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Message From

H.R.H. The Duchess of Gloucester c.i., G.C.V.O., G.B.E.

Colonel-in-Chief

2nd East Anglian Regiment
(Duchess of Gloucester's Own Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire) nshire)



York House, , St. James's Fes's Palace.
September, 1960, 1960

I send my best wishes for the success iss of the new Regimental Journal, "The Poacher, cher," and welcome the opportunity its first issue ssue affords me of conveying my greetings to the the new Regiment and to all who serve in it.

Mace

Colonel-in-Chief, 2nd East Anglian Regiment at (Duchess of Gloucester's Own Royn Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshireshire).



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Colonel The 2nd East Anglian Regiment
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Foreword

By the Colonel of the Regiment

It is with pride that I write this foreword in the first number of "The Poacher," the Journal of the 2nd East Anglian Regiment (Duchess of Gloucester's Own Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire Regiment).

The union of the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment with the Northamptonshire Regiment has now been successfully accomplished. We are now one Regiment and this new Journal, giving as it does news of both the former Regiments and of our new Regiment, is a symbol of our unity.

Time has strengthened and will further strengthen in the future, the links which bind us to Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire and to our Units of the Territorial Army, the 4th/6th Battalion The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment and the 5th Battalion The Northamptonshire Regiment. Our Regimental Association will still carry on the tradition of our former Regiments and "The Poacher" will chronicle the events of all.

I ask all ranks serving and past, to help to make it a success. It will be a mirror of the present, reflecting a glorious past and a glorious future. Subscribe to it and help it with contributions, and join with me in wishing all success to "The Poacher". It stands for three things—"Our Queen", "Our Country" and "Our Regiment".

R. H. L. OULTON, Brigadier.

Colonel, 2nd East Anglian Regiment. (Duchess of Gloucester's Own Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire).



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AMALGAMATION DAY MESSAGES

1st June, 1960

The following messages were sent on 1st June, 1960

To Her Majesty The Queen.

All ranks of the 2nd East Anglian Regiment (Duchess of Gloucester's Own Royal Lincolnshire and North-amptonshire) which on this day has been formed by the amalgamation of the former Royal Lincolnshire Regiment and the former Northamptonshire Regiment, present their humble duty and loyal greetings to your Majesty. They assure your Majesty that they are determined to give the same devoted service as that rendered to the Sovereign by their predecessors.

BRIGADIER R. H. L. OULTON, COLONEL.

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To Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Gloucester, Colonel-in-Chief.

All ranks of the 2nd East Anglian Regiment (Duchess of Gloucester's Own Royal Lincolnshire and North-amptonshire) send their loyal greetings to their Colonel-in-Chief on the occasion of the formation of the Regiment on this day as a result of the amalgamation of the former Royal Lincolnshire Regiment and the former Northamptonshire Regiment.

BRIGADIER R. H. L. OULTON, COLONEL.

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To 1st Battalion 2nd East Anglian Regiment (Duchess of Gloucester's Own Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire) with copies to Depot Royal Lincolnshire Regiment, Depot Northamptonshire Regiment, 4th/6th Battalion The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (T.A.), 5th Battalion The Northamptonshire Regiment (T.A.), Brigade Depot East Anglian Brigade.

Our two Regiments amalgamate on 1st June. On that day the 2nd East Anglian Regiment (Duchess of Gloucester's Own Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire) comes into being and inherits the Honours and Traditions of the Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire Regiments. We know that these will be in safe keeping in your hands. Best wishes and God speed.

BRIGADIER R. H. L. OULTON, COLONEL.

The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment
BRIGADIER J. LINGHAM, COLONEL.

The Northamptonshire Regiment.

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To The Lincoln and Welland Regiment, Canada; The Bermuda Rifles, Bermuda; 1st Battalion the Malay Regiment, Malaya; The Lake Superior Scottish Regiment, Canada; 58/32nd Infantry Battalion (The City of Essendon Regiment), Australia; The Northland Regiment, New Zealand; The Regiment de la Rey, South Africa.

On this our formation day, greetings from the Colonel and all ranks of the 2nd East Anglian Regiment (Duchess of Gloucester's Own Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire).

BRIGADIER R. H. L. OULTON, COLONEL.

The following messages were received:

From Her Majesty The Queen to The Colonel of the Regiment.

Please convey my sincere thanks to all ranks of the 2nd East Anglian Regiment (Duchess of Gloucester's Own Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire) for their loyal greetings and assurances. I wish every success to the new Regiment.

ELIZABETH R.

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From Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Gloucester to the Colonel of the Regiment.

(In the formation of the 2nd East Anglian Regiment (Duchess of Gloucester's Own Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire) as Colonel-in-Chief I send all ranks my warmest good wishes for the future of the Regiment.

ALICE.

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The following reply was sent:

To the Colonel-in-Chief.

All ranks of the 2nd East Anglian Regiment (Duchess of Gloucester's Own Royal Lincolnshire and North-amptonshire) thank their Colonel-in-Chief for her encouraging message of good wishes for the future.

BRIGADIER R. H. L. OULTON, COLONEL.

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From 1st Battalion 2nd East Anglian Regiment to all Branches Comrades' Association.

All ranks Duchess of Gloucester's Own send hearty greetings to all comrades of the former Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire Regiments and acknowledge the debt they owe to all those who have served before them.

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The following reply was sent:

To 1st Battalion 2nd East Anglian Regiment.

Your message to members of the Comrades' Association is much appreciated. This will be passed on to all Branches. You may rest assured that ex-members of both Regiments will support the Duchess of Gloucester's Own and strive to make the new Association a success.

REGIMENTAL SECRETARY.

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From the Colonel and Associate Colonel, 3rd East Anglian Regiment to the Colonel, 2nd East Anglian Regiment.

On the occasion of the merging of the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment and the Northamptonshire Regiment into 2nd East Anglian Regiment, the 3rd East Anglian Regiment sends best wishes to what is now a brother Regiment.

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The following reply was sent:

To The Colonel and Associate Colonel, 3rd Eas Anglian Regiment.

Much appreciate your kind messages of good wishes on joining the East Anglian Brigade Brotherhood.

R. H. L. OULTON, COLONEL.

D. E. TAUNTON, ASSOCIATE COLONEL.

From East Anglian Brigade Depot.

Brigade Colonel and all ranks East Anglian Brigade Depot send all good wishes to the 2nd East Anglian Regiment (Duchess of Gloucester's Own Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire).

The high standards of both the Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire Regiments ensure an illustrious future for the new Regiment.

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From 1st Battalion 2nd East Anglian Regiment to the Secretary Territorial Army Association.

All ranks 2nd East Anglian Regiment send best wishes and reaffirm their close ties with the Territorial Army.

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From Lt.-General Sir Reginald Denning, Representative Colonel East Anglian Brigade.

On behalf of East Anglian Brigade I send you best wishes on the occasion of the merging of the Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire Regiments to form the 2nd East Anglian Regiment (Duchess of Gloucester's Own Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire).

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From 1st Battalion, The Northland Regiment, New Zealand.

Many thanks for your message of greetings on the Formation Day of 2nd East Anglian Regiment.

On behalf of the Colonel of the Regiment, Brigadier R. W. Harding, D.S.O., M.M., E.D., who is at present overseas, and all ranks of The 1st Battalion, The Northland Regiment, I extend to your Regiment every good wish for the future. We look forward to a continuation of the same close association with your Regiment that we enjoyed in the past with the Northamptonshire Regiment.

T. F. L. WARD, LT.-COL.

A Message from Her Majesty The Queen

The following is a part of the Queen's speech made at the farewell parade of 3rd Bn., Grenadier Guards, 8th July, 1960.

"Colonel Way, Officers, Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Guardsmen of the 3rd Battalion Grenadier Guards:

"I do not think that there can be anybody here today who does not feel a pang of sorrow and regret as we say good-bye to this historic battalion. Owing to the changing structure of the Army, other regiments have already lost battalions with long and distinguished records. Many of them have held their final parades, and their Colours have been laid up. Through being your Colonel for ten years, I have had a closer link with the Grenadiers than with any other Regiment in the Army, and that is why I have invited you here today. But I would like you to remember those other regiments too; and I ask them to regard this parade as symbolic of my feelings of sympathy with all Corps and Regiments in the Army which have lost units for which they have as great an affection as all Grenadiers feel for their 3rd Battalion."

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EDITORIAL ===

Most people don't read Editorials. We hope ALL our readers will read thirll read this one.

The 1st Battalion of our new Regiment has been in existence for four months. Their strength is today 1,000 all ranks of which about 300 are Regulars and the rest National Servicemen. In nine months time 500 men will have gone on release. By early in 1963 there will be no National Servicemen, and the strength of the Regiment will depend entirely on the number of regular recruits that can be obtained.

At the moment the number of men enlisting into the Regiment on a regular engagement is small and unless the recruiting figures improve very considerably the strength of the 1st Battalion will be so small by 1963 that the War Office may well consider carrying out a further amalgamation or even disbanding the Regiment.

This would be a very serious matter, and it should and would cause deep concern to everyone who has served in the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment, the Northamptonshire Regiment and the 2nd East Anglian Regiment. All those who are not connected with the Regiments but yet have pride in their County Regiment and its traditions would feel a deep source of disappointment and loss.

It is therefore obvious that something must be done, and done soon to encourage young men of Military age to become regular soldiers. People will say that with full employment in Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire, it is impossible to get recruits in these two counties, but the hard facts show that recruiting in Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire is almost as good as any county in England. Men ARE joining the Army from both counties, BUT THEY ARE NOT ENLISTING IN THEIR COUNTY REGIMENT—the 2nd East Anglian. That is the thing that has got to be put right.

Every man who has ever served in either the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment or the Northamptonshire Regiment or the 2nd East Anglian Regiment is a potential recruiter. The personal touch is worth hundreds of pounds of advertising. YOU who read this can help, tell your friends and your relations about the Army. Tell the young man of 17½ that he will draw £6 9s. 6d. per week on joining and all this is to spend as he likes. Tell him about the games, about the comradeship, about the adventure. Who else gets a chance to see the world at the Queen's Expense? Ask him if he has £6 9s. 6d. per week left out of his present pay packet, when he has paid for his food, housing and clothes. Ask him if his present job will give him a substantial life pension when he is 40. Ask him if he wants to learn to drive. And when he is interested put him in touch with Regimental Headquarters at the Old Barracks, Northampton, or Sobraon Barracks, Lincoln. We will do the rest.

Already the Regiment is planning a big recruit-

ing campaign. Every Reginvery Regiment is doing the same. But it costs a lot of money of money. The funds available from Army sources are snees are small in comparison to what is needed. The balance has to be found from Regimental Funds. The Ss. The Secretary of State for War has said "We must see that the people are aware of what the Modern e Modern Army has to offer and of the interesting and stimulating life that is open to the Soldier." Indeed weIndeed we must, but it can't be done all the year round ar round and thoroughly on the funds available to Infantry Infantry Regiments from Army sources. An Army recruiting recruiting van at the principle Agricultural Shows is a help but what is wanted is far more than that. We that. We should like to see each Regiment with its own van own van and crew, permanently living in the County and visity and visiting every village hamlet and town continuously, tinuously. A fleeting visit is no good, young men want time want time to think about joining the Army, they see the vance the van today, are interested, and then don't see it againee it again for months, and so their sudden born enthusiasi enthusiasm diminishes. If that van went back in a week thea week there might be a potential recruit only waiting finally ng finally to be persuaded.

Men who have finished: finished their National Service and are in civilian jobs havn jobs have by now had time to assess the merits of both. Sof both. Some are satisfied, some not so satisfied, but they gout they go on. We think that a visit from a serving soldiering soldier who can tell them something about the Regirthe Regiment, about the recent pay increases, and about td about the friends they knew whilst serving might well 19th well persuade some men to re-enlist.

Each Battalion should havehould have a cine-camera and a man trained to work it. F/ork it. Film could be taken of training and of everyday everyday life in the Regiment, and shown in the county, ir county, in the towns and in the village halls. Men would m would recognise their friends, and see what a good life throod life they have in the Army. Each Regiment should have ould have a van (it needn't be a large one), fitted up as a display as a display vehicle, and with a public address system, creystem, crewed by serving soldiers from the 1st Battalion, whtalion, which could tour round the country all the year, the year, visiting fetes in the summer, and village halls age halls in the winter, giving film shows and a display of display of weapons and talking to the people about life in ut life in the Army and in the Regiment.

But all this costs money, ts money, and the amount available to 2nd East Anglian | Anglian Regiment for 1960, is £130. Any item costing r costing more than £25 needs War Office approval and mval and many details have to be furnished. If the whole sumwhole sum was used to advertise in the press of Lincolnshire acolnshire and Northamptonshire it would allow an advertisemedvertisement approximately 5 in. by 4 in. to appear in each r in each paper on two days in the year. Any other major ser major spending on recruiting must come out of the prival the private funds of the Regiment. In other words, the vords, the cost of obtaining re-

cruits for individual Regiments is borne to a large extent not by Army Funds but Regimental Funds. Is this right? Should not the cost of obtaining recruits be a National Expense and not a private one?

We say give each Regiment a lump sum, say £1,000 per year, to spend on recruiting. Cut the red tape and untie the strings and give them a free hand to spend it and don't ask them to obtain War Office approval before they do spend it. Trust them, after all they want recruits and will do their best to get them. Give this idea a try for three years. If it doesn't work, go back to the present scheme. After all £60 to £100 thousand pounds a year is a very small sum in comparison to the Army Estimates. If the scheme turns out to be a failure, at least it won't have cost as much as Blue Streak.

The Regiment is doing what it can at the moment to get recruits, it will do more shortly but YOU can help, you can spread the word, we will give you the literature, the pamphlets the rates of pay, you can pass them on; only by the personal touch, by the individual telling his friends, can we expect to get all the recruits we need, that the country needs.

The Government have decided to end National Service by 1963. Whether they are right or wrong will be abundently clear by the end of that year. But one of two things is certain now: unless regular recruits for the Army are forthcoming in sufficient numbers there will either be no Army worth the name, or a form of National Service will have to be re-introduced.

The potential recruits are there, they only need to be persuaded to join. YOU can do that, you owe it to your Regiment to help them when they need your help. If everyone who reads this persuades just one man to enlist in 2nd East Anglian Regiment, the problem is solved. Its a challenge—Will you answer it?

THE POACHER

THE POACHER, which is the Regimental Journal of the 2nd East Anglian Regiment, is published four times a year in March, June, September and December. A subscription for one year costs 10s. It can be obtained either from the Editor, Regimental Headquarters, Gibraltar Barracks Barrack Road, Northampton, or from Major P. H. Segon, Sobraon Barracks, Lincoln.

It contains news and photographs of the 2nd East Anglian Regiment; 10th Royal Lincolnshire Regimental Association; Comrades Association, The Northamptonshire Regiment; 4th/6th Battalion, Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (T.A.); 5th Battalion, The Northamptonshire Regiment (T.A.); Cadets in Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire; past members of the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment; past members of the Northamptonshire Regiment; and many items of general interest.

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OFFICERS' REUNION

The Fourteenth Annual Reunion Dinner of exofficers who served in the 4th Bn. between 1939 and 1946 took place in the Officers' Mess, Quebec Barracks, on Saturday, 30th April. There was a record attendance of 29, including the Colonel of the Regiment, Brigadier J. Lingham, Col. J. Lowther, Lt.-Col. M. F. F. Buszard and O.C. Depot, Major H. Moore. Others present included N. Bending, F. Billing, R. Blyth, J. Burbidge, F. R. Carrington, R. W. Dunn, R. R. Greaves (just back from Hong Kong), W. Griggs, R. Hector, R. Hollowell, L. W. Jennings, J. Leeson, G. R. Osborn, F. O. Sanders, D. P. Scopes, A. Smith, F. Syson, C. Thorp, W. A. Walker, A. C. Webb, W. Webster. Apologies for non-attendance were read out from Col. W. C. Furminger, Lt.-Col. H. J. Cochrane and Jock Shearer (now in Calcutta). A telegram was also received from Peter Hadley, late B.M. 183 Inf. Bde. The loyal toast and a toast to the Colonel of the Regiment was proposed by Dick Greaves, and a toast to "Absent Friends" was submitted by Peter Scopes. Alfred Webb completed the speechmaking by proposing a toast to Major W. Dipper and presenting him with a silver tankard in appreciation of the hard work he and his staff put in each year to ensure the success of these reunions. "Dip" suitably replied.



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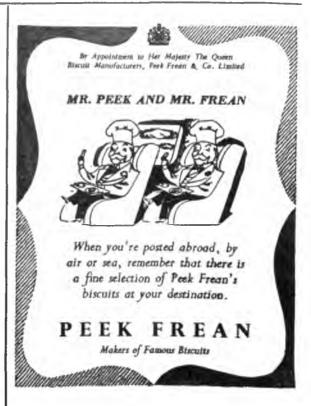




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Personalia

We congratulate Capt. J. B. AKEHURST on being selected to attend the Staff College Course at Camberley in 1961.

Major D. BAXTER retired on retired pay on 31st May, 1960, and has assumed the appointment of R.O. III at the Regimental Headquarters at Northampton.

Major A. P. H. BIRD has been appointed G.S.O.2 at the J.I.B., Ministry of Defence, and took up his duties on 4th July, 1960.

R.S.M. H. W. BIRD has retired and is living in Northampton. He is working as a County Court Bailiff.

Lt.-Col. J. R. BRITTEN, M.C., has assumed the duties of Cadet Executive on the H.Q. Staff of the Huntingdonshire and Northamptonshire T.A.A.F.A.

We congratulate Major G. D. COLE, M.C., who has been touring Canada with the British Rifle Team, on winning the City of Toronto Match and Connaught Prize with 99 points out of 100.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. DAVID COLEY on the birth of a son.

Major P. R. CHESTON has been posted to No. 263 G.L. Section, B.A.O.R.

We congratulate Lt. R. J. H. DRUMMOND on the announcement of his engagement.

We congratulate Major J. M. L. DYMOKE on the award of the M.B.E. in the Birthday Honours.

We congratulate Sgt. ELSTON, A.C.C., on the award of the B.E.M. in the Birthday Honours. He has been Cook Sergeant at Quebec Barracks since 1958.

2/Lt. T. I. M. FFINCH joined the Regiment on 7th May, 1960, from Mons O.C.S. and has been posted to the 1st Battalion. He is a cousin of Col. W. D. Barber, who commanded the 58th from 1929-1933.

We congratulate Lt. K. G. FORD on his engagement.

Major R. R. GREAVES has been posted to the staff of the Army School of Preliminary Education at Tidworth.

We congratulate Major and Mrs. C. J. GAR-DINER on the birth of a son.

Lt. J. McK. GOUGH narrowly failed to be selected for the British Olympic team for small bore pistol shooting. He has been nominated as first reserve. Amongst his most recent shooting successes have been the winning of the Revolver Cup at the Army Rifle Association Meeting and the Revolver Gold Badge and Revolver Prize at the National Rifle Association Meeting.

We congratulate R.S.M. R. Gell on his promotion and on being appointed R.S.M. of the Brigade Depot.

Major E. F. D. HYDE has been appointed D.A.Q.M.G. (Accn.) H.Q. Scottish Command and will take up his duties in November, 1960.

Major M. R. HASELHURST has been appointed G.S.O.2 (Air) 3 Division and took up his duties on 2nd May, 1960.

We congratulate Bandmaster C. HOLLAND of the 5th Bn. The Northamptonshire Regiment (T.A.) on the award of the B.E.M. in the Birthday Honours.

2/Lt. H. M. P. HALCROW has joined the Regiment and is serving with the 1st Battalion.

C/Sgt. HALLETT, who has had a serious operation, has made an excellent recovery.

2/Lt. P. J. ISAACS has joined the Regiment and is serving with the 1st Battalion.

Major P. F. KEILY, M.C., retired on retired pay in April, 1960, and has assumed the appointment of Area Recruiting Officer, Northampton.

Lt. R. F. KITCHIN has been posted to the Brigade Depot at Bury St. Edmunds as a Platoon Commander.

R.S.M. E. P. KELLY, D.C.M., has returned to Aden to be R.S.M. of the Depot Battalion of the Aden Protectorate Levies.

Capt. J. LEESON is now serving with 1/6 K.A.R.

R.S.M. L. A. LOMER, after a long spell at the Regimental Depot, has been posted to the Infantry

Record Office, Exeter. We congratulate him on his promotion.

We congratulate Lt, C. W. T. LUMBY on his engagement. Lt. LUMBY has returned to the Arabian Peninsula for service with the Trucial Oman Scouts.

We congratulate Capt. H. MALPAS, S.A.S.C., on coming third in the Army Rifle Association Championships at Bisley this year. This year was the first year the Championships have been fired with the SL rifle.

We congratulate Lt. and Mrs. E. A. MALPAS on their marriage.

Major J. D. MONKMAN retired on retired pay on 6th July, 1960. He is seeking a position in Japan, where his knowledge of the language and commerce can be put to good use.

We congratulate Capt, and Mrs. N. MILLER on the birth of a daughter.

Lt. R. R. MORE resigned on 2nd July, 1960, and is now running a smallholding in Suffolk.

Major T. R. MOLLOY has successfully qualified as a teacher and now lives in Wincanton.

C/Sgt. MOLLOY is now with M.Q. Staff in Cyprus.

Capt. (Q.M.) J. MORGAN has been appointed Adjutant and Quartermaster of Sheffield University O.T.C. He took up his duties on 2nd May, 1960.

We have just heard that David NEWTON is to be married in New York to Miss Pamela Van Nostrand of the U.S.A. Congratulations.

We congratulate Lt.-Col. A. G. R. NOBLE, M.C., on his promotion and appointment as the 1st Commanding Officer of the East Anglian Brigade Depot.

Brigadier R. E. OSBORNE-SMITH, D.S.O., O.B.E., has retired on retired pay and is living in the Channel Islands.

Capt. W. K. POOL has rejoined the 1st Battalion at Watchet,

We congratulate Capt. J. K. PARKER on his marriage and wish him and his bride every happiness. Capt. PARKER has been selected as Adjutant 5th Bn. Northamptonshire Regiment (T.A.) in succession to Capt. J. B. AKEHURST.

R.S.M. A. RUSSELL has been appointed Garrison Sergeant-Major at Bordon.

Major G. E. SHIPLEY has rejoined the 1st Battalion at Watchet.

Sgt. SMITH, late O.R.S. Quebec Barracks, is at the Brigade Depot.

2/Lt. G. T. SHERWELL has joined the Regiment and is serving with the 1st Battalion.

2/Lt. T. T. TAYLOR has joined the Regiment from Mons O.C.S. and is serving with the 1st Battalion.

We congratulate Lt. J. G. P. WHITE on his engagement.

Capt. R. W. WHITNEY, who is on a Chinese Language Course in Hong Kong, expects to return to England in October.

2/Lt. J. B. WINCKLEY, son of Col. P. C. WINCKLEY, has been granted a regular commission in 2nd East Anglian Regiment.

Congratulations to Capt. and Mrs. GERRARD-WRIGHT on their marriage.

Lincoln Cathedral

THE SOLDIERS' CHAPEL OF ST. GEORGE

The Soldiers' Chapel of St. George is more familiarly known as the Regimental Chapel, and since its inception has been in the care of the wives of officers, resident or stationed in Lincoln. In this final publication of the Newsletter of the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment, we convey to these ladies thanks for the work they have carried out so generously to make the Chapel worthy of those whom it commemorates.

Especially do we remember the foresight of the late Major Lancelot Edwards, who was instrumental in having the Chapel allocated to the Regiment in the first instance. Below his memorial tablet in the Chapel there rested a wreath from his widow to his memory on the occasion of the Service of Thanksgiving.

Steps have been taken to ensure the Chapel will receive the same care and attention in the future as it has had in the past.

Mrs. E. F. O. Richards is the Chairman of a ladies' committee which will ensure this being done. The Colonel of the Regiment has legally established a Regimental Trust, part of the proceeds of which can, with the approval of the Trustees, be allocated towards the care and maintenance of the Chapel and the provision of flowers.

The Treasurer of the fund is Major P. H. Segon, who will be pleased to receive contributions, which should be sent to him at Sobraon Barracks, Lincoln, cheques and postal orders being made payable to "Regimental Trust Fund, Royal Lincolnshire Regiment".

Northamptonshire Regiment Dinner ner Club

The 72nd and last Dinner of the Dinner Club of the Northamptonshire Regiment prior to amalgamation was held at the United Service Club on 26th May. Seventy-two officers attended. The following telegrams were read out at dinner.

"The Queen sincerely thanks the officers past and present of the Northamptonshire Regiment dining together this evening for their kind and loyal message which Her Majesty very greatly appre-

ciates."

PRIVATE SECRETARY.

"I thank you for your kind messages and send my very best wishes to all officers of my Regiment past and present dining together tonight."

ALICE-Colonel-in-Chief.

"Greetings and best wishes to 48th/58th Foot dining together tonight from 10th Foot Dinner Club."

RALPH OULTON.

Other messages were received from Brigadier N. J. Dickson, Lt.-Col. F. C. Papworth, Col. J. T. Ennals, Major H. K. F. Nailer and Major C. G. L. Tomkins.

In his speech the Colonel of the Regiment said that the dinner club of both regiments would amalgamate to form one dinner club. The draft rules had been agreed, and the dinner would continue to be held at the United Service Club. He welcomed the 1st Bartalion on their return from Aden where they had received high praise for their exemplary conduct. He praised the 5th Battalion and the Depot for their many successes at shooting in the previous 12 months. The 5th Battalion had won everything possible, and the Depot had earned the right to call themselves the best shooting depot in the Army.

The Colonel went on to say that the Reunion this year had been a great success and thanked the 1st Battalion for the part they had played in it.

He ended by saying what a great debt he owed to many officiers, senior, equal and junior for the loyal support he had had from them all during his time as Colonel of the Regiment, and then proposed the toast of "The Regiment coupled with the 2nd East Anglian Regiment."

General Sir Harry Knox then rose. It fell to him, he said, as the oldest surviving officer of the Regiment to perform a very pleasant task in presenting a small present to the Brigadier Lingham

from all ranks of the regiment.

"We have been fortunate "he said" in having at our head a trained diplomat who has carried out his duties so well and so smoothly. It is not what you get out of a job but what you put into it—in this John Lingham has set a very high standard. He has put everything into his job, but he has got one thing back, the love and affection of us all." General Knox then presented to the Colonel of the Regiment a silver cigarette case inscribed:

To Brigadier J. Lingham, C.B., D.S.C.B., D.S.O., M.C., from

All Members of the Northamptonshiramptonshire Regiment May 31st, 1960. 1960.

The following officers were present: - present: -

Brig. J. Lingham, Gen. Sir Harry Kr Harry Knox, Major-Gen. G. St. G. Robinson, Brig. J. A. Irig. J. A. W. Ballard, G. P. Clark, D. J. B. Houchin, R. G. Vin, R. G. W. Melsome, R. E. Osborne Smith, D. E. Taunton, Taunton, Cols. H H. Beattie, W. D. Barber, H. N. Drake, Jl. Drake, J. C. Denny, H. V. McNally, Lt.-Cols. M. F. F. Bu. F. F. Buszard, J. V. Brewin, G. A. C. Danby, J. C. De J. C. Devey, E. M. Goodale, G. V. Martin, O. K. Pad. K. Parker, E. L. Percival, J. W. Rawlins, S. A. Thom A. Thompson, F. R. Wilford, C. J. M. Watts, G. A. Hill Wal. Hill Walker, Majors J. A. F. Barthorp, D. Baxter, A. P. H., A. P. H. Bird, W. G. Dipper, G. S. Drew, R. S. C. Greene C. Greener, J. W. H. Green, C. J. Gardiner, A. M. Hutchin. Hutchinson, M. R. Haselhurst, J. A. Hughes, J. B. Hiell. B. Hickson, P. F. Keily, H. H. Moore, P. L. C. H. Ranc, H. Rance, R. C. R. Roche, Sir F. Robinson, G. E. Shiß. E. Shipley, C. L. Wauchope, B. C. Withers, J. I. Young, I. Young, Capts. J. B. Akehurst, M. J. Barthorp, A. G. P. El. G. P. Evans Evans, J. A. Garnett, J. P. Growse, H. C. G. H. C. G. Harding, N. Longmore, S. H. Lewis, R. P. Need. P. Needham, J. K. Parker, L. C. J. Paul, P. Worthy, G. brthy, G. R. Yates, N. Jonas, Licuts. P. W. Edwards, K. Grds, K. G. Ford, J. Robinette, P. D. Taunton, J. G. P. Wh G. P. White, T. F. B. Crowle, 2nd Lieut. T. I. M. Ffincl M. Ffinch, Reverend G. P. H. Rowson.

Previous to the dinner a luncheon luncheon party for officers and their wives was held at theheld at the Naval and Military Club and the following werewing were present:—

Brig. and Mrs. J. A. W. Ballard, Britallard, Brig. and Mrs. J. W. Hinchcliffe, Brig. and Mrs. W.i Mrs. W. J. Jervois, Brig. and Miss J. Lingham, Brig. R. (Brig. R. G. W. Melsome, Brig. and Mrs. R. E. Osborne Soborne Smith, Brig. and Mrs. D. E. Taunton, Col. and Col. and Mrs. J. C. Denny, I.t.-Col. and Mrs. A. St. G. A. St. G. Coldwell, Lt-Col and Mrs. G. A. C. Danby, I Danby, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. E. M. Goodale, Lt.-Col. and Col. and Mrs. G. V. Martin, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. C. J. M. Wa J. M. Watts, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. F. R. Wilford, Major and Mjor and Mrs. J. A. F. Barthorp, Major and Mrs. D. Bax. D. Baxter, Major and Mrs. P. F. Keily, Major and Njor and Mrs. H. H. Moore, Mrs. M. J. Barthorp, Mrs. W. J. Mrs. W. E. Carrick, Mrs. J. Fleming, Mrs. W. V. Marshall.' Marshall.

It is worth your while to hile to read the advertisements in this this magazine

Deaths

SNOWDON

On 17th May, 1960, suddenly at her home in Northampton, Miss Ethel Margaret Snowdon, M.B.E., for many years assistant Treasurer of the Northamptonshire Regiment Benevolent Fund.

ARNOLD

On 12th July, 1960, Mr. Frank Arnold, ex-Sergeant in the Northamptonshire Regiment, and Landlord of the Artizan Public House, Northampton.

ALLEN

On 10th May, 1960, Capt. J. Allen, late Sergeant in the 58th. He bequeathed his Medals to the Museum of the Northamptonshire Regiment.



Obituary

MISS ETHEL MARGARET SNOWDON, M.B.E.

Miss Snowdon, who died suddenly on 12th May, was a very remarkable person. For 40 years she had run the Citizen Advice Bureau in Northampton, and for nearly as long she had been connected with the Benevolent Fund of the Northamptonshire Regiment. Every fortnight for most of the time a committee of officers, under the chairmanship of O.C. Depot had met in her office to hear applications for assistance from past and present members of the Regiment and their dependants. Miss Snowdon arranged for the cases to be investigated, and the committee having heard her reports, decided the amount of help that could be given.

Her work for the Regiment was only a small part of her activities. As Secretary of the Council of Social Service and of the Citizen Advice Bureau, she met many thousands of people in need of help or advice and gave unstintly of both. Her patience, her understanding of human problems, and her sympathy will be remembered by very many. Her clients mostly were the worried and those with sadness or sorrow in their lives. After talking to Miss Snowdon they went away feeling that things were not so bad, and with renewed hope.

Miss Snowdon devoted her whole life to the welfare of others, a christian life of unselfishness. Her loss to the Regiment and Northampton is incalculable.

We tender our deepest sympathy to her great friend and assistant, Miss Margaret Blake.

Retirement

BRIGADIER R. E. OSBORNE SMITH, D.S.O., O.B.E.

Brigadier Osborne Smith, whose father, Lt.-Col. E. O. Smith, commanded the 48th from June 1913 to December 1914, joined the 2nd Battalion at Colchester in 1929. In 1930 he was posted to the 1st Battalion and served in Palestine, Egypt, Iraq and India before returning to England in 1940. He was adjutant 1st Battalion from 1937 to 1940. He served in France during the fighting in June 1940, and after Dunkirk was posted to the 2nd Battalion. In 1941 he attended a Staff College short course and was employed in staff appointments from the end of 1941 to June 1943 when he was appointed 2nd in Command 4th Battalion The Wiltshire Regiment.

In August 1944 he became Commanding Officer of 1st Bn. The Worcestershire Regiment, and three months later was wounded in action and evacuated to the United Kingdom.

In 1945 he was appointed to command the 2nd Battalion The Northamptonshire Regiment and in June 1946 he became G.S.O.I. H.Q., B.A.O.R., where he remained for three years. After a spell at the School of Infantry he was appointed to Command 1st Battalion The Northamptonshire Regiment (48th/58th). On handing over he became Brigade Colonel East Anglian Brigade, but soon after this appointment he was promoted full Colonel (T/Brigadier) to command 147 Lorried Infantry Brigade. His last post was director of Pioneers and Labour, and Inspector of the Royal Pioneer Corps.

Brigadier Osborne Smith retired in June 1960, and has gone to live in the Channel Islands. We hope, however, to see him and Mrs. Osborne Smith at many regimental functions, and we wish them both all happiness in their retirement.

Prize Essay Competition

The Bertrand Stewart Prize Essay subject for the the 1961 Competition has now been chosen and is as follows:—

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Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance

Royal Lincolnshire Regiment Lincoln Cathedral, Sunday, 8th May, 1960

It has long been the custom of the Regular Battalions of the Regiment on the occasion of their visits to Lincoln to attend Divine Service in Lincoln Cathedral.

The service, held on the 8th May, was of special significance in that it was the climax to a successful tour of the County by the 1st Battalion and the last occasion when a regular battalion of the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment would attend such a service in the Cathedral. It gave the citizens of Lincolnshire an opportunity to join the battalion in its act of public worship of praise, thanksgiving and remembrance.

The well-chosen hymns and prayers, the lesson read by the C.O. of the 1st Battalion and the sermon preached by the Lord Bishop of Lincoln, expressed fully the object of the service and will form a lasting memory of those who were present.

Before the service commenced the Band of the 1st Battalion under Bandmaster D. A. Bayton, played a programme of music whilst the congregation was assembling and for the ceremonial processions.

The County was represented by the Mayors, Mayoresses and Town Clerks of the Boroughs, Chairmen and Clerks to the Urban District Councils and the full City Council of the City of Lincoln and marked the close ties existing between the County and the Regiment.

After the Bishop, Cathedral Clergy and Choir had taken their places in the Nave the Civic Parties moved up the Nave in procession from the Consistory Court all being fully robed and wearing their chains of office, the Mayor of each Borough being preceded by a Mace Bearer. There followed the full City Council of the City of Lincoln led by its Mace Bearer and the Sword of King Richard II, the sword bearer being in his ceremonial dress and wearing the Hat of Maintenance. The sword and mace of the City was placed in the Civic Rack on the pillar near to the Bishop's Throne, maces of the Boroughs being placed on tables nearby.

Then followed the Lord Lieutenant's procession which was heralded by a fanfare played by the Band. Like that of the Civic procession, it was most impressive. The Deputy Lieutenants in uniform, the Vice-Lieutenant Colonel Sutton Nelthorpe, the Clerk of the Lieutenancy Brigadier E. F. O. Richards and the High Sheriff of Lincolnshire preceded Her Majesty's Lieutenant of Lincolnshire, the Earl of Ancaster, who was escorted by the Dean, the Colonel of the Regiment and O.C. 1st Battalion. Among the Deputy Lieutenants were many who had served in the Regiment.

A Regimental Fanfare (specially composed by the Bandmaster) and the playing of a ceremonial slow march marked the progress of the Colour Parties from the West Door down the centre of the Nave to the Nave Altar. The Queen's and Regimental Colours of the 1st Battalion being received by the Dean and placed upon the Altar, those of the 2nd Battalion (our oldest Colours) being received by the Sub-Dean and placed perpedicular in slots at either side of the Nave Altar Cross, the Colours remaining so placed until the conclusion of the service when they were ceremonially returned to the Colour Parties and trooped in slow time down the centre of the Nave and out of the Cathedral, later to be carried in the March Past which followed the service.

The singing of the National Anthem was the commencement of the service.

The Officers and Men of the 1st Battalion and Regimental Depot occupied seats in the South Nave Centre, Civic Dignitaries in the North Nave Centre and other distinguished guests seating near the Nave Altar. Members of the Regimental Association were well represented as also the general public, the Nave and transepts being filled almost to capacity.

Ushers were provided by the Regiment both for seating arrangements and the collections of Alms which on this occasion were devoted to the Cathedral Organ Restoration and the Soldiers' Chapel of St. George.

During the singing of a hymn a procession headed by the Cathedral Clergy comprising the Right Worshipful Mayor of Lincoln, the City Sheriff, the High Sheriff of Lincolnshire, the Lord Lieutenant of Lincolnshire, the Colonel of the Regiment, the O.C. 1st Battalion and the Wreath Bearer moved from the Nave to the Soldiers' Chapel for the laying of a wreath.

On arriving at the Chapel the Clergy assembled near the Altar and the others before the Altar. Lt.-Col. Innes then presented the wreath to the Lord Bishop with these words: "My Lord Bishop, we officers and men of the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment come to lay this wreath in the Chapel of St. George as an act of homage and remembrance of our comrades of all ranks who have given their lives in the service of their country."

The Bishop receiving the wreath and laying it against the Altar said: "Let us commend their souls to the keeping of our merciful Creator."

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are departed hence in the hope of resurrection to eternal life. Regard their loyalty and devotion: forgive their frailties and sins: give them rest and peace: and grant that by the offering of their earthly lives, they may be brought nigh unto the sacrifice of thy blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

This was followed by the sounding of the Last Post and the Reveille by a bugler of the Battalion.

The Hymn of Thanksgiving concluded a memorable service.

The March Past

At the March Past which took place after the service the salute was taken by Her Majesty's Lieutenant of Lincolnshire who was accompanied on the saluting dais by the Colonel of the Regiment, the High Sheriff of Lincolnshire, the Right Worshipful The Mayor of Lincoln and the City Sheriff. Also at the saluting base was the Lord Bishop and the Dean, together with the Mayors and Mayoresses, the Town Clerks of Boroughs, the City Council of Lincoln, Colonel East Anglian Brigade, Bde. Comdr. T.A. Brigade, the Com-mander R.A.F. Station, Waddington, the Member of Parliament for Lincoln and many past and serving officers of the Regiment and their ladies. Chairmen of District Councils, Clerks to the Council and their ladies were allocated a special enclosure immediately opposite the saluting base. Mace bearers of the Boroughs and City, together with the Sword Bearer were positioned at the saluting Base approximate to their respective Mayors.

During the March Past the Colours of the 1st and 2nd Battalion were carried at the "fly position"—those of the 2nd Battalion being the last occasion they will be ceremonially carried in Lincoln, for after the presentation of new Colours to the 2nd East Anglian Regiment (Duchess of Gloucester's Own Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire) they are to be given a place of honour in the National Army Museum. The 1st Battalion Colours will, however, return to Lincoln and be laid up in the Soldiers' Chapel of St. George.

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2nd East Anglian Regiment Formation Parade



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Formation Parade

12th July, 1960

The 2nd East Anglian Regiment (Duchess of Gloucester's Own Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire) formed, almost imperceptibly, at Doniford Camp, Watchet, on 1st June, 1960. Its members—soldiers from the former Royal Lincolns and former Northamptons—met for the first time only two days before. Amalgamation Day, the 1st June, passed practically unnoticed in the business of drawing equipment, moving beds and settling in.

Quite clearly we were in no state, at that time, to herald our birth with any pomp or ceremony. However, the need to present the new Battalion to our Colonel-in-Chief was a pressing one, and the date was fixed for 12th July—six weeks after formation.

Tuesday, 12th July, 1960, will remain a memorable day for all who witnessed it or took part in it. The weather during the preceding week caused much concern and the dress rehearsal on the Saturday was literally washed away in a cloudburst. The white blanco from the belts and rifle slings became thickly smeared over the sodden No. 1 Dress, and the Battalion looked a sorry spectacle as it marched off parade on that gloomy day.

Four separate programmes were arranged for Tuesday to fit in with any type of weather—all wet, all fine, wet morning or wet afternoon However, the sun shone and the fine weather programme was possible.

At 11.40 a.m. the Battalion, formed into five companies each 100-strong, marched on under Mr. Baylis, the R.S.M., to "Colonel Bogey". The parade was handed over successively to the Adjutant, the 2 i/c, who fell in the officers, and to the C.O., who "marched on" the Colours. Four sets of Colours were on parade the 1st Xth, the 2nd Xth, the 48th and the 58th. The Battalion then awaited the arrival of the Commander-in-Chief, Lt.-Gen. Sir Nigel Poett, K.C.B., D.S.O.

It was an impressive sight—the Battalion, 600-strong, all in No. 1 Dress; the Band and Drums 75-strong and four sets of Colours (two over 100 years old). If filled the barrack square from end to end. In the blue sky, beyond the parade, the spectators saw the bright red helicopter of the Queen's Flight, coming in to land at Liddymore Camp, carrying H.R.H. The Duchess of Gloucester, our Colonel-in-Chief.

Just before 12 o'clock the Army Commander's car drove on the parade ground and stopped opposite the saluting dais. Sir Nigel Poett was greeted by the Associate Colonel, Brigadier D. E. Taunton, and then mounted the dais for the "general salute". A few seconds later the Colonel-in-Chief arrived accompanied by the Colonel of the Regiment, Brigadier R. H. L. Oulton, C.B.E. H.R.H., after shaking hands with the Commander-in-Chief and the

Associate Colonel, mounted the dais for the first Royal Salute ever given by The Duchess of Gloucester's Own. This was followed by an inspection of the Battalion and a march past in line, by companies, in slow and quick time. The Battalion, having re-formed, stood at ease, whilst C.S.M.s Swift and Reynolds marched to the centre of the parade to receive the award of the Long Service and Good Conduct Medals from their Colonel-in-Chief.

Her Royal Highness, addressing the Battalion from a prepared script, suddenly abandoned it, and choosing her own words, paid tribute to the efforts of all in the new Regiment, including the wives and families, for the success of the parade and the obvious success of the amalgamation. This was a proud moment for all of us, and our hearts warmed to our Colonel-in-Chief. Her address was greeted with three rousing cheers. The Battalion then advanced in Review Order and gave a Royal Salute, after which Her Royal Highness left the parade.

The remainder of the day bore a holiday atmosphere. The Officers and Sergeants entertained their guests to lunch in their respective Messes. Her Royal Highness lunched with her Officers, and their guests in a marquee erected outside the Officers' Mess. Two hundred and fifty people were present.

After lunch Her Royal Highness toured the camp. First of all she sat for photographs with the Officers', the Sergeants' and the Corporals' Messes. (It is unfortunate that these photographs are not good.) Then back on to the square, the Go-Karts were demonstrated and examined by Her Royal Highness, who was clearly tempted to try one herself.

The Battalion heavy weapons in Support Company then staged a mock battle on the square. Enemy infantry and a tank were seen and heard firing away to the left, and were quickly engaged by a section of machine guns. A section of 3-in. Mortars was called forward and fired a salvo of six bombs each. The bursting bombs landed around the tank causing casualties to the enemy infantry, but the tank itself was undamaged. Finally a mobat came to a skidding halt, unhooked and prepared for action. After a brief fire order it engaged the tank with a deafening explosion and scored a direct hit. The tank disintegrated amidst a sheet of flame and smoke, and the enemy infantry withdrew in disorder.

Finally the Band and Drums beat retreat.

Her Royal Highness was then taken to visit the dining half and kitchens. S.Q.M.S. Nisbet conducted her to the various departments—the Salad Bowl; the Grill and Wimpey Bar; the Fish and Chip Saloon and the Roast—all reminiscent of a



Ist Bn. 2nd East Anglian Regt.

(Duchess of Gloucester's Own Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire)

AMALGAMATION

In 1685 the 10th Foot was raised by Col. The Earl of Bath. In 1741 the 48th Foot was raised by Col. The Hon. James Cholmondley, and in 1755 the 58th Foot was raised by Col. Robert Anstruther.

Anstruther.

On 1st June, 1960, these Regiments ceased to exist as regular units. The need to reduce the size of the Regular Army had posed a big problem to the Army Council. They had two alternatives—to disband regiments or to amalgamate them. They chose the latter alternative, and orders were issued for the amalgamation of the 10th Foot Royal Lincolnshire Regiment with the 48th/58th Foot, The Northamptonshire Regiment.

And so on 1st June, 1960, the 2nd East Anglian Regiment (Duchess of Gloucester's Own Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire) came into being. Nobody has ever pretended that the amalgamation of our two Regiments would not have been avoided if it had ben in any way possible. That battle was fought with the Army Council some years ago, and lost. It is typical of both our Regiments, that having lost that battle, they both set to, at once to see that the new Regiment got off

to the best possible start.

Over the years every Regiment, particularly the County Regiments of Infantry, has built up trespendous pride in its achievements and traditions of service, on playing fields, on the square, through countless battles and campaigns, through two world wars, against disease and disaster, in tropical hear and icy cold under conditions which demand the best of men—that best being all too often all that a man has to give. These traditions are guarded and preserved most jealously.

One can understand the dismay, therefore, with which we received the news that our former Regiment was to lose its identity and merge with another. We can appreciate the deeper dismay of those Officers, Warrant Officers and men who have served all their working lives in one or other of the two former Regiments, and have been proud of belonging to it for 30, 40, 50 and even 60 years. And yet, the tone of the new Regiment was set by them. To the Colonels and the Regimental Councils of both our former Regiments, and to all the Regimental Elders on both sides, we, in the Duchess

of Gloucester's Own owe a tremendous debt. Over the past three years, every detail of the amalgamation has been examined and a compromise agreed. Our new Colours will bear the battle honours and devices of both our former Regiments. Our collar badge and every detail of dress, our customs, silver, property, Journal and Regimental Associations have now all been finally decided. Throughout these long and difficult negotiations, never once have they been conducted in anything but the most cordial and sympathetic understanding for the wishes and feelings of the other partner in the amalgamation. That is why, on the 1st June 1960, we met at Doniford Camp with such tremendous goodwill on both sides. Now, we are all "Duchess of Gloucester's Own", all equally proud of the traditions and possessions of both our former Regiments.

The ties with both Counties are as strong as ever. The liaison between us and our units of the Territorial Army is closer than ever before. To say that our amalgamation is a success is an understatement. We are completely integrated. We are The Duchess of Gloucester's Own. We are one—and proud of it.

OFFICERS' MESS

Amalgamation, in our case at any rate, has gone smoothly. Such headaches as there are have been suffered by our new Mess Sergeant, Sgt. Poole He is faced with the unenviable problem of seating 52 officers for dinner. Fortunately he has the help of two Mess staffs. The Mess is somewhat over-crowded, but the Garrison Engineer is doing his best to make us as comfortable as possible.

The Duchess of Gloucester's Own has inherited two very fine collections of silver, enough in fact to keep three full time silvermen busy. A committee has been set up to decide which silver shall be returned to Regimental Headquarters for its disposal. This has been as trouble free as all other stages of the Amalgamation Operation. Incidentally, we have so many officers that the letter-racks of both the Royal 10th and of the 48th/58th are in use, and in both cases nearly full of name cards.

On the 17th June we had the W.O.s and Scrgeants in for lunch-time drinks. Perhaps the greatest difficulty in this Amalgamation is the number of strange faces one sees. This get-together made many of them seem less strange.

Our Colonel, Brig. R. H. L. Oulton, C.B.E., came to visit us on the 21st and 22nd of June, and this was made an excuse to invite many officers from 5 Northamptons, then in camp at Plasterdown, to drinks and a buffet supper to which wives were also invited. We only hope they enjoyed

coming as much as we enjoyed having them.

We have been in existence only a short time. We have none of us forgotten that we were members of th former Royal 10th, or of the former 48th/58th, but these memories have not stopped our amalgamation from being surely the happiest on record. Amalgamation is established. We are one, and proud to be members of The Duchess of Gloucester's Own 2nd East Anglian Regiment.

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SERGEANTS' MESS

Our Formation Day, 1st June, 1960, saw the majority of members already on familiar terms with each other, and at the conclusion of this the first month, one can look around the Mess and find firm indications that we have much in common with one another, and that all is well!

The calendar of events is already being filled and Friday, 18th June, 1960, saw a bus load of 30 members and their ladies attend the first outside official function. This was to the Wessex Brigade Depot where the Sergeants' Mess held a very fine ball. When returning from Exeter in the early hours of Saturday morning, the spirit of the evening stood us in good stead to dim the thoughts of the R.S.M.'s drill parade, a few hours ahead! (Methinks a few spirits were still dim on the parade too!)

On Tuesday, 21st June, the Mess was honoured to receive the Colonel of the Regiment for a lunchtime drink, this being his first visit to the new Regiment. Being so well known to the majority of members he was soon able to put us at our ease and his words of encouragement were well received. Our Brigade Commander too looked in on us early,

we were in fact only two days old!

Saturday, 18th June, saw our house-warming and social evening, which was attended by Colonel and Mrs. Martin and other officers and their ladies. This was an informal affair and served us well in the process of setting the standard of the new Regiment's Sergeants' Mess. We had a pleasant evening, too, when members of the 5th Northamptons (T.A.) looked in on us on 21st June from their Annual Camp at Plasterdown. The first of our monthly Mess dinner nights, took place 30th June and it will become part of our way of life in the future, together with the regular social evenings in which the fairer sex will be encouraged to join.

Much good work has been put in by C.S.M.s Tappin, Stevenson and Swift towards getting the Mess ship-shape, and the combination of both Mess' silver make an impressive display. Plans are now well in hand with the most co-operative District Command Royal Engineers' Staff for a few structural changes within the Mess to cope with

the expanding numbers.

An hour in the Officers' Mess on 17th June, 1960, made a very pleasant change to our lunch-time routine and brought us face to face with our respective officers on the most friendly of terms. (What better than over a goblet of beer!)

MESSING

"All-in" stew, luke warm suet pudding with bill poster's paste as custard, eaten at trestle tables in a bleak hangar, used to be the Army's method of feeding. The alternative was char and a wad in the N.A.A.F.I. if it was near to pay day. All this is well within the memory of many still serving and it is little wonder that so much amazement is shown by anyone entering the dining hall in Doniford Camp.

To begin with the cooking equipment is good

and the kitchen is well laid out, but machines cannot, on there own, produce good food, and without skilled labour, they merely help mediocre cooks to produce a better bully beef hash and a

slightly hotter suet pudding.

The battalion was therefore lucky in having S.Q.M.S. Nisbet and Sgt. Stubbs of the A.C.C. as part of the permanently attached cooks, as these two are both knowledgeable and imaginative enough to make interesting meals out of Army rations. By planning ahead and using civilian catering techniques, the daily bill of fare now offers choices of fish and chips, hot roast meat, cold meat and salad, and grills—with a full suporting cast of vegetables and pudding. A soldier now can have different food every day of the week or, if he prefers it, he can have fish and chips twice a day every day.

Certain items of kitchen equipment over and above the normal military scale have been purchased. One is a device which produces a standard shaped rissole, known today as a wimpy. Another is the special grill to deal with wimpys, and we also have an instantaneous chip fryer and infra-red

grill.

The dining hall itself was the least attractive part of the building, being a long low narrow building and offering little scope for improvement. However, the Garrison Engineer and the contractors had had it painted throughout before we arrived in a shade of blue that revived no memories of the old brown and olive drab of the old time barracks. As improvements, we are, with unit labour, building partitions to break up the length of the original dining hall in an effort to make it look like three separate restaurants; one for fish and chips and hot roasts, one for the cold buffet and one for the grills. Serving hatches are having brightly coloured awnings erected over them and eating is now an enjoyable part of Army life rather than a bare necessity.

We have been promised a visit by a "works study" team which will probably bring us all back to earth when we are told that the grill is on the wrong side of the chip fryer or something on those lines. To get over this we are training a complete

shift of left-handed cooks.

"A" COMPANY

The combined strength of the Company is 140 plus eight officers, a very satisfactory strength for a Company. Long may it remain at its present strength. The first week or two was a settling in period and officers and sergeants found themselves commanding men whose names they did not know; however everyone soon settled down.

We were glad to have C/Sgt. Veitch back in the company after a spell in the Officers' Mess. We feel that if he could run the Mess he should have no great difficulty in satisfying the require-

ments of a rifle company.

We are conscious of having to maintain the high sporting standards set for us by our forbears in 1 Royal Lincolns and 1 Northamptons and are determined not only to maintain them but to improve them.

1st Bn. 2nd EAST ANGLIAN REGIMENT



GO-KART. GO!

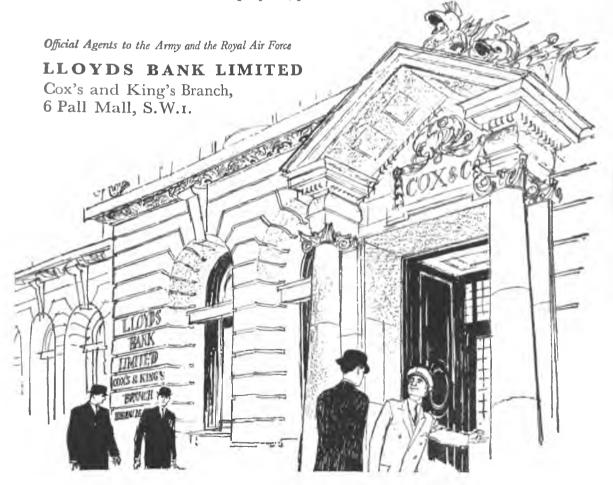


The Cricket XI, 1960
Standing, left to right: Sgt. Hewitt (scorer), Cfn. Collins (R.E.M.E. Att.), L/Cpl. Moran (R.A.P.C. Att.), 2 Lt. Saar,
Pte. Carrington, Pte. Munns, Capt. Paterson, R.A.M.C. (umpire).
Sitting, left to right: Cpl. Symmons, Capt. Pool, Lt. Ford (Capt.), Lt. Dollery, Lt. Taunton, Capt. Parker (in front).

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"B" COMPANY

A record of some description may have been stablished by the impressive size of the Company n formation—twelve officers and over 150 other anks. The officers are already disappearing in all irections—either temporarily or permanently—and by the end of the year we shall have assumed a nore conventional size.

W.O.II Swift arrived to become the C.S.M. and vithin a few days learned that he leaves in October in promotion to W.O.I. We congratulate him on its coming promotion and also on his award of the long Service and Good Conduct Medal. W.O.II deynolds has taken over from C/Sgt. Tracey as he C.Q.M.S. and is also congratulated on his lower of the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. We hope that "Sergeant-Major Q" Reyolds will stay with us, and wish C/Sgt. Tracey ill good fortune in civilian life. Platoon Sgts. Wolfe and Chapman arrived safely although we still wait for Sgt. Parnham to recover from his accident and take over as Platoon Sgt. in 5 Platoon.

Capt. Annear is the Company Second-in-Comnand, at present on temporary loan to the Adutant. Capt. Parker has left signalling to become the commander of 6 Platoon. Lts. White and Malbas command 4 and 5 Platoons respectively. With Lt. Malpas married, and Capt. Parker about to get narried, Lt. White took the only sensible course of action open to him and has become engaged to be married.

We welcome all ranks of the Old "B" and "D" Companies to the new Company. May the union prove rewarding.

"C" COMPANY

With the arrival of the 1st Royal Lincolns in Watchet to join 1st Northamptons on the 31st May the respective "C" Companies of both Battalions became one, and although the new formation is less than a month old everybody has got used to the new faces and the Company is soldiering on together as though there had been no change.

One advantage of the amalgamation is that we are now at full strength and temporarily, at least, very well off for officers and senior N.C.O.s.—by no means a common state of affairs in the Post-War era.

Training is gradually getting under way and the training areas at our disposal are being used to their capacity. The emphasis was first on drill for the Formation Parade but since then we have been taking to the field in earnest.

Hardly had the new Company formed than we lost C.S.M. Phillips who has left the Army. C.S.M. Phillips served with the Northamptonshire Regiment for many years and we are all sorry to see him go.

We offer both he and Mrs. Phillips best wishes for the future. In his place we welcome C.S.M. McCarthy.

SUPPORT COMPANY

It is hard to believe that we have only been in existence since the first of June but the settling

down period was so swift that nobody: nobody noticed it. Our G. 1098 Stores, without which any Sp. Company feels naked, have been issued an issued and we are looking forward to some firing at Okeha at Okehampton in September. Meanwhile, all eyes have bees have been fixed on the Formation Parade, which for Sp. for Sp. Company included a demonstration of weapons aweapons and which went with a real bang!

3IN MORTAR PLATOON ATOON

We formed on the first of June in VJune in Watchet in a very pleasant camp situated on the non the north coast of Somerset. We are now in the processine process of getting to know each other and feel our way iour way in the new Battalion.

Most of June was spent in training for the Formation Parade and for a demonsa demonstration of mortar drills on the same day. After lea After leave we got down to serious training in preparatic preparation for the N.A.T.O. Exercise planned for Septembe September.

The remaining time was occupied becupied by normal platoon training, and as we had not had not done any serious mortar training for nearly threarly three months there was a certain amount of rustin of rustiness to be cleared away.

We like it here and are rapidly settling down into a first-class mortar platoon.

A/Tk. Platoon oon

After a fortnight without equipme equipment, which conveniently gave us time to settle dowsettle down together, we now boast four brand new Mobatsw Mobats, a pile of stores, and a great urge to start work art work in earnest. A great deal has to be done by Septemby September, which will find us firing at Lulworth and Okel and Okehampton.

A detachment gave a demonstration to 162 Bde. (T.A.) in June, and later added spanded sparkle to the demonstration for the Duchess of Gloss of Gloucester immediately after the Formation Parade on Parade on 12th July. The enemy tank was completely annihilated by our first round—naturally!

The platoon is 50 per cent. Regular. Regular in content, and those National Servicemen who en who are holding out are coming under fire from all directions.

H.Q. COMPANY 4NY

The Amalgamation has resulted in aulted in a very large H.Q. Company, the strength at present at present being 479 including the Band and Drums. Thums. This state of affairs will not last long, however, anwever, and the rundown due to National Service releasese releases will soon begin to be felt.

The merging of all ranks from the from the various departments and platoons of our two four two former Regiments has been carried out smoothly, moothly, and we are now all proud to call ourselves members of H.Q. Company, The Duchess of Gloucester's Own.

Apart from the vast amount of post it of post Amalgamation routine work, we are taking a full ing a full part in daily sporting activities and played our full our full part in the ceremonial parade on 12th July.

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Departmental and platoon notes appearotes appear separately.

SIGNAL PLATOON TOON

The Signal Platoon are hard at it agad at it again. Already a refresher cadre and three short rangenort range signal exer-

cises have been held. The R.S.O. feels the loss of his C42 which he had to leave in Germany, but he has his "old faithfuls" the 62 Set and 19 Set and we hope that they will keep him happy. The platoon have an excellent cadre room and a train-

ing set has been installed.

The platoon has settled in very quietly and smoothly, C/Sgt. Thompson is already thinking in terms of Skyway Exercises and Jamaica Aerials. The platoon has already played a lot of sport, especially cricket. We have a number of promising players, and we congratulate Ptes. Carrington and Misseldine for being selected for the Bn. side.

This month we say goodbye to Ptes. Trussel and McClean and wish them every success in

civilian life.

ASSAULT PIONEERS

We seem to have got off to a good start in our new unit, by at least being up to strength. We also have one of those much heard about but rarely seen bearded pioneer sergeants, and on looking about us amid the pleasant suroundings of Somerset we feel we will be able to cope with anything that comes to us in the future.

Our congratulations to Sgt. Platt on his passing a first aid course at Ash Vale. On 1st June he made his debut in racing, by racing round the Barrack Square on a Go-Kart ably assisted by the C.O., and we hear that he is now entering his name for the next Monte-Carlo Rally; whilst a certain Pioneer who shall be nameless earned himself a drink by booby-trapping the platoon Commander's transport, and getting away with it.

M.T.

The M.T. Section of the two late Regiments have combined to form a very strong (97) and efficient body. Under Capt. (Q.M.) T. W. Beard we are now able to undertake all commitments and at the same time provide the battalion with a varying number of men for sport and so forth.

We are pleased to be able to record the marriage of Cpl. Cooper on the 18th May and Pte. Chambers (41) on the 14th May, we wish them all the best for the future. Pte. Boult and Smith (80) came of age this month and we wish them good luck.

Most afternoons are being taken up at the moment practising and selecting a team for the

Army Motor Cycle Trials.

Well done, Sgt. Peacock, for passing his course for M.T. Sergeant.

REGIMENTAL BAND

The initial stage of the Amalgamation is over, and we have now settled down and are rehearsing

for our first engagement as a new Band.

The strength of the Band is 68, and although this is rather large to function as an indoor concert band, the combined Band and Drums of 113 members form a strong parade band. The members of 8 Training Battalion, R.E.M.E., must often sigh for the peaceful days before the Band and Drums of 2 E. Anglian Regiment arrived at Norton Manor Camp.

There is still quite a lot of sorting out of instruments and music to be done, but this is quickly being overcome by our three storemen, and the mountains of music are gradually disappearing in orderly fashion on to the library shelves.

We have had a full engagement programme during the past few months, including the Formation Parade on 12th July, Bath Tattoo 19th to 23rd July and playing during the Armed Forces' Exhibition at Bury St. Edmunds, 9th to 12th August.

GO-KARTS

The Regiment has purchased two 98 cc. Go-Karts powered by Clinton engines, and it is hoped that a Go-Kart Club will be formed, and after experience has been gained we will be able to compete against other Army units. Go-Karts are built with the bare essentials, these being a tubular frame on four wheels, with an engine giving direct drive on to one wheel. The controls are simply a foot brake and accelerator.

A number of men have already driven the "Baby Racers" including the Commanding Officer, who seems a great enthusiast. Our major problem now, is to get some of the money back that was spent in the purchase of the cars—over £150. It is intended to charge a small fee per ride.

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At some time or another every Regular eventually returns to civil life. When this happens, looking for a decent job can be a trying and lengthy

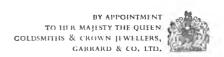
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REUNION AT NORTHAMPTON



Colours Parties marching on Church Parade



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The Colonel-in-Chief inspecting Church Parade

Northamptonshire Regiment

Annual Regimental Reunion, May 1960

This year, on account of the impending amalgamation the Annual Reunion was held in May instead of in July.

A detachment of 100 with the Band and Drums, and the Colours of the 48th and 58th, arrived in Northampton from Watchet on Friday, 6th May. This was to be the farewell of the 1st Battalion to the county, and a series of visits had been arranged. In each case the detachment with the Colours was on parade and the Band and Drums beat Retreat.

The first visit was on 9th May to Corby. In spite of the rather small market place the parade was a great success, and the Salute was taken by the Chairman of the Corby Urban District Council, Councillor Mrs. Harris, J.P. After the parade the Regiment entertained the members of the Urban District Council to drinks in the Territorial Army Drill Hall.

On 10th May a similar parade was held at Kettering, and the members of the Borough Council were entertained by the Regiment in the George Hotel.

On 11th May Peterborough was visited and a large crowd witnessed a splendid parade on the river embankment, a reception being held afterwards in the London Road Drill Hall. The reunion proper started on Friday, 13th. It had rained on the Thursday and again on Friday morning, but by 3 p.m. the rain had stopped and the sun came out. From then onwards till Sunday evening the weather was perfect, the sun shone, there was no wind and it was warm. On the Monday, after the reunion was over, the wind changed and a steady drizzle set in, and it became very cold. Let no one say in future that Friday the 13th is unlucky.

The main event for the reunion this year was a Ceremonial Beating of Retreat on the Friday held on the rugby football ground at Franklins Gardens, Northampton, followed by a cocktail party for officers and guests in the Salon, and a Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Ball in the Gym. at Quebec Barracks. For the parade and cocktain party on the Friday the officers had invited a large number of guests, and these, together with a record attendance of officers past and present and their wives made over 500 in the officers' enclosure. There were also a large number in the other ranks enclosure, and over 1,000 of the general public.

At 5.45 p.m. the parade headed by the Band and Drums marched on and formed up in the centre of the arena. Both the 48th and 58th Colours were on parade each with an escort of 48.

At 6 p.m. the Colonel-in-Chief H.R.H. The Duchess of Gloucester arrived, and was received

with a Royal Salute. The Colours and escort then moved to a flank and the Band and Drums beat Retreat. This was excellently done and much appreciated by the spectators who applauded each item. The sun which shone brilliantly showed the blue and scarlet of the Band and Drums to great effect against the vivid green turf. The parade then marched past their Colonel-in-Chief, and left the arena.

The whole display though on a small scale was excellently carried out, and the smartness and marching of the escort were of an extremely high standard. The parade Commander was Major G. E. Shipley. The 48th Colours were carried by Lt. P. D. Taunton and Lt. J. G. P. White escorted by C.S.M. Gell, C/Sgt. Hoskins and Sgt. Padgin, and the 58th Colours by Lt. K. G. Ford and 2/Lt. B. C. Henderson escorted by C.S.M. Tappin, C/Sgt. Harris, and Sgt. Suddell.

On Saturday there were the usual Council and Annual General Meetings of the Association, followed in the evening by the All Ranks' Dinner.

Those present at the dinner included: Brigs. J. Lingham, J. W. Hinchcliffe, D. J. B. Houchin, R. E. Osborne-Smith, D. E. Taunton. Cols. J. C. Denny, H. N. Drake, H. H. Beattie, J. D. Wyatt. Lt.-Cols. C. J. M. Watts, J. V. Brewin, R. P. S. Erskine Tulloch, W. B. Spencer, O. K. Parker, W. W. Holland, G. A. Hill Walker, R. K. McMichael, M. F. F. Buszard, A. St. G. Coldwell, J. R. Wetherall, J. R. Britten, J. T. Lewis, G. A. C. Danby, J. W. Rawlins, G. V. Martin, E. M. Goodale. Majors A. D. Middleton, R. R. Greaves, J. B. Hickson, H. Payne, A. C. Webb, F. W. Holmes, F. R. Carrington, P. F. Keily, J. W. H. Green, G. S. Drew, V. C. M. Wiilams, W. G. Dipper, G. E. Shipley, M. Pilgrim, V. Harding, E. W. Kitchin, P. Cheston, H. Freshwater, J. A. Hughes T. R. Molloy, W. V. Marshall, R. C. R. Roche, A. P. H. Bird, D. Baxter, B. C. Withers, R. C. C. Greener, H. H. Moore, G. Foster, D P. Scopes, G. L. Wauchope, J. A. F. Barthorp, W. D. Pettigan, J. R. Lovesey, C. J. Gardiner, R. F. Sykes. Capts. S. H. Lewis, J. B. Akehurst, F. Turnbull, J. K. Parker, H. C. G. Harding, P. Worthy, R. Tear, J. A. Garnett, J. Leeson, A. G. P. Evans-Evans, M. J. Barthorp, L. C. J. Paul, T. C. S. Knox, J. P. Growse, J. L. Barrons, Lts. P. W. Edwards, R. F. Kitchin, J. G. P. White, P. D. Taunton, C. P. Culbert, J. M. Gough, K. G. Ford. 2/Lts. G. T. Sherwell, J. Muir. Reverend G. H. P. Rowson.

Past and Present W.O.s, N.C.O.s and Men: G. Atkins, F. Arnold, J. M. Anderson, J. Allibone, J. Alsop, R. Arnold, S. P. Burrows, F. A. Breed, G. H. Batchelor, C. F. Berridge, J. H.

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On Sunday there was the Church Parade, Officers' sherry party and lunch, and all ranks' "get together" in the Northampton Branch Club at the Old Barracks.

At Church Parade the Colours of the 48th and 58th were marched to church escorted by 150 members of the Comrades' Association in plain clothes. At the War Memorial the parade was inspected by the Colonel-in-Chief, who laid a wreath on the Cenotaph.

In the church, during the singing of the first hymn the Colour parties, who had been waiting in the "round", slow marched to the chancel steps. There the officers carrying the Colours continued on to the Altar without the escort. Each Colour was handed over to the Chaplain who placed them in the sanctuary, the 58th Colours draped on the Altar, and the 48th standing in brackets before the Altar.

At the conclusion of the service the Colours were handed back to the officers, and the Colour parties slow marched out of the church to take their place in the parade for the March Past. The Salute was taken by the Colonel-in-Chief and the parade continued on to the Old Barracks. There the Colours were slow marched off parade to "Old Lang Syne". The whole parade was excellently carried out, and the marching of the comrades, many of whom were over 70 years of age, was quite first-class. The final marching off of the Colours was most moving, and the parade will long be remembered by all who took part in it.

GOLF MATCH

The Regiment v. Northampton County Golf Club

Despite the stress and strain of Sunday morning's Church Parade and Officers' Lunch Party and the afternoon's physical and mental exertion of three hours match play, our team were able to defeat the County Golf Club by three matches to two.

It was well worth the day's labour to sit on the Club lawn and enjoy refreshments with our opponents. We were able to enjoy our victory whilst listening to the Club planning revenge in 1961.

RESULTS

Brig. R. E. Osborne-Smith and Major R. A. Palmer, beat J. F. Mitchell and A. J. Harrison, 3 and 1.

Brigs. R. H. D. Oulton and B. Henderson lost to G. H. Emmott and D. J. Barber, 7 and 5.

Brig. D. F. Taunton and Lt.-Col. J. H. Johnson beat H. A. Lees and G. G. Linnell, 2 up.

Lt.-Col. J. R. Britten and Lt.-Col. A. Allebone beat S. H. G. Humphrey and T. F. Gammage, 2 up.

Major G. Shipley and Capt. L. C. J. M. Paul lost to J. C. J. Legge and H. M. Draper, 6 and 5.

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Lyons' Corner House rather than the traditional "cookhouse".

The Battalion weight-lifting club gave a display in the gymnasium amidst the floral decorations and bunting for the Sgts.' Mess Ball that evening.

Prior to her departure Her Royal Highness was entertained to tea in the Sgts.' Mess, where she stayed for 40 minutes and met every member of the Mess, their wives and guests. As she left for Liddymore to take off in her helicopter she was presented with a bouquet by Carol Eyeions.

Throughout that memorable day Her Royal Highness charmed evryone who saw her. She made it clear from the start that she was no guest, but a member of the Regiment, as interested and as keen as all of us in the founding of a great new Regiment.

1st Bn. The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment



The Mayor of Lincoln inspecting the 1st Battalion.

Photo: Lincolnshire Echo

Below: Passing the Saluting Base in the Market Place of Boston, Lincolnshire.

Photo: Boston Standard





1st Bn. The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment



1-L/Cpl. Beckett sadly sews on his new shoulder title.

Photo: Lincolnshire Echo

2 "Greetings Mr. Mayor to you and the citizens of the City of Lincoln, and our thanks to them for the warmth of their welcome."

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3 The Colour Parties in West Street, Boston, en route to the saluting base.

Photo Boston Standard

4 Exercising the "Freedom of the City of Lincoln."









1st Battalion The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment



1 Part of the huge crowd which lined streets of Lincoln to greet the Battalion. 2—No. 1 Guard salutes the Rt. Worshipful Mayor of Lincoln. 3—V.I.P.'s in the enclosure at Lincoln Central Station await the arrival of the Battalion for its Civic Welcome. 4—Band and Drums passing the Saluting Base in Silver Street, Lincoln.

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- 1 The Drum Major who headed the Parade of the Regiment's successful tour of the County of
- 2 -The Mayor's Officer wearing the Cap of Maintainance and carrying the Sword of King Richard the II, heads the Mayoral procession arriving at Lincoln Central Station to await the arrival of the Battalion.

Lincolnshire.

- 3—The Rt. Worshipful Mayor of Lincoln (Alderman A. J. Todd), inspecting the Battalion in the Courtyard of Lincoln Central Station.
- 4—After the Parade-men of the Battalion enjoy the lunch provided by the City of Lincoln, and a joke with the Rt. Worshipful Mayor.









1st Bn. THE ROYAL LINCOLNSHIRE REGIMENT



Colour Parties marching past The Worshipful The Mayor of Lincoln



Photos. The Lincolnshire Echo

Some spectators at the Parade of the 1st Battalion in Lincoln

1st Bn. THE ROYAL LINCOLNSHIRE REGIMENT



The Band and Drums in Boston



Photos. The Boston Standard

Passing the Saluting Base in the Market Place of Boston



1 Tho Lord Lieutenant of Lincolnshire taking the Salute of the 1st Bn. The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment after Service of Remembrance in Lincoln Cathedral. 2 and 3 Northamptonshire Army Cadet Forces. Centenary Parade at Kettering, 5th May, 1960.







1st Battalion The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment

Germany-The end of an era.

On the 21st April, the C.O. at Minden addressed the whole Battalion for the last time and issued the following special order for the day:—

"Today is the last that we shall all spend together in the Battalion before the long life of the

10th Foot closes on 1st June.

Officers, Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the 1st Battalion The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment you have achieved everything that has been asked of you and you have done your duty well. By so doing you have upheld the traditions and standard of our Regiment to the last.

It has been my great fortune and honour to command you for these the last two and a half

years of the Regiment's life.

I am quite unable to express in words my thanks and gratitude for all you have achieved first in Malaya, then in Aden and finally in Germany.

In this 275th and last year of the Regiment you may take pride in the fact that you have been the worthy successors of all those who have served before you.

Before relinquishing command I now ask each one of you to carry forward the pride, and the fame of the old 10th Foot to your new Regiment, The 2nd East Anglian (Duchess of Gloucester's Own Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire).

I salute the Battalion in its passing and wish

you all God-speed."

The next day, 200 soldiers under Capt. Wood-dise boarded the train at Minden Station on the first stage of their journey to Lincoln and ceremonial parades in the county. Brig. R. E. T. St. John, M.C., Comd. II Inf. Bde., was present with members of the staff to see them off and the train pulled out to the strains of the Regimental March played by the Band of the South Wales Borderers.

The main body, after handing over Elizabeth Barracks, Minden, to the advance party of the 1st Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) and the dispatching of all the baggage to Watchet, boarded a special train on Friday, 6th May, for Harwich and well earned leave in England. The Divisional Commander, Major-General E. A. W. Williams, C.B.E., M.C., was at the station to see them off and the band of the South Wales Borderers again played.

MARCHING THROUGH LINCOLNSHIRE

Between 28th April and 7th May, the 1st Battalion visited nine towns in the county and marched through each one of them at the invitations of the Councils. The object of the visit was to give the county of Lincolnshire the opportunity of saying

"good-bye" to the Regiment before amalgamation, and also to enable the Regiment to exercise its Freedom Rights in Lincoln, Grimsby and Cleethorpes.

The marching troops consisted of some 300 officers and men of the 1st Battalion, plus 25 men from the Depot. Four Companies were formed, based on A.B.C. and Support Companies, to which was added a number of men from H.Q. Company and the 25 men from the Depot. The Colours of the 1st and 2nd Battalions were carried.

The order of the march was as follows:-

Band and Corps of Drums (Bm. Bayton and Dm. Stevenson).

Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. A. W. Innes, O.B.E., M.C.

Adjutant, Major J. M. Barstow.

R.S.M. Bayliss.

No. 1 Company, Major D. F. Long. No. 2 Company, Capt. J. Wooddise. No. 3 Company, Lt. P. Dollery. No. 4 Company, Capt. M. A. Aris.

The Colour Party marched between 2 and 3 Companies and the Colours were borne by: 1st Bn. Queen's Colour, 2/Lt. Hastie. 1st Bn. Regimental Colour, 2/Lt. A. L. Robinson. 2nd Bn. Queen's Colour, 2/Lt. D. J. Williams. 2nd Bn. Regimental Colour, 2/Lt. J. T. Jupp.

In each town visited, the Salute was taken by the Mayor or Chairman of the Council, supported by the Colonel of the Regiment (Brig. R. H. L. Oulton, C.B.E.).

These towns were: Spalding, Boston, Horn-castle, Grimsby, Cleethorpes, Gainsborough, Scunthorpe and Grantham.

GRIMSBY

The actual Freedom conferred upon the Regiment by the County Borough of Grimsby was presented to the Regiment in Minden, Germany, in August 1959, and the Freedom Rights were exercised for the first time on the 30th April, 1960, when the Battalion formed up in the Peoples' Park where the Mayor, Alderman F. G. Gardner addressed it. Lt.-Col. Innes replied finally asking permission to exercise their Freedom Rights by marching through the town "With swords drawn, bayonets fixed, drums beating, band playing and Colours flying." Permission having been granted the Battalion then marched through the streets of Grimsby which were thronged with large crowds. The Salute was taken by the Worshipful Mayor of Grimsby outside the Town Hall.



CLEETHORPES, 1ST MAY

The Battalion exercised its Freedom Rights at this county sea-side resort which was the longest march of the Regiment's tour. The Battalion paraded in Sidney Park, and after being addressed by the Mayor, Councillor A. E. Hill, marched through the streets of the town and along the sea front to the Winter Gardens, the Salute being taken by the Mayor on the sea front.

LINCOLN, 7TH MAY

At 10.30 a.m. the Battalion marched from Henley Street, Lincoln, through very large crowds to the Central Station forecourt where it paraded, to be inspected by the Mayor of Lincoln, Alderman F. W. G. Todd. After the inspection the Mayor addressed the Battalion. The parade continued through the City, going through the Stonebow and up Silver Street where the Mayor took the Salute. Also present at the Saluting Base were the Colonel of the Regiment, the Civic Party, G.O.C. North Midland Area (Major-General R. E. Goodwin) and others. This march through Lincoln was tremendously well supported by the local population. The streets were decorated and it was a very moving experience to be part of the parade.

The Press of Lincolnshire gave the Battalion

exceptional coverage during our two weeks' visit. Space prevents us from quoting the many thousands of words written.

Hospitality was accorded to the Battalion by the Councils of the various towns, boroughs and city of Lincoln at the conclusion of each ceremonial parade, and the visits of the Regiment to the County of Lincolnshire was marked by the cordial reception and enthusiasm of the citizens and will long be remembered by those who were honoured to take part.

DISPERSAL

On Monday, 9th May, the Battalion for the last time, dismissed on leave. The end of the Regiment's life was marked by this Final Order of the Day by the Colonel of the Regiment, Brig. R. H. L. Oulton, C.B.E.:—

ORDER OF THE DAY

By Brigadier R. H. L. Oulton, C.B.E.

Colonel,

The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment.

5th May, 1960.

After two hundred and seventy four years of continuous service under the Crown the 1st Battalion of the Tenth Foot, The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment is about to haul down its flag.

Lt.-Col. Innes, you, your Officers' Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and men have endured to the end like the good soldiers you are. You have worked hard and you have played hard and have earned thoroughly well deserved praise from your superiors and, in doing so, have maintained the highest traditions of the Regiment. Higher praise than this I cannot give.

You, who are now going forward with our friends in The Northamptonshire Regiment to form a new Regiment, have still a great part to play. This new Regiment will be founded on the highest traditions of both Regiments and for its development the efforts of each individual will count for much. I know I can count on each of you to do his best.

I send you all my thanks for what you have done in the past and my best wishes and hopes for your future.

R. H. L. OULTON,
Brigadier,
Colonel,
The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment.

NOTES TO CONTRIBUTORS

May we please remind all contributors that notes for the Dec., 1960 issue should reach the Editor by October 23rd, 1960

1st Battalion

The Northamptonshire Regiment

(January to May, 1960)

OFFICERS' MESS

The notes in the last Journal left us having a hot Christmas in Aden and looking forward to our return home. From then until the 26th January time passed satisfyingly quickly, as not only were we handing over and packing up, but in the throes of a Tattoo, about which we also wrote in the last Journal.

Gradually the atmosphere of the Mess changed as more and more Royal Highland Fusiliers came in. We had to admit to an unforseen discourtesy in leaving a print of the Battle of Culloden still in the Mess ante-room where it provoked some comment from our guests. We left before they unpacked and they therefore had no chance to retaliate with any picture of Bannockburn.

The reception held outside the Mess after the Tattoo was a fitting climax. Some 400 guests attended who all expressed themselves well satisfied with both the Tattoo and the catering arrange-

ments.

Our Journey back on T.T. Dilwara was slow but pleasant, breaking us gently into the cold of England in February over 16 days at sea. One day out from Cyprus we ran into a typical Mediterranean gale which felled most of us, and gave many anxieties about the Bay of Biscay, but, in the event, the Bay was actually glassy calm and all meals supplied by the B.I. Line were enjoyed.

We gave a champagne cocktail party for all the first-class passengers on board before the weather became too cold or rough and the 58th Colours were once again displayed on their last homeward

trip.

It was nice to be greeted at Southampton by the Colonel of the Regiment and a large contingent of Past and Present Officers. We then disappeared on a month's well earned leave, and returned to Watchet to find little changed since our departure, and the Mess running smoothly as ever, thanks mainly to the efforts of the Advance Party and

the Mess Steward, C/Sgt. Veitch.

Our first pleasant-duty was to give quite a large cocktail party to mark our arrival to which official and private guests were invited, we were pleased to see so many of the friends we had made during our previous stay. We have had three guest nights at one of which we said farewell to the Colonel of the Regiment, who has done so much for us particularly during the planning period of the Amalgamation. At another we welcomed Brig. R. H. L. Oulton, C.B.E., our future Colonel, and at the last one dined out Donald Baxter and Peter Keily.

We were particularly pleased to see Brig. R. W. H. Harding and Lt.-Col. J. F. I. Ward from our Allied Regiments, The Northland Regiment of New Zealand. We had a number of other visitors including our old Brigade Commander,

Brig. G. H. Lea.

The Amalgamation entailed a parting of the ways for a larger number of officers than usual. Donald Baxter and Peter Keily have retired to jobs in Northampton, and Bob More also left the Army, in favour of farming—we wish them every luck in the busy world outside. Also departed are Dickie Bird, Peter Cheston, Joe Morgan, Charles Lumby and Peter Light. In their places have come George Shipley, Geoffrey Yates, Peter Isaac, Patrick Quinn and John Saar. The Mess has also been gradually filling with officers who came to join, not 1 Northamptons, but The Duchess of Gloucester's Own.

The notes would not be complete without a word of thanks for C/Sgt. Veitch, who has looked after us so well, and has now returned to duty.

SERGEANTS MESS

Our arrival back at Watchet after disembarkation leave saw us straight down to work preparing for our final farewell parades to and through the county of Northamptonshire.

Two functions worthy of recording for the sake

of posterity were held in the Sgts.' Mess: -

The first was on Saturday, 30th April, 1960, when the Warrant Officers and Sergeants held a dinner and ball to commemorate the occasion of dining together Regimentally for the last time prior to the forthcoming Amalgamation with the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment on the 1st June, 1960.

The wives of all W.O.s and Sgts. in the quarters at Watchet attended. Cocktails were served at 8 o'clock. Dinner was served at 8.30. The Commanding Officer unfortunately could not be present for dinner but he attended the ball after dinner. The Bn. Second-in-Command, Major G. S. Drew, and the Adjutant, Capt. P. Worthy, however were present for dinner.

Toasts were drunk to "Her Majesty the Queen", "Our Colonel-in-Chief, H.R.H. The Duchess of Gloucester", "The Northamptonshire Regiment",

"Absent Friends".

Before partaking of the third toast, the Regimental Sergeant-Major, E. P. Kelly, D.C.M., made this following very inspiring speech.

"Tonight we drink a toast to our Regiment-

The Northamptonshire Regiment.

"This is the last occasion on which we present

as the Sergeants' Mess of the 1st Battalion The Northamptonshire Regiment will drink this toast. This dinner is, to us, the symbolic end to an association, a way of life, that has endured the trials, the tribulations, and has thrilled to the glories of the last 219 years. We here tonight have been proud, and happy to serve in the Northamptonshire Regiment, and, while we cannot live in the past we must live with it. It is from the past glories of our Regiment that we have acquired our traditions, our reputation, and our inspiration.

"The past is a yardstick against which all of us, have, at some time or other measured ourselves.

"The bearing of Arms for our Sovereign and Country is a profession which appeals only to the manly; to men whose blood quickens; whose sinews stiffen with the fighting spirit; to men who are happy to give their loyalty, and if necessary, their lives in the service of Regiments such as ours. Our dead lie thickly in graves, some marked, some unmarked in all corners of the earth, and, to those dead comrades in arms, men of the 48th and 58th, men of Militia Bns. and men of the Territorial Army we owe our solemn duty. That duty is to uphold the traditions of our illustrious past and so perpetuate their memory in the new Regiment.

"In exactly one month from now we amalgamate with the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment, and, I have no doubt, fortified by the spirit and resilience of youth, we shall take with us all the loyalty and traditions on which the Northamptonshire Regi-

ment has its foundations.

"In conclusion may I quote to you to last paragraph of the first volume of our Regimental History, a verse which I never tire of reading, a verse, which I like to believe, symbolises all that is honourable and noble in our Regiment—our Regimental inspiration:

'One more charge and then be done, When the forts of folly fall May the Victor when he comes Find my body near the wall.'

"Ladies and Gentlemen, I give you a toast-

'The Northamptonshire Regiment.''

After dinner the ball was attended by all the officers and their ladies, and by several honorary members and friends who live near and in the surrounding district of Watchet. We were particularly glad to see again Sgt. and Mrs. Ted Britten, our old cook sergeant of the Hong Kong days.

The second occasion of particular note was the dining out night held in the Sgts.' Mess on Thursday, 26th May, 1960, to dine out Regimental Sergeant-Major E. P. Kelly, D.C.M., C.S.M.s Pond and Carr, Staff-Sergeant Jock Hill, R.E.M.E., Sergeants T. Collins and Bob Dunn. Other guests on this occasion were Mr. R. Bayliss, the R.S.M. designate 1st Bn. 2nd East Anglian Regiment, C.S.M. Gerald Smith and Sgt. Sam Cartwright of the Bermuda Rifles, The Bermuda Rifles being a Regiment affiliated to the Royal Lincolns. Both C.S.M. Smith and Sgt. Cartwright were to stay with us for some ten days, C.S.M. Smith to do a spot of pre-Pirbright training and Sgt. Cartwright

for a holiday before leaving to return to Bermuda. Their stay with us, I feel sure, will be remembered with a great deal of pleasure.

During the dinner C.S.M. Tappin spoke of the sadness of saying goodbye to so many of our old comrades. C.S.M. A. Phillips made the presentation of a beautiful silver cigarette box to Mr. Kelly which has been subscribed for by all the members of the Mess. Mr. Kelly was completely surprised and overwhelmed by this presentation and in fact became quite speechless for a time. It had been a very well kept secret. However, in typical Kelly style he soon recovered his equilibrium.

After the dinner we were joined in the Mess by the ladies and held a very wonderful social evening. Present also at the social were several of the newly-arrived families of the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment, namely R.S.M. and Mrs. Baylis, C.S.M. and Mrs. Stevens, C.S.M.s Les Guest and Bob

Swift.

Before closing we must congratulate C.S.M. Gell on his impending promotion to W.O.I. He has been appointed R.S.M. to the Brigade Depot at Bury St. Edmunds. To all those that have left us, both on premature release and on posting prior to amalgamation we wish the very best of good fortune.

CORPORALS' CLUB

On 4th May, we held a dance in the Gymnasium. A lot of hard work had been put into the preparations for the dance and it was a most successful affair. Those who did most towards its success were Cpl. Harris (our President), Cpl. Hornsby, Cpl. Gunton.

We had over a hundred guests. Mrs. G. V. Martin kindly presented the spot and raffle prizes and was in turn presented with a flower brooch

by Cpl. Harris.

We now have a television set and our radiogram is almost repaired after its journey from Aden.

When R.S.M. Kelly, D.C.M., left the Battalion, we presented him with an inscribed barometer. We shall not quickly forget the speech he made to us, nor the advice he gave.

Our numbers will soar on amalgamation and we intend to organise regular social activities both

inside and outside camp.

"A" COMPANY

Since our last notes, and up to 31st May, 1960, the Company decreased in numbers at an alarming rate. In fact, we were barely at platoon strength. The "A" Coy. spirit, however, did not decrease and we aquitted ourselves well.

Two sporting events took place during the period under review, and we figured prominently in both. One was the inter-Company soccer knock-out competition which we won against "D" Coy. 2-0, and so "A" Coy. has now won this trophy three times in succession. The other event was the Inter-Company knock-out hockey competition in which we were narrowly beaten in the final.

L/Cpl. Rowe, the Company Clerk, is about to go back to Aden—this time as a member of the

Ist. Bn. THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE REGIMENT



The Cooks



Photographs; Kingsley Taylor, Minehead

Officers' Mess Staff

1st Bn. THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE REGIMENT



The Officers, May 1960



Warrant Officers and Sergeants, May 1960

Photos: Kingsley Taylor, Minehead

Aden Protectorate Levies, and L/Cpl. Adams is about to undergo an S.A.S. course.

Members of the Company who have represented

the Battalion are as follows: --

At rugby football: Capt. L. C. J. M. Paul, Lt. J. G. P. White, 2/Lt. J. Saar, L/Cpl. Adams, Pte. Blades.

At hockey: Capt. L. C. J. M. Paul.

At football: 2/Lt. J. Saar, Pte. Brown (56), L/Cpl. Holland.

The Company provided the Quarter Guard for the farewell visit of the Colonel of the Regiment, Brigadier J. Lingham, C.B., D.S.O., M.C.

"C" COMPANY

After disembarkation leave, returning to Watchet was almost like coming home again for many of "C" Company, and the Company was soon comfortably settled in. The period before amalgamation contained few highlights, but the opportunity of playing a wide variety of games and sports was gladly taken, and not only by the gladiators.

The contingent for the ceremonial parades in Northamptonshire spent long hours on the square, and their hard work contributed largely to the success of these parades. The compliments paid by so many spectators to those on parade made the Company contingent feel that all those long hours of rehearsal were well worthwhile. All our sympathies went to Pte. Love who broke his jaw and was unable to travel with the party to Northamptonshire.

Apart from football, in which we maintained the Company's high reputation in a number of friendly matches, a large number of men were introduced to the mysteries of hockey and rugger, and, at the time of going to press a number of enthusiastic cricketers are starting to get their eyes in. Mention should be made of a few of the many who practise individual sports—Pte. Paul, weight training, Cpl. Canham, boxing, and a clerk in red stockings who looks most decorative on a bicycle. Congratulations also to Ptes. Letts, Love and Seaforth who have represented the Battalion at football.

"D" COMPANY

The last five months before Amalgamation have seen a sad depletion of "D" Company. Members of the large draft which reformed the Company in Watchet in May, 1958, and inexplicably stayed with the Company have all left to return to civil life. The Company Commander, Major P. R. Cheston, C.S.M. Carr and Sgt. Smith (36), have left on posting. 2/Lt. B. C. Henderson and Sgt. Mansell have become civilians and C/Sgt. Tracey is about to do so. Sgt. Whiston has become the Sergeants' Mess caterer and Sgt. Oliver has returned to his P.T. Cpls. Branch, Middleton, MacIntosh, Mason, Devlin, Rance, Brace, Rook, have reduced the Corporals' Club to nothing by finishing their time. We thank all these for their hard work and effort during the last two years and wish them good luck in the future.

The Company has continued to do well in

sports. On returning to Watchet we won the Inter-Company hockey, and were runners-up in the soccer. 15 Platoon are congratulated on winning the Inter-Platoon soccer competition. 2/Lt. Henderson, L/Cpl. Murray, and Ptes. Wood, Upex, Smith (00), Jamieson, have all played regularly for the Bn. soccer team.

We congratulate Cpls. Flowers, Templeman, and Waldock on their recent promotions.

SUPPORT COMPANY

Disembarkation leave passed all too quickly and we found ourselves once more in the familiar surroundings of Somerset—come, as it were, to live out the last few days of life as Sp. Company 1 Northamptons, in the peace and quiet of the Somerset countryside. Too soon the peace was shattered by the C.S.M. "Getting hold of the Company", and tresses fell on the barber's floor.

So numerous have been the departures since we arrived in U.K. that it is not possible to mention them all. Major Keily has left the Company and the Army, and sorry we were to see him go. He will, however, be closely associated with the new Regiment, as he is taking over recruiting in Northampton. He can be sure that his protogees will receive a warm welcome in Sp. Company, 2 East Anglian Regiment.

Lts. More and Lumby have also left, the first to take up a career of farming and the other to the Trucial Oman Scouts. We wish the best of luck to them both. We have also said farewell to C/Sgt. Harris who has gone to do recruiting in Northampton with Major Keily. We are relying on him to produce the goods.

Finally, all of us in Sp. Company would like to offer our sincerest congratulations to C.S.M. Gell, on his promotion and appointment as R.S.M. East Anglian Bde Depot.

M.M.G. PLATOON

After the long year in Aden not one member of the Platoon was sorry to be home again, even if it was a cold, grey winter day when we stepped ashore.

On returning to the familiar Doniford Camp after a month's leave we found ourselves, together with the rest of the Company, with no guns or kit to train with until the Amalgamation in June. Several members of the Platoon were on the county parade and after a few weeks of high-powered rehearsing they spent a pleasant ten days in Northampton.

Have you changed your Address?

If so

PLEASE INFORM THE EDITOR

So that your journal can be correctly addressed

Our strength fell to just over section strength and with the departure of Cpl. Kennedy and Pte. Moffat we were left with L/Cpl. Preston as our only Corby Scotsman. Pte. Carr is still a genuine Scot. We also lost Ptes. Wilton and Watts, who were posted to us from 3 E. Anglian. We congratulate Sgt. Cole on his marriage but we haven't lost him yet.

A/Tk. PLATOON

After a month's recuperation from the rigours of Aden the Platoon gathered again in Somerset, with but one gun to play with. However most of the Platoon formed part of the county Parade and the days passed in a great deal of drilling, with a flavouring of assorted sports.

Shortly before Amalgamation we lost Lt. Lumby who for some reason has returned to Aden via the Tucial Oman Scouts, also Sgt. Sherriff, who has spirited himself away to a Rifle Company. Lt. Edwards will command the Amalgamated Platoon.

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

The tour in Aden was completed without incident and in March the Company reformed at Doniford Camp to start what was for some a second tour in Watchet. Most of our time was spent playing games of every description. Often we found ourselves switching from football to hockey and then to rugby at the most alarming rate.

The Inter-Section and Company H.Q. managed to get through to the final of the Inter-Platoon football competition but lost.

On 1st June with Amalgamation we lost Major Bird, C.S.M. Tappin and C.S.M. "Q" Reynolds. Under this trio we have spent a very happy period and wish them all happiness in their future jobs.

BAND

On our return from embarkation leave we soon settled in again in our old accommodation in Doniford Camp. Apart from a small amount of sand in the band kit, and the swollen bank accounts of the members of the dance band to remind us of our tour, it is now difficult to realise that we have been to Aden.

Our main function during the last three months has been to play at the various farewell dinners and dances within the Battalion, and to take part in the Colour Parades and Retreats in Northamptonshire.

B/S/Sgt. D. Adams has joined the Band to replace B/S/Sgt. W. Phillips and Bdsm. D. Chantrell, W. Fishenden and B. Fishenden have returned to civilian life on completion of their National Service.

During our visit to Northamptonshire it was very pleasant to meet once again several exmembers of the Band, and to hear that most of them are still "having a blow".

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Depot The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment

It was in 1880 that the building of New Barracks, Burton Road, Lincoln, was completed and they were allocated to the Lincolnshire Regiment for the training of soldiers destined to serve in the Regular Battalions of the Lincolnshire—later Royal Lincolnshire Regiment. For the past 80 years, it has been the Depot and Regimental H.Q. of the Regiment. Externally, the appearance of the Depot has changed very little. On the keystone above the main entrance is a large crest of the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment and below it in carved lettering the words "Sobraon Barracks" a new title bestowed by the War Office to mark a famous battle honour gained by the 10th Foot in 1846. These will remain.

The Amalgamation of the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment with the Northamptonshire Regiment and the establishment of a Brigade Depot of the East Anglian Regiments at Bury St. Edmunds where recruits of all Regiments of the East Anglian Brigade are to receive their initial training, has brought to an end the Depot of the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment.

Sobraon Barracks is now the H.Q. of the 4/6th Bn. The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (T.A.) and the R.H.Q. (Increment) of the 2nd East Anglian Regiment (Duchess of Gloucester's Own Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire) which is the title of the Regiment formed by the Amalgamation of the 10th Foot and 48/58th Foot.

The ground floor of the "Keep" houses the permanent Regimental Museum of the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment which under a deed of trust, has become an established public museum and open daily (except Sundays) for inspection. On the flag pole above the Keep, is flown the Regimental Flag of the 2nd East Anglian Regiment (Duchess of Gloucester's Own Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire). Near the entrance gate, is prominently displayed in a frame a large recruiting poster inviting men of the County of Lincolnshire to join its new County Regiment.

Steinkirk and Maitland blocks originally separate buildings were under the Belisha Plan, joined together to enlarge and modernise the living accommodation of junior N.C.O.s and Pte. soldiers—these are now occupied by 23 Signal Regiment, our near neighbours.

The barrack square remains silent of marching feet, bands playing and stentorious words of command except on occasions when the 4/6th Bn. Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (T.A.) has it in use. Future plans are that all hutted accommodation now in Sobraon Barracks will be demolished and Sobraon Barracks revert back to the appearance it once had This information is published for the information of all those who during their service with the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment either visited or were stationed in these barracks.



Depot The Northamptonshire Regiment

On June 1st, 1960, the Depot of the Northamptonshire Regiment ceased to exist. To mark this sad occasion a small parade was held at Quebec Barracks. The Flag of the Northamptonshire Regiment was lowered by the Depot Commander, Major H. H. Moore, and the Flag of the 2nd East Anglian Regiment was broken at the mast head by Brig. D. E. Taunton, C.B., D.S.O., Associate Colonel of the new Regiment. After the parade the officers gave a buffet luncheon to their guests in the Depot Mess.

In future all recruits for the 2nd East Anglian Regiment will be trained at the East Anglian Brigade Depot at Bury St. Edmunds. Quebec Barracks has now become the Depot of the Royal Pioneer Corps, and the Regimental Headquarters of the 2nd East Anglian Regiment has been estab-

lished in Gibraltar Barracks, a name recently given to the Old Barracks, in Barrack Road, Northampton. This will also be the headquarters of the Comrades' Association and future reunions will be based on Gibraltar Barracks, thus returning to the custom of pre-war years.

The Depot of the Northamptonshire Regiment was first established in the Barracks Northampton in 1873, and remained there until 1940. Quebec Barracks was first used as a depot in 1947, and though we are sorry to lose Quebec, the loss is softened by the fact that the Comrades' Association is once more returning to its original home.

All ex-Members of the Northamptonshire Regiment will find a warm welcome and many things to remind them of their Regiment in Gibraltar Barracks, Northampton.

Depot The East Anglian Brigade

The Brigade Depot formed on 1st April, 1960, at Gibraltar Barracks, Bury St. Edmunds.

We are all most grateful to the Depot 1st East Anglian Regiment who carried out much of the "Ground Work" for the foundation of the Brigade Depot. Let alone the more Military points, they passed on a wealth of various games fixtures which have all been gratefully accepted.

GENERAL

Since the formation of the Depot, life has been very hectic as many of the officers and some of the senior N.C.O.s come from units outside the Bury St. Edmunds area to start their new job. The Depot was by no means complete as the Junior Drummers/Bandsmen school consisting of some 60 boys remained with the Depot Northamptonshire Regiment because of lack of accommodation in Gibraltar Barracks until the move of the whole Depot to temporary quarters in Blenheim Camp.

We moved to Blenheim Camp at the end of May, less the Officers' Mess and the Gymnasium which we hope to move there when alterations to the buildings have been completed. It is hoped that our stay in Blenheim Camp will be for only two years as Gibraltar Barracks, built in 1878 is to be completely rebuilt and this is due to commence next year. For most of us the accommodation in Blenheim Camp is much better than the old, especially the Junior Ranks' Club and the Sergeants' Mess.

THE JUNIOR BAND AND DRUMS

We welcomed some 60 junior ranks on 10th June, acompanied by their Officer, a Bandmaster and several N.C.O.s. Previously they lived in Quebec Barracks, Northampton, the Regimental Depot of the Northamptonshire Regiment, who have now become part of 2nd East Anglian Regiment. They are being trained for the Bands of the three Regiments of the Brigade and have a fairly strenuous training programme to get through.

Their accommodation is the best we can offer them and they have their own portion of the Junior Ranks' Club set aside for them.

DAFFODIL SUNDAY

Daffodil Sunday was started by the Depot of the Suffolk Regiment and is being continued by the Brigade Depot. The display of daffodils surrounding the shrubs and trees of the Depot garden are a lovely sight in the spring. This is an occasion on which the People of Bury St. Edmunds

DEPOT THE EAST ANGLIAN BRIGADE

OFFICERS

Brigade Colonel—Col. W. A. Heal, O.B.E. D.A.A.G.—Major C. J. Gardiner, Northamptonshire R.O. III—Lt.-Col. (Retd.) A. S. Hanning, O.B.E.

UNIT H.Q.

Commanding Officer—Lt.-Col. A. G. R. Noble, M.C., Royal Lincolnshire Regiment.

Adjutant—Capt. C. J. Dale, Royal Lincolnshire Regiment.

Quartermast—Major A. Joanny, 1 East Anglian.

P.R.I. and President Depot Games Committee—Col. (Retd.)

J. F. Wilkins,

H.Q. COMPANY

Officer Commanding—Capt. J. G. M. North, 1 East Anglian. Officers—Capt. N. Miller, Royal Lincolnshire Regiment.

TRAINING COMPANY

Officer Commanding-Major K. C. G. Lywood, 1 East Anglian.

Officers-Capt. D. C. Thorne, 1 East Anglian. Lt. W. R. W. Pike.

Warrant Officers—R.S.M. G. J. Gingell, 1 East Anglian; R.Q.M.S. J. G. Clough, 1 East Anglian; O.R.Q.M.S. J. Bowman, 3 East Anglian; C.S.M. J. W. Denny, 1 East Anglian; A/C.S.M. R. G. Richardson, 3 East Anglian; Q.M.S.I. T. Collyer, S.A.S.C.; C.S.M.I. A. E. Richards, A.P.T.C.

are invited to the Depot and to which they come in large numbers. This year we had about 1,500 people. We are told that in the past there were as many as three or four thousand. A drill display was given aided by the Junior Band School from Northampton, the recruiting van was out, and a pool bull competition was run in the miniature range. The Regimental Band of the Cambridgeshire Regiment played in the Gymnasium, and the Officers' Mess entertained guests in the Green Room, including the Mayor and Mayoress of Bury St. Edmunds.

FIRE IN THE OFFICERS' MESS

Fires usually occur at awkward times and this one was no exception—at about 6.30 a.m. on Sunday, 24th April; it might have been really serious had not Major K. C. G. Lywood woken up and then be-stirred everyone else. The Depot fire engine appeared in a remarkably short space of time and was soon followed by four civilian fire engines who soon had the fire under control. The source of the fire was in the drying room at the end of a passage upstairs. There was a good lot of smoke and one officer was seen shimming down the drain pipe. When all was over, the Mess was made ship-shape again in a very short time and the damage was found to be slight.

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FINANCE

We are very much indebted to all the Regiments of the Brigade for the generous amounts that they have given to the Officers' Mess and the Sergeants' Mess' Funds and the P.R.I. account. These amounts will go a long way towards establishing the high standards which we intend to keep. A proportion of the money has been placed on deposit.

OFFICERS' MESS

Although the Depot officially moved to Blenheim Camp on 30th May we are still living in Gibraltar Barracks. The Royal Engineers have promised all sorts of alterations and decorations in Blenheim Camp Mess so we are staying where we are until the end of June when all should be ready. We have had one Regimental guest night so far on the occasion of the visit of the Officer i/c. Records, Col. Henley, and some of his staff to the Depot. We are splitting at the seams at the moment, but when we move to Blenheim Camp we shall have some spare rooms and we shall be delighted to put up anyone who happens to be in this part of the world. We shall also of course be very pleased to see at anytime any serving or ex-officer of the Brigade who either lives locally or happens to be passing through. We have received a large amount of silver from Regiments of the Brigade for which we would like now to send our sincere thanks.

SERGEANTS' MESS

With the move from Gibraltar Barracks well behind us, the Mess has now settled into its new home in Blenheim Camp.

With the move came many new faces to swell the numbers in Mess, and we trust they have also settled into their new surroundings. Although social activities in the Mess have been very limited during the last two months it is hoped that now with a larger Mess, better facilities and many more members, this side of Mess life will be very soon be taken care of. The first dinner night as a Brigade Mess was held in Gibraltar Barracks Mess on the 11th May and proved to be a most successful evening.

The original Regiments forming the East Anglian Brigade are now represented by their Badge Plaque in the Mess. The six Regimental days will also be celebrated with a possibility of a seventh for the Brigade Regimental Day.

These notes would not be complete without a word of thanks to the Regiments who have so kindly agreed to loan silver and items of furniture to the Brigade Mess and so give it a good start. Members wishing to visit the Mess are always welcome but are requested to notify in advance as accommodation is somewhat limited.

H.Q. COMPANY

H.Q. Company is now a going concern. We have over 250 men, representatives of all three Regiments.

There is a large moving population particularly of 1 East Anglian and 3 East Anglian. At the time of writing we are expecting our new O.C.

Company, Capt. F. H. Crouchman, 3 East Anglian, who is taking over from Capt. J. G. M. North, 1 East Anglian. Sgt. Richardson, 3 East Anglian has gracefully allowed the reigns of power to slip into the hands of C.S.M. Pond, 2 East Anglian who is now very busy counting holdees. C/Sgt. Belcher, 3 East Anglian, has, on the other hand, just finished counting beds, buckets and bath plugs, etc. Somehow he has kept cheerful, probably because he has a good team behind him, especially C/Sgt. Hemsley, 1 East Anglian, who is waiting for the golden bowler.

On 30th May the great exodus from Gibraltar Barracks occurred. Considering that Gibraltar Barracks has been a Regimental Depot for so long the Company Commander felt that there was surprisingly few horrors unearthed. We had expected at least a Roman coin or two, or even a long dead recruit

On 10th June we were joined by the Junior Band and Drums School of the East Anglian Brigade from Depot Northampton. There is little doubt that the "boys" will dominate our thoughts for some little while.

Most officers and men will pass through H.Q. Company of Depot The East Anglian Brigade sooner or later. We guarantee them a warm welcome.

TRAINING COMPANY

We now have a 1 East Anglian Company Commander, the Platoon Commanders being drawn, one from each Regiment. In April Sgt. Knight arrived from Northampton, also Cpls. Palmer, Essom, and Cpls. Lambert and Richards from the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment. In May Sgt. Williams of 3rd East Anglian Regiment arrived having just finished his tour with the K.A.R. in Kenya.

We provided a drill squad on Daffodil Sunday, consisting of the senior intake, who executed some 40 "Silent Drill" movements to the obvious delight of a large crowd watching. On 14th April the junior intake were taken to Colchester to see the rebuilt Meance/Hyderabad Barracks. They were very impressed and we hope that this preview of the new Army accommodation may encourage some of the N.S.M. to become regular soldiers. Training came to an abrupt stand still on the 29th April, and the Depot having the task of running the butts during the East Anglian District Rifle Meeting. This was a three-day task which devolved almost entirely on the Training Company. The recruits put up an excellent show and were congratulated by the G.O.C. at the prize-giving, at which incidentally, the Depot were well represented. On 25th May the senior intake, mostly 1 East Anglian Regiment passed out, the parade being taken by the retiring Mayor of Bury St. Edmunds, Alderman Banks.

On 16th May we welcome three A.E.R./R.A.S.C. Probationary Officers for a short course, and on the same day three Iraqi Officer Cadets arrived for a month's training before going to Mons and eventually Sandhurst. They found life here a little strange at first but they are keen

On 30th May we moved over the road to Blenheim Camp. We now have quite small huts instead of vast and ancient barrack rooms, a change which the recruits at least think is for the better.

CRICKET

This season has started well. Although we have had difficulty in always getting the best side, we have enjoyed good weather and some interesting cricket. The main event of the season so far has been the first round of the Orby Wood knockout competition. The game was noticeable for a fine all-round performance by Pte. Thrower, of 1st East Anglian Regiment. Fielding first we bowled Great Barton out for 88, Pte. Thrower taking 6 for 33 in 10 overs. On going in to bat Pte. Thrower scored 56 not out, out of a total of 90 for 7. For this performance Pte. Thrower has been put in for a special award given for the best performance in this competition.

The next round we were beaten by the last year's winners, the Police, but only just. The Police, who made 108, winning by 7 runs. Of our other games, the first one against the R.A.F. ended in disaster. We had a weak team and were bowled out. very quickly. However, in our next match against Barclays Bank, we did much better with some hard hitting by Cpl. Bell of 3rd East Anglian Regiment.

On Whit Sunday the Depot The East Anglian Brigade got up a team mostly of Officers, to play Ampton C.C.

SHOOTING TEAM

On 10th April the Depot East Anglian Brigade Shooting Team started off their full bore shooting year with a bang. A team of 4, consisting of Captain Thorne, C.S.M. Denny, Cpls. Woodrow and Brunning all of 1st East Anglian Regiment won the falling plate competition in the 161 (T.A.) Brigade Rifle Meeting in fine style.

As they had little or no previous practice, this was a truly remarkable feat and their prowess was duly awarded with 4 silver tankards which were filled to capacity in very quick time. On 29th April, having had slightly more practice and with a little more confidence, the Shooting Team set off for the East Anglian District Rifle Meeting at Middlewick Ranges, Colchester. The Depot won the East Anglian Unit Team Championship, beating the 1st Bn. The Duke of Wellington's Regiment 'A' Team by 3 points. The team was: Capt. D. C. Thorne, 1st East Anglian Regiment; Lt. W. R. W. Pike, 3rd East Anglian Regiment; C.S.M. Denny, Sgt. Sharpe, 1st East Anglian Regiment; Cpl. Loftin, 3rd East Anglian Regiment; Cpl. Brunning, Cpl. Spalding, Cpl. Woodrow, 1st East Anglian Regiment. Lt. Pike, 3rd East Anglian Regiment, won the Individual Rifle Championship, and the Young Soldiers' Team, consisting entirely of recruits with no more than 8 weeks' service, were narrowly beaten into second place in the Young Soldiers' event.

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Territorial Army

4/6 Battalion The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (T.A.)

We have witnessed the 1st Bn. Royal Lincolnshire Regiment exercising its rights throughout the County for the last time. The series of parades culminated in the most impressive service in the Cathedral on Sunday, 8th June. All ranks of the Bn. regret the passing of the 1st Bn., but wish The Duchess of Gloucester's Own every success for the future. The 4/6th Bn. will maintain the traditions of the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment in the country.

TRAINING EX-SABOTAGE

The highlight during the period covered by these notes was undoubtedly exercise "Sabotage", an escape and evasion exercise with the 21 S.A.S. Regt. (Artists) as the escapers. The exercise commenced on the evening of 8th April with the S.A.S. carrying out simulated parachute drops near Lincoln. After landing they set off to destroy targets in N.E. Nottinghamshire and North Lincolnshire. Through the help of local farmers it was possible actually to destroy by high explosive eight targets, including old buildings. This added great realism to the exercise.

Opposing forces included 4/6th R. Lincolns complete, 863 Mov. Lt. Bty. (R.A.) recce patrols from 16 Indep. Para. Coy., and tracker dogs from Melton Mowbray (R.A.V.C. Depot).

Contacts were first made by jeep patrols late on Friday night and tracker dogs followed up with some success until rain spoilt the scent. The first prisoners were not taken until Saturday afternoon. Lt. Drummond's patrol employing Malayan tactics tracked down a patrol to its lying-up base. All targets were successfully blown up during the early hours of darkness on Saturday night. The subsequent escape and evasion of the enemy was most successful. The exercise ended with a briefing and discussion at Sobraon Bks. mid-day, Sunday, 10th April.

CIVIL DEFENCE

This continues in all Coys. in preparation for annual camp, which this year is to be held at Millom, Cumberland. A most instructive and interesting C.D. week-end for Officers and Sergeants was held in Sobraon Barracks over 14th-15th May. The cloth model exercise that week-end has since been carried out by two Coys. in a slightly condensed form.

ANNUAL CLASSIFICATION

Two full week-ends have been held at Beckingham Range, the first was devoted to Rifle and the second to L.M.G. Both were well attended. Casuals have since fired at Horncastle and Hallington.

ADVENTURE TRAINING

Our adventure training for the second quarter includes an initiative test on the Derbyshire Moors, an endurance march and a river exploration in small boats.

RECRUITING

This continues most satisfactorily in two directions, recruits from civil life, ex-N.S. and Regulars into the Bn. and from the Bn. into the Regular Army. To the time of writing 70 new recruits have joined in 1960 while during the same period we have lost 26 to the regular forces. Of these 4 have gone to the 2nd East Anglian Regt. The greater majority, however, seem to be attracted to either the Brigade of Guards or the Gunners, most of the remainder going off to learn a trade in R.E. or R.E.M.E.

We welcome C.S.M. Greenaway to the Permanent Staff as P.S.I. of "A" Coy., which is based on Stamford, his home town, and we expect to see a rapid upward trend in recruiting from that part of the world.

OFFICERS' MESS

For the first time in many years the Bn. is in possession of an out of camp Mess. This is largely due to the kindness and co-operation of Lt.-Col. Foster commanding 23 Signal Regt., in allowing us to take over the ground floor of the former Regimental Mess in Sobraon Barracks, so well known to generations of Royal Lincoln officers. By the time these notes are published it will be functioning as the Mess of the 4/6th Bn. Royal Lincolnshire Regiment. A list of invitations to become honorary members is being prepared and these will shortly be sent out. They are in the main to former members of the Regimental Mess. Any enquiries regarding the Mess should be addressed to the Adjt., 4/6th Bn. Royal Lincolns, Sobraon Barracks.

SERGEANTS' MESS

There have been a few changes, these are:— W.O.II Lowery. After years of faithful service as C.S.M. of "S" Coy, he has been appointed W.T. W.O. and transferred to H.Q. Coy.

W.O.II Morris K. After a very long stint of being A/Tk. Pl. Sgt. has been promoted W.O.II (C.S.M.) of "S" Coy. We congratulate him on his promotion.

In the way of new members, we have Sgt. Toyne of the A/Tk. Pl., Sgt. Bettison of the 3-in. Mortars, Sgts. Rainsforth and Spavin of "D" Coy., Sgt. Wollerton of "B" Coy. and Sgt. Standland of "C" Coy.; we extend a welcome to them.

As regards P.S.I.'s C.S.M. Wood, "A" Coy. has been posted to Watchet to join the amalgamated Bn. and has now been relieved by C.S.M. Green-

away fo the Depot.

Sgt. Hughes, H.Q. Coy., has also left us and is awaiting drafting to Malaya. He has been relieved by Sgt. Mellars from the Northamptons, who is also a Signal Sgt. We welcome him and hope he enjoys the change of Regiment.

Over the last year Bn. H.Q. has been smitten with illnesses of senior members. Mr. Potter, the R.Q.M.S., has had a long spell of illness but is now back at work. We wish him well and hope that he

makes a complete recovery.

Mr. Martin, the O.R.Q.M.S. who has served us for a great number of years, was taken seriously ill and after a long spell in hospital is now sick at home. He has been greatly missed in the Orderly Room and we shall be glad to see him back.

All members will remember Sgt. Smith, of Sleaford, who has served us so long and well as Mess Caterer, and who has now been discharged through no fault of his own after 35 years with the T.A. We shall miss him but as he is coming to camp as a civilian in the Mess, he has not gone altogether and we shall look forward to seeing his smiling face behind the bar.

"A" COMPANY

During the last two months C.S.M. Wood, our P.S.I., has returned to the amalgamated 1st Bn., and we wish him the best of luck in his new appointment. We also welcome home to his native town, C.S.M. Greenaway.

Training has had the emphasis on Civil Defence and shooting and Lt. Merrikin is to be thanked for his hard work in training a shooting team which should do much better in the Bn. Rifle Meeting

than last year.

The recruiting side of the Company goes on slowly and we welcome three recruits at Stamford and two at Spalding. On the other hand we wish Pte. Garner a happy and successful career in Her Majesty's Brigade of Guards.

We are pleased to hear that Lt. Batten, who up till now has been living at Norwich, has moved to Wisbech, and we hope to see much more of him at Spalding in the future, where his help will be

invaluable.

"B" COMPANY

Major P. J. Curran-Douglas, T.D., has retired from the command of "B" Coy. and from the Territorial Army after 25 years of service. Members of the Company made a gift of an inscribed tankard. An appreciation of his services was given by Lt. G. Dawson. Mrs. J. Malone presented Mrs. Curran-Douglas with flowers and the T.A. Social Club members subscribed to a silver cigarette box for Major and Mrs. Curran-Douglas to mark their appreciation for his work in the T.A. and "B" Coy.

The pleasant evening was much enlivened by many friends, and in particular the Company was pleased to welcome Major P. F. Walter, M.B.E., M.C., and Major E. Jessup.

Capt. B. S. Foster, who came to us from "S" Coy., has now assumed command of "B" Coy.

"B" Coy. continued its traditional interest in shooting. A goodly proportion hold positions in the Bn. shooting teams. Congratulations to Lt. G. Dawson, 2/Lt. E. Ellwood, C/Sgt. Hodgson and Sgt. Graves for success in the Lincolnshire County Rifle Meeting held at Beckingham. It was a long day but "B" Coy. came home with the "Army Cup."

Pte. Kenny and Pte. Poole have left us for the more salubrious air of the Guards Depot. We

admire their pluck and wish them well.

Pte. Briggs is now a regular at the Junior Leaders Bn. and is doing well. He will eventually serve

in the new 2 East Anglian Regiment.

Inspired by the earnest lectures of the R.S.M., "B" Coy. has linked "arms" with local Civil Defencers and one Sunday was spent on a "live" course at Folkingham. To this we are indebted to Mr. M. Swetman, the Holland Division Rescue Officer for his excellent instruction and hospitality.

"B" Coy, had pleasure in welcoming over the Whitsun holidays L/Cpls. Allan and Ellison of the "Legion of Frontiersmen," H.Q. Squadron, Brad-

ford, Yorks.

L/Cpl. Allan is an old original member of this Company and came to look up old friends. L/Cpl. Ellison is to be congratulated on his excellent shooting, beating all present in the Casuals Shoot at Horncastle on Whit Sunday. We were glad to welcome these two N.C.O.s.

"C" COMPANY

To the Company we welcome Ptes. Scales, Hargreaves and Bramley. In spite of the fact that they were without uniforms they attended the weekend exercises and it is pleasing to see this keenness.

In the Bde. .22 Shooting competition the Company once again reached the final in Nottingham, unluckily to be runners-up, as in fact we were last year in the same competition. Our congratulations go to Sgt. Coldstone who was once again

"best shot" of the day.

On 24th March we held our first Company night exercise this year. The aim was to exercise the young soldier in patrol work. The officers and N.C.O.s of the Company established a large "power station" and manned heavy guards and standing patrols. Considering the strength of the opposition the young soldiers did very well and many gained the objective. The Company returned weary and cold to the welcome sight of Sgt. Reeve and Pte. Ives who had set up a "hot dog" stall in the Drill Hall.

At last the Company Socials are establishing themselves firmly in the curriculum. On the 14th April we held our usual monthly pay night celebrations.

The highlight of May was Sunday, the 29th, when a strong detachment of the Company paraded

in the Mayor's Procession and escorted him to

Annual Mayor's Church Service.

The parade was followed by a two hour training period in the Drill Hall and the day completed by a darts, snooker and .22 shooting competition. Sgt. Evans won the darts competition, whilst L/Cpl. Bradbury and Pte. Bramley shared the honours in the .22 shoot.

Finally it must be noted that the intensive drill and turn-out parades which have been held throughout the last two months are producing good results.

"D" COMPANY

We offer our congratulations to Sgts. Rainsforth and Spavin and Cpl. Walmsley on their well

merited recent promotions.

This Company must provide a higher percentage of Regular Army candidates than any other Company, and this week we have had two further applications for the Regular Army from Ptes. Parkes and Pickwell. In spite of the intakes and outgoings the strength of the Company is being more than maintained.

We have had a visit from Pte. Jackson, A., who has recently joined the Military Police and he looks

well and fit and is enjoying life.

C.S.M. Ingall undertook the training for the take-over and hand-over of the Duke of Edinburgh's Banner for the Gainsborough Cadet Coy., and they acquitted themselves very well.

About 40 members of the Company attended exercise "Sabotage" in the Lound area of Nottinghamshire and the Company did reasonably well against the S.A.S., capturing two prisoners and stopping their approach across the river Trent.

We also had an ex-member of the Company, who was staying the weekend with the Company Command and who is now an Officer Cadet at Sandhurst, in the person of Bruce Duncan. He

also enjoyed the exercise!

Our training activities in Thonock Park have come to a temporary halt as a recent battle in the park in which a large amount of training ammunition was let off is alleged to have upset the birds (feathered variety). The following day a very polite letter from the head keeper asked us to lay off until after July.

All "D" Coy. Officers, W.O.'s and Sgts. attended the Officers' and Sergeants' C.D. weekend at Lincoln on 14th/15th May and learned something of the problems which may someday confront us.

Sp. COMPANY

The last few months have been busy ones, but two weekends in particular should be recorded. A battalion "escape and evasion" exercise in conjunction with the S.A.S. saw the Assault Pioneer Pl. and C.S.M. Morris in a very much cloak and dagger role as the special agents working with the enemy.

The annual weekend at Theddlethorpe was, as usual, most enjoyable. The presence of a number of our Para. friends swelled the numbers, and the fine weather and good cooking meant that

nothing could go wrong. The Saturdae Saturday evening was passed at the "Prussian Queen" a Queen" and other hospitable inns in the district. Results c Results of the live firing were excellent and we noted that outed that our previous instruction to the Para. Coy. had not been in vain. Our thanks go to the Vicar of Mablethof Mablethorpe who kindly conducted a Service in the open the open air on Sunday morning.

Quite recently we have lost the Morti the Mortar Officer, Capt. Foster, who is now commanding nmanding "B" Coy. At the end of April we also said goodbsaid goodbye to our P.S.I., Sgt. Hughes, who took with him swith him a telescope

as a leaving present.

We provided the usual representative desentative detachment at Mayor's Sunday in Grantham at the eim at the end of May and once again were able to show off cshow off our equipment to the local people.

Congratulations to L/Cpl. Thurlow all hurlow and Pte. B. Seaman on their promotions to Cpl. arto Cpl. and L/Cpl.

respectively.

H.Q. COMPANY 4NY

We welcome to the Company Maipany Major A. J. Bennett, M.B.E., who joins us as a us as a shadow(?) second in command of Bn., and Lt. M. nd Lt. M. A. Colvin who replaces Capt. J. C. Graham as raham as I.O. Sgt. Mellars replaces Sgt. Platt who goes vho goes downstairs to Sp. Coy. Sgt. Mellars comes to us frees to us from 1st Bn. Northamptons and is a Signals Sgt., tals Sgt., which we have been without since Sgt. Kirk let. Kirk left. From inter-company transfers we have also bave also been joined by C.S.M. Lowery who comes as Bn. Ws as Bn. W.T. W.O., Sgt. Gustard as Sniper Sgt. and Sgt. and Sgt. Taylor as Sgts.' Mess caterer and further recruither recruits in Ptes. Beale, Jacques and Creasey all to the Int to the Int. Section. All we hope will have a long and happyand happy stay with us.

Training continues in the form of Ceorm of Cadres as in previous years and the Depot has been kens been kept alive at weekends by Signal Cadres under Sgtsinder Sgts. Marshall and Gant, Cook's training under Sgt. nder Sgt. Reeve and weekend driving instruction. The CompaThe Company attended the Rifle Classification weekend at Bekend at Beckingham in April and from the result we hope we hope to have a strong Company rifle team for the interret the inter-Company meeting in July. We took part in the ert in the escape and evasion exercise with the S.A.S. and th.S. and this was the first occasion the newly formed Int, Section under Lt, Colvin were exercised.

The visit of the 1st Bn. to Lincolrto Lincoln was undoubtedly the highlight in May. TheMay. The reception they received in Lincoln, as elsewhere, elsewhere, was excellent. It was perhaps appropriate that afate that after marching through the City, the parade shouldade should dismiss at the Drill Hall, built and presented by Cented by Col. Ruston to the City for the use of the Regiment's Regiment's Volunteer Bn. The parade stressed again the closin the close links between the City and Regiment. We have We have always had a good recruiting record in Lincoln a Lincoln and we are certain that the Bn. will continue to ntinue to receive the full support of the citizens of Lincoln.

We regret the fact that O.R.Q.M.S. R.Q.M.S. Martin has had to go into hospital and we wish hime wish him a speedy

recovery and return to duty.

5th Battalion The Northamptonshire Regiment (T.A.)

INTRODUCTION

It was natural after a year of rapid recruiting that there should be a period of consolidation. The first half of 1960 has seen a policy of weeding out not only the dead wood but also the more casual attenders "pour encourager les autres". Over sixty volunteers have been discharged, but eighty have joined to replace them. Strength at annual camp at Plasterdown on Dartmoor was 352 on paper and of these no fewer than 301 attended. This was more than double the strength of any of the three other Battalion in the Brigade. Nine volunteers have joined, or are joining, the Regular Army. This fact, together with the high percentage to attend camp, indicates the vigorous and healthy state of the unit.

Two Coys, have achieved remarkable recruiting figures. "B" Coy, at Corby are now at full establishment strength, the ultimate aim of all T.A. units and sub-units. To mark this achievement a Coy, flag was presented on parade on 12th June. Until recently Sp. Coy, at Huntingdon showed poor recruiting figures. Constant and diverse publicity has paid dividends and the figures show a sudden increase. It is hoped that a new T.A. Centre will multiply this increase.

THE SHOOTING TEAM

The shooting team was won notable successes in a season which has produced its usual crop of "ifs" and "might have beens". At the 162 Inf. Bde, meeting there were no "ifs"; every major trophy came to the 5th Battalion. At 54 Div. meeting the Bn. team tied for first place in the unit championship and won the Rifle Team, China Cup and (auguring well) the Young Soldiers' match. At Bisley the L.M.G. team won the Cambridgeshire Challenge Cup. This is the first trophy won by the 5th Battalion at the National Central meeting. It is certainly many years since any Bn. of the Northamptonshire Regiment has won such a trophy. One point separated the 5th Bn. from two other L.M.G. trophies—out of forty shots the score was 36 bulls and inners, 3 magpies and outers. Where did that other shot go? A rattle of challenging half-crowns did not produce an answer. Can two shot go through the same hole? There are the "ifs". The season's successes are tribute to the training of Major A. A. Pilgrim, M.B.E., M.M.

The Band and Drums continue to be an outstanding advertisement for the unit. Their excellence was marked in the Queen's Birthday Honours List when Bandmaster C. F. Holland was awarded the British Empire Medal.

Publicity has been maintained. Television networks cover one unit in their annual camp each year. This year I.T.V. and B.B.C. of Midland and Anglia districts all covered the 5th Bn. in Devon. Four 2½-minute films appeared on the four pro-

grammes and the unit is now crammed with TV stars.

Nijmegen March training is to be filmed shortly.

OFFICERS' MESS

The Mess has been involved in few social events between March and June, and strength was necessarily conserved for the fortnight at Annual Camp in June. Two successful guest nights were held. Our guests at these included Major-General Talbot commanding 54 (East Anglian) Division, Brigadier Oulton, Brigadier Taunton, Brigadier Prickett and Officers of 162 Inf. Bde., Lt.-Col. Burge of Infantry Records, Exeter, Lt.-Col. Martin and Officers of the 1st Bn., Mr. Cowper Barrons and Major Davies the Camp Commandant.

During the first week we entertained Alderman Cannon who is an Industrial member of the T.A. Association, and Col. McMichael stayed with us before taking the Salute on Saturday morning's Battalion Parade. We also welcomed several of the Press who returned our hospitality by giving us excellent coverage in television, newspaper articles and photographs.

One new member of the Mess staff caused some amusement when first left in sole charge of the bar. He is slightly hard of hearing and when asked "Have we any Keg?" disappeared for ten minutes before returning with the answer "No sir, only cheese and biscuits."

On 17th July in the Mess at London Road, Peterborough, we gave a drinks party after the Band and Drums had beaten Retreat in the Market Place. Our guests included The Mayor and Mayoress and Deputy Mayor and Mayoress of Peterborough, The Lord Bishop of Peterborough, and Mrs. Stopford, Brigadier and Mrs. Prickett and Group-Captain and Mrs. Trent of Royal Air Force, Wittering.

Finally, we welcome Roger Thackray to our midst on commissioning to the Battalion, and congratulate Tony Rawlinson on his marriage.

SERGEANTS' MESS

The most important event since last going to press was the visit of the 1st Battalion detachment to the county. They visited most of our drill halls and were welcome at all. The Mess members of the 1st Battalion were entertained by the 5th Battalion members both at Corby and Peterborough.

Annual Camp this year provided us with the opportunity of visiting the Sgts.' Mess of the 1st Battalion 2nd East Anglian Regiment at Watchet. Thirty-two members attended this outing and enjoyed the very excellent hospitality. On Saturday, 25th June we were entertained by the Officers' Mess after the Battalion Parade. During that even-

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Cambridgeshire Challenge Cup

C.S.M. F. Beales, Sgt. T. Kilty and 2 Lt. R. Pearce with the Cambridgeshire Challenge Cup they won at Bisley in the L.M.G. Team Match



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Fathers and sons in the 5th Bn. Band and Drums

Left to right—in pairs: Sgt. and L'Cpl. North, Cpl. and Boy Parker, Bandmaster and L Cpl. Holland, Sgt. and

Boy Stallerbrass, Cpl. and Boy Steele

5th Bn. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE REGIMENT (T.A.)



Presentation of Lord Lieutenant's Certificates for meritorious service.

Left to right: Col. R. K. McMichael, O.B.E., T.D., J.P., Major F. G. Barber, Sgt. C. W. Ellis, Sgt. G. F. Morflew, L/Cpl. G. J. Gowler, L/Cpl. R. A. Bell, Pte. T. Sloan, L/Cpl. J. W. Woods.



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Col. R. K. McMichael, O.B.E., T.D., J.P. takes the salute during the 5th Bn. parade at Annual Camp

ing we held a Mess social and dance, which was organised by the R.Q.M.S. and C.Q.M.S. Buckle and Fordham. We congratulate them both on a first-class job. The R.Q.M.S. appeared to be well in with the locals and we understand that he is being invited back to Yelverton to give a series of lectures on social activities.

A Mess dinner was held on Monday, 27th June. There was 82 members present, including attached. The cook Sgt. (Nobby Clarke) ably assisted by Sgt. Elston, B.E.M., provided us with a delicious meal. The officers were entertained by us after dinner, and it proved to be a very pleasant evening.

The Mess was well represented at both the Brigade and Divisional Rifle Meetings. C.S.M.s Kelly and Beales, Sgts. Clinton, Capstaff, Kilty and Smith, are congratulated for putting up such a good show. We hope they go on to greater things at Bisley.

Bandmaster C. F. Holland, has been awarded the British Empire Medal in the Queen's Birthday Honours List. Well done, "Cyril."

In conclusion the R.S.M. would like to thank all Mess members for their help during the last half-year and to wish all members, past and present, the best of good fortune.

A/W.O.2 C. F. HOLLAND, B.E.M.

The Bandmaster of the 5th Bn. The Northamptonshire Regiment (T.A.) was awarded the British Empire Medal in Her Majesty the Queen's Birthday Honours.

Mr. Holland has had longer service with the Regiment than any other still-serving regular soldier. In 1928 he enlisted as a boy from the Duke of York's school into the 58th. He remained with the 58th in Colchester, Aldershot and Bally-kinler and was well known as a Battalion boxer and hockey player. He went to France with the Battalion in 1939 as stretcher bearer and, later, medical sergeant.

After the war Mr. Holland served with the Regimental Band in Berlin, Austria, Trieste and Wuppertal. From here he joined the 5th Battalion in Peterborough. He is employed as Permanent Staff Instructor to Headquarters Company but voluntarily accepted responsibility for the Band which, in 1954, was in the doldrums. The strength of the Corps of Drums at that time was one.

Mr. Holland can now look with pride at a Band and Drums over 50 strong whose musical ability and military efficiency are of a very high order indeed. They are entirely the product of his energy, enthusiasm and remarkable personality.

BAND

Our first engagement for 1960 was at Oundle on 17th January where the band gave a concert in the School Great Hall. This was well attended and proved a great success. Turning to the social life of the band it was decided to have a dinner and dance. For this we were most fortunate to have the Sgts.' Mess (by kind permission of R.S.M. D.

5th BN. and Peterborough Branch of the Regimental Comrades' Association

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Driscoll) The function turned out to be a grand affair with no less than 60 sitting down to an excellent dinner in a lovely setting. Afterwards there was dancing to a five-piece dance band. After dinner Cpl. George Mower, one of our oldest members and guest of honour was presented with a barometer. We were all very sorry to say farewell to George who has been a loyal member of the band since it reformed in 1948.

At Northampton on 15th May we had the honour to march the Comrades to and from Church and also the great honour of playing whilst the Colours were marched off Parade to the slow march "Auld Lang Syne". This was a very moving moment for all those on parade.

We welcome to the band, Bandsman R. Watson, whose brother plays E^b horn also Boy David Parker on oboe, son of Cpl. K. Parker, and we congratulate Bandmaster C. Holland on being awarded the British Empire Medal for his work with the Band and Drums since taking over in 1954, also Chuck Harris on his promotion to corporal. The present strength of the Band and Drums is 50 but more are knocking on the door.

At Camp we soon got down to practising for the Officers' Mess programme, Beating Retreat and for the Ceremonial Parade which took place on Saturday, 25th June. On all these occasions the band was congratulated on their standard of playing and smart turn-out. At the Ceremonial Parade the Honorary Colonel of the Battalion presented Bandmaster C. Holland with the British Empire Medal and L/Cpl. R. A. Bell and Bandsman J. W. Woods were both presented with the Lord Lieutenant's certificates for meritorious service. During camp we played the Bedfordshire Band and Drums at cricket and all had a very enjoyable afternoon. We lost the match by 39 runs but are looking forward to playing them again next year when we hope to beat them.

CORPS OF DRUMS

After breaking all records for regularity of attendance for practice during the winter months the Drums face the "Retreat" season with great confidence. A number of young men have come to join and have started to learn to play flute or drum. Few only have been able to keep pace with both the frequency of parades and the complexities of music. Those who have stayed are very welcome and are beginning to save us from difficulties when one or more of the original experts is unable to parade.

Annual Camp was attended by all the Drums but one. Great advances were made in foot drill standards and several flute experts learned to blow a bugle and bugle maestros a flute. Mess calls were blown by the second eleven on one occasion and very effectively, too.

Other pursuits were followed besides matters musical. A patrol of drummers caused havoc in Brigade H.Q. during the Brigade exercise but a few lessons in meeting up after a gallant action would not come amiss. On this occasion it took three hours and the only patrollers in warmth and comfort were Messrs. Stacey and James being mollycoddled by the "enemy" who had captured them. Brainwashing? Easy.

Sgt. North will remember this year's camp. While spending 24 hours in Plymouth Hospital with a poisoned arm he learned to his horror that nightcaps there are nothing stronger than Cadbury's "Keg". However, even after this experience he was still strong enough two days later to carry home the erstwhile drummers who were foolish enough to try to drink him under the table. Even in relays they failed miserably.

INTELLIGENCE SECTION

Since the last issue of the Journal, the "I" Section has gone from strength to strength, and with Cpl. Laxon and Ptes. Roberts, Dummore and Freeman joining, the Section is now only one man under strength. L/Cpl. Watts is congratulated on his promotion.

During the year, the "I" Section work which has included Signals and Weapon Training, has progressed very steadily and the weekend exercises have been well supported. The experience gained from these enabled the Section (albeit a little depleted in numbers) to take up their duties during the three-day scheme at Camp this year.

Although Sgt. Ellis is not officially a member of the "I" Section, he has been a pillar of strength on the exercises on which he has accompanied us, and has kept the younger members of the Section going during the early hours of the morning with his constant cheerfulness.

The "I" Section as a whole would like to wish Pte. Benns a speedy recovery after his recent illness; we hope that we will soon see him back with

SIGNAL PLATOON

Under the guidance of our R.S.O. (Capt. J. Quash), the Signals Platoon can look with satisfaction on recent activity. The Platoon has been heavily committed (which is the way we like it) and the number of trained operators, both in the Platoon itself and in the various Companies, increased satisfactorily. It is a recognisable fact that in the Territorial Army many forms of exercise prove in reality to be largely dependant for their success upon the efficiency of the radio communication between those taking part. In all these exercises the Signal Platoon is very much to the fore and much valuable practice is gained.

At Camp we were again entrusted with the organisation and running of the Brigade Signals Cadre. There were roughly 50 students, who were divided into three groups to make manageable classes. An extremely high standard of instruction was maintained and with the aid of many devices, including the R.S.O.'s tape recorder, sufficient information was put across in the short time available to enable 70 per cent. of those taking the final examination to qualify as Regimental Signallers.

Lt. Hardwick, Sgt. Bayes and L/Cpls. Davies and Gredziuk attended, and enjoyed, a week's course for Regimental Signals Instructors at the School of Infantry's Signals Wing at Hythe.

M.T.

Congratulations to Cpl. Eatwell and L/Cpls. Boyer and Chapman on their promotion.

Driving instruction has continued successfully now that the light evenings are with us again. We have managed to fulfill our commitments both at Camp and during normal training, but could still do with about six more trained drivers. A new recruiting drive is about to be launched.

Much driving experience was gained at Camp in Devon. The hilly narrow twisting roads proved to be a great contrast to our normal open fenland roads back at home stations.

OUNDLE DEACHMENT

The Detachment continues to increase in numbers with loyalties divided between the Signal Platoon and the M.T. Section. On the nights when all are able to get together on Weapon Training, etc., much team spirit is evident, the outdoor miniature range and swimming pool being very popular.



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All members of the Detachment attended Annual Camp and apart from the usual minor grouses everyone thoroughly enjoyed their stay in Devon.

Our congratulations are extended to Sgt. Twelves on his outstanding success to Standard Bearer to the British Legion. He represented the East Midlands in the National Standard Bearer's Competition at Chelsea Barracks and tied for seventh place in a big entry.

Congratulations to Ptes. K. Palmer and C. Palmer on their success with the Battalion Young Soldiers' Shooting Team, and a warm welcome to newcomers Ptes. Cackett and Arnett. We hope they will settle in and enjoy their service with us.

"A" COMPANY (Northampton)

Glorious Devon! The weather certainly smiled upon us at camp this year. All the field training was completed in the dry, except, of course, for the notorious moor mists, the rising of which, were witnessed at first hand on the exercise in the second week, quite an eerie experience.

In the first week our strength was at its greatest—all the cadre working at full pressure. It has been whispered that at next camp the Junior Leaders' Cadre will be visited by a Palladium scout—a result of Ptes. Shortland and Westley's efforts to entertain the cadre. Talking of the Junior Leaders' Cadre we understand that a new order of dress has been brought into the Army—bathing trunks and boots—for further information apply to Cpl. Munroe, Ptes. Westley, Shortland and Parker. It is rumoured that C.Q.M.S. Lamb is thinking of retirement after running the cadre canteen in the field.

Sgt. Miller, Ptes. Barrick and Wilson were our lone representatives on the Pioneer, M.M.G. and Signals Cadres respectively. All thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Wilson stayed through the second week and put his cadre training to good use on the Brigade Exercise—maintaining the Coy. net in face of great difficulties. All in Coy. H.Q. will remember the look of infinite pleasure on his face when somebody answered him over the air. Who was it? "Dunno, sir."

Sgt. Freeman and Cpl. Baines were instructing on the Recruits Cadre and their return after the first week meant a great loss to the efficiency of the cadre. They had produced an enthusiasm in their instructing which was quickly caught on by the students. Ptes. Edwards, Cross and Joyce were our representatives on this cadre, and all felt they had learnt the lot when they finished. Unfortunately both Edwards and Cross were instructed to report sick with sore feet and missed the Brigade Exercise—much to their disgust.

Our cooks, Cpl. Masters and Pte. Cookson, were elevated this year and were cooking in the Officers' Mess, living a somewhat cloistered life enlivened only by various excursions to Plymouth, etc. If Cpl. Masters is to be believed Pte. Cookson should be glad to get home.

Pte. Denton, our R.A.P.C. representative, was

fully employed in Bn, H.Q. After r. After re-adjusting himself to T.A. pay questions he settles he settled down to some well-appreciated hard work. Notwork. Not quite the sort that produces sore feet! But still (But still essential to the efficiency of the Bn. and some pal some part of him might be sore.

Ptc. Carter spent his camp looking afteooking after the company stores, again we were lucky in havinky in having such an experienced soldier there. We wondered wondered if the fact that numerous belts and gaiters were ters were seen being blancoed by Pte. Carter had anything tanything to do with the smart turnout of the Company.

A final word must be made about our about our Permanent Staff Instructor, C.S.M. Groves, whoseves, whose quiet, but firm, efficiency, and unbounded enthusiasd enthusiasm both on the Junior Leaders' Cadre, where he wahere he was instructing, and in the administration of the on of the Company, contributed much to our enjoyment of oyment of this year's camp.

By the time these notes are in print e in print we will be back at the Drill Hall, Clare Street, No Street, Northampton, and once again we extend an invitatian invitation to our readers to visit us on a Tuesday or Thursday night when they will be very welcome.

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"B" COMPANY ANY

The Company strength has continued continued to increase and our all-in posted strength is now 120 is now 120. Although this figure only shows an overall increase of 11 since these notes last appeared, it does not give the full picture. Our turn over of person of personnel is now very high.

We welcome Ptes. White (a previous 1 previous member of this Company) and Davidson on train on transfer from other T.A. units; Pte. McLean (an ex-1st Bn. man) on transfer from Class "B" Reserve; Reserve; and Ptes. Smith, R.A., Craig, Thomson, Sutton, I, Sutton, McGowan, Thrower, McCabe, Robinson, Smith, T. Smith, T. W., McPollin, Tew, McIntosh, Catlin, Breen, In, Breen, Cranston, Stott, Kennedy, Keegans, Brown, J., rown, J., Conybeare, Markie (brother of one of the members of the Company), Hobbs T., and Boy Hobbs, W. (these two are sons of one of our Club stalwartsb stalwarts). Amongst those who left us in the last six month six months we wish to offer our congratulations to L/Cpl, to L/Cpl. Wimbury on attaining his commission with the with the A.C.F.; to Sgt. Craddock we wish to offer our tharks for the years of service he has given this Company; Ptes. McLellan and Coates who have returnave returned to their native home across the border and wher and who are continuing their T.A. service with a Scottish unit; Ptes. Speirs and Fox developed a likinged a liking for khaki and have joined the Regular Army, wheArmy, where both are doing well.

We offer our congratulations to Sgts.ns to Sgts. Petch and Segasby, Cpls. Caley, Fensome, Lawrene, Lawrence, Millar and Wilson on their promotion, and toon, and to Pte. Breen on his appointment to lance/corporale/corporal and later promotion to corporal. Sgt. Petch and Cetch and Cpls. Mason and Halliday (3in. Mortar) attended sattended a course of instruction at Netheravon, and L/Cland L/Cpls. Davies and Gredziuk (Signals) attended at Hyded at Hythe. From unofficial sources, all seemed to have exco have excelled themselves.

Training prior to Camp followed the normal pattern; the cooks under their N.C.O.s; the Signals' Cadre under Cpl. Moyes; the 3-in. Mortar Section under Sgt. Petch; and the recruit Platoon under Lt. Bensa and Sgt. Cowan with their assistants. Apart from normal training on drill evenings, extra time was devoted to the training and further instruction of N.C.O.s—a policy which proved its worth at camp.

Training on these lines will continue for the next few months. Priority for the 3in. Mortar Section will be training for the Brigade Support Weapons' Competition in September. N.C.O.'s instruction will be stepped up.

We have just seen the end of another Camp. In general, after a shaky start, the overall turn-out, bearing and spirit of the men reached a very high level indeed, especially as so many were seeing their first full time service. As a result of their introduction into Army life, six members of the Company are moving on to the Regular Army. Several of the younger members now know that the stories they have heard about "scrumpy" are too true!

Socially the highlights during the past few months, have been the Beating of Retreat by the 1st Battalion on 9th May, and the Beating of Retreat by our own Band and Drums on 12th June, on which occasion we were presented with our Company flag. Fortunately on both occasions the weather was kind to us, and although the resources of the Company and the drill hall were strained to their utmost, the results justified the efforts put in.

"C" COMPANY (Rushden)

The time of writing these notes coincides with the end of another active and enjoyable camp which was preceded by a very full six months. We started the year off with a joint training weekend with "A" Company which, owing to inclement weather, had to be conducted indoors. There was a mixture of field and Civil Defence Training and we were lucky to get the services of a County Civil Defence Instructor together with some of his films. The weekend finished with Inter-Company indoor football—this could probably have been improved if more than the referee and about three others had known the rules.

From then until Camp training was concentrated at weekends mainly on specialists, shooting team and annual range courses, relieved by Battalion and Brigade Signal Exercises; on all of them we were well represented.

In Battalion shooting we have been represented in various teams by Sgt. Smith, Cpl. Percival and Pte. Jubb and we have others coming up to fight for places. We congratulate Cpl. Percival on winning the Brigade Sten Championship.

During May we said goodbye to our Permanent Staff Instructor, Sgt. McColgan, who returned to the 1st Battadion. We wish him and his wife the best of good fortune for the future. His place has been taken by Sgt. Dixon and we hope he and his wife enjoy their stay with us. Sgt. Dixon arrived just in time to take part in the East Anglian District Rifle Meeting where he made his mark by coming second in the Regular Soldiers' Competition—congratulations. We also congratulate Pte. Coles on the birth of a daughter.

And so to camp, where we became the basis of one of the Recruits Cadres and the rest of us concentrated on training in other cadres or in running the necessary departments of a Territorial Army Battalion in camp. Our training seems to have good results if the "C" Coy, enemy patrol on the Brigade Exercise is anything to go by; they say time spent in reconnaissance is seldom wasted, but we don't think anyone has spent it so comfortably as they did-feigning sleep at Battalion Headquarters whilst the advance party of the relieving battalion, to whom they were to be enemy that night, discussed their intended layout. Even if they didn't get the 4 Essex R.S.M.'s lanyard as a trophy, at least they got the 4 Essex I.O. and his maps, and that should be good enough for anybody -even "C" Company.

SUPPORT COMPANY

During the past few months, we have continued to make steady progress. Our strength now is 41 with a further one awaiting approval. We are eagerly awaiting the completion of our new Territorial Army Centre. The consequent recruiting figures should prove interesting reading.

We would like to extend our greetings to 12 new members, Ptes. Cobb, Ellmers, Edwards, Frome, Holland, Joyce, King, Mattless, Smith, D. G., Walton, D., Walton, B., and our congratulations to L/Cpl. Peacock on attaining the dizzy heights of promotion.

During the past few months our training has been restricted owing to the loss of space through demolitions, and building work in progress. We did, however, win the winter .22 T.A.R.A. league competition. This was quickly followed by the Battalion team winning the 162 Bde. Rifle Meeting, the Coy. was well represented in this by Capt. Bryant, C.S.M. Kelly and Sgts. Capstaff and Kilty. These same members plus Pte. Britchford attended the Bisley Meeting. We wish them all the success they so richly deserve.

Annual Camp this year "on the moor" was enjoyed by all, especially those that sampled the local brew, one particular member was heard to say that a cattle grid came up and hit him!

The 3in. Mortar Platoon intend to make great strides in training and hope to be in on the 1961 Sp. Weapons competition. The Platoon is formed of our newest members and now that their basic training has been completed, all are set to get their into some "real" training.

The M.M.G. Platoon are eagerly waiting for September to arrive, when they can prove that they are worth their salt, even if they did let a scratch team from "A" Coy. beat them on "coming into action" earlier this year at Grafham.





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| L.M.G. Pairs: 3rd, C.S.M. Kelly and Sgt. Capstaff, 6 | 54. | | |

2nd, 5 Northamptons, 366; Individual, 2nd,

S.M.G. Competition:

Sgt. Kilty, 104.

1st, 5 Northamptons.

Major Units Small Arms Championship:

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BISLEY RIFLE MEETING

The following members represented the Battalion during N.R.A. and T.A.R.A. Week:—

Major Pilgrim, Capt. Akehurst, Capt. Bryant, Lt. Pearce, C.S.M. Beales, C.S.M. Kelly, Sgt. Capstaff, Sgt. Kilty, Sgt. Clinton, L/Cpl. Boyd, Pte. Britchford, Pte. Davidson.

The standard of individual Rifle Shooting was extremely high. 144 just managed to qualify for TA 50. Congratulations to Sgt. Kilty who won his class with a fine score of 168. The excellent Snap Practice Score of 48 recorded during the Queen Mary by Capt. J. B. Akehurst requires special mention (final score 154).

The Battalion L.M.G. Team won the "Cambridgeshire Challenge Cup awarded to highest score recorded by a T.A. team. Lt. Pearce, C.S.M. Beales, Sgt. Kilty. Score, 107 out of possible 120. (47 teams.)

The Volongdis Team lost the Cup by just one point. Team: Lt. Pearce, C.S.M. Beales. Score: 75 out of 80 (67 teams).

The China Cup. Placed 9th out of 38 teams. Cash prizes amounted to over £40.

4/6 Battalion The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (T.A.)

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BAND AND DRUMS

We congratulate L/Cpl. J. Pawlack on his promotion to Cpl. and Dmrs. Bunn, A., and Pullen, G., on appointment to L/Cpls.

Among our engagements we have played at a church parade and dance in connection with the Horncastle Centenary celebrations, a Bde. Officers' dinner night at Newark with the Band of the 8th Foresters and we Beat Retreat at Derby with the 5th and 8th Bns. Sherwood Foresters in connection with the World Refugee Year.

May we reciprocate the good wishes expressed in the last Newsletter to all members of the Band and Drums of the 1st Bn. especially those joining 2nd East Anglian Regiment. We will always welcome any member at Broadgate who cares to drop in and see us and even more so if they wish to join us. Our ex-1st Bn. stock consists of Cpl. Barrett, L/Cpls. Carter, Fuller and Key, and Bdsm. Helegson, we hope for more.

"R" (Northamptonshire Regiment) Battery (438 L.A.A. Regt. R.A. (T.A.)

OFFICERS, WARRANT OFFICERS AND SERGEANTS

Lt.-Col. J. T. Lewis, T.D. (Commanding Officer 438 L.A.A. Regt., R.A. (T.A.)).

Major V. A. Harding, T.D. (Second-in-Command, 438 L.A.A. Regt., R.A. (T.A.)).

"R" Battery
Major R. C. Jeffery—Battery Commander.
Capt. D. F. Hooton, T.D.—Battery Captain.
Capt. K. L. Parry.
Capt. N. E. L. Thomas.
Capt. W. H. Wilshaw, T.D.
Lt. W. H. Baxter.

W.O.s and Sgis.

W.O.II Cleary, M. L. (Permanent Staff Instructor).

W.O.2 Tebutt, F. (Battery Sergeant-Major).

W.O.II Brett, D. C. (Troop Sergeant-Major).

W.O.II Ballard, R. A. (Troop Sergeant-Major).

B.Q.M.S. Cheney, R. N., Sgt. Freeman, S., Sgt. Buckley,
E. E., Sgt. Jellis, J. T., Sgt. Ball, R. W., Sgt. Butcher, A.,

Sgt. Bazeley, W., Sgt. Gibbs, A. J., Sgt. Sambrooke,
R. H., Sgt. Luck, W. J., Sgt. Pell, R.E.

As this is the first issue of the new Journal, it is perhaps, appropriate to briefly recall the history of "R" Battery and, in particular, its connections with the Northamptonshire Regiment, and its present role and functions.

Although Gunners at the present time, the Battery possesses proud connections with the Regiment through the old 4th Battalion (T.A.). Just prior to the last war, the 4th Battalion was converted to 50 Searchlight Regiment (Royal Engineers) and almost immediately adapted to a Gunner Searchlight Regiment. The Regiment saw service in the various theatres of war. With the cessation of war, the Regiment, which was by now very scattered, was disbanded but reformed in 1947 as 585(M.) L.A.A./S.L. Regiment, Royal Artillery under the command of Lt.-Col. (now Col.) M. Jelley, O.B.E., T.D., D.L. With the abolition of A.A. Command, the Regiment was reduced to one Battery under the Command of Major V. A. Harding, T.D., forming part of 438 L.A.A. Regiment, R.A. (T.A.), with other Batteries at Leicester and Derby. The present Commanding Officer is Lt.-Col. J. T. Lewis, T.D.

The Battery is equipped with the latest 40/70 mm. gun, together with No. 4 Mk. 7 Radar. Its present role is close defence of vulnerable points.

The Battery feels honoured in being invited to be represented in the new Journal and wishes every success to the new venture and even more to the new amalgamated parent Regiments.

TRAINING

With the news that the 1960 Annual Camp was to be of a mobile nature, training was devised with this basic requirement in mind. With the steady influx of new recruits, it was necessary to devote a considerable amount of training time to basic

gunnery under the Nos. 1, and this, in particular, fell on the shoulders of the P.S.I., B.S.M. Cleary, and Sgts. Butcher, Ball, Jellis, Pell and Sambrooks.

As training progressed, mobile training schemes were devised, initially at troop level and culminating in a Regimental scheme.

Although the new Radar equipment was slightly late in arriving, some very useful basic training was carried out before Camp under the instruction of Lt, W. H. Baxter. Capt. N. E. L. Thomas took over as Command Post Officer, and Bdr. Bushell was instrumental in producing a radar section. With this complex equipment, several new recruits have progressed satisfactorily. Complementary with this, the Signals Section under Sgt. Luck continued to provide the necessary communications. Many more volunteers must be found for this particular section if the Battery is to function satisfactorily over long periods, Good communications are essential to a mobile Battery, and to maintain this high standard, requires several fully trained replacements for each key signaller. When called upon, and put to the test at Annual Camp, the Regimental Signallers received high praise indeed for the excellent communications.

The drivers were fully employed on pre-camp training and full use was made of local cross-country runs when each man was tested to the full. With the 40/70 gun equipment, the number of drivers had to be doubled and a number had to be trained to tow the heavy pieces of equipment. One Sunday was devoted to winching drill entirely, and produced amusing and somewhat embarrassing results. On subsequent drill runs, the drivers came more and more to the fore and the Nos. 1 soon came to realise just how much depends on good basic driving, and those drivers who had received some gunnery training, soon appreciated the gunner's difficulties on tricky ground.

ANNUAL CAMP, 1960

Annual Camp was held at Bellerby Camp from 2nd to 16th July. "R" Battery was joined with "Q" (Leicester) and "P" (Derby) Batteries to form 438 L.A.A. Regiment under the command of Lt.-Col. J. T. Lewis, T.D.

The first week was devoted to progressive oneday schemes and each introduced different conditions. The weather was far from ideal, but in spite of the adverse setbacks, some useful training was possible, and the spirits of the Battery were high. Guns, for this week, were commanded by Sgts. Ball, Jellis and Sambrooks, and they were joined by other Nos. 1 for the second week.

With the considerable number of recruits present, the gun detachments were allowed two days to ensure that each detachment had reached a satisfactory standard of training. Although the weather imposed severe restrictions, it was possible to deploy on the training areas.

At this time of going to press, the second week of camp is about to start. We hope to recover Capt. Parry and B.S.M. Cleary from the peat bog near Leyburn.

"R" BATTERY, 438 L.A.A. REGIMENT, R.A. (T.A.)



"R" Battery



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Officers, T.S.M.'s, B.S.M. Tebbutt and Nos. 1

Left to right, rear row: Capt. K. L. Parry, Capt. D. F. Howton, T.D., B.S.M. Ballard, B.S.M. Brett, Sgt. Jellis-Sgt. Sambrooks, Major R. C. Jeffery (Officer Commanding), Capt. N. E. L. Thomas, B.S.M. Tebbutt Left to right, front row: Sgt. Buckley, Sgt. Butcher Sgt. Pell, Sgt. Ball.

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Army Cadet Force

Lincolnshire

Service and Parade Mark Army Cadets'
Centenary

On Sunday, 1st May, 1960, the Centenary of the Army Cadet Force was recognised in Lincoln by a Cathedral Service and the Trooping of H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh's Banner. The sermon was preached by the Lincolnshire Army Cadet Force Senior Chaplain, the Rev. R. J. Crookes.

In his remarks he stressed there were two things in relationship with the Army Cadet Force, obedience and trust in God. Contrasting life 100 years ago in the Army Cadet Force with the present day organisation, he commented: "A hundred years is a very long time in the life of any organisation, and most of us would find it very difficult to understand and to realise what things must have been like in the year 1860, when the Cadet Force first saw the light of day. To us the uniforms, which the cadets wore, look odd, and the drill they would perform would seem very strange to us in these days." He went on: "During all these 100 years, the relationship and connection between the Cadet Force and the churches has always been a very firm one. Duty to God has always been put in the first place and indeed many church organisations have been affiliated with the force. It is for that reason that it is so right that the climax of our celebrations should be here in the mother church of the diocese of Lincoln and not on some barracks square."

Recalling the names of famous past soldiers, he declared: "Let these men be an example to us. Whether they be young or old let them remind us it is only with the help of God we can witness to our faith in Jesus Christ."

He ended with the words: "The Duke of Edinburgh has given us his banner as a rallying point for our service and our loyalty, and so long as we constantly strive to deepen our faith in Christ then shall we find the strength to carry out our tasks in the world."

At the beginning of the service the Duke of Edinburgh's Banner, which was being paraded throughout Lincolnshire during the next few days, was carried through the Cathedral from the west door up the nave and placed behind the altar during the ceremony.

Leading the Colour party of four cadets was 16-year-old Cpl. Trevor Richmond, of Tower Avenue, Lincoln. Later the Banner was carried out of the Cathedral followed by the Vice-Lieutenant of the County, Colonel O. Sutton-Nelthorpe,

deputising for the Lord Lieutenant, Lord Ancaster; Lt.-Col. H. Riggall; the High Sheriff of Lincolnshire, Mr. J. H. Bergne-Coupland; the Mayor of Lincoln, Alderman F. W. G. Todd; and members and chief officials of the City Council.

After the Cathedral service, a parade and inspection of the Lincolnshire Army Cadet Force took place in the castle grounds. Col. O. Sutton-Nelthorpe carried out the inspection and later the Banner was trooped. The parade commander was Lt.-Col. E. B. E. Cragg, deputy County Cadet Commandant of the Lincolnshire Army Cadet Force.

Lord Lieutenant's Certificates to officers and W.O.s for meritorious service were presented by Col. Sutton-Nelthorpe. Among those receiving certificates were:—

Officers: Lt.-Col. F. Buttery, Major S. Dixon, Major R. C. A. Aylmore, Major H. M. Clayton, Capt. G. H. A. Murrey, Capt. S. Corden, Capt. H. T. E. Ringsell, Lt. A. L. Reed

W.O.s: W.O.2 (C.S.M.) B. R. Downes, W.O.1 H. B. Massey, S.M.I. J. H. Canty, S.M.I. D. V. Parker, S.M.I. C. Rawden.

During the ceremony music was played by the Lincolnshire Army Cadet Force and the 4/6th R. Lincolns (T.A.) Bands. The latter band also played during the Cathedral service.

CADETS' NEW H.Q.

By turning a golden key which was presented to him as a souvenir of the occasion, the Mayor of Boston, Councillor E. B. Willis, officially opened the new H.Q. of the Boston Army Cadet Force, on Boston Docks. He was received by a guard of honour of Cadets who presented arms, Cpl. Kirkham sounding a salute on his bugle. After inspecting the guard of honour, the Mayor turned the key in the lock to open the door of the new cream and green building, which he, with the officers, entered into the spacious room, having a red polished floor on which stood neat sets of tables and chairs; 30 Cadets were present while the ceremony was performed together with Col. T. A. H. Coltman, County Cadet Commandant, Major J. Dailey, Area Commander from Spalding, and Major Sudlow of Donington, 2 i/c of the 4th Leicesters.

Following demonstrations of physical training and the firing of the mortar (blank ammunition), those present relaxed to enjoy a film show followed by refreshments. KING GEORGE VI A.F.C. MEMORIAL COURSES, FRIMLEY PARK

Lt. L. D. Dickenson, who has completed a course at Frimley Park, writes:—

"As you know I have recently returned from a King George VI Memorial course at Frimley Park which was so absolutely first-class I feel I must write an appreciation.

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Notes for Those Contemplating a Course at Frimley Park

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"I have never known a more dedicated team than the staff at Frimley Park. At all times they show their appreciation of the job we are doing and of the difficulties of doing it. Their aim and purpose is to help us keep our cadets interested and point out the way to a fuller life. If you think that is just a high-sounding phrase, the course will show it to be a very practical proposition."

ARMY CADET FORCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

In the A.C.F. Northern Command cross-country championships held at Strensall, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire A.C.F. won the junior championship and were placed third in the senior championship. There were six counties competing.

Trophies and medals were presented by Col. P. Gardner, Chairman A.C.F. Northern Command Sports and P.T. Committee, who said that this year's event had proved a record not only in the keenness and high standard of the competitors

Northamptonshire

CADET FORCES CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS, 1960

The Army Cadet Force, the senior youth organisation in the country, has developed from the Volunteer Corps and their unofficial cadet forces formed in 1860. To commemorate this 100 years of service, Field-Marshall H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh presented a Banner to the Army Cadet Force. The cadets at Huntingdonshire and Northamptonshire had the honour of the custody of this Banner from 5th-7th May.

Undoubtedly the highlight of the centenary celebrations so far as Huntingdonshire and Northamptonshire were concerned, was the parade to a special service at Peterborough Cathedral, on Sunday, 8th May, 1960.

The parade on the Embankment consisted of some 150 Officers and Cadets of the Huntingdon-

shire and Northamptonshire Army Cadet Force and a similar number of Officers and Cadets from the Combined Cadet Force contingents in the counties. Headed by the military band of Oundle School C.C.F., and under the command of Col. J. T. Ennals, M.B.E., County Cadet Commandant, the parade marched to the Cathedral. Amongst the many guests were Colonel the Earl Spencer, T.D., Lord Lieutenant; Major-General E. D. Fanshawe, C.B., C.B.E., High Sheriff; the Mayors and Mayoresses of Peterborough and Huntingdon; Officers Commanding T.A. units; Peterborough City Corporation; members of the T.A. Association and representatives of the R.N. and R.A.F.

The impressive service was conducted by the Venerable R. C. O. Goodchild, Archdeacon of Northampton, assisted by Rev. W. A. Jones, A.C.F. Chaplain. The act of re-dedication was led by the County Cadet Commandant, and the Lesson was read by Cadet D. Marshall, Corby Grammar School A.C.F. After the service the salute was taken by the Lord Lieutenant, supported by the High Sheriff and Mayors of Peterborough and Huntingdon.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Banner, which was received from Leicestershire A.C.F. on Thursday, 5th May, was ceremoniously paraded in Northampton that day, Kettering on 6th May and Peterborough on 7th May. In each case the parade was inspected and addressed by the Mayor.

In each town the local unit took precedence, supported by detachments from other places. Displays were given and Corps of Drums beat retreat. Afterwards cadets and their parents were entertained to tea.

It is reported that there has been an increase in recruiting, directly due to the various parades, and the Army Cadet Force has been grateful for the opportunity of "showing the flag" throughout the county.

1st (Cadet) Battalion

CADET CENTENARY, 1960

The Battalion got off to a good start in the Centenary Year with an all ranks New Year's Day party. Other events that took place since then were the receiving of the Duke of Edinburgh's Banner at Northampton, Kettering and Peterborough and a county church parade at Peterborough Cathedral. During the four days, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th May, cadets of the unit travelled about 250 miles to be present. It was surprising to the Battalion Commander that cadets even missed watching the Wernbley Cup Final to attend the Peterborough parade.

A display by the Corps of Drums, an 1860-1960 guard-changing item and a miniature battle was given by members of the unit to support the 2nd Battalion Show at Wellingborough on 25th June.

TRAINING

Although extra parades have been held for display work, the normal training is still carried on and it is good to note that during the past four months absentees can be counted on one hand and our average parading strength is 92 per cent. This gives instructors chance to carry on with squad training as planned with very little "recap" for

non-attenders of previous parades.

Six cadets recently attended a camping/canoeing course on the River Nene and qualified to attend the 10 days' course on 97 miles of the River Wve at the end of July. So keen are these that they arrived back in Northampton from the course at 5 p.m. on 1st August and moved off to annual camp at 6 p.m., and one parent had been given orders by one of the cadets attending to have all his clothing ready so that he did not miss the transport to camp.

Two cadets, L/Cpl. Quartermain and Cadet Bentley attended the Royal Parade at Buckingham

Palace on 22nd July.

S/Sgt. T. Marriott recently attended the mountain school in North Wales for a week's course, At a recent Certificate "A" Board held at The

Old Barracks, Northampton, the unit gained 100 per cent passes in Part II.

CORPS OF DRUMS

The Corps of Drums, under expert handling of Bandmaster M. Hodkinson and Drum-Major J. Blunt, have kept the A.C.F. flag flying in Northampton and district and although many Saturdays and Sundays have meant additional parades, they have a fine record to be proud of in that out of the last 14 Drum displays and parades on one occasion only has an absentee been recorded in the parade register. Letters of appreciation are received after each parade and all compliment the cadets on their excellent turnout. Whispers of information lead the writer to believe that we may hear fifes being played before very long.

GENERAL

It seems as though the ex-cadets cannot keep away from the unit and recent visits to H.Q. have been made by Lt. Renfred Jones, recently home from Cyprus; Boy/Sgt. Cooper, R.A. on embarkation leave before posting to Germany; Leading Seaman Taylor, R.N.; Boy Taylor, Junior Leaders' Regt. and W.O.2 Myers, R.E., who has now set up business in Maidstone. Casting back one's memories of the cadets who have made the services their career, those of the 1st Battalion should be proud to know that many are serving in stations throughout the world and the majority have made the grade to promotion, one having reached the rank of Capt. in the Royal Signals.

2nd (Cadet) Battalion

The year so far has been a very busy one, Centenary Parades have taken up a lot of our time. Three cadets from the Battalion took part in the Northern Command boxing finals, Cadets Goodey and Smith from Wellingborough and Cadet Graham from Rushden, who won a medal. On the 2nd February Major V. C. M. Williams gave a talk to the Battalion on the Nijmegen March, and it is hoped that sometime we shall be able to send cadets to take part in one. All the W.O.s attended a dinner given to them by the Field Officers of the county at the Training Centre on the 13th February, W.O.s also attended from the 1st and 4th Battalions and a good time was had by all. Cadets from most of the Battalion units visited the Regimental Depot on the 20th February. Major Moore, the O.C. Depot, made the visit very interesting and it was much enjoyed by all the cadets who went. Twenty-one cadets passed the Certificate "A" examination held at Northampton on the 17th-28th February. They were Cadets R. Buckby (Irthling-borough), Cadets R. Bostic and M. Smith (Rushden), Cadet G. Smith (Wellingborough), Cadets B. Culpin, V. Farrag, J. Fox, B. Gillon, E. Smythe and M. Wilson (Corby), Cadets R. Bellamy, R. Carvell, I. Eady, D. Ghuat, C. Hales, A. McCune, P. Pettiquin, J. Plowright, B. Smith and B. Underwood (Kettering).

During the week-end 19th-20th March a party of cadets visited the Army Apprentices' School at Harrogate and they all thought it was well worth the visit. The Commandant of the School certainly

laid on a good programme.

Kettering unit had a busy time when they took part in a youth exhibition at the Kettering Art Gallery from the 4th April until the 9th April; hard work was put into the stand, which was a credit to them.

The Centenary Parades at Northampton on the 5th May and both parades at Peterborough on the 7th-8th May, were attended by a representative unit of the Battalion. The Battalion's own parade was held at Kettering on the 6th May. The parade was inspected and addressed by the Mayor of Kettering, and the salute at the march past was taken by Col. J. T. Ennals, M.B.E. On the 25th June a display was given at Wellingborough and on the 19th June a Church Parade was held at Irthlingborough, both in connection with the Centenary Celebrations.

At Kettering, the Borough Parks Dept. have put down in flowers the A.C.F. badge. This is well worth a visit. It is in the Manor House Gardens

at the top of Northampton Road.

We welcome the cadets of the Lincolnshire Regt. and hope that in the near future we shall have the pleasure of meeting them.

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3rd/4th (Cadet) Battalion

The Battalion strength now stands at 7 Officers, 2 part-time Acting Administrative Instructors, 4 Sergeant-Major Instructors, 3 Sergeant Instructors and 105 Cadets. Vacancies exist for one Officer and 5 adult Instructors.

On Saturday, 13th February, all adult instructors of the Counties of Huntingdonshire and Northamptonshire were invited to a supper at the County Training Centre, Northampton. Organised by Major R. E. Amos, M.B.E., and Major D. J.

Tansley, the occasion was an undoubted success.
At a Certificate "A" Part I Examination held at Northampton on Saturday and Sunday, 27th-28th February, the Battalion obtained 16 passes.

A dance arranged by Battalion Headquarters was held at the Town Hall, Peterborough, on Saturday, 5th March, and approximately £25 was realised for the Battalion fund.

For the second year in succession the Battalion was successful in winning the Major R. G. Smith miniature range pistol shoot, and apart from the trophy itself, each member of the team received an inscribed bronze medal.

On Monday and Tuesday, 2nd and 3rd of May, an exhibition was staged at the Drill Hall, Lincoln Road, Peterborough, to start off the local Army Cadet Force Centenary Celebrations. Thanks to the co-operation of Regular Army recruiting office, 5th Battalion The Northampton Regiment, T.A. and Peterborough Detachment, 566 Company, R.A.S.C. (T.A.), many parents of the cadets were able to visit a worthwhile exhibition, and witnessed a display by the Battalion Corps of Drums. As a result of this effort, 8 recruits and one adult instructor were

Saturday and Sunday, 7th and 8th May, were probably the most auspicious occasions in the Battalion's history.

On the Saturday, thanks to excellent liaison between County Headquarters and the Peterborough Town Council, an area of the River Nene embankment was roped off for the Battalion Centenary Parade.

Representative contingents from the 1st and 2nd Battalions and Corby Grammar School Independent Company, resulted in a parade of some 250 cadets. The Mayor of Peterborough, Councillor Mrs. M. Swift, inspected the cadets and saw the hand-over from the 2nd Battalion of the Duke of Edinburgh's Banner. Following an address by the Mayor, displays were given by the Corps of Drums under Sergeant-Major Instructor Firth, and physical training squad from Corby Grammar School under Capt. P. Barthorpe. This was followed by a march past the Mayor, and among the many guests were Col. J. T. Ennals, M.B.E., County Cadet Commandant, Brigadier D. E. Taunton, C.B., D.S.O., Major-General E. D. Fanshawe, C.B., C.B.E., Col. R. K. McMichael, O.B.E., J.P., and Major R. E. Amos, M.B.E.

Parents and guests then proceeded to the Drill Hall, Lincoln Road, where tea was served.

3rd/4th Battalion then paraded and the County Commandant presented the Battalion Commander,

Major R. M. Hobbs, with the Army Cadet Force Certificate of Good Service, and Capt. E. G. Pallash, Area Captain, with the Cadet Force's Medal.

A short religious service was then held by the County Chaplain, Capt. The Rev. W. A. Jones, followed by the hand-over of the Duke of Edinburgh's Banner to an escort from Nottinghamshire Army Cadet Force.

At a parade held at Lincoln Road Drill Hall on Friday, 17th June, the Commanding Officer, Major R. M. Hobbs, presented a Certificate of Good Service to Sergeant-Major Instructor J. Firth.

The Corps of Drums are considerably improved, and have given a display on Westwood Works, Peterborough, Sports Day. They also paraded on the occasion of the British Legion's re-dedication service at Peterborough Cathedral on Sunday, 10th

At a Certificate "A" Part II examination held at Northampton on Sunday, 26th June, three cadets were successful.

We congratulate Bandmaster Holland of 5th

Battalion, on his award of the B.E.M. 2/Lt. A. N. Dudley, O.C. Buckden Detachment, has qualified at a King George VI Leadership Course at the National Cadet Training Centre,

Frimley Park.

L/Cpl. M. Nightingale of Walton Detachment has been selected to fire for the county .22 team, and at Kettering on Sunday, 10th June, he achieved top score of 94 and 95 on his two match cards. Thanks to the interest and efforts of Capt. B. Frost we are now considerably more optimistic about our match firing.

In conclusion, our sincere thanks to Brigadier Taunton and to Major Amos and his staff for their efforts in the Centenary Celebrations, and to the local press for their co-operation in placing our

activities before the public.

Prize Essay Competition

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GOLD MEDAL AND TRENCH GASCOIGNE PRIZE ESSAY COMPETITION, 1960

Prize—Thirty guineas and Gold Medal. Closing date: 16th November, 1960.

Subject 1. Discuss the importance of Africa on world strategy

OR

2. "The thermo-nuclear stalemate makes a major war out of the question. The Suez operation showed that a limited war, even if successful, is bound to be a political catastrophe. The internal security of our colonies and dependencies does not call for Forces of the size and complexity, particularly the complexity, that we now have. What, then, are the Services for? Discuss this with proposals on how the Services should be reshaped.

General conditions for this essay competition will be the same as for the 1959 competition in A.C.I. 82/59.

Regimental Associations

The 10th Foot Royal Lincolnshire Regimental Association

ANNUAL REUNION, 1960

The Annual Reunion of the Association will be held on Saturday, 8th October, 1960, at the Derbyshire Miners' Welfare Centre, Winthorpe Avenue, Skegness. The Centre is situated 1½ miles north of Skegness rinlway station and on a bus route. Facilities exist at the Centre for the parking of cars and omnibuses, free of charge.

Sleeping accommodation is also available in chalets, for which a charge of 10s. 6d. will be made for bed and breakfast. Lunch for those arriving early on the morning of 8th October can be provided, if desired, for the sum of 4s. 6d.

Those requiring meals and accommodation should apply in the first instance to the Secretary of the Boston and District Branch of our Association: Mr. F. Myatt, 1 Hurle Crescent, Boston, Lincolnshire.

REUNION MEETINGS

The General Committee Meeting will be held in a room at the Derbyshire Miners' Welfare Centre at approximately 3 p.m. Whilst the meeting is in progress members of the Association who are to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Association following the Committee meeting, are invited to see a film which is to be shown in another room, set aside for the General Meeting. At the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting, tea may be obtained at moderate charge.

ANNUAL REUNION DINNER

The Annual Reunion Dinner will be at 7 for 7.30 p.m. Tickets 11s. each. The menu being provided is soup, fish, chicken_or turkey, with vegetables; a sweet; cheese and biscuits; coffee. Tickets may be obtained from the Secretary of Branches or the General Secretary of the Association. A dance will take place in the ballroom of the Derbyshire Miners' Welfare Centre at the conclusion of the dinner. The total seating accommodation for the dinner is 460.

Three bars are available in the building for use of our members until 11,15 p.m.

DIVINE SERVICE

Sunday, 9th October, 1960
Divine Service will be held at the "Stump"
(Boston Parish Church), at 10.30 a.m., when it is

hoped as many members of the Association able to do so will attend. A short march past will take place after the service at which it is anticipated the Worshipful Mayor of Boston will take the salute. The Band of the 4/6th Bn. The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (T.A.) by kind permission of Lt.-Col. G. M. Sanders, T.D., will take part.

Northamptonshire Regiment Comrades Association

This being the first of what we hope will be many contributions to THE POACHER, let us first offer our congratulations and hope that it will go from strength to strength in its future publications. Many members of the London Branch (Northampton Wing) spent a very enjoyable week-end in May at Northampton on the occasion of the last reunion as such, although we are sure that the forthcoming reunions will be on the same old lines. Among those present were the following: Major Mumford, Messrs Tindall, Bell, Wilding, Drinkwater, Dyer, McKee, Harrison, George, Matthews, Holloway, Stowe; also Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. McKee. Our memories will be of the church parade and the impressive farewell to the Colours, most appropriately at the Old Barracks, these having been the home of the majority of those on parade during their recruit days, rather than Quebec. It was unfortunate that we were not able to be represented at the July parade at Watchet, unfortunately most of us are not able to get away on a week-day.

Now for some London news. We are in process of organising a dance to be run on 24th September, to which all past and present members of the Regiment are welcome. Just get in touch with me at the following address and all details will be sent to you:—

G. H. Tindall, Hon. Secretary, London Branch Comrades' Association, 15 Micawber House, Llewellyn House, Bermondsey, S.E.16.

The dance is being held at our headquarters: Drill Hall, Westminster Dragoons, 1 Elverton St., Horseferry Road, Westminster, S.W.1.

PETERBOROUGH BRANCH

1960 opened with the attendance of Branch members at a farewell party at Lincoln Road on 23rd January, for Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Denny. The party was well attended and the evening was much enjoyed. A "Pirates' Ball' was held at London Road

Drill Hall on 16th April. Despite great activity in preparation it was not as well attended as was anticipated. It was most pleasing to see in attendance Col. and Mrs. Danby and Capt. and Mrs. Akehurst complete in pirate attire. Congratulations to Mrs. Danby and Capt. Akehurst on winning prizes for the best-dressed "pirates". A draw for the Grand National was held with great success. Many thanks to all who contributed and assisted.

We feel we must record how impressed we all were by the detachment and colour party of the 1st Battalion who attended Peterborough and Northampton during the county march, and the impressive conclusion of the parade at Northampton by the colour party. A great deal of hard work must have been involved for all members, and the Branch congratulates you on your excellent manner and bearing.

We extend our congratulations to a Branch mem-

ber, Bandmaster Holland, on his award of the B.E.M. in the Queen's Birthdar Honours List.

It is pleasing to see our stalwarts still attending Branch meetings which involve travel from outlying districts such as Whittlesey and Thorney; a good effort on their part. Welcome back to Charlie Burgess after his recent operation and hoping he continues to make good progress. We shall be pleased to see Joe Landin again in harness after his accident and wish him a speedy recovery.

We extend a hearty welcome to the following new Branch members: Ald. W. F. Cannon, M.B.E., J.P.; Mr. J. Harper; Mr. S. Bloodworth; Mr. J. Hobbs; Cpl. N. Eatwell; Mr. J. Simonds; Mr. T.

Vine

It has been proposed that we organise a Branch outing to take place in late summer. Details will be submitted to members when arrangements are complete.

Comrades Association New Members

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