutch families. On visits to the cemeteries at Mook, Jonkerbos Overloon and Venraij a service and wreath laying ceremony was held, and at Weert crosses were laid on each grave. Sorry to say we ran out of crosses, but on our return we sent more and the Dutch families finished the job for us.

Our annual branch dance was held at the TA centre on Sept 30 with very good support again from the Bury branch.

Last year closed with our social night on Dec 8, the drill hall bar being packed to capacity.

A few members of the branch also paid a visit to our old RSM, Kevin Duffy, in Padstow in Cornwall. Glad to report he is just as cheerful as ever.

This year looks like being another very active one with many trips arranged and social events. From all the members of the Hemel Hempstead branch may we send our best wishes to all ex Suffolks wherever they may be.

Mr Picton

Stowmarket and District Branch Our Christmas dinner and dance held at the Rookery was a tremendous success, with not a vacant seat at the table when we wine and dined in traditional style. We owe a huge vote of thanks to our energetic entertainments committee who are non-stop in their efforts to produce original and lively entertainment.

Christmas over, we are now looking forward to our trip to

Normandy at the end of June when we will visit the invasion beaches and Hillman, where we will lay a wreath.

Day trips are also planned to the Colchester Tattoo and the Royal Tournament.

Our monthly meetings, held on the last Wednesday of each month at the RBL Club, Stowmarket, continue to be well attended and enjoyed. Our membership continues to grow but there are still a lot of old Suffolks living in the Stowmarket area who should come and see us one Wednesday and join up.



THE branch was well represented at the dedication of a new standard for the March Branch. This was held in St Peter's Church on Sunday Oct 8 1989. Our standard bearer and escorts were provided by the Peterborough detachment of the 5th (C) Bn (Huntingdon & Peterborough) Cambridgeshire ACF. The Bishop of Ely, Dr Walker, dedicated the standard.

November saw the branch attending two Remembrance Day Services, one at Peterborough in the morning and one at Whittlesey in the afternoon. The Regimental standard party at Whittlesey was provided by the Whittlesey detachment of the 3rd (C) Bn Cambridgeshire ACF. Some branch members also attended the Horse Guards in London.

Our branch regimental dinner was held on Dec 1 at the City and Counties Club, Peterborough where about 45 sat down to a traditional roast beef dinner. The regimental standard bearers, Sgt

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Robinette from Peterborough and Cpl Watson from Whittlesey, were guests of honour and also proposed the loyal and regimental toasts. Among the visitors were Lt Col and Mrs Bristow, Maj and Mrs English and U/O Nancy Slattery. The raffle raised £45 to give Christmas presents to wives of former members.

The AGM was held on Mar 19 at the Woolpack, Stanground when 30 members attended including past and founder chairman Bill Paterson and Chris Edgley, who were very much welcomed in view of their illnesses. The chairman, Alf Gray, chaired the March Branch meeting which preceded the AGM. Branch president, Tom Miles, then took the chair for the AGM.

Branch finances remain steady and are enough for Branch needs. Finances have been helped by grants to 1914-18 members. We are grateful to a former member of the Regiment for securing an electric wheelchair to the Lord Lieutenant's County Memorial Fund and the FEPOW HQ in London.

Functions planned for 1990 include a barbecue at the Woolpack, Stanground on July 26 in conjunction with the Peterborough Branch of the Northamptonshire and Royal Anglian Regiment Association; a jumble stall, Peterborough market on Wednesday Aug 16; an outing to Windsor on Sunday Sept 9; and the branch dinner in October which will be held at Whittlesey.

Membership of the branch is down this year owing to several deaths and subscriptions not being received. When the branch was formed in 1983 we knew that it would be an uphill struggle to get members as Peterborough is Northamptonshire territory. So we went further afield and contacted members living in various parts of the UK who had served in the Regiment and we built up membership to 66. However, last year a number of sub-reminders were returned 'deceased'

or 'gone away' and our membership went down to 46 paid-up annual sub members, 10 life members and 2 life 14-18 members.

The branch wishes to thank with appreciation its former president Lt Col Victor Mapey who has served the association well with his guidance and wisdom. Us children of the Regiment will miss him but are very pleased that he has become the association's patron.

To our new president elect, Col Walter Page, we extend a warm welcome. Col Page is well known to most members as an officer of the 2nd battalion and after the war was CO of the 269 regiment. He will, we know, hold the association together and guide it through the coming years. He can count on all branches to give him their fullest support.

Regimental Museum Ely: Some of the exhibits are now incorporated into the newly laid out Ely Museum, the rest being securely stored by the museum. The museum is now run by the County Museum Society which appointed a curator. It is hoped that in future items may be taken out of store and used to vary the permanent display.

Archives: As there is a wealth of photographs and other items relating to the regiment which could be displayed and collated, Maj D Hutt and Mr R Stubbings have been appointed "Archive Officers" of the Regiment. It is anticipated that in future exhibitions could be set up which would be very interesting to past members and also useful for D Coy to inform present TA members of the roots of the regiment over the years.

It is hoped that branches will bring items and photographs to the Open Day on 5 Aug for display.

Guide to the Regimental Chapel: A useful guide to the Regimental Chapel in Ely Cathedral has been produced by Mr R Stubbings free of charge in the chapel for the

information of visitors. It is hoped that an updated version of the Regimental History may also be available at £1.

Silver: The assets and silver of the past Regiments have now been placed in the hands of the Charity Commissioners who will determine who will be trustees in future to oversee the care and maintenance of these valuable items.

Ely Reunion and Service of Remembrance: This will be held on Sunday 10 June, parade 1.45 pm for 2.15 pm. There will be two bands. The 1st Royal Anglian will play for the march past and the Ely City Band will play in the cathedral and at the tea afterwards.

D Coy will exercise their right to March with fixed bayonets and the salute will be taken by Maj Gen A.J.G. Pollard CBE a Deputy Colonel of the Regiment.

The Address will be given by the Rev Tom Hiney. Tea will be available in the usual place for those who make their applications with remittance.

D Company Open Day: This will be on Sunday 5 Aug at the TA Centre, Coldhams Lane, Cambridge at 10 am. There will be a .22 competition and it is hoped that branches will bring along any old photographs and other items for display and general interest.

Officers Dinner Club: The annual dinner was held this year on 7 Apr at the Cadet HQ, Denny End, Waterbeach. Over 50 officers past and present attended and the guest of honour was Lt Col P.R.C. Dixon, Commanding Officer of the 6th (V) Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment, who congratulated the Regiment on keeping a close contact with present and past officers.

The president was the Deputy Honorary Colonel, Col Pat Macdonald who proposed the toast of the "Regiment" with the reply being given,

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Cambridgeshire Regiment Associations

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New members are welcome and should contact the secretary at the above address.

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Future events

Event	Date	Day	Time	Location
Royal Anglian Reunion	15 July	Sun		Bassingbourn
Whittlesey & Peterborough Branch OCA. Barbecue	26 July	Thurs		Woolpack, Stanground
Minden Day	29 July	Sun		Bury St Edmunds
D Coy Open Day	5 Aug	Sun	10am	Coldhams Lane TA Centre
Para 90, (50 years of Para)	5 aug	Sun		Duxford
Whittlesey & Peterborough Branch OCA. Jumble Sale	15 Aug	Wed		Peterborough
Whittlesey & Peterborough Branch OCA. Sgts Dinner	29 Sept	Sat	7pm for 7.30pm	Coldhams Lane TA Centre
Regimental Council	30 Sept	Sun	10am	Cadet Centre, Waterbeach
OCA Annual General Meeting	30 Sept	Sun	2.30pm	Archer House, Ely
Officers Dinner	13 Apr 91	Sat	7.30pm for 8pm	Cadet Centre, Waterbeach

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for the last time, by the Company Commander of D Coy, Maj David Denson. Mr Vice was 2 Lt T Seal.

Apologies for inability to attend this year and best wishes were received from a number of members including Col Stanley Aston, Maj Bob Bradshaw, Lt Col Wally Badcock, Padre Ted Simpson and Lt D Williamson.

Thanks were expressed to CSgt HS Taylor and Cpl T Holder for assisting and for help with the silver which together with the colours made a wonderful display.

Telegrams were received from Her Majesty the Queen and our Colonel in Chief, Her Majesty the Queen Mother, in response to messages of loyal duty sent on behalf of the club.

It is hoped that future dinners will be held at the Cadet HQ, Waterbeach. The provisional date for next year's dinner is Saturday Apr 13, 1991.

Letters: Mrs Eveline Askew of 4 Hadleigh Road, Newquay, Cornwall, TR7 2HJ, says:- "I am writing regarding information about my brother's military career. He died and is buried in Chungkai War Cemetery. His full name was George Edward Palmer, Pte 5830242, 2nd Bn Cambridgeshire Regiment. Can anyone give me information about him, what happened to him, which POW camp was he in, did he have any medals, or any other information including his birthdate?"

Jess Matthews of 62 Lincoln Road, Peterborough, PE1 2SH, tel: 0733 45399, is seeking information on behalf of Mr John Stephenson of 1 Oakfield Gardens, Wallsend, Tyne & Wear NE28 8AR regarding his father Pte Samuel Stephenson. He served in the 1st Bn Cambridgeshire Regiment and was taken POW at Singapore. Can anyone tell what happened to him whilst he was a POW, his height was 6ft 3ins and he was 21 when captured. He was killed in an accident aged 41, while working in Peterborough and was buried by the City Council.

Deaths: We regret to report deaths of the following:-

Mr George Anderson who served with the Cambridgeshire Regiment during the Second World War. He will be remembered as a founder member of the March Branch of the Old Comrades Association and helped with March Rangers FC and the Army Cadets.

Mr Fred Arthur Catchpole died on 20 Jan 1990, aged 72 years. He joined the Suffolks and transferred to A Coy, 1st Bn Cambridgeshires. He was POW in the Far East.

RSMI Mel Feinstein died on 16 Nov 1989. He joined the Cambridgeshire ACF in 1977 from the USAAF, in which he served as a regular with a distinguished record in Vietnam. He served as a detachment Commander at Burwell and as Battalion Sgt Major to the 6th (Cambridgeshire) Cadet Battalion before becoming County RSMI from 1983 to 1985.

Mr Walter Harding died aged 94. He served with the Suffolk Regiment for four years during the First World War and despite being wounded went on to serve in India.

Mr Frank Lowe died at his home at Homegarth, Church Road, Christchurch. He served in the 2nd Bn Cambridgeshire Regiment and was a POW in Singapore for four years.

Mr Ronald Ernest Parish died in the Princess of Wales RAF Hospital, Ely, aged 70, after an illness lasting three months. As a member of the TA he saw action in Europe during the war and for many years was Standard Bearer for the March Branch of the Cambridgeshire OCA, having served in the Regiment before the Second World War.

Mr Herbert Jack Venni died in Fenland House, Peterborough. He served in the army for 17 years and saw service at Dunkirk with the 1st Bn Suffolk Regiment and was a Japanese POW. He was a member of the March Branch of the Royal British Legion and Dunkirk Veterans Association.

Sport

Regimental Rugby Club's debut tour

THE first ever Regimental rugby tour took place from Mar 2-13 1990, and has proved to be a great success. The Regimental Rugby Club, selecting players from throughout the Regiment, including retired officers and soldiers played a total of seven fixtures, winning five and narrowly losing two.

The tour opened on Mar 2 with a trial match against the Depot side, which contained several members of the eventual touring party. The Regiment ran out winners 8-6 and it gave us an excellent opportunity to look at the talent available and to train thereafter.

The following day the Regiment, watched by the club president, Maj Gen A J G Pollard, played Royston RFC and won convincingly 39-10, with notable performances coming from Philip Cooper (ex Pompadour) and Piers Pollard (ex Viking).

The following Monday saw the Regiment play 9/12 Lancers at Wimbish, Cambridgeshire. The Regiment won 24-16 and although the scoreline suggests a closer match, the Regiment maintained an excellent control of the game to win comfortably.

Following this match came the first major test against a strong Cambridge XV who played mobile, attacking rugby. Initially their style of play knocked the Regiment out of its stride, but showing great determination and character, the Regiment clawed its way back into the game eventually winning 26-24 with Pte Taff Spiller (Poachers) kicking the final points in the dying seconds of the match.

Training took place at regular intervals between matches and at this juncture the Regiment received an excellent coaching session from Tim Wilson, a current England staff coach. His expert advice gave us great confidence and enhanced the players' abilities to a great degree. Pte Jim Green (Pompadours) and Pte Terry Neill (Vikings) were noted by Tim Wilson as promising young players and this did much

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to improve their playing skills - no small praise from an England coach!

This coaching session was followed by a trip to watch Leicester play Loughborough students in Leicester, with the mandatory curry immediately afterwards. Both matches proved to be interesting particularly watching LCpl Busby (Vikings) during the third half.

Saturday Mar 10 saw the Regiment playing Shelford 3rd XV. This proved to be something of a mismatch with the Regiment running out as winners 49-3. The following day, however, saw a harsher test against Leicestershire side Stoneygate (whose side included two Northampton players). The Regiment played extremely well but lost in the dying minutes of the game 14-12. The final game came against Colchester, a strong side who defeated the Regiment 27-10. Despite having led at half time, the tour had taken its toll and seven games in eleven days proved too tiring.

The Regiment has attained some excellent press coverage during the tour and has made many good friends at the clubs we have played. A tour is planned for January 1991 and details of this will be sent to all six Battalions. Any member of the Regiment, Regular TA, serving or retired, is eligible to play and if interested should write to the club secretary: Capt J C D G

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Above: The touring party. Below: Capt Bill Howard making another break in the 90-3 win over 1 Sqn RCT.



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Left: Pte Jim Green takes good practice ball, supported by Lt Henry Simpson. Right: Sgt Wilkins gets some close support .

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Pollard, HQ 19 Inf Bde, Goojerat Barracks, Colchester, Essex. Tel: 0206 782729 (civil) or Colchester 2729 (Mil). Alternatively details of the coming year's fixtures will be circulated to all six battalions in due course.

In closing, the Regimental Rugby Club is extremely grateful to the Commanding Officer of the Depot and his staff for their excellent support throughout the tour. In addition our thanks go to Sgt Tommo Torrison of the Battalion for running the administration of the tour so efficiently.

At the time of going to press, the Regiment has played two further matches and has one fixture to play. Those matches played have been 1 Kings Own Border (Won 22-3) and 1 Squadron RCT (won 90-3). Both matches have demonstrated a dramatic improvement in the standard of players in the Regiment. It is planned to take on some of the Army heavyweights next season to see how much we really have learnt!

Colours: The following were awarded their Colours for their outstanding contributions to the Regimental Rugby Club

during the 1989/90 season: LCpl Percy Peake (Vikings); LCpl Martin Bold (Vikings); Pte Taff Spiller (Poachers); Sgt Ian Wilkins (Pompadours); Pte Jim Green (Pompadours); Cpl Adrian Arema (Depot Vikings); Mr Phil Cooper (Ex Pompadours); Lt Nick Palmer (Vikings) and Pte Jack Appleton (Vikings).

Golf winners

The Regimental Golfing Society held its spring meeting on Apr 20 at The Bury St Edmunds Golf Club. Thirty-nine members played the testing course on cold and wintry conditions. As usual, we sparked off the change in the weather, nothing but unbroken sun ever since.

Apart from the weather everyone enjoyed their golf and the golfers' reunion.

The prize winners were: handicap medal, Bruce Stout; runner-up, Gen Sir John Akehurst; the Stableford singles, Maj John Perry; runner-up, Ex WO2 Peck, and the afternoon foursomes, the Dedman brothers; with runners up Ex WO2 Peck and Ex Sgt Rowe.

RARCC Results

Rugby School	158-8 dec
RARCC	159-7 (Andy Latham 66)
Result:	RARCC won by 3
wkts	
The Leys	144
RARCC	147-9
Result:	RARCC won by 1
wkt	
RARCC	150-9 dec (Andy Latham 29, Gen Cooper 35)
Haileybury	139-6 (Sgt Elliott - the first Regimental hat trick!)
Result:	Drawn
RARCC	192 for 5 declared
Oundle	142
Result:	Won by 50 runs (Hind 72. Hipkin 62)

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Slalom racing in the Alps

EXERCISE Quadrant Piste, a very successful skiing adventurous training exercise mounted from Depot The Queen's Division, took place in Tignes, in the French Alps between Mar 16 and 25 1990, originally for 20 recruits in Korea and Normandy Platoons which passed out on Mar 15 1990.

However due to the nature of the training, medical problems and discharges, only six ex-recruits were present on the exercise, numbers being made up by 12 permanent staff, the Chief Instructor (Capt Suzy Reed) and Capt Sally Holt WRAC, the Army Women's Service Ski Champion and Army Ski Team Captain.

The party left Bassingbourn Barracks on Friday Mar 16 arriving in Tignes on the Saturday evening. By the end of day one the top group, led by Capt Holt, were exhausted having skied non-stop from 0830 to 1700 hours; meanwhile the beginners had successfully grasped the techniques of the snowplough. A few complained of sore behinds! The week was action packed and although downhill skiing was the favourite, the experience on langlauf skis was well worthwhile.

For the beginners, each day was a new challenge as they rose 800-1000 metres to explore and conquer a different piste. To begin with there were a few terrified faces but after an hour or two skiing all felt very pleased at what they had achieved. The runs were long which gave everyone time to practice and improve their techniques. The top group skied a fair number of miles every day.

The climax of the week was the Ballantines Giant Slalom race where 10 soldiers participated amongst 96 starters. Pte Steve Livingstone, 3 R Anglian, had throughout the week shown considerable potential as a future army downhill racer but unfortunately fell in the race itself.

Pte Mark Luckman was in the beginners' group and won the prize for the best improved skier. Also present on the exercise was Pte Stuart Piper, 3 R Anglian, and Pte Jules Thorne, 1 R Anglian. However the most spectacular performance came from Cpl Dunn, 2 R Anglian, who raced well but managed to 'DOB' (fall over) directly in front of the video camera.



Pte Livingstone racing the Ballantines Giant Slalom in Tignes.

Runaway winners

THE Pompadours Cross-Country Team is still taking EDIST by storm, winning everything put in front of them. First, they won the EDIST Championships convincingly even though two of their better runners were not competing.

The results were:- 1st, 3 R Anglian - 21 pts; 2nd, 9/12 L - 99 pts; 3rd, 1 R Anglian - 104 pts.

This qualified the battalion to run in the East Area Zone Championships at Pirbright on Jan 15 1990. With Capt Wadman on a sailing course and Cpl Ryan injured, it was said by the Guards at Pirbright that the Pompadours would be lucky to come in the top three positions. So taking the bull by the horns' and with a good pre-run pep-talk

by the RQMS, everyone in the team ran extremely well and, in doing so, convincingly shook aside the Welsh Guards and Guards Depot teams to win the event, qualifying for the Army Championships at Tweseldown on 7 Feb.

The results were:- 1st, 3 R Anglian - 67 pts; 2nd, 1 Welsh Guards - 133 pts; 3rd, Guards Depot - 146 pts.

The battalion team came runners up in the Army Relay Championships, which was held in January of this year; the event gives everyone an insight on how teams will do in the Army Finals at Tweseldown. But commitments, exercises and injury meant

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the team was not at full strength and managed to come fifth overall.

Pte Thomas, still a junior, has been the outstanding runner this year. He has run for the Army against the Welsh International Team (10th), came third junior in the Army Finals, first junior in the EDIST League and first junior in the Zone Championships.

Pte Thomas has a bright future in running and, who knows, he could be the Junior Army Champion next year.

Disabled fun run

THE Pompadours entered three teams in the Combined British Sports Association for the Disabled/Armed Forces Fun Run Marathon held at RAF Stnordridge on 7 Apr. Each team was required to push a disabled person in a wheelchair for a full marathon (26.38 miles). The aim of this event was to raise money for the Disabled Sports Association and to compete for the Wilkinson Sword.

RAF Marham set off at a blistering pace hoping to beat RAF Swanton Morley's record of 2:50:25, but proved to be no match for the Pompadour 'A' team of Capt Wadman, WO2 Twell and Cpl Ryan who set a new record of 2:37:12.

The Wilkinson Sword now hangs in Battalion Headquarters besides a display cabinet bulging with running trophies.

London Marathon

THE tenth London Marathon took place from Greenwich to Westminster Bridge on Sunday 22 Apr. Over 73,000 people applied to run in this prestigious event but only 34,000 were accepted.

The race commenced at 0930 hours using three different starts with a total of 26,000 runners. The heavy rain during the start was welcomed by all runners, but not the spectators.

Twenty-one members from the Pompadours applied to run in the race but only four were accepted. The two charities to benefit from the Pompadours effort this year were the British Legion and the Sian Adcock appeal.

All four runners completed the run and special congratulations go to Maj Burford



Top: The Pompadours' London Marathon squad. Above: The record-breaking Pompadour marathon fun run team. Right: Champion runner Pte Thomas.

who ran a personal best and Cpl Cooney and Cpl Jarvis who completed their first marathon.

The results were:- Capt Davis, UFO - 3:24:50; Maj Burford, QM - 3:41:29 (PB); Cpl Cooney, MT - 4:11:17; Cpl Jarvis, RAPC - 5:11:00.



Sport on Camera

Steelbacks turn to rugby

LET'S face it, there are more than just a few people who are not built for the "normal" TA sports such as orienteering and cross-country.

Finding that 3 Coy seemed to have quite a few rugby players with the tight build, it was decided to have a bash at rugby.

The 3 Coy team has been in operation since December 1989, has had three very serious training sessions and played two games, though both were lost. The first match was against a team from Woodford, North London, and the second against Upminster Rugby Club on 17 Feb; the score being 34-10 (but this to a team that has won 14 of its 19 games).

The Company prides itself that Sgt Andy Cullen (8 Pl) and LCpl Mark Hylands (RR & TT) who scored, have played for the Regiment and were commended for doing so. The team are always prepared to play a game, training time permitting, so if any team from any battalion out there wishes to have a game, let 3 Coy at Chelmsford know.

Depot orienteering team successes

THE Depot orienteering team has to date had a very successful season winning the EDIST/LONDIST Minor Unit Championship and gaining the runners-up trophy in the EDSOL behind an excellent Viking Team, led by CSgt Bonnett.

In the early part of the season Lts Adrian Gosling (Poacher) and Steven Wormald (Pompadors) contributed to the team's success and throughout the season Maj John Ross (Viking), Lt Richard Latham and Cpl Beagley (Pompadors) performed at a consistent level.

Maj Ross became the Infantry M40 Champion (even at 45) and had high expectations of his team in the Army Championships May 19-21 in this, his last competitive season.

Similarly the cross-country team had an excellent season emphasised by the following results:-

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Above: Spot the ball. 5 R Anglian take on Upminster Rugby Club. Below: The Depot cross country team— WO2 Haniver, Cpl Dunn, Cpl Bevan (Vikings), Cpl Charlton, Cpl Hagan (Poachers) and Cpl Maynard (Pompadors). Bottom: The Depot orienteering team.



Sport

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EDIST Champions, Eastern Area Champions, 5th in Army Cross-Country Relay Championships, 4th in Army Cross-Country Championships.

These results were achieved through hard training and commitment. WO2 Haniver (Vikings) had an excellent season coming 8th in EDIST Minor Units and 21st in the Army Minor Units. Cpl Maynard (Pompadoours) was first in the EDIST league. Other Regimental runners included Cpl Bevan (Vikings) (10th in EDIST and 19th in the Army Minor units), Cpl Hagan (Poachers), 12th and 22nd respectively, and Cpl Charlton (Poachers) 16th and 39th respectively.

Both the cross-country and orienteering teams thank WO2 QMSI Butters BEM and SSgt Johnson from the gym for their help in both training and competitions.

Depot golf standards are improving

After a pretty mixed bag of results last year, golf at the Depot is on the up. Of note was the memorable victory over Capt John Fisk and his team from the Pompadoours, which was played in very blustery conditions and between showers back in November.

The 4 and 1 score belied the closeness of the matches.

In the open competition, which saw Colchester reinforced by a most welcome contingent from the 1st Battalion; our Pro Sgt, "Punchy" Smith, (alias Hagar the Viking), won the singles again, with WO2 Dave Smith (Pompadour, but representing the Depot) and partner winning the doubles.

Under the watchful eye of the QM, Maj Mike Ayling and with the loving care of Ernie the green keeper, the course has made great strides in the last few months. In this day and age of crowded courses and slow play, we count ourselves extremely fortunate to have this marvellous facility at our disposal.

Should anyone care to issue us a challenge here at Bassingbourn, Capt Graham Taylor, the OIC Golf, would be delighted to add additional fixtures to what looks likely to be a full and varied programme this season.

Births & Marriages

Marriages:

VIKINGS:

Cpl Howe to Jacqueline Rachel on Sept 9, 89; SSgt Carter to Breda on Oct 10, 89; Cpl Gibbons to Michele on Oct 14, 89; Sgt Wagg to Janine Marie on Jan 10, 90; Pte Surtees to Karen Louise on Feb 3, 90; Pte Murton to Jennifer Grace on Feb 3, 90; Pte Stimpson to Theresa Mary on Feb 10, 90; Pte Riley to Rosemary on Feb 24, 90; Pte Lomas to Paula on Mar 10, 90; Pte Rumsey to Helen Jane on Mar 17, 90; Pte Craig to Lara on Mar 31, 90; Cpl Cox to Julie Ann on Mar 31, 90.

POACHERS:

LCpl Brown to Louise on Jan 27 90; Pte Booth to Fiona on Feb 17 90; Pte Gelsthorpe to Susanne on Mar 3 90; Pte Galway to Margret on Mar 10 90; Pte Horsley to Dawn on Mar 17 90; Capt Halewood to Anne on Apr 20 90; Capt Colgan to Lucy on Apr 28 90.

POMPADOURS :

LCpl Appleton to Jayne on Oct 14, 89; Cpl Pascal to Susanne on Nov 25, 89; Pte Gough to Barbara on Jan 19, 90; LCpl Heather to Margaret on Jan 29, 90; LCpl Scott to Debbie on Mar 19, 90.

DEPOT :

Sgt Couldridge to Rhonda on Mar 31, 90.

Births:

VIKINGS :

SSgt and Mrs Brothers, a son, Patrick; Sgt and Mrs Callaghan, a son, Thomas; Sgt and Mrs Raven, a daughter, Alexandra; Sgt and Mrs Windmill, a daughter, Nichole; Cpl and Mrs Gray, a daughter, Robbyn; Cpl and Mrs Hurren, a son Michael; Cpl and Mrs White, a son, Xavier;

Cpl and Mrs Wright, a daughter, Holly; LCpl and Mrs Cox, a daughter Natilia; LCpl and Mrs Marshall, a son Lee; LCpl and Mrs Patten, a daughter, Hannah; LCpl and Mrs Taylor, a son, Ashley; LCpl and Mrs Villet, a son, Daniel; LCpl and Mrs Waller, a daughter, Samantha; LCpl and Mrs Ward Wilkin, a daughter, Charleen; Pte and Mrs Ankers, a daughter, Stacey; Pte and Mrs Bowers, a son, David; Pte and Mrs Clarke, a son, Ashley; Pte and Mrs Collins, a son Ashely; Pte and Mrs Lennon, a daughter, Steacy; Pte and Mrs Page, a son, Matthew; Pte and Mrs Steward, a son, Jamie; Pte and Mrs White, a son, Nathan.

POACHERS:

LCpl and Mrs Cutts, a son, Danny; LCpl and Mrs Plummer, a daughter, Katie Louise; CSgt and Mrs Abbs, a daughter, Katie; LCpl and Mrs Blackburn, a daughter, Joy Anne; LCpl and Mrs Berridge, a son, Adam John; Pte and Mrs Keys, a daughter Stephanie Laura; Pte and Mrs Borowski, a son, Jaimes Robert; LCpl and Mrs Lawrence, a son, Michael John; Pte and Mrs Talbot, a daughter, Lauren; Cpl and Mrs Curtis, a son, Nathan Phillip James; LCpl and Mrs Blayney, a daughter, Amy Jayne; Sgt and Mrs Cox, a son Christian Lewis; CSgt and Mrs Mann, a son Joshua.

POMPADOURS :

Cpl and Mrs Driver, a son, Pierce; Cpl and Mrs Duffy, a son, Michael; Pte and Mrs Golds, a son, Andrew; LCpl and Mrs Hart, a daughter, Kirsty; Cpl and Mrs Holmes, a son, James; LCpl and Mrs Jamieson, a son, Ross; LCpl and Mrs Scott, a daughter, Laura.

7TH BATTALION :

Maj and Mrs Prescott, a daughter, Emily Sophie Jane.

DEPOT :

Cpl and Mrs Bevan, a daughter, Laura Deanne.

Obituaries

Lt Gen Sir R Denning, KCVO KBE CB DL

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Lt Gen Sir Reginald Denning KCVO KBE CB DL on May 23 90 at the age of 95. Gen Sir Reginald will be remembered as a distinguished soldier, commissioned into the Bedfordshire Regiment, served in 14-18 and 39-45 Wars and who was the first Colonel of The Royal Anglian Regiment from 1964-66.

His funeral took place at Hawkhurst, Kent on Friday June 1st with R Anglian pall-bearers and bugler.

There will be a Memorial Service, in London; details will be announced in the national press.

Maj C Hill

It is also with deep regret that we record the death of Maj Colin Hill, the Quartermaster of the 1st Bn, after a severe illness.

To the families of both we offer our deepest condolences and sympathy.

(Both deaths occurred too late to do otherwise than make these announcements in this issue of the Castle. Full obituaries will appear in the next issue.)

Lt Col T J Barrow DSO



Members of the Thurrock branch at the interment of Sid Hayhow. Pictured (left to right) are Peter Giggens, Jim Tarbutt, Bill Brown (Standard bearer), Harry Conn (branch secretary), George Barker and Ernie Beckwith

THOMAS John Barrow was born on Oct 12, 1916, educated at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst and commissioned into the Bedfordshire & Hertfordshire Regiment in August 1936.

He served in India, Palestine and Egypt and was present at the breakout from Tobruk in November 1941. He served in Syria and in 1943 in Burma when the Battalion was split into two long range penetration columns for operations behind the Japanese lines.

He went to the Staff College and became a GS02 with the Independent Parachute Brigade and commanded the Bedfordshire & Hertfordshire Regiment in Goslar in 1958. He was awarded the DSO for bravery in Burma as a Captain.

He retired from the army in November 1971 and produced and edited the two-volume story of the 16th/44th Foot. He died on Oct 4, 1989 and will be sadly missed by his friends and colleagues. We offer our sincere condolences and sympathy to his family.

Sid Hayhow

(Ginger) Sid Hayhow, died on Boxing Day 1989, aged 83. Ginger was well known in the 2nd Battalion, The Essex Regiment; he was employed as a cook. He served with the battalion in north-west Europe in 1939/40 and was at Dunkirk. He landed with the battalion on D Day.

Ginger was a member of the Thurrock Branch and was a regular attendee at the Sunday Services in the Regimental Chapel.

His ashes were interred in the Cemetery, at St Mary's Church, Churchgate Street, Old Harlow, Essex on 11 Feb.

WE regret to announce the deaths of the following: Maj N Kirkman MC, Essex Regt, Sept 3 89; Maj B W Cridland, R Anglian, Dec 15 89; Lt Col B W Briggs, MC, R Leicesters; LCpl Stephen Langridge, 2 R Anglian in a motor accident on Mar 27 90; Maj (Hon Lt Col) R G Bowley, R Leicesters; Lt Col (Hon Col) J Yates, Suffolk Regiment Dec 16 89; A/Cpl Nigel Collashaw and LCpl Peter Faulkner, both of 2 R Anglian, in a motor accident in Germany on Mar 9, 90.

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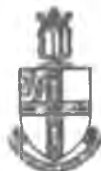


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