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EDITORIAL

What the Soldier gets today

Recruiting in the Infantry is still a problem, though since our last number, published in September, the recruiting figures for 2nd East Anglian Regiment have shown a very distinct improvement.

We are very doubtful if the young man of today really knows what a fine life and what a good career the army offers.

Let us trace the career of an average young man, we will call him John Brown, who joins the 2nd East Anglian Regiment today. An ordinary young man without any special brains or qualifications who joins up at 17½, and is still single. He will receive on joining £6 9s. 6d. per week. He will be housed, clothed and fed free (and fed extremely well). He may become a driver, a signaller and trained wireless operator, a clerk or typist, a machine gunner, a member of an anti tank gun team or a 3in. mortar team, a carpenter or a bricklayer, or even a P.T. instructor.

If he likes games, he will probably play football, cricket, rugby or hockey on three or four days per week. In the evenings he can play basket ball or badminton in the gym. If he wants to read a book or a paper or write a letter he can go into the quiet room. If he is musical there will probably be a music club he can join (if he isn't musical he can listen to the juke box!) He has radio and TV, tombolas and socials for further relaxation and a host of good friends.

After he has been in the Army for 18 months John Brown will get a rise in pay up to £7 7s. 0d. per week. When he is 21 he may decide to get married. His weekly pay and allowances will then be £12 6s. 2d. if he is still a private, but if he is a corporal (as he may well be) he will draw £14 1s. 2d. He will be given a house fully furnished with furniture, soft furnishings, crockery, cutlery, cooking utensils, child's cot, high chair and even a play pen and the rent he will be charged will be approximately 28s. 6d. per week. (In civilian life a Council house costs more than this, and is *unfurnished*.)

What happens when he is posted abroad? Let us assume that Corporal John Brown, now married and with two children is sent to Malaya with his family. By now he may be 24. His total pay and allowances in Malaya will come to £21 7s. 9d. per week. He will pay 28s. 6d. for his house leaving him £19 19s. 3d. per week—not bad for 24!

Soon he may become a sergeant and in time a warrant officer and, of course, his pay will rise accordingly.

After 22 years' service in the Army, he can leave with a life pension—if he is a sergeant it will be £3 11s. 6d. per week, if a W.O. £4 8s. 0d. per week. In addition he will receive a tax free gratuity ranging from £560 in the case of a sergeant to £729 in the case of a warrant officer. He can go on

vocational training for his last six months of service and be taught a trade, and he can then settle down to a job at the age of 40 with his pension to supplement his pay, a substantial sum in the bank and a memory of 22 happy years in the Army, and a knowledge of the world denied to many others.

Its pretty good value, and there is no doubt about it, the Army today offers a fine well paid career with an assured future.

Apology

We tender our sincere apologies to 1st East Anglian Regiment (Royal Norfolk and Suffolk) for omitting in our last number from the list of Messages received on amalgamation day the following:

From 1st East Anglian Regiment

All ranks 1st East Anglian Regiment (Royal Norfolk and Suffolk) send sincere good wishes on Amalgamation Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire Regiments. We are indeed proud that we shall have the privilege of serving alongside you in East Anglian Brigade and of being more closely associated with the glorious past and magnificent traditions of your two former regiments.

MAXWELL, Colonel,
1st East Anglian Regiment.

Regimental Tie 2nd East Anglian Regiment

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

The following are entitled to wear the tie of the 2nd East Anglian Regiment:

- (1) All Members of the 2nd East Anglian Regiment.
- (2) All Regular Officers and other ranks who have served in the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment or the Northamptonshire Regiment.

Please

May we remind all contributors that notes and articles for the March, 1961 issue should reach the Editor by 20th January, 1961

Recruiting A Top Priority

A recruiting team of four officers and 35 other ranks with a complete display of weapons, vehicles, wireless sets, types of uniform and combat clothing, and cooking, visited Northampton for the British Timken Show on August 26th and 27th, and for the County Show on September 10th. They also staged a display on the Market Square in Northampton on September 8th.

The same team returned to Northamptonshire in October and for 14 days toured the County, visiting Corby, Brackley, Daventry, Higham Ferrers, Brixworth, Irthlingborough, Rothwell, Desborough, Rushden, Wellingborough and Huntingdon.

In November they toured Lincolnshire visiting Gainsborough, Grantham, Louth, Alford, Stamford, Grimsby, Scunthorpe, Boston, Sleaford, Lincoln, Spilsby, Spalding and Horncastle.

Everywhere they were well received and the local authorities have co-operated most willingly by affording facilities for the displays.

Each County now has a resident recruiting van, a three-tonner converted as a display vehicle with a team from the 1st Battalion. These vans will tour the two Counties regularly, visiting towns, villages and hamlets talking to the residents and getting the regiment known.

The results so far have been most encouraging and recruits are beginning to flow in at a steady rate.

Further tours by the main recruiting team will be undertaken in December (Northamptonshire) and January (Lincolnshire) and also in the spring and summer, and it is expected that the whole battalion will spend a week in Lincolnshire and a week in Northamptonshire during the summer of 1961.

A letter signed by the Colonel of the Regiment and the Associate Colonel explaining the organisation of 2nd East Anglian Regiment and its T.A. and County connections has been widely distributed in both Counties, and the response has been most gratifying.

On October 18th, at the invitation of the High Sheriff of Northamptonshire, the 1st Battalion provided a guard of honour of three officers and 96 rank and file for the Assize Judge outside County Hall, Northampton. The 58th Regimental Colour was on parade carried by Lt. P. W. Edwards.

The whole guard was extremely smart and the drill of a high standard. The Guard, with the Band and Drums, marched from Gibraltar Barracks to County Hall, and back after the parade, and the crowds who watched were most impressed by the excellent bearing and marching.

By keeping the 2nd East Anglian Regiment in the public eye in Northamptonshire and Lincolnshire the Regiment hope to encourage young men to make the Army their career. Judging by their efforts so far, they are succeeding.

Officers' Mess East Anglian Brigade Depot

The Brigade Colonel, Commanding Officer and Officers of the East Anglian Brigade Depot hope that all Serving Regular and Territorial Officers and retired officers of the East Anglian Brigade will consider themselves Honorary Members of the Brigade Depot Officers' Mess.

It is hoped that any officers who are passing through or near Bury St. Edmunds will take the opportunity to visit the Depot.

It would be helpful if prior warning could be given of meals or accommodation required.

The Royal Merchant Navy School

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

Since 1921 the Royal Merchant Navy School, founded in 1827, has occupied the Mansion and Park known as Bear Wood in Berkshire, three miles from Wokingham and six from Reading.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For further information apply Headmaster.



Gold and Diamond Brooch

Presented to H.R.H.
The Duchess of Gloucester

Colonel-in-Chief
2nd East Anglian Regiment
(Duchess of Gloucester's Own Royal
Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire)

9th November, 1960

Presentation of Gold and Diamond Brooch in the form of the Regimental Collar Badge to The Colonel-in-Chief

On August 1st the Colonel of the Regiment wrote to the Lady-in-Waiting of Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Gloucester and suggested that the 2nd East Anglian Regiment would be honoured to present a regimental brooch to their Colonel-in-Chief.

The following letter was received from the Lady-in-Waiting:

Dear Brigadier Oulton.

The Duchess of Gloucester has just read your letter of August 1st and I hasten to write and tell you how touched and delighted Her Royal Highness is at the suggestion that 2nd East Anglian Regiment should present her with the Regimental Badge in the form of a brooch.

The Duchess desires me to tell you how kind she thinks this is and how proud and pleased she will be to possess the Badge.

Her Royal Highness thanks you all so much for such a kind and generous thought and wishes you to know how much she will value this gift from her Regiment.

Yours sincerely,
BARBARA HOLLAND,
Lady-in-Waiting.

The brooch was presented to the Colonel-in-Chief at York House on November 9th, 1960, by the Colonel of the Regiment, who was accompanied by Lt.-Col. G. V. Martin, M.C., Commanding Officer of 1st Bn. 2nd East Anglian Regiment.

When making the presentation on behalf of the Regiment, the Colonel explained to Her Royal Highness that each individual in the Regiment had participated in the gift.

In conveying her thanks to all ranks the Colonel-in-Chief expressed her delight with the brooch and said how proud she would be to wear it.

At the same time Her Royal Highness was shown the new Colours which have been made for the 1st Battalion, and was extremely interested and expressed her delight and admiration of the beautiful work.

The Colours, which have been shown to the 1st Battalion, were brought to London by Lt.-Col. G. V. Martin, M.C., and the Drum-Major of the 1st Battalion.

No date has yet been fixed for the Presentation of these Colours to the 1st Battalion.

Regimental Brooch

A letter of thanks from H.R.H. The Duchess of Gloucester

York House,
St. James's Palace.
11th November, 1960.

Dear Brigadier Oulton,

To you and All Ranks, past and present, of

the Duchess of Gloucester's Own Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire Regiment, I would like to say how delighted I am with the beautiful regimental brooch you have so kindly given me. It is a wonderful piece of workmanship and design, and I shall be proud to wear it.

I am very touched that you should all have subscribed towards my brooch, and send to you all my most grateful thanks.

Yours sincerely,
Alice,
Colonel-in-Chief.

Brigadier R. H. L. Oulton, C.B.E.,
Colonel, 2nd East Anglian Regiment
(Duchess of Gloucester's Own Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire).

Silver Wedding Anniversary

Their Royal Highness's The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester

November 6th, 1960, was the occasion of the Silver Wedding Anniversary of their Royal Highness's The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester.

To mark the occasion the Regiments and Corps with which their Royal Highness's are associated presented them with a crested dinner service. Each Regiment gave eight plates divided amongst the different sizes which make up the dinner service, each plate having the badge of the Regiment in colour in the centre. Members of the Dinner Club of the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment and the Northamptonshire Regiment contributed to the cost of the Regiment's share in the dinner service.

On November 9th, at York House, the Colonel of the Regiment was graciously thanked for the Regiment's part in the gift of the dinner service and was shown some of the plates given by each Regiment. They are very beautiful, and the dinner service must be quite unique.

The following telegram was sent to the Duchess on November 6th:

All ranks 2nd East Anglian Regiment send their loyal duty and devotion and their best wishes to their Colonel-in-Chief on the occasion of her Silver Wedding Anniversary.

OULTON, *Colonel.*
TAUNTON, *Associate Colonel.*

The following message was received by Brig. Oulton:

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester thank you for your kind message on the occasion of their Silver Wedding which their Royal Highness's very much appreciate.

Silver Wedding Present

A letter of thanks from Their Royal Highnesses The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester

York House,
St. James's Palace,
11th November, 1960.

Dear Brigadier Oulton,

Will you please thank all the Officers in your Regiment who so kindly subscribed to our Silver Wedding present. The plates are just what the Duke and I wanted and will always be a reminder of our connection with the 2nd East Anglian Regiment (Duchess of Gloucester's Own Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire).

I was very pleased to have had the opportunity of thanking you personally when you called on Wednesday.

Yours sincerely,
Henry Alice
Colonel-in-Chief.

Brigadier R. H. L. Oulton, C.B.E.,
Colonel, 2nd East Anglian Regiment
(Duchess of Gloucester's Own Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire).

Personalia

Capt. E. B. BAILEY has been posted to the East Anglian Brigade Depot with effect from August 29th, 1960.

Capt. M. J. BARTHORP has been appointed a Staff Captain in M.O. 4 at The War Office, and takes up his appointment in January 1961.

The Barracks, Barrack Road, Northampton, for a long time the home of The Northamptonshire Regiment, and now the Headquarters of the Regiment was renamed GIBRALTAR BARRACKS on August 18th, 1960.

2/Lt. A. W. BRINDLEY has joined the Regiment and is serving with the 1st Battalion.

Lt.-Col. G. D. COLE, M.C., was appointed A.Q.M.G. (Ops. and Plans) at Headquarters, British Forces Arabian Peninsula on August 27th, 1960. We congratulate him on his promotion.

We congratulate Major J. L. M. DYMOKE, M.B.E., on his promotion to the rank of substantive Major.

2/Lt. G. A. E. DENTON has joined the Regiment and is now serving with the 1st Battalion at Watchet.

Major G. S. DREW has been appointed G.S.O. II at H.Q. North Midland Area and takes up his appointment on January 9th, 1961.

Major M. A. W. DAVIES, M.B.E., M.C., has been attached to Headquarters Caribbean Area and joined them in September, 1960.

Lt. R. J. H. DRUMMOND has joined the 1st Battalion at Watchet.

Lt.-Col. R. P. S. ERSKINE-TULLOCH assumed command of the 1st Battalion on December 15th, 1960. We congratulate him on being appointed to command, and on his promotion.

We congratulate Lt. (Q.M.) J. E. EDWARDS on being granted a regular quartermaster Commission. He took up an appointment with H.Q. 3 Inf. Div., Salisbury, on October 11th, 1960.

We congratulate Major G. FOSTER, T.D., on the award of the Territorial Efficiency Decoration.

Capt. J. A. GARNETT has been appointed G.S.O. II Caribbean Area and takes up his appointment on the termination of his Staff College Course.

Major R. C. C. GREENER has been posted to 1st Battalion 3rd East Anglian Regiment. He joins them in January, 1961.

We congratulate Capt. and Mrs. J. P. GROWSE on the birth of a second son on September 14th, 1960.

Brig. P. W. P. GREEN, C.B.E., D.S.O., has been appointed D.D.M.I., War Office. He takes up his appointment on April 20th, 1961.

Major J. R. GRIFFIN is now living at Bossington Gardens, Linslade, Beds.

Major C. J. GARDINER is returning to Regimental Duty and joins the 1st Battalion in March, 1961.

Lt. J. McK. GOUGH has joined the 5th Battalion The Queen's Own Nigeria Regiment.

We congratulate Capt. and Mrs. J. A. GARNETT on the birth of a daughter.

Major J. A. HUGHES has been appointed Brigade Major 159 Inf. Bde. (T.A.) on completion of his Staff College Course and takes up his appointment in January 1961.

Major A. M. HUTCHINSON was unfortunate in the recent floods in the West Country. His house was in the centre of two cloudbursts (4 inches in 3 hours) and he found himself fighting his way back to the house up to his chest in a swirling torrent after endeavouring to rescue his cat. He says he and his wife are still smiling despite the furniture being smashed up and all his books and papers being destroyed. The Battalion at Watchet were able to give assistance in clearing up.

2/Lt. C. H. JAMES has joined the Regiment and is now serving with the 1st Battalion.

Major (Q.M.) E. JESSUP has been appointed Staff Captain (Q.) North West District and takes up his appointment this month.

Major T. C. S. KNOX has been appointed Brigade Major H.Q. Singapore Military Forces Independent Brigade Group. We congratulate him on being promoted T/Major.

Major H. H. MOORE has been posted to the Sierra Leone Regiment. He is stationed at DARU.

Major (Q.M.) C. H. MACKIAM, M.B.E., has been appointed Q.M. of 4th/6th Royal Lincoln's (T.A.) vice-Major (Q.M.) E. Jessup.

Col. G. V. MARTIN, M.C., has been selected for appointment as Brigade Colonel, East Anglian Brigade. He takes up the appointment on January 26th, 1961. We congratulate him on his promotion.

Major J. D. MONKMAN has been working for the Foreign Office. He has obtained employment in Japan and proceeds there in April 1961. He intends going *via* America.

Major J. R. PAWLETT is serving with 1 Sierra Leone Regiment at DARU, West Africa.

Lt.-Col. C. PENNACK, c/o Standard Bank of South Africa, A.B.C. Branch, West Street, Durban, writing from South Africa, writes of a recent motor tour he and his wife carried out of the Union, he mentions having visited Lt.-Col. F. W. Young's brother at his Mission Station. He corresponds with Major G. A. V. (Bunch) Keays who resides at Ialeham, Eastcliffe, Hermanns, Cape Province, and like himself likes reading news of old friends published in the Newsletter—and hopes such news will be continued in THE POACHER for which he has subscribed.

We congratulate Lt. J. PORTER-WRIGHT on the announcement of his engagement.

Maj.-Gen. G. ST. G. ROBINSON, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., Brig. J. LINGHAM, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., and Brig. D. E. TAUNTON, C.B., D.S.O., were present at the Installation Service at the most honourable Order of the Bath which was held in Westminster Abbey on October 27th.

We congratulate Lt. G. T. SHERWELL on his promotion.

Capt. P. H. SURTEES, M.C., joins the Battalion in January 1961, after a tour with the Airborne Forces.

Capt. J. TADMAN is serving with 11 Liaison Flight, A.A.C. Singapore.

We have heard from Mr. T. L. TUNE who now lives at 67 Conway Road, Carlton, Nottingham. He served with the 58th Regiment from 1906 to 1913 being with them in Bordon, Colchester and Malta. On the outbreak of World War I he joined the 48th Regiment. He says he enjoys good health and takes part in sport and is amongst other things Secretary of the Pensioners' Bowls Club.

We congratulate Capt. F. T. TURNBULL, R.A.E.C., late Northamptonshire Regiment on his

award of the "Clasp" to the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (Military).

We congratulate Lt. J. L. UZELL on his promotion.

Capt. R. W. WHITNEY has been appointed an Intelligence Officer at the Australian Military Intelligence Directorate, Canberra. He takes up the appointment this month.

Capt. J. P. WETHERALL will join the Battalion on completion of his tour in Kenya in March 1961.

John WENHAM, son of Lt.-Col. and Mrs. A. W. WENHAM is now serving as Assistant Inspector in the Northern Rhodesian Police; and has visited Col. and Mrs. P. J. E. Rowell residing in Lusaka, and hopes very shortly to visit his sister and brother-in-law, Major and Mrs. Sinnett who live in Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia.

We congratulate Brig. N. J. DICKSON, D.S.O., and Brig. P. W. P. GREEN, C.B.E., D.S.O., on their promotion to the rank of Brigadier.

We congratulate Col. A. W. INNES, O.B.E., M.C., and Col. R. P. BAILEY, O.B.E., on their promotion to the rank of Colonel.

Naming of the Barracks Northampton

On August 18th, 1960, The Barracks in Barrack Road, Northampton, was named GIBRALTAR. The Unit then was known as the Brigade Depot 48th Regimental district and was commanded by a full Colonel, and not always one who had served BARRACKS. The barracks were first used by the Northamptonshire Regiment in 1872.

in the 48th. The Depot was staffed by officers and other ranks of the 48th (after 1881 by Northamptonshire Regiment) and the Northamptonshire and Rutland Militia.

In 1908 the Unit was renamed Regimental Depot The Northamptonshire Regiment and was staffed completely by the Northamptonshire Regiment. The Regiment Depot continued to occupy the barracks until the outbreak of war in 1939, when it became an Infantry Training Centre.

Quebec Barracks was completed in 1942, and in 1947 the Regimental Depot was re-constituted as such and occupied Quebec Barracks.

Gibraltar Barracks is now occupied by the Northern Command Pay Office (Infantry) Royal Army Pay Corps. Also in the Barracks is the H.Q. of the Territorial Association of Huntingdon and Northamptonshire and the Regimental Headquarters of 2nd East Anglian Regiment (Duchess of Gloucester's Own Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire).

Deaths

MARSHALL

On May 13th, 1960, in a motor accident at Ecton, Northants, Cpl. Derek Marshall, Northamptonshire Regiment serving with 5th Bn. The Northamptonshire Regiment (T.A.).

LINLEY

On June 26th, 1960, Capt. H. B. Linley, late Royal Lincolnshire Regiment, at 12 Bell Street, Shaftesbury, Dorset.

TRIPP

On August 22nd, 1960, Mr. J. Tripp, ex-R.Q.M.S. The Northamptonshire Regiment at his home, 68 Lorne Road, Northampton.

WEIGHTMAN

On September 6th, 1960, Mr. W. Weightman, late Private Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (aged 80), at 9 Almond Grove, Scunthorpe, Lincs.

HUELIN

On September 15th, 1960, Mr. W. Huelin, ex-Private (4655) The Northamptonshire Regiment, in London. Aged 83 years.

NEVILLE

On September 18th, 1960, Capt. N. Neville, late Royal Lincolnshire Regiment, at Morton Manor Farm, Swinderby, Lincoln.

RAFFERY

On September 23rd, 1960, Mr. S. Raffery, late Private Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (aged 81), in Belfast.

TURNELL

On September 4th, 1960, at Leicester, Mr. G. TURNELL, late Sergeant Northamptonshire Regiment.

Obituary

MR. J. TRIPP

It is with regret that we have to record the death of Jim Tripp in this edition of the Journal after such a long period of service to his country.

He joined The Northamptonshire Regiment before the turn of the century and soon saw service with the 48th Regiment in India. His ability was such that he quickly gained promotion and amongst other appointments he had a tour as Officers' Mess Sergeant. He eventually became Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant of the 3rd Bn. The Northamptonshire Regiment and held the appointment for the whole of the First World War. He was an excellent shot and represented the Battalion regularly.

In between the wars he was mobilisation storeman at the Regimental Depot, The Northamptonshire Regiment and then joined the Garrison Engineer's staff remaining at what is now Gibraltar Barracks. His mobilisation stores were a showpiece and always a place to visit by any inspecting officer.

We offer our sympathy to his family in their sad loss.

Disposal of Chattels (Silver and Property)

A new trust deed amalgamating the Trusts for benefit of Former 1st and 2nd Battalions of the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment and the Former 1st and 2nd Battalions of the Northamptonshire Regiment has now been executed and sealed by the Charity Commission.

In the new Trust, which is for the benefit of the 2nd East Anglian Regiment (Duchess of Gloucester's Own Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire) Managing Trustees have been appointed as under:

Ex Officio Trustees

The Colonel of the Regiment

The Associate Colonel of the Regiment

The Commanding Officer for the time being of 1st Battalion 2nd East Anglian Regiment.

Nominated Trustees

Two Trustees to be nominated by the Ex Officio Trustees who shall be either Serving officers of 2nd East Anglian Regiment or former officers of either the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment or the Northamptonshire Regiment.

The general principle governing the disposal of chattels belonging to 2nd East Anglian Regiment, and formerly the property of the former 1st and 2nd Battalions of the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment and the Northamptonshire Regiment will be in accordance with the regulations contained in the Trust Deed for benefit of 2nd East Anglian Regiment. This lays down that chattels may be loaned or sold, and if sold the proceeds of sale will be credited to the appropriate funded charity.

PRIORITIES

- (1) 1st Battalion 2nd East Anglian Regiment, who will retain sufficient table silver to equip a 2nd Battalion.
- (2) The Depot East Anglian Brigade.
- (3) 4th/6th Battalion The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment, T.A., and 5th Battalion The Northamptonshire Regiment, T.A.



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- (4) The Museums of the Northamptonshire Regiment and the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment.
- (5) Allied Regiments.
- (6) Corps, Military Colleges and Schools, etc.
- (7) Borough Councils in Northamptonshire and Lincolnshire.
- (8) The remaining chattels will be listed and valued and will be offered for sale to:
 - (a) Past and present Regular officers of 2nd East Anglian Regiment, the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment and the Northamptonshire Regiment (Officers' Mess chattels) whose addresses are known.
 - (b) Past and present Regular Warrant Officers and Sergeants of 2nd East Anglian Regiment, the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment and the Northamptonshire Regiment (Sergeants' Mess chattels) whose addresses are known.

Where there are several applicants for one item, the disposal will be decided by ballot, providing that individuals who have presented items included in the lists, shall have the first priority to purchase such items.

Two Sub-Committees will be formed, one from each former Regular Regiment, who will prepare plans for disposal of chattels for approval of the Managing Trustees.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

1961

January. Recruiting Tour in Lincolnshire

February or March. Recruiting Tour in Northamptonshire.

Summer. 1st Bn. Tours Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire
(Dates not yet fixed)

July 14, 15, 16. Reunion (Northamptonshire Wing) at Northampton

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FLYING EAST

By A.W.I.

Bristol's "Whispering Giant" Britannia is now in service on the Far East air trooping run and large, swift and smooth it is too. Though to the many servicemen and their families who go East, flying is now common place, I must admit contemplating my short tour with some pleasure and a tinge of excitement. In the event the journey was quiet and uneventful, yet in retrospect one realises how astonishingly imaginative our Movements Staff are these days; for who else but them could contrive to relieve boredom with a four-course dinner overflying the Alps at 2.45 a.m. when sleep has long since claimed the body.

I was in the Far East on a three-week tour, principally for conferences in Singapore, Indonesia and Hong Kong. After some 27 hours flying we made good the Malayan coast off Penang and with visibility good, views of Kedah and Perak were clear. Taiping and Ipoh were beyond the horizon, but it wasn't difficult to imagine them and soon old favourites such as Kuala Lumpur, Port Dickson Batu Pahat and Yong Peng were passed with many thoughts flooding my mind. By misfortune this visit, last July, coincided with a period of unpre-

cedented heat and humidity in the area and in spite of a recent three-year tour I found myself totally un-acclimatised.

In two years Singapore hardly seemed at all changed. From Payar Lebar airport to Tanglin the familiar landmarks are still evident; the Cathay Cinema, Britannia Service Club well patronised by its Sunday Morning sun worshippers, Orchard Road now sporting a rival to the Singapore Cold Storage in "Fitzpatricks" (which is apparently the mecca of all mems) and G.H.Q., F.A.R.E.L.I., itself still a complex of antiquated bashas, brass and clerks. I found five days here quite enough, possibly because as an itinerant visitor one is a stranger amongst locals. The City's reputation for hospitality has in no way diminished, but the endless social chatter of shopping and parties, amahs and schools somehow seemed stale and repetitive, though I admit one had been a contributor to it all before. For this reason Singapore had, to me, lost some of its novelty and previous charm.

Whilst there we managed a small East Anglian reunion and I was splendidly regalled to dinner at Raffles by the Longs and the Barstows. Tadman,

the intrepid flyer, was unable to come, being on some mission in the Ipoh area. I also met Peter Baily who was up from Australia for a short visit; he dined us on excellent Indian curry.

After nearly a week in Singapore I accompanied our Military Attache at Djakarta (formerly Batavia) to Indonesia which I was to visit for five days. Flying down the Malacca Straits in two-and-a-half hours by Comet we reached the sea port and capital, Djakarta, at midnight. Here is a typical teeming, sticky, Asian city, developed by the Dutch, but somehow lacking the fascination of its Asian sisters of Calcutta, Rangoon and Bangkok. The Javanese are quiet, gentle and perhaps a little indolent by Western standards, and thus in every way delightful; to organise and administer is not their forte. With its 80 million souls and thousands of Islands Indonesia is a large country striving in the early days of nationhood. Initially under a brief period of British rule, ably led by Raffles, the Dutch controlled these vast East Indian territories from the latter part of the eighteen hundreds until the outbreak of the Second World War. The Japanese wartime occupation was for a short time followed by an uneasy Dutch re-occupation (as some who served in the 1st Lincolnshires will remember) but soon the Nationalists, led by Sukarno, Hatta and others triumphed and the Indonesians gained their Independence.

He who understands the present day situation in Indonesia is not in possession of all the facts and it is equally impossible to make sense of their political, economic and military problems. But it is the people and the country which interests and fascinates the visitor. Java has little apparent jungle, except on the slopes of its volcanic craters and the Island presents a pattern of intensive agriculture in which tea, rubber and rice predominate. Everywhere the Javanese swarm whether it be in town, country or on mountainside and with their ready smiles, infinite charm and renowned Asian beauty (I was unable to visit Bali) they seemed perfectly contented.

I spent two days in Bandoeng, 2,000 feet up and the unofficial centre of society and administration, selected no doubt for its beauty and cooler breezes. Bandoeng has now achieved its place in history for it was here that the Afro-Asian nations met in 1955 and took from it the name of the Bandoeng Powers. It is now more international than Javanese, being the rendezvous of all those countries, especially Russia and America, who pour financial and economic aid into uncommitted Indonesia. Here I met officers of the crack Silawangi (Tiger Head) Division seriously engaged in fighting against their own particular (and tough) brand of terrorism. Besides Java the Indonesians have similar emergencies in Sumatra, South Borneo and Celebes.

In Java it is impossible to buy anything but the barest necessities of life. Almost nothing is imported and the inhabitants subsist quite happily, it seems, on home grown food and local cloth. The bicycle, pony and ancient motor car provide their locomotion, though the latter's only resemblance

to the car, as we know it, are the four wheels.

My third and final rendezvous was Hong Kong, of which I am ashamed to admit my previous experience was confined almost entirely to that Twentieth Century Fox epic "A Many Splendoured Thing". The Hong Kong scene even if previously unsavourd, will be well known to most, either from literature or the films.

In five days I was able to see a good deal of this Colony and its activities. I lived in the Headquarters Mess just above Queen Street, on the Island, and arriving at a week-end was able to saunter amongst the shops and Chinese eating houses which are but a stones throw from Murray Barracks. On the Sunday my host and his family entertained me to a novel "Junk Picnic" when we sailed and swam amongst some of the most beautiful islets in the world. Typhoon "Mary" had recently visited the Island and the majority of yacht and junk owners had found their craft either foundered or washed up as a result of it; my host had been more fortunate. On Victoria Island we made visits to the Peak, the Race Course, the Yacht Club and the various bays for which Hong Kong is renowned. Now, at Repulse Bay the Army has built vast blocks of married quarters of which, one heard incredibly, wives could find nothing to complain.

My last two days were spent in the New Territories beyond Kowloon. Both the Northamptons and Lincolns having served here previously I was anxious to confirm the many accounts one had heard of this area. I was taken to Tai Mo Shan, the frontier posts, Fanling, Plover Cove and many other places. From the former we were able to box the Hong Kong compass, the day being clear. To the east was the Pearl River Estuary, southwards a splendid view of Hong Kong itself and the South China Sea beyond, in the East Fanling and the coves beyond and northwards, some three miles off, the frontier between the British Colony and China.

Later at a military frontier post cheerful riflemen of the 6th Gurkhas were eager for me to view various aspects of life in Communist China through their telescopes, and finally before leaving the New Territories I went to see the hillside badge of the 10th Foot which still shines across the valley near Fanling after nearly 30 years.

Our return Comet to London was delayed for nearly 18 hours and I spent my last night as a guest of B.A.O.C. in the Peninsula Hotel, now almost an American Colony. It was here that by chance and quite unexpectedly I encountered a prosperous Pathan from Pakistan whose face seemed familiar. He was in fact one Waris Khan who had been my bearer in Nowshera 20 years ago when I was a subaltern in the 1st Lincolns; at that moment I realised that my wheel had turned its full circle.

Such is modern travel that on Wednesday, July 27th, I breakfasted in my room overlooking the Kowloon Ferry and was greeted by my wife at London Airport at the end of the same day. Sandwiched between those two events were Bangkok, a porthole view of the Arakan, Calcutta, New Delhi, Karachi, Beirut and Frankfurt-am-Main.



1st Bn. 2nd East Anglian Regt.

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

After the interest and novelty of amalgamation, and the excitement of the Formation Parade, the whole Battalion went on 17 days' leave—a fitting climax to Phase I of our short history.

At the beginning of August we returned refreshed and settled down to the business of seeing who was who, and what was what. Apart from ceremonial drill, we were really an unknown quantity. Perhaps it would be more true to say, an unknown quality. Our quantity was most certainly known—over 1,000.

During this past quarter we have tested our prowess in the field and the results are encouraging. We have discovered our sporting potential, and soccer, rugby, hockey, cross-country, boxing and cricket are well under way. We have overhauled our day to day routine and rewritten all Standing Orders from those of both our former Regiments.

The most difficult job of all was to decide priorities. There is still so much to be done and so little time to do it. Rightly, recruiting is now top priority and takes precedence over everything else. The recruiting team, under Capt. Paul and Woddisse, is continually touring our Counties and searching for ways to attract recruits to the Regiment. We need a monthly average of 35 Regulars to maintain our establishment. At the moment it is about 19, but increasing.

By November, 1961, we shall be down to 400 all ranks, unless we recruit fast. In this, we are fighting for our lives, and are in desperate need of help from all former members of both our Regiments. The Army, and particularly this Regiment, has an enormous amount to offer to intelligent young men in the way of pay and prospects, and an interesting varied life. Explain this whenever you get an opportunity, and encourage young men to enquire further about life in this worthy successor to your old regiment.

At the end of the year, the C.O. moves on to become Brigadier Colonel, East Anglian Brigade. His successor is Lt.-Col. R. P. S. Erskine-Tullock, at present M.A. to the Deputy Supreme

Commander, S.H.A.P.E. At about the same time, Major W. R. Chambers succeeds Major G. S. Drew as Second-in-Command. We have already lost C.S.M. Swift and C.S.M. Phillips to the T.A., the former on promotion to W.O.1. Major R. C. R. Roche, P.R.I., and P.M.C., is due to become Commandant of the Far East School of Jungle Warfare. Thus the initial amalgamation team is changing as officers, warrant officers, N.C.O.s and men come and go.

TRAINING

From Amalgamation Day until the Formation Parade, most of our effort was concentrated on preparing for the parade. Nevertheless, a start was made on a training programme designed to build up for Exercise "Holdfast" in late September. In this exercise, we were to fly to Jutland and there act as enemy to a N.A.T.O. force. Before block leave in the second half of July, companies trained up to section level on Farmer Down's fields close by and on the Quantocks, a prominent line of hills which overlook the road from Watchet to Taunton. In addition, two cloth model exercises were held in the miniature range, where we studied the action of a platoon group and a company group operating independently.

In August, training was given high priority. Companies developed their tactical training up to platoon and company level and spent most of their time on the Quantocks and on Exmoor. Training on these areas is permitted only by courtesy of the local farmers but they have been most co-operative and the restrictions have not been too irksome. "A" Company were unfortunate enough to choose the calmest night of the summer to loose off a few magazines of bulleted blank on the Quantocks, and it seems that the sound echoed around the whole of West Somerset. The agitation was only minor, however, and it soon died down. The local newspaper reporter must have slept soundly that night! The cloth model exercises held in June and July were followed up by two T.E.W.T.s on the same subjects in August: the platoon group had a battle around Hele Bridge in the Exe valley, and

the company ambushed a fantasian vanguard advancing from Bampton and Taunton. It was on the first of the T.E.W.T.s that the Directing Staff were able to watch through their binoculars pairs of student officers wandering about unsuspectingly in a field containing a large and fierce-looking bull. Several pairs chose a course which would inevitably lead them face to face with the bull, but in every case they suddenly altered course at the last moment and went to investigate the ground in a safer direction.

Then came the news that we were not to go to Jutland. Instead, we were detailed to carry out the trials of a new lightweight composite ration at Castlemartin in South Wales, in October. Also, we were given an extra week at the Southern Command Battle Camp at Okehampton, Devon.

Most of the Battalion moved to Okehampton on September 1 and we looked forward to a tough three weeks' training. Our allocation of the ranges was not continuous but we managed to obtain other field firing ranges at Willsworthy and Bagga Tor to make up for it. The rifle companies were each able to do some section field firing and a fair amount of platoon and company field training. We got our share of Dartmoor fogs, and shooting was impossible on one or two days, but most of the Battalion was able to "assault the Tors" for a reasonable period. Support Company demonstrated their weapons to the rest of the Battalion at Willsworthy and a few men from each of the other companies were allowed to fire the support weapons. The anti-tank platoon gave a separate demonstration later at Okehampton and the rest of the Battalion was most impressed with the accuracy of their shooting at a moving target, and with the tremendous crack of the mobat going off at the gun end. Unfortunately we were denied the satisfaction of hearing and seeing the explosion of the missile at the target end; had we used live HESH rounds, safety restrictions would have forced spectators off the only ridge where they could stand to get a reasonable view of the shooting.

Certain elements of the Battalion were not satisfied with the entertainment afforded by the moor, and two parties volunteered to cross it from the area of the prison by night. The first party to discover how difficult it is for a convict to get away was the Intelligence Section. They were led by Sgt. Sutton and completed the trek successfully in about five hours. They were assisted to some extent by the sound of "A" Company's night firing at Willsworthy. The challenge of the moor was also taken up by a group of volunteers from "C" Company led by L/Cpl. Shaftoe, M.M. This party, supervised by 2/Lt. Isaacs, crossed a few night later without incident. The bogs on Dartmoor are unpleasant enough by day; by night, they can be frightening and dangerous. It was due only to thorough planning and confident leadership that these

small parties completed their journeys without difficulty.

Having fired off nearly all its ammunition, on September 18 the Battalion left Okehampton to Support Company for their three-day concentration.

Immediately after this, part of "A" Company went off to run the administrative organisation for a Brigade Group exercise in East Anglia; Support Company started to work for a Guard of Honour at Northampton Assizes in October; and "B," "C" and parts of "H.Q." Company started to prepare for the ration trials at Castlemartin. The Battalion is now dispersed in South Wales, Norfolk and Devon, the Devon elements being a flood relief party sent out from Watchet.

FLOOD RELIEF

Heavy rains in early October caused severe flooding in much of Devon and Somerset. We were not found wanting, and numerous expeditions were undertaken, both to nearby villages and to far-away Exmouth. Parties varied in strength from a few men under a N.C.O. to over 100 all ranks. On one occasion a large party, found by "A" and "H.Q. Companies, worked through the night cleaning up the streets of Exmouth. Outstanding on this occasion was the cheerfulness of people who had been twice flooded out of their downstairs rooms within a week. The writer has a happy memory of a large friendly woman leaning out of an upstairs window at 4.15 a.m. asking a small group of wet muddy and very tired soldiers whether they would like tea or coffee. People are very kind. Major "Hutch" Hutchinson, who lives in retirement at Luxborough, was severely flooded out and was lucky to get away with his life.

Several of our own families, living in hirings round about, also suffered severe loss.

OFFICERS' MESS

The period under review has been a busy one for the Mess Staff, with practically the whole Battalion at Okehampton for three weeks, and with two Companies spending a fortnight in South Wales. These, and other diversions, have curtailed our social life and we have only been able to hold two guest nights. The first was at Okehampton where Sgt. Poole worked miracles in our temporary Mess when Lt.-Col. McMeekin, R.A., and John Edwards, being dined-in, were our guests. The evening was enlivened by a ferocious game of rugger, refereed enthusiastically, if unprofessionally, by George Drew. The only casualty was a blood bespattered John Dymoke, and a broken window, through which somebody sat.

The other guest night, held in more normal surroundings, was in honour of Col. Tony Innes, and was followed, after the Band had left, by an athletics meeting, though it is open to doubt that any of the sports would be recog-



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ised by the A.A.A. Col. Tony was last seen pursuing the C.O. over the Mess roof. Jeremy Winkley was dined-in on this occasion, and gave a splendid imitation of a Beatnick afterwards.

During block leave we were very pleased to put up Col. David Anderson and a party of officers from Oundle C.C.F., who were holding a Cadet Camp here. We have had a number of visitors including Brigadier G. Laing, C.B.E., Deputy Commander of South West District and Mr. Beeston from the War Office, one of the supervisors for the Ration Trials. We were also very pleased to see Col. O. K. Parker.

We are happy to be able to record a number of presentations to mark Amalgamation. "Dicky" Bird presented a visitors' book which will provide a permanent record of all officers on strength on Amalgamation Day, who signed the book in order of seniority. The Field Officers of the Battalion presented a scrap book, now being maintained by Ian Spacie, and Bill Evans Evans has presented a Band suggestion book—we hope officers will make use of it. We thank the donors gratefully.

It was decided at a Mess Meeting that the custom of officers making presentations to the Mess on commissioning and on promotion should be reinstated. It was suggested by the Commanding Officer, and agreed, that we should start to build up a crested dessert and dinner service and that the suggested presentation from officers should be a plate towards this.

We are looking forward to seeing "the girls" on December 10 when we are having a Ladies' Dinner and Dance, and we will also be holding what promises to be a large scale cocktail party on December 13.

We welcome John Edwards on being granted a Quartermaster's Commission and Tony Denton and Jeremy Winckley on commissioning.

We said a temporary farewell to Peter Cheston and Robin Drummond and we were sorry to lose a number of National Service Officers—Mike Jerram, John Nice, Tim Jupp, Dick Smith, Tony Bennett, Pat Quinn and Brian Henderson.

The Dinner Club of the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment have presented us with a splendid portrait of Capt. John Ligonier. He later became the celebrated Sir John Ligonier K.B., Field Marshal and Commander-in-Chief who was created an Irish Viscount in 1757 and advanced to an English Earldom in 1766. At Malplaquet he was wounded in 22 places, yet went unscathed through Blenheim and Schellenberg and other engagements in Marlborough's campaigns. At Laffeld he preserved the allied Army from destruction and enabled it to withdraw in good order by charging the whole line of French cavalry at the head of the British Dragoons.

We are indeed grateful for the gift of the painting of such a great and gallant officer.

SERGEANTS MESS

Our Mess notes in the last edition terminated with the doubt of putting over 600 men on our small square for the Formation Parade on July 12, 1960. Now we are in the happy position to report that this was successfully done, and the result was an exceedingly proud and happy occasion. All ranks worked extremely hard to achieve it. We were pleased to entertain members of the T.A. and others from the Depot. We were grateful for their support particularly when one considers the time and distance involved. This factor was the cause of many of them missing the evening entertainment which would have been some reward for their visit.

It was with great pride that afternoon that we entertained our Colonel-in-Chief, H.R.H. The Duchess of Gloucester, to tea. She was accompanied by her Lady in Waiting, The Colonel of the Regiment and Col. and Mrs. Martin. In this we were ably supported by our ladies to help along the flow of conversation, not always so easy on such occasions.

The Colonel of the Regiment attended the Mess Ball that evening with the Officers and their Ladies, and many of the day's Regimental Guests. Thanks to the various committees for their conscientious work before, during and after the Ball, it developed easily to a fitting climax to match the importance of the "Great Day."

A mention here of our young soldier from the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, Cpl. (Ex C.S.M.) Bert Kitchen. He again saw fit to take up the invitation to visit us and his presence added splendour to our day. He was the cause of much attention from all ranks and at one time we even considered holding a press conference to cope with the many enquiries made. He was however, able to spend three days with us, and he proved a tonic to us all.

Regretful as it was, we were unable to have the pleasure of meeting Col. Innes again, owing to his absence in Singapore at that time, the presence of Mrs. Innes both during the day and evening went a long way to make up for this disappointment.

May our final comment on July 12 be taken from letters of appreciation afterwards received. Major-General J. H. Cubbon, C.B.E., went on to say "... you achieved the highest standards, with one of the strongest Battalions in the army, on a square which would not have been adequate for half the numbers ..."

The monthly Mess Dinner is now well established, and to the colour of No. 1 Dress the glitter of silver, the strains of the Regimental Band, we wine and dine in the best of traditions (despite the doubtful origin of certain words which regularly appear on the menu card prepared by S.Q.M.S. Nisbet). The first Guest Night found, very appropriately, three ex-members being entertained, namely Capt. (Q.M.) Beard, Lt. (Q.M.) Culvert and Lt. (Q.M.) Edwards. To the latter we offered our

congratulations and wished him well on the new stage of his career upon which he had embarked only a few hours previously. Seated also was C.S.M. Smith of the Bermuda Militia Artillery, of whom we have seen much of late during his stay in the U.K. to attend various courses. This gentleman, whose comings and goings were perhaps a little uncertain, was, during his last few with us, often seen cornered by the R.S.M. at the rear of his office, learning the intricacies of pay stick drill. Also from Bermuda came W.O.I Ward and Sgt. Perry who, although only stopping for two nights, gave us colourful accounts of that haven, much sought after by those of E.R.E. leanings.

On July 22 a party of 28 Mess Members went for a day of their leave to join the R.S.M. in a day trip to the R.M.A. Sandhurst, to witness the Sovereign's Parade, at which the Prime Minister took the salute. The opportunity to see such an event as this does not come very often, so it was unfortunate that it was only practicable for those living on hand to attend. It meant departing at 0630 hours, and a late return, but the effort was well worth it. The Parade itself was a memorable one, and we were made welcome in a brand new Sergeants' Mess afterwards. Throughout the visit we were looked after by Sgt. Scott (2 East Anglian) and S/Sgt. Barker, A.P.T.C. (known to former Royal Lincolns) and the afternoon was spent touring the Academy and especially the new National Army Museum—opened only that week by H.M. The Queen.

These notes are being drafted at a very "damp" Okehampton, where the Battalion is getting in some very much needed field training for three (or four?) weeks. Maybe it is just as well, for the contractor's men have moved in at Doniford and are busily tearing away at the inside to achieve the structural alterations referred to earlier. We are very please with this as we will then be able to entertain more successfully—and all will be finished for Christmas.

"A" COMPANY

As these notes are being written we sit, quite literally, with our heads in the clouds. Dartmoor appears to have its own unique three dimensions—Cloud, Hill and Bog, and usually consists of an intimate mixture of the three. All of us have spent many chilled hours up in the clouds and not a few of us have savoured the deepest delight of the bogs. Okehampton has given us our first chance, as a Company, to indulge in Field Firing. Unfortunately the realism of training has been limited by the efforts of the Society for the Preservation of the Natural Beauty of Dartmoor National Park.

At Okehampton we had a successful marching and field firing exercise won by 7 Section of 3 Platoon, commanded by Cpl. Starling, we hope they enjoyed their prize of 24 hours' leave.

Unfortunately the ubiquitous clouds came down and prevented the last two sections from firing.

Back at Watchet our training has mostly been carried out on the Quantocks, which by now everyone knows pretty well. A word of praise for the cooks is not out of place here, they have consistently sent out some most excellent meals, which have considerably added to the enjoyment of training.

In October a party of 25 headed by the Company Commander went to Stanford P.T.A. to set up a neutral organisation for an exercise there—at the time of going to press we had not heard if they enjoyed their change of scenery.

At the end of November we are looking forward to going to the Army C.D. School at Millom in Cumberland. This will be a great change, and we expect to come back experts in Light Rescue, First Aid and a number of radiac instruments with impressively technical sounding names.

To turn to the field of football, no fewer than seven members of the Company, Cpl. Ellis, L/Cpl. Slater, L/Cpl. Holland, L/Cpl. Emerson, Pte. Perry, Pte. Watchorn and Pte. Courtney have been selected to train with the Battalion team. Our first two company matches resulted in wins of 8-2 against "H.Q." Company and 12-1 against "C" Company, which would seem to prove the judgement of the Battalion selectors correct.

Amalgamation on June 1 has proved infectious, and since then L/Cpl. Hill and Ptes. Carter and Chalkley have got married. We wish them and their wives good fortune and happiness in the future.

We welcome 2/Lt. Halcrow and were sorry to lose 2/Lt. Jupp on N.S. release. We congratulate Cpl. and Mrs. Benner on the birth of a daughter.

"B" COMPANY

Once again it is time to submit notes for the Poacher, although it seems only yesterday that the sub-editor was chasing the Company for the last lot of notes as he is for these.

Block leave in the last half of July was followed by field training in the vicinity of Doniford preparatory to further training at Okehampton and Castlemartin. Through the courtesy of local landowners we were allowed to use the Quantocks again although the inevitable restrictions, such as no digging and no firing of blank, had to be observed. In spite of these restrictions much useful training at section and platoon level was achieved. Towards the end of this period "A" Company did in fact fire a few tentative rounds of blank during a night exercise. As a result the near-by village of Holford carried out a hundred per cent stand to; retired gentlemen wrote bitter letters to the local press, tired gentlemen seeking the peace of Somerset suffered indescribably, and "B" Com-



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pany lost facilities in the better half of our training area. It was obviously time to move on.

Training at Company level and field firing was carried out during the eighteen days at Okehampton in spite of more restrictions. The Staff, for example, allocated the ranges to ourselves and another battalion simultaneously during the second week. This plan was carried out with commendable secrecy and only leaked out at the very last moment. Peacetime safety regulations meant that when any two field firing ranges were being used, the remaining three could not be. We still managed to train.

Castlemartin provided all we had been waiting for, in the form of Exercise "Hard Tack." With our fellow sufferers in "C" Company we marched, blistered, attacked, patrolled and attacked again, ate experimental combat rations, filled in ration rating cards, got wet, stayed wet and covered seventy miles in seven days. Not only were we allowed to dig in. We were able and had to. Admittedly we occasionally struck rock or water (4 Platoon, who like to be different, struck coal during the battle near Rat Island and talk of going back), but real live slit trenches were there to be occupied and Sgt. Wolfe went round saying dig or die, as in the good old days. The weight of fire from the enemy we attacked was really impressive and would certainly have finished the tired businessmen on the Quantocks. Maybe it did. The night attack by the Company on the Carew Cheriton airfield in particular was most impressive and took several old soldiers right back. The only thing missing was the tracer. There was plenty of realism too. The real girl spy in Cpl. Allott's patrol objective was almost too much. Cpl. Allott said afterwards that when he reached the house that he had to report clear of enemy or otherwise, and found it properly furnished with carpets on the floor and a fire burning in the fireplace and a soldier waiting by the fire and a civilian who said "It's nothing to do with me, Corporal—it's the women upstairs," he came to the not unreasonable conclusion that he had arrived in a brothel. Smack in the front line too. When the patrol arrived at Company H.Q. for debriefing and the Company Sergeant-Major was told, at one in the morning, that the patrol was back with a woman prisoner, he couldn't believe it either. His voice was heard saying to the soldier who gave him the new "Watch your step, my lad. This is no bloody time for joking." Altogether a hard and interesting exercise and one which has done more to weld the Company into a team than anything so far. It is in fact hard to believe that the Company is only five months old. If the present spirit of "mucking in" and "having a go" continues, the future will hold no problems that cannot be overcome.

"C" COMPANY

What a pleasant change it was to trade the Square for the Quantock Hills as our stamping ground after the July leave.

Section and Platoon training became "all the order of the day." The Celtic camp of Dowsborough reverted to its original purpose as a defensive position and the wood slopes of the surrounding coombs rang with sounds of battle throughout August.

Towards the end of the month we graduated to our first company exercises. "En Passant"—you would be surprised how many could be so inconvenienced by one three-ton truck stuck fast in a Somerset lane. During this period each platoon did a 36-hour exercise on Exmoor. A change of scene followed with the Battalion's move to Okehampton in early September. While at the Battle Camp, field firing was completed without loss of life, although on one occasion L/Cpl. Shaftoe was disappointed when not allowed to test the lethal qualities of a 4.2" mortar bomb.

Three days were spent under canvas at Wills-worthy. Three days of unbroken fine weather during which a team from the Company voluntarily crossed that most infamous stretch of Dartmoor lying between Princetown and Okehampton by night. They are to be congratulated in reducing the time taken by several other Company and departmental teams that attempted the feat. Our team consisted of 2/Lt. Isaacs, L/Cpls. Shaftoe, M.M., Bennett, Davies and Pte. Lane.

One dark and stormy night we feared that two of our number had fallen victim to the "Headless Horseman" of Yes Tor. Rescue operations were initiated, but abandoned when the Orderly Officer reported a damp ignition system as the villain of the piece.

The results of two inter-Section exercises held at Okehampton were as follows:—

Night Compass March—L/Cpl. Goodchild's Section.

Field Firing—Cpl. Hewitt's Section.

Barely had the Battalion returned to Doniford than "B" and "C" Companies left for Castlemartin. Their mission was a combination of Company training and ration trials.

We have had mixed success in the field of sport. Howbeit, the football team is showing considerable promise and the following are Battalion players: L/Cpl. Baker and Ptes. Hawkins, Woolf and Stevens.

2/Lt. Winckley has joined us from R.M.A. Sandhurst and Lt. Sherwell from "D" Company. Capt. Pool has succeeded Capt. Wooddisse as 2 i/c, the latter off to his recruiting parish of Lincolnshire. The following have left the Army and we wish them well for the future: Sgt. Foot, Pte. Davis, late Company runner. The Company congratulates Pte. and Mrs. Clarke on the birth of a son.

SUPPORT COMPANY

Since the last Journal notes we have done a good deal of training and have had several days

firing for all Platoons. Whilst at Okehampton the various Platoons held demonstrations for the remainder of the Battalion. This included inviting a number of the Rifle Company men to fire the weapons. All the Platoons did very well, but honour must surely go to the Anti-Tank Platoon, who at 2.30 on a Sunday afternoon, raised a round of applause from the assembled throng for their excellent shooting at a moving target.

3in. MORTAR PLATOON

Exmoor and Dartmoor have provided the highlights of our activities since the Amalgamation Parade. We have fired a lot of bombs and learned a lot about moving our one-tonners across difficult country. At one time the powers that be considered transferring Sgt. Cornwall and his recovery men to Support Company, but we improved as we went along. Dartmoor provided interesting training in firing the mortars from the lying position, with the sights just above ground level, all good practice. Along with the other Platoons we did a live firing demonstration for the rest of the Battalion at Willsworthy. As part of the entertainment men from the Companies were invited to come and pop one down the spout. This required a slight degree of supervision as some Rifle Company soldiers are known to have suicidal tendencies.

We are very sorry to be losing Messrs. Burrell, Clipson, Luff and Crowston, all key men. Hutchins, Nightingale and Norris have already gone. We wish them the very best of luck.

ASSAULT PIONEER PLATOON

Since our last entry in the Journal we have decreased in strength, due to the return to civilian life of Cpl. Hester, Ptes. Ball, Baker and Headington. We wish them good fortune in the harsh world outside.

The Platoon were kept busy on Exmoor improving and widening a road over a ford, in the Company Training Area, for the use of the Support Company vehicles. Whilst there, the Assault Pioneers were the envy of the Company, due to the fact that ours were the only stoves that worked, while the other Platoons had to make do with open fires. One up to us.

At Okehampton we had some valuable training in demolition, although the weather left much to be desired. The Platoon also has the fastest brewing equipment in the Unit.

Our Platoon Commander, who was at a recent recruiting campaign, drew more attention than the rest of the display, even getting his photo in the paper. Due, no doubt, to the fact that he had omitted to shave for the last four years.

We will be back to full strength, we hope, by the end of October, and then we are going to show the Royal Engineers how their work should be done.

For a life of variety and excitement join the Assault Pioneers.

M.M.G. PLATOON

The first highlight of the Regiment's life was of course the Formation Parade. Apart from rehearsals for the Parade our main problem was to get the blank-firing attachments to work for the Support Company Demonstration. The pamphlet gives quite full instructions on their proper adjustment but somehow they are always exceedingly temperamental. After adding weight on, taking weight off, having a rough spot filed off by the Armourer, drying the belts and wetting the belts they eventually fired well for the first time on the Dress Rehearsal and worked even better on the Big Day. Led by Sgt. Love, with Cpl. Atkins and L/Cpl. Preston as his No. 1s, the Section put up a good show. The M.T. drivers also worked hard—never quite managing to knock down the No. 3s in their sideways skidding halts.

On returning from leave after the Formation Parade we received nine men from the Rifle Companies to make us up to strength. They were very welcome and we can now put two sections in the field.

In September we spent three weeks at Okehampton, as did the whole Battalion, and we managed to fire off a fair quantity of ammunition. Apart from the first day when we sat and stared at the fog, and a rainy day towards the end, we were very fortunate on our firing days. Most of the first week, when Support Company did a fire-power demonstration for the Battalion, was bright and sunny.

We welcome Lt. Malpas to the Platoon; he is about to leave for his Netheravon Course before taking over the Platoon. Departures into civilian life have been few recently, we have only lost Pte. Frith and the ever happy, laughing Pte. Dunn.

ANTI-TANK PLATOON

In the months since Amalgamation the Platoon have learned a great deal. Lt. Edwards has learned that a one-ton truck cannot always swim (to the joy of Sgt. Cornwall, R.E.M.E.); L/Cpl. Evans has learned a quick and certain way of bending his Mobat (to the horror of the Company Commander who was watching); Pte. Peplow has learned at long last the use of the Firing Switch (to the danger of all), and Pte. Heeley is not sure but he thought the Mobat might be made more accurate (to the relief of the target). And Sgt. Platt, as is only proper, has learned that Sgt. Hill makes a better cup of tea.

Two valuable days were passed on Exmoor in August as a "shake down" in preparation for the move to Dartmoor. Great stress was laid on concealment of gun pits as an aid to confusing the Company Commander. This training went to the head of Cpl. Barnes so strongly that on Dartmoor he nearly confused a visiting General. Full marks, Cpl. Barnes.

The Platoon gave a demonstration to the Battalion on Dartmoor, which was almost embarrassing in that the moving target (C.S.M. Tappin's Rocket Line Railway) decided to emulate a suped-up Go-Kart. However, it was soon suped-down and rather well ventilated.

We have said good-bye to Cpl. Higgins, L/Cpl. Hardcastle and Ptes. Bolt and Newell, and wish them well on their return to civilian life. Pte. Blanchard has become a Regimental Policeman, but shows a sad lack of favouritism to his old Platoon. Our strength is now 19, with 11 regulars.

"H.Q." COMPANY

From the "Battalion Strength" which we almost mustered immediately after Amalgamation, our numbers have dwindled, and are still dwindling, to less luxurious proportions. One by one the long row of beds stretching along the corridor from the Orderly Room to apparent oblivion, have vanished. Now one solitary bed remains—perhaps to be preserved for posterity. Such are the signs of the time.

At this very moment the unseen axe hangs threateningly over our heads. We know that soon it will strike and some of us will have to go. Already a few have quietly disappeared into other Company camps. We do not expect to see them back. Nevertheless those who are to remain will tighten their belts for the leaner days and speak in hushed tones of the past glory of our Empire.

Behind this shadow our job of helping the other Companies along their more rugged way has continued. We have followed them as we follow the drum—to the heights of Okehampton and to the depths of Castlemartin. And still not satisfied we have also played their games. We have weapon trained and fired, and with unaccustomed energy even tramped the moors in search of the eternal P.E. At such rashness we swear with all the violence of a trooper. But when the torture is finished we settle back and ponder and then conclude that it is a welcome change from normal routine.

That expression "dull routine," we often hear it banded about. To us it means that life is just fine and there is absolutely nothing to worry about. And if you are around when the tea is brewing, just sit and listen. The far from dull "do you remember" stories effortlessly roll out. Kipling, might—or might not—have expressed them like this:—

WITH APOLOGIES TO KIPLING

Here we present our Company Notes,
Of stories, rhymes and anecdotes;
Each Department tells its story
— Hitherto unpublished glory.

From the M.I. Room we hear
A certain chap does oft appear
And toothless he exclaims with glee
"A Grand-dad yet again I be."

Besides his medicine, he's other habits
Such as chasing after rabbits
For a .22 he doesn't care
But much prefers to use a snare.

Otherwise their life is dull
—Except at drill when they are full
Of either savage bayonet stab
— Or perhaps another booster jab.

A certain clerk from the B.O.R.
Will gladly purchase any old car.
Over the weeks his collection's grown
Into a scrap-yard of his own.

Around the camp he sometimes drives
And on one gallon he just survives.
But two others more brave than he
Drove off to Bodmin for their tea!

The sailors of the Pioneers found
How easy it is to go aground.
A memorial to them will ever stand,
"The ship that never left dry land."

The Pay Boys thought they were not fools
When they invested in the pools.
Full forty bob were their odds on
But only one and six they won!

One of them just sleeps in trains—
Or "kips" in "nick" for all his pains.
Before he made his frank confession
He gave the Guard a long "jam" session.

The P.R.I are proud to show
Their Go-Kats, "Andy" Capp and "Flo."
But now they make a bigger fuss
About their brand-new mini-bus.

O'er the hills and far away
Go the I Sec every day.
Across the moors, dry or damp
Or from Okehampton back to camp.

Lastly, a Cook, a hardened lad,
Whose sums, to say the least, were bad,
He boiled his eggs for an hour or more
After multiplying each egg by four.

So ends the story of our "dull" routine,
We only hope that it has been
A jolly tale—a sunny ray—
A spark to brighten up your day.

Life in Headquarters Company, in fact is far from dull. What is more important is that it is full. We grumble—but everyone knows that that is the outward sign of a contented man. Other platoon / department notes appear separately.

M.T. PLATOON

It is with great regret that we report the death of Pte. Bond, and also serious injuries to Pte. Knott, in a motor cycle accident.

There is a constant changing of faces within the M.T. Section, arrivals from Rifle Companies and departures to rifle companies. L/Cpl. Edwards has left us to make his mark in civil life.

Congratulations to Cpl. and Mrs. Cooper on the birth of a son. We will reserve a place for it in the M.T. Also to L/Cpl. and Mrs. Lacey on the birth of a daughter. We would like to reserve a place for it too.

L/Cpl. Williams is to be congratulated on obtaining an "A" (outstanding) on Unit M.T. Accounting at A.M.T.S. L/Cpl. Jones attended a Unit Servicing course and "B" vehicle instructors' course. L/Cpl. Motley attended "B" vehicle instructors' course. Cpl. Cooper is at present on a "B" vehicle advance driving course. L/Cpl. Waite is attending an M.T. accounting course. Cpl. Phillips attends a M.T. familiarisation course on October 30. There is scarcely anyone left.

Travel at week-ends now seems a thing of the past, a number of drivers seem to have a leave address in the Williton and Watchet areas. Does this denote more presents?

It is with sad hearts that we are preparing our Land Rovers for hand-over, in place of which we are to receive Austin 4-ton 4x4 (Champs).

We have entered a team in the Army Driving Trials from October 17 to 21 and we have three teams of motor cyclists riding at Okehampton on November 26.

Our transport is spread over a large area with vehicles at Northampton, Castlemartin in Wales and Little Snoring in Norfolk, but we still manage to turn out at short notice for such emergencies as flood relief.

The Somerset County Council have not yet gained complete control of their walls. Drivers still report that whilst parked on roads the wall hit the vehicles; maybe the walls and vehicles will soon come to a peaceable agreement.

SIGNAL PLATOON

Since our last contribution to the Poacher, the Platoon has rarely had a spare moment. Immediately after block leave a number of wireless and live exercises were run in conjunction with the Int. Sec. Everyone found them most enjoyable and Cpl. Robinson was most effective as a captured Fantasia Officer with marked maps and information to divulge. Companies now have the A40 Wireless Set, which is proving a little troublesome. We all hope it is only teething troubles. Operators have also been allocated to Companies and are working with them on all Battalion exercises.

The stay at Okehampton was most enjoyable

and profitable. The Platoon were able to fire on the ranges and also do a number of wireless exercises in Landrovers. Sport in the Platoon is being run by L/Cpl. Randell. As well as cricket, soccer and hockey, the Platoon is also doing weight-lifting and judo in the evenings. Pte. Quinton is running a Darts Tournament and also runs the Platoon Football Sweep—the only odd thing being that he has won it himself on two occasions. Now the winter is coming the Platoon has hired a TV set, and this is switched on every evening at 4.30 p.m. much to the annoyance of Major Johnston next door in the Pay Office.

Both Cpl. Hornsby and Pte. Lonsdale were married recently. We congratulate them and wish them every happiness; also Sgt. Smith and his wife on the birth of a son.

REGIMENTAL BAND

We are now back at Doniford Camp, after having been at Norton Manor Camp, near Taunton, for three months. Our activities have been many and varied during this time and have included taking part in the Bath Tattoo, Beating Retreat at Minehead, and a five-day visit to Bury St. Edmunds for the Armed Forces Exhibition.

During our visit to the Battalion on training at Okehampton, the Dance Band took part in two successful troops' concerts, with Bds. York and Worley accompanying the turns on their guitars.

Cpl. Hulatt, Bds. Timm and Howe have left the Band for civil life, we wish them every success. Bds. Skayman, Betts and Crowley have joined us from the Brigade Junior Bandsman's School at Bury St. Edmunds, and have quickly settled down to band work.

We hear that Mr. W. Phillips (ex-Northampton), is now at Leicester taking a Government Training Course as a typewriter mechanic, and that Sgt. Ziska (ex-Royal Lincolns) has sailed for Canada to join the Canadian Army. Bandmaster D. Bayton (ex-Royal Lincolns) is now serving in Berlin as Bandmaster of the K.O.S.B.

WIVES' ASSOCIATION

The Wives' Association started off very well early in June. We have a Wives' Club meeting only once a month, but, run in conjunction with this, we have a families' tombola evening every Thursday. On the first and third Friday afternoon in each month we have a Thrift shop, where there are many bargains to be had, besides a cup of tea and a chat with one's neighbours.

Each morning during term time there is a Nursery School for the tiny tots from 2-5 years old.

Next on the agenda, it is hoped to start a Whist Drive, if we have enough enthusiasts; and also a Sunday School.

All our activities are organised by wives of

the Battalion and, apart from the tombola, run by them too.

It is felt that a good start has been made, but new ideas and suggestions will always be welcome.

WE DID NOT DO IT THAT WAY

Amalgamation has not for us been the thorny passage experienced it seems by earlier victims of military marriage. Indeed, looking back from our October old age, it is difficult to understand what all the fuss was about. Such expressions as "everything will be all right providing . . ." and "we shall have to be awfully careful about . . ." may have had some meaning once but we are not now conscious that they ever applied. As a matter of fact we are thinking of starting up the odd course of instruction (American and Russian students welcome) in adult behaviour.

Of course, no one is pretending that "We" were always exactly of the same mind as "They," but some of the different ideas have already benefited us all in certain important ways. Take All-in-Stew, for instance. Oddly enough, both "We" and "They" always went big on All-in Stew; but it was in the method of preparation that we differed. Both "Our" and "Their" Colour Sergeants chucked in pretty well everything except the tins; both "We" and "They" reckoned on about one pair of old socks per company. But here was the difference. "We" put the socks in before cooking, whereas "They" dropped theirs in afterwards—merely giving a good stir before serving. Well of course this was not an easy one to sort out, and a good deal of thought and tasting had to go on. In the end economy won the day. It was found that more socks could be used again if they were dropped in after the cooking. Moreover the flavour was not really affected providing the stirring was done thoroughly.

Another difference of opinion arose over Company sports kit. It was found that "We" had always saved odd left football boots, but "They" made a practice of only keeping the odd right ones. It was no good some bright spark suggesting that "Our" odd lefts should be paired off with "Their" odd rights. They would not match for one thing. Besides, what is the use of having odd boots anyway if you do that? One suggestion was that we should go in for both left and right odds in future. This idea was discarded on the grounds that confusion would arise. After all, chaps must know which one to leave behind or chuck away. Once again a thrifty decision was taken. "We" had save more left boots than "They" had saved right ones, so we've agreed only to save left ones in future. The right ones will either be given to the T.A. or used for Recruiting.

CRICKET

The Battalion enjoyed a good season's cricket, though we were not as fortunate as one would have hoped in the South West District Knock-out competition, where we lost in the semi-final, and in the 3 Division knock-out competition, where we met defeat in the first round.

The weakness in the batting, which was apparent in the early part of the season, was partially overcome by the discovery of a very able opening bat, Pte. Tripp of Support Company. He played consistently well, his highest score being an excellent 80 not out versus Watchet C.C. in just over an hour. The important place of number four in the order was eventually filled by L/Cpl. Purple of "B" Company, who batted and bowled well throughout. An excellent all round sportsman, L/Cpl. Purple also opened the bowling with Pte. Carrington of Headquarter Company, who bowled courageously for long spells. The highlight of the season was the Regiment's match versus our "cousins," The Worcestershire Regiment. The game was played at Worcester in the pleasant surroundings of the Regimental Depot. The Worcesters batted first and their opening pair made 60 for the first wicket and by lunch only three wickets were down with the score at 105.

However, as is often the case, the break in play set the scene for a very different picture soon after lunch. A brilliant display of attacking bowling by Pte. Carrington caused our Cousins to collapse and they were all out for 125 runs.

The Regiment made a slow but confident start with Pte. Tripp batting confidently against some very accurate and fairly "quickish" bowling. Lt. P. D. Taunton was out lbw, but the side, however, recovered from this loss and seemed fairly well placed at tea when Pte. Tripp was not out 31. Again, however, the break in play brought disaster and we soon found ourselves with nine wickets down for only 87 runs. The fighting Duchess of Gloucesters Own did not, however, call it a day and in a most exciting last half-hour the tail enders, L/Cpl. Moran and Pte. Carrington, held on to score a further 20 runs.

The end however came when Pte. Carrington, for no particular reason, moved out of his crease with the ball still in the wicket keeper's hands. An unfortunate ending to a splendid effort.

Our congratulations to our Cousins on winning the "Ashes" and we would like to thank them for a most excellent day's cricket and for the splendid hospitality shown us.

FOOTBALL

Owing to training at Okehampton it was not possible to start Battalion Soccer matches until the second half of September.

After a creditable 2-2 draw against 6 Training Battalion R.A.S.C. at Yeovil, the Battalion team demolished the Bridgewater Police team 11-2. The 2nd XI have also begun in great style, beating Williton 12-1 with some very good football. It is quite clear even at this stage that the two teams will be well above the normal Battalion standard and we look forward to the season with high hopes.

The Battalion team is playing friendly fixtures against all the military units in the area plus the odd fixtures with civilian teams. We have also entered for the Southern Command Cup and the Army Cup, although the First XI were beaten by 6 Training Bn. R.A.S.C. by three goals to one in the first round of the Army Cup. On a good pitch and day, the play was fast and orthodox. Both sides had equal honours in the first half, Pte. Stevens, the centre forward, scored for us. The second half was definitely in 6 Training Bn. R.A.S.C.'s favour, playing with the wind the pressure was applied, and one goal scored off one of our own players brought the score level. A beautiful goal scored by their right wing put them in the lead, and another was scored off one of our players who could not get out of the way in time. The last 15 minutes the play became rather ragged owing to the tiredness of both teams.

Our First XI have nothing to be ashamed of. They put up a tremendous display against a

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stronger and more combined team.

The Second team is playing in the Taunton and District Mid-Week League and Cup, the league commencing on October 5. This is a civilian league with mostly military teams from Taunton. We have been asked to play our

Second XI as our First XI would be too strong although we find there is very little difference between them.

The following do Battalion Soccer training under the supervision of our trainer, Pte. McMorran: L/Cpl. Purple, L/Cpl. Emerson, Pte. Peacock, L/Cpl. Wood, L/Cpl. Slater, Pte. Smith oo, Pte. Wolfe, Pte. Parkes, Pte. Stevens, Pte. Jamison, Pte. Courtenay, Pte. Palmer, Pte. Watchorn, Pte. Clayton, Cpl. Forskitt, Pte. Clipson, L/Cpl. Nottingham, Pte. Lamming, Pte. Perry, L/Cpl. Holland, Pte. Hawkins, L/Cpl. Harsley, L/Cpl. Baker, Pte. Misseldine, Cpl. Ellis, Pte. Slosmanis and Pte. Pooley.

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10th Royal Foot Lincolnshire Regimental Association

Annual Reunion, 8th October, 1960

Brig. R. H. L. Oulton, C.B.E., President of the Association, and Colonel of the 2nd East Anglian Regiment (Duchess of Gloucester's Own Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire) presided at the General Committee and Annual General Meetings of the Association when the business affairs of the Association were considered, and later at the Reunion Dinner attended by over 300 members and their ladies.

All the arrangements for the Reunion were most efficiently carried out by a committee of the Boston Branch of the Association who can be well satisfied with the success achieved by their efforts. All Branches are high in their praise and congratulate Boston Branch for giving members the best reunion for many years—they have also expressed the wish that Skegness shall be the venue of all subsequent reunions of the Association.

The Derbyshire Miner's Welfare Centre was the place arranged by Boston Branch at which the reunion was held and by courtesy of the management a spacious room was at our disposal for holding the General Committee Meeting attended by reps. of all Branches of the Association, except Nottingham.

During this meeting a film show was provided in the cinema for those awaiting the General Meeting which follows that of the General Committee. The cinema was also placed at our disposal for the General Meeting—the organisers of the cinema greeted members on their arrival by playing on the electric organ the music of the "Poacher".

After a cordial welcome from the President, members stood in silence in memory of Old Comrades who during the past year had died, particularly remembering Major P. M. Peters, Sgt. F. J. Green, M.M., Lt.-Gen. M. G. H. Barker, C.B., D.S.O., D.L., Col. R. Bastard, D.S.O., D.L., J.P., Pte. A. Barnett, R.S.M. G. A. Martin, M.B.E., and Brig.-Gen. F. S. Thackeray, D.S.O., M.C. "The Ode to the Fallen", at the conclusion of the silence was recited.

GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting of the General Committee Meeting held at Lincoln on September 26th, 1959, having been circulated prior to the meeting were accepted and confirmed by the President. The suggestions for the raising of money for the Benevolent Fund of the Association by means of collecting boxes and a Christmas draw were agreed.

The Hon. Secretary was promoting the Christmas draw and had for disposal 20,000 tickets—

prizes to the value of £100 would be awarded.

The audited accounts of the Association were presented by the Treasurer and accepted. The accounts were explained in detail.

It was agreed (a) that £1,000—2½ per cent Defence Bonds be redeemed after six months' notice having been given and re-invested at a higher rate of interest.

(b) £1,000 of the present balance in the Post Office Savings Bank be withdrawn and re-invested.

(c) the disposal of investments the Market Value of which were being reduced each year to be a matter to be dealt with by the President. He would be seeking the advice of a reliable London Stockbroker as to how best to dispose of un lucrative investments, with a view to re-investing and avoiding loss of capital.

(d) travelling expenses incurred by members attending funerals to represent the Association be borne by the branch Association funds.

THE DUCHESS OF GLOUCESTER'S OWN ROYAL LINCOLNSHIRE AND NORTHAMPTONSHIRE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

The President made a full report concerning the formation of the Duchess of Gloucester's Own Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire Regimental Association, and the proposed links to be established between it, and the present Regimental Association of the Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire Regiments and said that all Life Members of the present Associations will become, without payment, Life Members of the new Association. It is also proposed that our Association and the Association of the Northamptonshire Regiment shall become wings of the new Association.

He stressed the formation of this new Association in no way affected the management of the affairs of ours, or that of the Northamptonshire Comrades Association, who will continue to run their Associations in accordance with their own Rules and Byelaws.

Major Segon and Mr. Myatt seconded that—"the Rules, Appendices, and Standing Orders of the new Regimental Association, issued to Branches, having been read and considered, be accepted and that this Association shall become a Wing of the New Association." Carried unanimously.

ANNUAL REPORT AND JOURNAL OF THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

The Committee were advised of the loss incurred in the printing and sale of the Annual Report and

Journal of the Association. This was due to high printing costs, and the failure to obtain advertisements in order to reduce costs. No firms were prepared to advertise in a journal having but one circulation annually.

After discussion, the Committee agreed the Annual Report and Journal as such would cease, and all information and details of the Association, other than accounts, be published in the Journal of 2nd East Anglian Regiment called "THE POACHER".

REGIMENTAL JOURNAL—"THE POACHER"

Copies of the first issue of this Journal were circulated among the Committee members, who were agreed upon its excellence.

The President gave details of this Journal which is to be published four times each year, viz.: in March, June, September and December; the price per copy will be 2s. 6d. each. In giving detail of the contributions of our Association to be published he pointed out that the accounts, balance sheet and cases assisted will NOT be published in the journal but will be issued on a separate sheet to branches.

ANNUAL REUNION, 1961

Subject to the outcome of the dinner being held that evening, it was unanimously agreed the 1961 Reunion of the Association should again be held in Skegness, at the Derbyshire Miner's Welfare Centre. The date chosen being either October 7th or 14th—the actual date fixed being decided after the 5th Bn. in order to avoid a clash of dates.

(Note—Oct. 7th, 1961, is the firm date for the Reunion, arrangements to be made by Louth Branch).

MEMBERS LEAVING THE REGIMENT

It was the expressed wish of all present that the Adjutant of the 1st Battalion, 2nd East Anglian Regiment be approached and requested to send names and addresses of men leaving the Regiment on discharge or transfer to Army Reserve, to the Hon. General Secretary so that they may be put in touch with Branches.

There being no further business to transact the Committee adjourned to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Association at 5 p.m.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All Members of the Association who attended this meeting which follows that of the General Committee were welcomed by the President. After silence had been observed in memory of former comrades of the Association who had died during the past year, the business of the meeting was conducted.

The Secretary read the minutes of the General Meeting held at Lincoln on September 26th, 1959, these were approved, and signed by the President.

The Hon. Treasurer read his report of the audited accounts of the Association for the year ending June 30th, 1960, and the steps taken by the General Committee to reduce expenditure by ceasing to

publish an Annual Report and Journal of the Association. Members were also informed of the action being taken by our President concerning invested funds and action being taken by the Treasurer to raise money for the Benevolent Fund.

The President gave a resumé of other business transacted by the General Committee:—

(a) The formation of the Duchess of Gloucester's Own Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire Regimental Association and the links now established between the new Association, the Northamptonshire Comrades Association and our own.

(b) The publication of the new Regimental Journal—THE POACHER, which he hoped every member of the Association would become a subscriber, and gave details of what the Journal would contain.

(c) The possible date and place of the next Reunion.

(d) Members leaving the Regiment—steps taken to maintain contact with the Regiment and Branches of the Regimental Association.

The Meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to our President and congratulations to him on being appointed Colonel of the 2nd East Anglian Regiment (Duchess of Gloucester's Own Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire).

REUNION DINNER—OCTOBER 8th, 1960

Prior to the Dinner members of the General Committee were accorded a civic welcome by Capt. Williamson, M.C., Chairman of the Skegness Urban District Council who in his other capacity of Secretary of the Derbyshire Miner's Welfare Centre did so much to ensure the comfort of our members and the success of our reunion.

On no previous occasion have so many facilities been placed at the disposal of the Association and as a result so much enjoyed.

We are pleased to record our appreciation and thanks to Capt. Williamson and his staff for making our 1960 reunion so memorable.

Punctually at 7.30 p.m. over 300 members and their ladies assembled in the spacious dining room at tables which were tastefully decorated.

Our President was pleased to welcome as guests of the Association—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dell, the Worshipful Mayor and Mayoress of Boston, Capt. Williamson, M.C., Chairman Skegness U.D.C. and Mrs. Williamson.

The "Ode to the Fallen" was recited, silence observed, and after grace had been said, the assembled company sat down to partake of an excellent meal, served hot and with the minimum delay. For some the serving of liquid refreshment was retarded—or was it a drink with an old friend that claimed prior consideration to that of food?

Background music suitable for the occasion was played over "tuned-down" loud speakers and in no way disturbed the talks (or chatter) customary on these occasions.

With all glasses charged—our President rose to give the Loyal Toast: before doing so, reading the Loyal Message which he had sent on behalf of the Association to Her Majesty the Queen, and the



LT.-COLONEL R. P. S. ERSKINE-TULLOCH
Assumed Command 1st Battalion
2nd East Anglian Regiment
December 15th, 1960

Shape Photo



Life in 1st Battalion 2nd East Anglian Regiment

- 1—Telephone Operators
- 2—Assault Course
- 3—Fire and Movement
- 4—Vickers Machine Gun Team

LIFE IN 1st Bn. 2nd EAST ANGLIAN REGIMENT



1—The Tennis Court at Doniford.
3—Well Saved!

2-- Domestic Pioneers—Shipwrights.
4—Back to School—Army Certificate of Education.

LIFE IN 1st Bn., 2nd EAST ANGLIAN REGIMENT



1—Mini-Bus presented by the Nuffield Trust. 2—P.T. and liking it! 3—Help yourself! Nothing but the best in the Self-Service in the Cookhouse. 4—M.M.G. Cadre.

**1st Bn.
2nd East Anglian
Regiment**

Right—The Guard Room, Doniford Camp.

**Below—The Recruiting Display, Market
Square, Northampton.**

Photo: Evening Telegraph, Kettering



4th 6th Bn. THE ROYAL LINCOLNSHIRE REGIMENT (T.A.)



Major H. D. Marshall, M.B.E., T.D., Company Commander of D Company with members of his Company who are employed by Marshall Sons and Company, Ltd., Gainsborough.



Photo: B.J.S. Studios, Sleaford

Left: 17 powder gun team, Anti-Tank platoon, going into action during Support-Weapons display at Sleaford open day. Right: EXERCISE BLACK COMBE. C.S M. Downer and Sgt. Barsby (A Coy) with POPOWSKI (Pte. Beale) at the moment of his capture on Black Combe.

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



Photo: Argus Studios, Huntingdon

Support Company Team with the 162 Bde. MMG Trophy, which they won at Stanford P.T.A. on 11th September, 1960.

Back Row, left to right: C Sgt. Fordham, Pte. Joyce, L Cpl. Lumsden, Pte. Poynter. Seated, left to right: Cpl. Twigden, L Cpl. Adams, Sgt. Kilty, Pte. Cobb, L Cpl. Peacock.



THE NIJMEGEN MARCH TEAM

Left to right: Sgt. Jackson, Ptes. Birnie, McMartin, Troup, Major Williams, Pte. Helps, Boy Hobbs, Cpl. Millar, Pte. Hetherington, Boy Mathers and Sgt. Segashy





Army Cadet Force

- 1—The Corps of Drums, 1st Cadet Bn., The Northamptonshire Regiment.

Photo: Peterborough Citizen & Advertiser

- 2—Lincoln Cadets during mopping-up operations.

Photo: Lincolnshire Chronicle

- 3—3rd/4th Cadet Bn., Northamptonshire Regiment, on training, 1960.

Photo: Peterborough Citizen & Advertiser



gracious message he had received from Her Majesty in reply.

The Loyal Toast to Her Majesty the Queen was drunk.

Then followed first hand news of the Regiment which has as its Colonel-in-Chief, Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Gloucester, our President as its first Colonel of the Regiment, and Brig. D. E. Taunton, C.B., D.S.O., formerly of the 48/58th Foot as Associate Colonel.

All the news our President conveyed to us of what the Regiment, since its formation on June 1st, 1960, had done was received with the greatest pleasure and with considerable applause. Everyone was left in no doubt that the Regiment had got off to a good start and those serving in it could feel proud to be a member of the "Duchess of Gloucester's Own."

The toast to the Regiment was drunk, followed by the singing of the "Poacher", and prolonged applause.

PRESENTATION TO MAJOR AND MRS. SEGON

Reunions usually have a surprise item—this year was no exception, it fell to Major and Mrs. Segon to be requested by the toastmaster to be upstanding—they complied, and received from the Chairman and Members of the Grimsby Branch, a gift of an automatic tea maker to mark the celebration of their recent Ruby Wedding Anniversary—an occasion which they thought was known only to themselves.

After receiving congratulations from those present and recovering from the surprise, Major Segon on behalf of his wife and himself, tendered thanks for the good wishes accorded them, and to the Grimsby Branch for their generous thoughts and gift.

On the actual day of their anniversary, a gift from the Grimsby Branch of a bouquet of ruby carnations and roses were delivered to the "happy couple" in Lincoln.

Query—Who in Grimsby knew the date and prompted these gifts?

Finally, our President expressed on behalf of the Association, the pleasure of having the company of our guests, they were not being asked to make any speech in reply, he hoped they would continue to have with us, an enjoyable evening.

At the conclusion of the dinner old friends were soon gathered together at the cocktail bars or in the ballroom ensuring the ladies enjoyed dancing to the music of a first-class orchestra.

Those who had travelled long distances to attend the reunion would, at midnight, be very pleased to know a comfortable bed in a chalet was available to them but a few yards from the building in which they had, it is hoped, spent a happy afternoon and evening.

The Derbyshire Miners' Welfare Centre with its spacious car parks, chalets, cocktail bars, ballroom, dining room, cinema, and conference rooms is the ideal place for a reunion; it fulfilled our every need, and to Boston Branch, we conclude with grateful thanks.

DIVINE SERVICE: ANNUAL REUNION

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9th, 1960

From Skegness and all parts of the county, members journeyed to Boston for the annual Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance held in the Parish Church of St. Botolph's familiarly known as the Stump. Assembling at the T.A. Drill Hall of the 4/6th Battalion, the parade of Old Comrades, headed by the Band and Drums of the 4/6th Battalion, marched first to the War Memorial where a short ceremony of Remembrance took place. The President, laying a wreath, buglers of the 4/6th Bn. sounding the Last Post and Reveille, a short period of silence observed, and the reciting of the "Ode to the Fallen" by the General Secretary.

Thence to church—Bandmaster R. D. Inger obligingly setting the pace suitable for the three Chelsea Pensioners who marched immediately in rear of the Branch Standards carried in procession at the head of the parade, also for the South African War Veterans and others who would find "120 to the minute" not to their liking.

It is heartening on these occasions to have in the parade more and more each year of those who served in the Regiment in World War II, for it is on them the future of our Association depends.

The Service of Matins, conducted by the Vicar of Boston, Canon E. K. Ellis, M.A., who also preached the sermon, was most impressive. Familiar hymns, a well chosen text, and an excellent sermon which included much of the Regiment's history made this a memorable service.

Branch Standards were carried in slow time, in procession to the Sanctuary prior to the commencement of the service, and after the singing of the National Anthem, were returned to the Standard Bearers and carried from the Sanctuary and out of Church.

The Association were joined at this service by the Worshipful Mayor and Mayoress of Boston, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Dell.

His Worship the Mayor accompanied by our President, took the salute in the Market Place at the March Past which followed.

It was with thankful hearts those who participated in the March Past reached the Main Ridge Drill Hall at the conclusion of the March, which was somewhat longer than usual.

Several of our older members felt at times the whistle would sound, signifying a 10-minute halt—nevertheless, they were swinging their arms from front to rear.

Our congratulations to our Chelsea Pensioners, Cpl. H. Kitchen, Sgt. T. Hennley and Sgt. A. H. Roe, who from the commencement of the March to its conclusion were a shining example of the stalwarts of the 10th Foot.

Members present at the Reunion appreciated the telegrams and letters of greetings received from Brig.-Gen. F. G. Spring, Col. E. P. Lloyd, Mrs. H. Lancelot-Edwards, Mr. C. Morley and many others, and heartily reciprocated.

The taking of farewells, and a long coach or car or train journey, brought to a close the 46th year of the Regimental Association.

Territorial Army

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

TRAINING

As these notes become due so the Territorial Army training year draws to a close and it can be fairly said that we can look back over a satisfying year's work of battalion and company training. Although it was our Civil Defence training year in the four-year cycle, we have managed to carry out a certain amount of training other than C.D.

An escape and evasion exercise was held from April 8th-10th. The escapers were 21 S.A.S. (Artists) Regt., while the Battalion Group consisted of 4/6 R. Lincolns, 863 Movement Light Battery R.A. (T.A.) recce patrols from 16 Indep. Para Coy. (T.A.) and tracker dog teams from the R.A.V.C. Depot. This was our second exercise against 21 S.A.S. Regiment and it is hoped to make it an annual event.

Support Company carried out its usual live firing week-end at Theddlethorpe. Annual weapon classification was fired during week-ends in March, April and May. Divisional and Brigade Study Periods have been well attended as was the Battalion officers' and sergeants' C.D. week-end at Sobraon Barracks. The Battalion Rifle Meeting which, despite the weather was a great success, was held on July 9th and 10th.

Right up to annual camp C.D. training was carried out at company level. Outside instructors from the C.D. Corps helping out on drill nights and on week-end C.D. exercise. All companies carried out a number of week-end exercises while all ranks of the Battalion completed at least ten hours training in light rescue and first aid. Most of the P.S.I.s attended courses in light rescue at the Army School of Civil Defence, Millom and R.S.M. Cressey is to be congratulated on obtaining an "A" Grading.

Signals, cooks, intelligence section and M.T. cadres have been run at Sobraon Barracks during the year and a number of recruit week-ends have been held. All companies and support platoons have carried out their own non C.D. training week-ends and range days.

As we go to print the Battalion is moving out to do battle against the 10th Para. Bn. (T.A.) London, commanded by Lt.-Col. G. C. A. Gilbert, M.C., formerly of the Royal Lincolns. Other troops taking part include interrogator (brain-washer) in the eyes of the popular press) from the

Joint Services Interrogation Unit. Full details of the "war" will be given in the next issue of THE POACHER.

SHOOTING

We congratulate the Battalion team on gaining second place in the Major Units of the 49 Inf. Div. (T.A.) in September, C.S.M. Greenaway on winning Class "C", the falling plate team on reaching the semi-finals and Lt. Merrikin, 2/Lt. Ellwood, Sgt. Graves and Cpl. Bailey on reaching Stage II of March I (the Div. 24). 2/Lt. Ellwood became the county champion at the Lincolnshire County Rifle Association annual meeting while the Battalion won the Regular Units Challenge Trophy. At the Battalion meeting, "D" Company was Champion Company, Individual Champion Class "A", Lt. Merrikin, Class "B" a tie between Cpl. Barwise and L/Cpl. Chappelow. The ladies shoot was won by Mrs. Hiles, wife of Cpl. Hiles, D.S.M. We have just heard that the Battalion team entered for the Kolar Cup in October 1959, and came second out of all T.A. units that entered in the U.K. "C" Company came second in the Brigade .22 League 1959/60. This year they say they will win it.

RECRUITING

Since January 1st we have obtained 80 recruits; in the other direction we have provided 27 recruits to the regular forces. Of these 12 have gone to the East Anglian Brigade, it can be said, almost entirely due to persuasion by the permanent staff and T.A. officers, particularly Capt. Clarke and Sgt. Carter. Battalion strength at the time of writing is 433.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

The following are congratulated on the award of the Efficiency Medal or a clasp to that award: C/Sgt. Seamer C.S.M. Lowery, L/Cpl. Hurrell, Sgt. Scotney, B.E.M., Sgt. Reeves, Sgt. Bellamy.

GENERAL

As these notes are written the Territorial Army anxiously await the announcement soon to be made which will give the detailed organisation of the "New Streamlined Territorial Army" and the names of the units, many undoubtedly with long and distinguished records, who are to lose their individual identity. We are confident that the 4/6 R. Lincolns will not in any way be affected; this is due to our excellent recruiting figures during the past 18 months.

ANNUAL CAMP

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Army School of Civil Defence, Millom, from July 30th to August 13th. Despite early foreboding the C.D. training was enjoyed by all. Two C.D. exercises were carried out, a rescue exercise and a deployment exercise. Good reports were obtained on both. On the unit instructors' course, Sgt. Grocock is to be congratulated on obtaining an "A" Grading.

Enjoyable and interesting company training was carried out on the two days regimental training. The Intelligence Section, Signal Platoon and Regimental Police carried out a first-class C.D. exercise on the G.O.C.'s visit. The training Major took parties up Black Combe and Scafell. On the former the party consisted largely of former 1st Battalion men who had served in Malaya. Certain comparisons were made with that hill and some of the hills in Perak.

About 80 recruits carried out recruit training under Major Marshall and C.S.M. Greenaway, a team of instructors from our own Battalion and 5th Foresters. Considerable progress was made in the short period available while the drill reached a sufficiently high standard to enable a passing out parade to be held. This was taken by Lt.-Col. Rigby, T.D., Commanding Officer of 370 Fd. Regiment R.A. (T.A.).

A new feature of camp this year was the morning Battalion muster parade taken by the Adjutant and a number of Adjutant's drill parades. Whilst not 100 per cent popular the standard of drill and turn-out improved greatly.

The principle guests on the dinner night were our Honorary Colonel, Col. Sir Hugh Cholmeley, Bt., D.S.O., D.L., J.P., who spent three days with us, the G.O.C. 49 Infantry Division Major-Gen. T. H. Birkbeck, C.B.E., D.S.O., Rear-Admiral A. B. Torlesse, C.B., D.S.C., Lt.-Col. M. A. Chamberlain, M.B.E.

Despite the fact that the camp was held over the peak holiday and harvest period well over 300 all ranks attended. The sun shone practically the whole camp and most of the rain came during the night. The weather broke just in time to welcome the relieving Battalion with a non-stop downpour. Camp next year will be from June 23rd, to July 8th, at Folkestone.

SERGEANTS' MESS

Up to going to camp at Millom there was very little Sergeants' Mess activity except that in Company areas. When the Battalion arrived at camp to do 14 days' civil defence training the Mess was open and functioning thanks to the efforts of C/Sgt. Plumley, the treasurer and Sgt. Taylor the caterer. On the messing side, after a little staff trouble, C/Sgt. Toyne got things going and from then on the food was plentiful and well cooked, which proved that paying for a good civilian chef was a sound investment.

At the start of civil defence training all senior N.C.O.s were nominated to attend instructors courses and some very good results were obtained. Sgt. Grocock being graded "A", Sgt. Wollerton "B" and C.S.M. Lowery, Sgts. Spavin, Barsby, Couldstone and Graves "C".

Missing from camp for the first time during his T.A. service, was C.S.M. George Johnson of "B" Company. This was caused by his falling from a ship in Boston Dock and breaking a leg just before camp. We all wish him a speedy recovery and return to full activity. It is a fact we hasten to point out that the fall was not due to smuggled whiskey.

A very sad blow came to the Battalion on August 8th when O.R.Q.M.S. Martin, M.B.E., who had been ill for some time passed away at home. It is fitting that here we should pay a tribute to him and his services to the Battalion. After 29 years regular service with the Dublin Fusiliers and the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment where he reached the rank of R.S.M. of the 2nd Battalion, George Martin, after four years as a P.O.W. after Dunkirk, came to the 4th Battalion as chief clerk in 1947 where he gave of his best right up to the illness that resulted in his death. His knowledge of things peculiar to the T.A. was infinite and we are sure that he will long be remembered for his loyal service which earned him the M.B.E. We offer our condolences to Mrs. Martin and Susan, his daughter.

The highlight of camp was our guest evening on August 7th when we entertained the officers and a few school instructors. The beer drinking contests were soon under way and was won by the Sergeants' Mess, so we retain the "Mess Mug" for another year. C.S.M. Ingall and his committee organised some very tricky games between the Messes and in spite of the amount of beer consumed we would not be surprised if Major Spratt had lost a pound or two in weight next day. Again C/Sgt. Toyne excelled himself and produced a really impressive buffet supper to which was added one of Sgt. Flaherty's excellent curries.

Camp being over we returned to our Company locations steeped in chain knots, greater arm slings and other C.D. terms and training with a better knowledge of the devastation that H-bomb warfare will cause.

R.S.M. F. Cressey is now handing over to R.S.M. Swift and when that is done he will be facing the trials of civilian life after 26 years' service with the Regiment.

"A" COMPANY

While we failed to do as well as we had hoped in the Battalion Rifle Meeting, due mainly to absence of our better shots, we are glad to say that Lt. Merrikin became the Battalion individual shot. Both his and C.S.M. Greenaway's efforts helped the Battalion to take second place in the Divisional Rifle Meeting; congratulations to them both.

The Company test exercise, which was to have been held in Grimsthorpe Park was unfortunately cancelled due to bad weather. We had instead the Assault Pioneers down to Stamford and the Company had an interesting and exciting day blowing charges and generally making a noise. We were glad to welcome Lt. Bird and cadets from Spalding and Stamford who seemed to thoroughly enjoy the day. Camp, of course, was the most important event of the period and Civil Defence was the main

subject. The Company seemed to enjoy something which they thought would be, to say the least, boring, and the standard attained was extremely high. Congratulations to Sgt. Barsby on his good result on the Instructor's Course and on the photographs which appear in this issue. One of the highlights of the course was when the Second-in-Command was coaxed into being let down from a great height on a stretcher. It is believed that no permanent injury was done to either stretcher or "casualty". During the second week Major Bennett took over from Capt. Hart and much interesting and energetic training was carried out. As reported in the last issue Lt. Batten moved to King's Lynn before camp and we were glad to see more of him and especially at the Company "At Home" day at Spalding which we organised at such short notice. Unfortunately for us, however, he has been promoted in his civilian job which has meant his transferring to London. This is a big loss to us but we wish him good luck and prosperity in his new appointment. Finally we are most grateful to Capt. Lacey of the Oundle School for his most generous co-operation in lending us the School open range at Ashton, near Oundle. It has meant that we have been able to practice our shooting with a comparatively short journey being involved instead of the usual half-days journey to Beccingham or Horncastle.

"B" COMPANY

Annual Camp—the Company embarked on a new adventure on civil defence with enthusiasm gained with a pre-training period this summer with the local Civil Defence unit at Boston. Everyone said the realistic training at camp (helped by the only fine fortnight of summer this year) had made camp a success. The younger recruits had left Boston as recruits but had returned fit and enthusiasts for the regular army. They liked the hard training. Parents have remarked how much their boys had improved. Some hair-raising stories had been told but once the spirit of adventure had been seen there is no end to the possibilities of youth who are encouraged to live hard and well in the Army.

Congratulations to Sgt. Wollerton, he gained an "A" at the Civil Defence cadre at camp.

"B" Company, acting up to the usual precedent, was foremost in the first week but "upped wickets" in the second, leaving the Company Commander forlorn with a depleted Company H.Q.

Hospitalisation—C.S.M. Johnson, after attending all post-war camps, was unable to attend this year owing to an accident sustained at work. He is, however, slowly recovering and doing his best to support the Company on one-and-a-half legs.

Recruits—Recruiting proceeds with great heart in the Company. Sleaford detachment sponsored an "Open Day" in mid-August when the rains came. It is said that the drill hall was the only dry spot. However, we are delighted to welcome to the Company recruits Gooderson, Sutton, Grant,

Grey, Capps, O'Flanergan and O'Hollareen, who certainly make the skies over Sleaford brighter as far as recruiting goes.

Horncastle—Pte. Clarke was a welcome addition to Horncastle and to Boston we are pleased to add to our recruit fold Ptes. Hatfield, Webster, Mooney and Mooney, J.

"B" Company and the T.A. Club were proud to assist the Boston O.C.A. Branch when the Royal Lincolnshire Regimental Association paraded at Boston, Sunday October 9th, 1960. Bostonians viewed the March Past and were impressed by the pride and dignity of the members on parade. It was unqualified success. It is only on these occasions that younger men get the picture right and what it means to be a member of this Regiment with its long history and loyal friends.

"C" COMPANY

We must start by welcoming our new P.S.I., Sgt. Hammond. We wish him well with the Company and hope that his stay is enjoyable and profitable. Towards the end of July, spirits in the Company rose as annual camp drew night. Most members of the Company had spent many hours doing preliminary civil defence training, and all were anxious to see what Millom C.D. Training Centre would provide.

We were not disappointed and the rescue and first aid work proved exciting and informative. However we were all looking forward to the two days normal Company training and to the day and night exercise which had been arranged. In scorching sun the exercise commenced with an approach march and a small assault on an enemy stronghold. This was followed by several successful daylight patrols which gave us the information we required for the night attack. The attack proved most energetic—the evening position being at 1,500 feet. The march back to the Company transport was accompanied by some rousing singing, much to the chagrin of the local sheep.

INTER-BATTALION COMPETITION

Following camp our interest was centred on the Inter-Battalion competition and Cpl. Cross and several other members of the Company spent every drill evening and every weekend practising for the Rifle Platoon competition. All the Company join me in congratulating them on doing so well and being members of the winning team. Our next major engagement was during the week-end of October 22nd-23rd, when we had our exercise in conjunction with 10th Para. Bn. (T.A.) who came from London. It was a most active exercise and sleep or rest proved impossible—save for one member of the Company who paid for his dormancy by being captured. The dawn attack on the Sunday was the most realistic ever experienced on a T.A. exercise, and we all wish to put on record our thanks to the Para. Bn. for a really first-class enjoyable exercise.

We look forward now to the Annual Administrative Parade in Lincoln, followed by the Christmas social activities.

"D" COMPANY

Since going to press last we have said goodbye to Ptes. Pickwell, Parks and Dunsmore, all of whom have joined the regular army and all have been to see us at Gainsborough several times whilst on leave. All three are enjoying their new careers. Recruiting during this period has happily exceeded our losses and since last writing we have an intake of eight recruits.

Annual camp at Millom was much enjoyed by all. The seniors in civil defence training and about 27 of the more recently joined made three sections in the recruits Company. The Company took all the awards from the composite recruits Company except one and it tied for that. Pte. Metcalf won the cup and prize for the best all round recruit and best sten shot. Pte. Waddoups won the prize for the smartest recruit on parade, Pte. Mackinnon, best rifle shot and Pte. A. H. Jackson tied for the best L.M.G. shot.

At the Battalion Rifle Meeting held at Beckingham on July 9th, the Company won the inter-Company Shooting Cup and the Bren Pairs (C.S.M. Ventress and Sgt. Gustard). L/Cpl. Chappelow was also 1st equal in the Young Soldiers' Class. On September 25th the Company provided one member for the Battalion "A" shooting team, Pte. Burnaby. This team came second in the competition. The "B" team consisted of 50 per cent from the Company, C.S.M. Ventress, Sgt. Gustard, Cpl. Hiles and L/Cpl. Chappelow. In the inter-Battalion Platoon competition which the Battalion won, the Company provided two out of the three sections and also the Platoon Sergeant, Sgt. E. T. Everett, who topped the table in his map reading and compass exercise.

SUPPORT COMPANY

Civil defence training at camp only allowed about two days to be spent on Company training. In this time the Anti-Tank Platoon was able to visit the Field Regiment Royal Artillery and the Mortar Platoon a 4.2 Mortar Unit. The Assault Pioneer Platoon provided some excellent fireworks for a joint exercise with our M.M.G. Platoon; then joined forces with the Anti-Tank people to do a 12-mile route march, cum hill climb. We were interested to hear that the joint cookhouse produced upwards of four helpings per person.

Some assistance was given to "B" Company at their Open Day at Sleaford, when mortar, M.M.G. and anti-tank demonstrations were put on. The weather was dreadful and very few locals turned out to watch but we understand that O.C. "B" Company has now signed up almost everyone who did.

Before camp, Capt. Gammage organised a week-end in Derbyshire, around Baslow. From the R.V. on Saturday afternoon two parties under the command of Sgts. Grocock and Naulls made the journey over the moor to Great Longstone, where the night was spent. The Colour Sergeant's notes tell us that "Sgt. Grocock's party arrived first, trimmed up a la Christmas tree with ropes, lamps, dices

cooking, kit, blankets, etc." First, probably because Sgt. Naulls was reported seen standing at a bus stop trying to exchange Compass Prismatic One for Fares Eight. The bivouac area was left after breakfast on Sunday and the exercise completed by another hill walk. It was not until a few weeks later that we heard from the C.I.D. that one party had passed only a short distance from the body of a murdered man. The most detailed accounts of individuals activities on the Saturday evening are now in the Police Record Office (and they are worth reading!).

At the end of September the Mortar and M.M.G. Platoons took their part in the Brigade inter-unit contest, finishing a very close second. There is little doubt that we would have won the Support Company Shield had everyone turned out as promised. Major Foster came back to us to help the Mortar Platoon and we were most grateful for his assistance.

H.Q. COMPANY

We welcome to the Company Ptes. Barrowcliffe, Field, Harvey, Huggins, Gregory, McSweeney, Sharpe, Bds. Dobbs, Dixon and Barker, the last three being former members of 1st Bn. The Royal Lincoln's Band to whom we extend a special welcome, and say farewell to Sgts. Hobday and Ptes. Bailey, Murray and Templeman who have joined the East Anglian Brigade. We have also said farewell to Capt. R. A. Stanton who for three years has been M.T.O. He has joined H.Q. 49 Div. as G.S.O. 3 (Ops.), and we thank him for all he has done, and wish him well in his new appointment. In his place we welcome 2/Lt. W. C. Mundy, who has recently completed his N.S. with the R.A.S.C. We record with regret the death of O.R.Q.M.S. G. A. Martin, M.B.E., and express our deepest sympathy to his family. The Company has been very active in all departments, and among the achievements we can claim, were our successes at the Battalion Weapons Meeting where, despite the weather, we were victorious in the falling plate competition, beating "A" Company after two dead heats and "B" Company in the final. Our team was Capt. R. A. Stanton, Sgt. Hobday, Cpl. Winter, Pte. Brown.

Camp saw all members of the Company except Band, M.T. and Signal Platoons heavily involved with civil defence which perhaps with some misgiving at first, found it all rather interesting.

The Signal Platoon had a cadre as in previous years, under instructions from Sgt. Mellars, Marshall, Grant and Cpl. Trown, and produced good results especially on the C.D. Exercise.

The M.T. found the old runway very useful for driving instruction, and with comparatively small commitment for training were able to have a cadre under Sgts. Ancliffe, Scotney and Cpl. Payne.

Band and Drums broke tradition by not Beating Retreat. The Drums being on C.D. training, the Band were able to carry out a trade testing board.

However they did play at the church parade, recruits passing out parade and Battalion parade for 270 Field Regiment (R.A.). In addition on the social side despite the lack of hotels the Band dinner was held at Ulverston, to which the Commanding Officer and Major Spratt were the chief guests. We also had attached to the Company, C.S.M. Jolly and a detachment of Lancashire Fusiliers who had missed camp with their own unit; they were soon very much part of the Company, and their lines a model to the rest of the

Company. It should also be recorded that they volunteered to perform all the Battalion duties on the day off. With the establishment of the Battalion Officers' Mess in the Depot we have recruited a volunteer staff and to date we have Cpl. Cairns, Cpl. Meecham and Pte. Wilburn, who open the Mess on drill nights and week-ends.

We congratulate the following on their promotions: Cpl. Cairns to acting Officers' Mess Sergeant, Cpl. Meecham, L/Cpl. Curtis (Band) and L/Cpl. Coulbeck (M.T.).

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

Introduction

There is never an "off season" in the T.A. but in the period after Camp and during the holiday month of August the tempo does tend to decline. The hard working permanent and civilian staff feel they need some leave, the long suffering wives and girl friends bring their menfolk to heel for household fatigues and the annual holiday to the resorts, and the Quartermaster likes to send our weary vehicles and weapons to workshops to be renovated in time for the yearly A.D.M.E. Inspection.

That this period covers the spell of this issue of the POACHER prompts us to omit Company and departmental notes but, as will be seen, some of the main events of the year have taken place. We do assure our readers that our Companies go strong. "A" at Northampton recently did their yearly adventure type of exercise. They didn't go to Scotland this year but covered, on foot, an extensive area of the County and North Bucks. "B" (Corbei Highlanders) still keep raising the question of a larger drill hall for their ever-increasing population. C.S.M. Gayne has recently been promoted to that rank and Sgt. Muir (ex-R.E.M.E.) is carrying out the duties of C.Q.M.S. Their success at Nijmegen was a just reward for the many hours their team, together with Sgt. Jackson of Sp. Coy., spent trailing the highways on weekends. Many villages and public houses within a 15-mile radius of Corby have had their peaceful Sunday mornings interrupted by Pte. McMartin's rendering of the Regimental March on his bagpipes. "C" at Rushden now boast a juke box which could account for much improved recruiting. No, the main credit is due to the men in the Company bringing in their friends and to the energy of their P.S.I., Sgt. Dixon. Cpl. Percival, Pte. Jubb and Pte. Bottoms have all joined the 1st Battalion (as regulars!) "Sp." at Huntingdon are all set to move into their new drill hall, at least the office and stores part of it. Winning the Brigade M.M.G. competition brought them much joy. Oundle Detachment got an "Excellent" on the A.D.M.E. Inspection of the Battalions Signal Equipment, which received the G.O.C.'s congratulations.

Elsewhere appears a report of the Oundle School C.C.F. Searchlight Tattoo. Our editor for the report is on the School staff and so he is reluctant to boast about it. It really was a wonderful effort and we do congratulate Col. David Anderson and his School Corps.

In Peterborough the M.T. got a "good" for the A.D.M.E. Inspection and are always eager to receive qualified or "L" drivers. The Signals hold monthly week-end exercise, and, on War Office instructions, are busy learning morse. The Int. Section, after losing nearly all its members to the regular army is now starting off again with a new team.

Into the Officers' Mess we welcome Lt. G. P. N. Crooke and 2/Lt. P. Barthorpe, whilst the sergeants, through promotions, receive Drum-Major Woods and Sgts. Laxon and Fletcher.

The cooks, under Cpl. Masters came second in the Divisional Cooking Competition. Like our Volongdis team at Bisley they missed the Cup by one point.

What shall we remember of 1960? A steady but fine improvement in our strength. It is now 360 volunteers which represents an increase of 70 in the year. Over 300 men attended camp, or an attachment or course in lieu.

Bisley saw us win a major team event and again the Brigade and Divisional Rifle Meeting Championship Cups stayed with the Battalion. The Band and Drums have brought us the greatest of credit and have had a very full year of engagements.

Nineteen-sixty-one will see the new War Office T.A. Re-organisation plans announced and put into effect. We have reason to believe that they might be of historical importance to the 5th Battalion.

We shall also remember the weather. In spite of an unusually wet summer we are happy to record that not one of our major events was even affected by rain. Camp occurred in just about the driest fortnight ever known on Dartmoor and many other parades and exercises were blessed with sudden breaks in the weather. The best example of this was when the Band and Drums Beat Retreat on Peterborough Market Square. It pelted with rain for



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two hours before 8 p.m., the time of the parade. At that hour the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Peterborough left the Cathedral gates and walked to the spectators' enclosure. The rain stopped. Twenty-six minutes later the Drum-Major asked permission to march off. Down came the rain again.

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International Four Day Marches (Vier-Daagse)

By MAJOR V. C. M. WILLIAMS

Training for the marches started in late January, and for the first three weeks consisted of personal limbering up. From then onwards two marches a week were carried out, starting at five miles and increasing in magnitude as the weeks went by. Marches up to 10 miles were carried out with no halt. Over 10 miles, only one halt.

During the weekend, April 30th-May 1st, the complete team carried out two marches of approximately 25 miles each day. The final test was held on May 26th-29th. On the Thursday and Friday 10- and 12-mile marches were carried out under Company arrangements. On the Saturday and Sunday, the team performed marches of approximately 27 and 25 miles together. During the training period, nearly 500 miles were covered. From the test to the marches proper, no further long marches were undertaken, but individual training continued. Camp activity also played its part in keeping the team fit.

On Friday, July 22nd, the team met at London Road Drill Hall, on the first leg of the journey to Holland. Literally at the 10th hour, one member of the team was unable to turn out. As we were representing the E. Anglian Div. our main object was to obtain a team medal, and to complete our team it was decided that the cycle orderly would march with the team, and another cycle orderly was appointed.

The final team was: Major V. C. M. Williams, Sgt. Segasby, A. R., Cpl. Millar, K. E., Pte. McMartin, D. M. (Piper), Pte. Helps, M. E., Pte. Hetherington, G. J., Pte. Birnie, F. T., Pte. Troup, W. McA., Boy Hobbs, W., Boy Mathers, G., all of "B" Coy., and Sgt. Jackson, B. S. F., of Sp. Coy., Pte. Davidson of the permanent staff was cycle orderly.

For Major Williams and Sgt. Jackson it was their third march; Sgt. Segasby, Cpl. Millar and Pte. McMartin their second; the remainder were marching for the first time.

On arrival at Nijmegen itself something went wrong. Our arrival had been overlooked, and by the time transport was arranged and booking-in completed, it was past midnight before we were able to shoot out to our cafe and settle down to steak, egg and chips.

Accommodation for service personnel is in a large barracks, normally occupied by the Dutch Air Force, but vacated by them for the period of the marches. Each room accommodates about 70 men in double-tier bunks. The Dutch have a tendency to overfill their palliasses, and the type of straw they use is extremely stiff and packs hard, being

Officers, Warrant Officers and Sergeants as at 21st October, 1960

Battalion Headquarters

Lt.-Col.	G. A. C.	Danby, M.B.E.
Maj.	G.	Foster, T.D.
Capt.	J. B.	Akehurst
Capt.	A.	Duncan (R.A.P.C.)
2/Lieut.	R.	Pearce
R.S.M.	D.	Driscoll
O R.Q.M.S.	A.	Wilbourne
Sgt.	C. W.	Ellis

"B" Company (Corby)

Maj.	V. C. M.	Williams
Lieut.	G. R.	Bensa
Lieut.	G. P. N.	Crooke
2/Lieut.	P.	Barthorpe
C.S.M.	J. R.	Gayne
Sgt.	S.	Graham
Sgt.	J. L.	Carr
Sgt.	J.	Clinton
Sgt.	J.	Cowan
Sgt.	A. W. H.	Petch
Sgt.	A. R.	Segasby
Sgt.	W. M.	Muir

Band

Bandmaster	C. F.	Holland, B.E.M.
C/Sgt.	W.	Gordon
Sgt.	J. R.	North, B.E.M.
Sgt.	J. M.	Stallerbrass

"A" Company (Northampton)

Maj.	J. L.	Boc
Capt.	M. G. H.	Hodgson
Lieut.	T. C. B.	Branch
C/Sgt.	K. C. B.	Lamb
S/Sgt.	C. B.	Freeman
Sgt.	K. E.	Millar

"C" Company (Rushden)

Maj.	J. W. H.	Green
Capt.	D. R. B.	Ellison
C.S.M.	G.	Ferrell
Sgt.	B. A.	Smith

Sp. Company (Huntingdon)

Maj.	H. H.	Pallash
Capt.	P. W.	Bryant
Capt.	R. A.	Fitton
2/Lieut.	R. F.	Thackray
C.S.M.	J.	Kelly
C/Sgt.	A.	Fordham
Sgt.	W.	Holland
Sgt.	B. S. F.	Jackson
Sgt.	J.	Kilty
Sgt.	C. G.	Capstaff
Sgt.		Ambrose

Permanent Staff

C.S.M.	C. H.	Groves ("A" Coy.)
Sgt.	E. V.	Everitt ("B" Coy.)
Sgt.	J. E.	Jeffery (Sp. Coy.)
Sgt.	I. F.	Dixon ("C" Coy.)
Sgt.	S. B.	Shailes (H.Q. Coy.)

Headquarters Company (Peterborough)

Maj.	F. G.	Barber
Capt.	T.	Agutter, T.D.
Capt.	J.	Quash
Lieut.	I. M.	Hardwick
Lieut.	A. P.	Spurrell
C.S.M.	B.	Moloney
1./C.S.M.	F. E.	Parkinson, B.E.M., D.C.M.
Sgt.	R.	Bent
Sgt.	A. D.	Clarke (A.C.C.)
Sgt.	J. N.	Fletcher
Sgt.	T. D.	Laxon
Sgt.	G. G.	Twelves
Sgt.	R. M.	Woods
Drum-Maj.	A. A.	Pilgrim, M.B.E., M.M.
Maj.	D. H.	Dowdy
Capt.	J. G.	Hogg
Capt.	A. J.	Rawlinson
Lieut.	H. G.	Tompkins
R.Q.M.S.	F.	Reales
C.S.M.	A. E.	Francis
C/Sgt.	W. H.	Bayes
Sgt.	P. D.	Clarkson
Sgt.	M. E. S.	Kavanagh
Sgt.	G. F.	Morfeew
Sgt.	J. D.	Wilkinson

almost immovable. One of the first tasks carried out by the old hands is to get their palliasses on the floor, whilst there is still room, and attack it widely with fists and feet until eventually the shape of its upper surface is changed from convex to concave.

Rations for service personnel are provided by the Dutch. To the English stomach Dutch food is strange. A combination from bread, butter, grated chocolate or chocolate paste, blackcurrant jam, cold ham or sausage, thinly sliced cheese, a hard-boiled egg and weak coffee is a far cry from egg, bacon, toast and marmalade. Substantial English food is available in all cafes at a very reasonable price, and it is a good thing to ensure that one's stomach is full before retiring.

On the Monday evening a large display was held in Nijmegen Stadium, which was attended by civilians and most of the participants in the marches. It was an extremely colourful and impressive sight. Hundreds of young people with their banners representing various youth clubs, gave a display of marching and countermarching. There were about six bands in attendance, including some from British Regiments serving in B.A.O.R.

The display continued with the ceremonial raising of the flag, and the playing of the National Anthem of each competing nation, culminating with the hoisting of the "Vier-Daagse" flag and the playing and singing of the official "Vier-Daagse" march. The ceremony ends with a grand march past, the salute being taken by the Dutch Defence Minister.

On Tuesday, the marches began in earnest. With about 14,000 persons participating, starting times for parties and individuals are staggered between 0430 and 0830 hours. On this day we were among the first away, and by 0445 hours we were crossing Nijmegen bridge. The weather was good, not too hot, and as the miles passed by, spirits rose high. Excellent time was made, but as hopes of the first 25 miles being tucked away easily were rising, semi-tragedy overtook us two miles from Nijmegen. Our original cycle orderly, who was now having to march, suddenly "seized up". Although physically a very fit man, in the peak of individual training, he had not been given marching training. The jarring given him by the hard Dutch cobbled roads caused both of his legs to stiffen up. At the same time, physical exhaustion caused by the rise in temperature and lack of breakfast, also struck him. The remaining distance was covered in small bounds. At the last halt, by Nijmegen bridge, with the thoughts of three more days to go, the vision of the team medal was fast receding. However, with the skirl of the pipes to rouse us, and the vociferous enthusiasm of the Dutch people to encourage us, the march was completed.

On the second day, the distance travelled was about two miles less. Our starting time was 0730 hours. Apart from a violent rainstorm lasting for about an hour during the morning, the day was uneventful. The pace was reasonable, though we had to halt more frequently than the majority of us wanted.

The third day of the marches was the testing one. The two miles are added on to the 25 in order that some hills can be brought into the route. Fortunately for us, the weather was very different from 1959, when the sun blazed down all day. This year the day started with a drizzle, which became heavier as the hours went by. The wind increased and the temperature, which was low to start with, fell even more. Unfortunately, we were in the very last group to start, and due to traffic problems before we reached the start line, almost the last unit to leave. This meant that we had very few companion units on our march round. All went reasonably well until about the half-way stage; then our orderly cum marcher again seized up. With the hills in front of us, a Dutch ambulance dogging our heels like a vulture, waiting to drag our casualty out of the march at any moment, prospects were far from rosy. Then team spirit triumphed—a routine was introduced of rest and massage, unassisted marching, assisted marching, then rest again. By 2-3-mile bounds the remainder of the march was completed, within the time allotted (11 hours).

The last day dawned with the whole team filled with the spirit that we were through the worst—"we'll finish today even if we crawl it". We had a 6.30 start and the first half distance was covered at a good steady pace. Just after the half-way stage, there was a 5-6-mile stretch of the flattest, straightest and most boring road. The sun was blazing down and we were worried that the loss of encouragement from the Dutch civilians would make our task harder. Event proved our fears to be needless—at our last halt, drawn by the sound of the pipes, we collected some W.R.A.C. personnel and several marching Dutch civilians. These were mingled in our ranks and to the time of the pipes, and our own marching songs, these miles were covered in record time. After this, our march to the outskirts of Nijmegen followed the pattern of the previous day, with bounds of about two miles. At the last halt, we spruced ourselves up and finished the remainder of our emergency supply of cognac!

The last three to four miles in to the centre of Nijmegen was an experience one can never forget. The roads were lined with Dutch people—their number was estimated at almost half a million. Tiers and tiers of home-made staging had been erected, and the people sat there from dawn to ensure a good view of the procession. All along the route well-wishers gave bouquets to the marchers. We received more than an average quota, both from Dutch friends of ours who had waited for hours to see us in, and from people we did not know. A few hundred yards from the finishing point there was a large official enclosure for high ranking Dutch officers and those of other nationalities. To the strains of the Regimental March, played on the pipes, we whipped up a smart eyes right, and in no time we were home. When we saw that team medal, all thoughts of blisters, aching muscles and stiff joints were forgotten—we could have danced for joy.

Conditions for the homeward journey were as

chaotic as on the outward one—but nobody cared. We had what we set out to obtain.

What had we achieved? To many people, an average of 25 miles a day for four days does not sound a lot. They do not consider the part that the Dutch cobbles play. These are the villains of the piece—they play havoc with your boots, and then your feet and leg muscles. Studs worn to the nails by the third day; new heel plates worn completely through in the same period—these are the visible signs of the task.

How did we achieve it? simply by hard training, the guts of the individual, and the determination of the whole team to get everybody through. In the "Vier-Daagse" march occur the words "one for all and all for one"—we carried out these wishes to the letter.

The four-day marches at Nijmegen are international—a time of friendship when all help each other. There were times when we helped along marchers of other nationalities, there were occasions when we in turn were helped. It is this spirit that makes the "Vier-Daagse" an unforgettable experience. Above all, our abiding memory is of the friendliness of our Dutch friends and hosts.

RIFLE MEETING

5TH BATTALION MEETING 3RD/4TH SEPTEMBER

Again we were lucky with the weather and there was no appreciable rain on either day of the meeting. Over 100 members of the unit fired in the individual match and there was no shortage of entrants for the Visitors', Comrades', Cadets and Ladies' matches. We were glad to see The Royal Pioneer Corps from Quebec Barracks win the Visitors' match so convincingly.

The traditional ending to the meeting was enhanced this year. After the prize-giving and before an excellent Beating of Retreat there was a live-firing demonstration by a section of 3-inch mortars from "B" Company and a section of medium machine guns from Sp. Company. Both sections blazed away from the 600 yards firing point to the accompaniment of pyrotechnics by C.S.M. J. Kelly and the Assault Pioneers. There were no casualties. Results:—

Champion-at-Arms: 1st, Capt. Akehurst; 2nd, Sgt. Kilty; 3rd, 2/Lt. Pearce.

Officers' Class: 1st, Capt. Akehurst; 2nd, 2/Lt. Pearce; 3rd, Maj. Pilgrim.

W.O.s' and Sgts.' Class: 1st, Sgt. Kilty; 2nd, Sgt. Capstaff; 3rd, Sgt. Dixon.

Cpls.' and L/Cpls.' Class: 1st, Cpl. Eatwell; 2nd, Cpl. Southerland; 3rd, L/Cpl. Boyd.

Ptes.' Class: 1st, Pte. Britchford; 2nd, Pte. Davidson; 3rd, Pte. Westley.

Young Soldiers' Class: 1st, Pte. Davidson; 2nd, Pte. Willey; 3rd, Pte. Simpson.

Recruits' Class: 1st, Pte. Pointer; 2nd Pte. Deighton; 3rd, Pte. Sutton.

Inter-Company Match: 1st, H.Q. Coy.; 2nd, Sp. Coy.

Falling Plate Match: 1st, Sergeants; 2nd, Officers.

Visitors' Match: 1st, Depot Royal Pioneer Corps. 2nd, 4/6 R. Lincolns.

Band and Drums' Match: 1st, Drums.

Comrades' Match: Equal 1st, Mr. G. Mayes, Maj. R. E. Jeffery, Lt. W. M. Baxter.

Cadet's Match: 1st, 3/4 Cadet Bn.

Ladies' Match: 1st, Mrs. J. F. Dixon; 2nd, Mrs. R. Pearce.

49 (NORTH MIDLAND) INFANTRY DIVISION RIFLE MEETING 24TH/25TH SEPTEMBER

The Battalion has never before sent a team to this meeting, which is held at Beckingham, Lincolnshire, but a small team was sent this year to test the nature of the opposition. It was very stiff indeed and the experience will be a spur to greater efforts next year. The 5th Battalion team did quite well to come third in the Major Unit championship but the winning 5th South Stafford team was well ahead and will take some catching next year. The second team was that of the 4th/6th Royal Lincolns and we hope their narrow victory over us has sown the seed for keen rivalry between us in the future.

The only individual successes were those of 2/Lt. R. Pearce, who won the T.A. class of the individual rifle match, and Sgt. Kilty who struck a pool bull. Sgt. Kilty and Capt. Akehurst were placed third in the L.M.G. pairs match.

OUNDLE SCHOOL SEARCHLIGHT TATTOO

As part of the C.C.F. Centenary Celebrations Oundle School C.C.F. provided a spectacular searchlight tattoo in the school grounds, and the Northamptonshire Regiment were well represented in a programme of pageantry and military splendour, which even heavy rain failed to diminish.

An Old Oundelian, Maj.-Gen. T. H. Birkbeck, took the salute; another distinguished Old Oundelian, Air-Marshal Sir Richard Atcherley, was unable to be present but a recorded message from him was relayed to the audience.

First in the arena were the massed bands of the 5th Battalion The Northamptonshire Regt. T.A., the 1st Battalion the King's Own Scottish Borderers, the Bugle Band of H.M.S. *Ganges* and the Oundle School Combined Cadet Force.

An Auster aircraft, piloted by Cadet C. J. Bangay of Oundle School C.C.F., represented the commander of the assault troops making an air "recce" for the modern battle which followed. This was carried out by members of the R.A.F. Regiment supported by a platoon of Oundle School C.C.F., three-inch mortars, and some spectacular low level attacks by two Hunter aircraft of the R.A.F. All the noise of the modern battle was there and very well simulated. The climax to the battle came with the arrival of a helicopter to evacuate the casualties.

All ended well and the audience were able to relax and enjoy the display of marching and counter-marching by the band of the 5th Battalion The Northamptonshire Regt. T.A. who, playing before their own people, gave an excellent performance which was very much appreciated. The band, of course, are no strangers to Oundle as they have given two very successful band concerts there.

The Northern Command physical training team

followed with items that could only be described as breathtaking in view of the dangerous conditions underfoot and they fully deserved their spontaneous and whole-hearted round of applause.

More battle noises when the 17 Training Regt. R.A., came into action with their 25-pounders and proceeded to take up action positions and demolish an enemy tank; the young soldiers of this detachment had only six weeks training to their service career so that their performance was even more creditable.

The highlight of the evening was undoubtedly the appearance of the massed bands of the Brigade of Gurkhas. The Pipe Band and the Military Band resplendent in their white uniforms gave a stirring display in the searchlights which will long be remembered in Oundle.

Sunset, The Story of Retreat, took the crowd back into the past when the history of Retreat was displayed by members of the School cadets; uniforms of the 48th, and the 58th, which later became the Northamptonshire Regiment were worn and the town wall used to illustrate the scene was the one used by the 1st Battalion in a tattoo they presented in Aden before they left for home.

Illuminated club swinging provided a light relief before buglers of the Sea Cadets sounded a fanfare, a piper of the King's Own Scottish Borderers played a lament, the Last Post was played by a member of the School C.C.F. band and a ceremonial guard formed up in front for the final scene.

Major I. H. Corke, M.B.E., gave an excellent commentary which kept the audience in the picture the whole time, and a truly memorable occasion came to an end with the National Anthem.

162 BRIGADE M.M.G. COMPETITION

With excellent firing conditions at Stanford (Norfolk) training area on Sunday, September 11th, the Company won the coveted Vickers Machine Gun competition organised annually by 162 Inf. Brigade, and returned to Huntingdon with one of the largest trophies the Battalion has ever won. Firing began at 9 a.m. and Support Company, who were last to fire, went into action two hours later. Leading the Section as its Commander were Sgt. T. Kilty with I./Cpl. G. Lumsden (rangefinder) and Pte. K. Palmer (wireless operator). The competition firing section comprised No. 1 Gun, Cpl. E. Twigden, I./Cpl. R. Adams, Pte. D. Poynter. No. 2 Gun, L./Cpl. G. Peacock, Pte S. Cobb, Pte. D. Joyce. Targets were engaged without difficulty and both gun fired perfectly throughout the shoot. Final results were as follows: 5 Northampton T.A., 196, 4 Essex T.A., 172, 1 Herts T.A., 116, 5 Bedfords, 30.

Presenting the trophy to Support Company on completion of the competition, the Bde. Comd., Brig. A. J. C. Prickett, congratulated the winners and said that in spite of the results obtained there was always room for improvement and that he hoped to witness an even better display in next year's competitions.

Much credit for this further Support Company

success must go to C/Sgt. A. Fordham, who devoted a great deal of time to training the winning team, and to Sgt. J. Jeffery (P.S.I.) for overall administrative assistance and arrangements for the competition.

HUNTINGDON'S NEW T.A. CENTRE

Practically completed and almost ready for "take-over" is the new T.A. Centre at Huntingdon, which means that any day soon Sp. Coy. will finally vacate its somewhat dilapidated hutted accommodation and move into the luxurious splendour of Phase I, of this modern centrally-heated building. The new accommodation comprises Coy. office, general and technical stores, armoury, lecture room and tech. instruction room and is the first phase of a plan for a complete new Centre. For months past we have been in a chaotic state, with builders and their materials almost pushing us out of existence, but at last everywhere is tidy again; this shining new structure dwarfs our existing accommodation and promises to make life much more tolerable. Official take-over date is October 24th and later a reception is planned to "launch" the building. Phase II and III (the Drill Hall) and (Canteen and Messes) are due to follow shortly and this will complete the most modern T.A. centre erected by the T. & A.F. Association since the last war. After 12 years in the present hutted accommodation embodying every inconvenience, we are obviously delighted at the prospects and recruiting potential of this glass palace and the amenities it offers of greater success for the Company.

BAND AND DRUMS

BAND COMPETITION

The 54 (East Anglian) Infantry Division staged its first band competition in Bedford on Sunday, October 2nd. Eight bands competed and a combination of fine weather, splendid music and good administration made it a most successful occasion.

Marks were awarded for turn out, drill, the playing of a march, and for a 15-minute selection of individual choice. The inspection and marching was held in the morning and the 5th Battalion Band's smart appearance and playing of "To Your Guard" earned the loudest applause of the morning. Indeed, the lunch interval saw them five points in the lead having come first in all three sections. In turnout, especially, the Band scored 100 per cent.

There remained the afternoon programme and the 5th Battalion's choice for this was the march "Through Night to Light" followed by a selection from the overture "William Tell". Again the loudest applause greeted this performance but a technically perfect rendering of "Homage to Pharaoh" by the brass band of 358 Field Regt. R.A. (Suffolk Yeomanry) earned them seven more points than the 5th Battalion.

The final scores gave 358 Field Regt. R.A. 87 points to the 5th Battalion's 85. The third band was 19 points behind. Bandmaster C. F. Holland, B.E.M., and his band had done remarkably well and had earned for themselves the promise of a B.B.C. audition during the winter.

DRUMS COMPETITION

The 162 Infantry Brigade's annual Corps of Drums competition was held at Bedford on October 9th and four Corps competed. The 5th Battalion had won on the last two occasions and started favourites but opposition had improved since last year and certainly there was no over-confidence.

In the event the 5th Battalion Corps gave a most polished performance and ran out the winners by six clear points with a total of 81 per cent. This was one-and-a-half points less than last year but it is believed that the judging was more strict.

The "East Midland Brigade" Drums cup, which has been competed for since 1929 comes back to Peterborough for the third successive year and congratulations go to Drum-Major R. M. Woods and his fine Corps of Drums.

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

ANNUAL CAMP

A report on the first week of the Annual Camp appeared in the last issue of the Journal and the second week started with little improvement in the weather.

After a fairly gruelling first week, outings were arranged for the Saturday and Sunday. The principal outing was to Blackpool which, although a considerable distance from Leyburn, proved to be a highly successful venture, not the least important being the glorious sunshine found upon arrival. Those unfortunate ones who had to be left in camp had to be content with only a slight improvement in weather conditions, but Blackpool was bathed in sunshine. This outing, together with a more local trip to Darlington on the following day, was in the capable hands of B.S.M. Tebbutt.

Owing to the sudden illness abroad of Mrs. Lewis, the Commanding Officer had to leave camp very suddenly late on the Sunday evening and immediately flew to Spain. We are very pleased to report that Mrs. Lewis had made a speedy recovery, but this did mean that the Colonel had no alternative but to miss the large exercises planned for the second week.

The Regiment was taken over Major V. A. Harding, T.D., with Major R. C. Jeffery as Second-in-Command. The Battery was commanded for the forthcoming week by Capt. D. F. Hooton, T.D., with Capt. K. L. Parry as Troop Commander, and Capt. N. E. L. Thomas as Command Post Officer.

Two deployment exercises were devised for the second week, one being the major A.G.R.A. Exercise commanded by Brig. G. E. C. Sikes, D.S.O. (Commander 42 A.G.R.A.). For this the Regiment moved off to a concentration area, some 60 miles from Leyburn. The move was accomplished well and even the weather improved for the move but

torrential rain welcomed the Regiment upon its arrival into the hide. It is suspected that the hide had been very carefully chosen for its difficulties, but in spite of the fact that more than half consisted of peat bogs, there were no casualties. Perhaps we all had too vivid memories of similar mishaps during the first week.

The intention had been to practise movement and deployment and for the rest of this week the Battery travelled a considerable distance. In all, seven deployments and moves were carried out, the majority being under considerable pressure and with little help from the weather. One night scheme had to be cancelled owing to the adverse weather. This was during the first exercise, and it was reluctantly felt that it was far wiser to reserve our strength for the more important days to come. The vehicles and equipments had already suffered some slight damage and this respite enabled the Nos. 1 to carry out some valuable servicing.

During all these deployments, we were given every opportunity of engaging jet aircraft. The R.A.F. Flight were extremely good and performed outstanding feats of aerobatics. Admittedly they took every advantage of the hilly nature of the ground, but this was, without any doubt, the finest air co-operation we have experienced for some time. The layers have never really had practical experience on fast jets, but after a few days it was quite apparent that the 40/70 equipment with the new reflector sight is quite able to engage such targets, and with practice came confidence.

Excellent opportunities were given to the Nos. 1 to practise site control and the tactical handling of the gun. Differing sites created individual problems of camouflage. It is only on this type of mobile deployment in strange country that valuable practical lessons can be digested.

We are very pleased to record that Sgt. Sambrooks and his Wellingborough detachment were selected by the I.G. to give a demonstration to the Regiment, upon the occupation of a gun site and subsequent gun drills. Sgt. Sambrooks, together with the P.S.I., B.S.M. Cleary, had devoted a lot of time before camp welding this comparatively young detachment into an efficient working team and it is gratifying to note that their endeavours were rewarded at camp in this manner.

Other Nos. 1 commanding detachments were Sgts. Butcher, Ball, Jellis and Pell, who all did well to achieve such good results. It is interesting to note that as conditions became increasingly worse, the morale of all ranks increasingly rose. A feeling of satisfaction seemed evident throughout all ranks. Right from the outset the drills moved smoothly. The past experiences of weekend schemes were more than adequately proving themselves.

Troop Headquarters and the gun detachments were completely self-supporting. Compo rations were supplemented by B.Q.M.S. Cheney, Sgt. Gibbs and their "Q" Staff. A mobile canteen was organised by B.S.M. Tebbutt. The M.O. saw fit to issue several rum issues during the week.

Special reference must be made to the M.T. Section. Instead of the usual hardstanding or care-

fully selected tract of country over which to deploy, the drivers found that they were meeting every possible obstacle. The majority of the moves were cross-country, and not always by daylight. The importance of the winch was soon proved, and on occasions guns were hauled into most inaccessible but essential positions. No longer did the drivers find that their job was finished once the guns were in action. Several were called upon to act as relief gun members, and all acted either as site cook, guard, or in one of the other miscellaneous capacities so fundamentally essential on an efficient gun site. They were completely responsible for the servicing of their vehicles and after travelling many gruelling miles, there were no mechanical breakdowns. This was to be expected but it was pleasing to note that drivers were very quickly acquiring an eye for the country. They very soon realised that they could, with a little forethought and deliberation, often ease the work of the detachment. The Battery moved with determination and resulting ease.

The radar operators, signallers and Command post staff were placed at the disposal of the Composite Battery Commander and acted as a relief shift on the various equipment. This system, especially from a training aspect, leads to a certain amount of specialisation, which is not always desirable. There had been an attempt to recruit more volunteers to this Section and several men had had little training before camp. The signallers were gratified to hear that the Signal's Officer had been congratulated by the Instructor-in-Gunnery who felt that the standard achieved was at least of Regular Army standard.

This was the first all-mobile camp and consequently it was not possible to prove the equipments on the range. As an alternative camera guns were used on several occasions but the results were in general not entirely satisfactory due to poor visibility.

The outcome of this fortnights rugged manoeuvres was an extraordinarily good camp report. All ranks are to be congratulated on their efforts. It was hard work with little time to relax but with some very worthwhile results.

On one of the very few fine evenings, a battery party was arranged by B.S.M. Tebbutt at a local public house. The majority of the battery were present and everyone appeared to have an enjoyable evening.

The Sergeants' Mess was quite well supported and numbers were substantially increased by two other T.A. Regiments in camp. B.S.M. Ballard acted as Treasurer and other members served on the Committee. A guest night was held and the majority of officers were able to be present. Lt.-Col. J. H. Johnson, T.D., who was a guest of the Officers' Mess was present and was heard, at a comparatively late hour, still discussing the days of long ago with one or two of the older W.O.'s and Sergeants. It was a most enjoyable evening and thanks were expressed to members of the Mess.

The long move back from camp was completed by road convoy under the command of Capt.

N. E. L. Thomas. An early start was made and the battery arrived home well satisfied after a keen and strenuous camp.

BDR. A. MASON

Bdr. Mason was involved in a civilian traffic accident on the Sunday afternoon. Although he had to be left behind in Harrogate Hospital with a severe leg injury, he has now returned home to Kettering and we are very pleased to hear that he appears to be making satisfactory, but slow progress.

POST CAMP TRAINING

With the return from camp the first priority was the servicing and return of all pool vehicles, to be closely followed by the general servicing of all battery vehicles. As was to be expected the vehicles had somewhat suffered from the rigours of camp, although not one vehicle had a mechanical breakdown. Several vehicles were sent to workshops for repair or modifications.

Orders were received that the annual technical inspections were to be made in October but this year all equipments, vehicles, small arms and stores would be dealt with by a central inspecting team. In previous years each group of equipments has been inspected separately over a period of several weeks. This new system involves intensive work by all concerned and the P.S.I., B.S.M. Cleary was handicapped by the loss of two of the civilian staff, closely followed by his own incapacitation due to a severe strain to his back. This put extra work on the shoulders of the volunteers but the equipments were ready well on time and the Commanding Officer expressed his satisfaction on his inspection prior to the teams arrival. This was confirmed by the general report of the inspectorate. The Regimental Report is a good one "bordering on excellent". It is readily admitted that the battery standard was extremely high, especially on the guns, and all ranks are to be congratulated. This was extremely hard work, but there were lighter moments, not the least being when a certain L/Bdr. driver, who shall be nameless, was inclined to be extremely over-keen and had decided he could improve upon the rather drab colour scheme laid down in army regulations. His attempts to paint towing eyes, rollers, etc., in a somewhat bright red were hastily rectified by the P.S.I. minutes before the C.O. arrived for his inspection. Having received the benefit of certain heated words of wisdom from the P.S.I., it is doubted whether this L/Bdr. will again attempt to air his views on such matters.

Owing to the close proximity of the Annual Admin Inspection which will be held on November 30th, it was decided that training would not be carried out on the guns but that concentration would be made on small arms training, map reading and camouflage.

After the annual inspection, mobile training will again commence.

W.O.II D. CIVIL

After many years of conscientious service to the battery, and its previous units, B.S.M. Civil has

retired. A farewell party was held at Wellingborough and many old friends assembled to express their farewells.

B.S.M. Civil served for many years with the Northamptonshire Regiment as chief clerk, and was one of the first volunteers to join the T.A. in 1947. He served with 585 Regt. as chief clerk and was accordingly responsible for all office routine and administration. He was an expert in all these matters, and an authority on the mass of regulations, A.C.I.'s and army procedures. Upon the formation of "R" Battery he remained as chief clerk, until he obtained the post of accountant at the T.A. Association Headquarters. He still continued his T.A. service as Battery Chief Clerk and the battery office at camp was readily left in his capable hands. This enabled officers to devote their time to training matters with the absolute knowledge that the administration was being carried out by B.S.M. Civil in his usual quiet, correct and efficient manner.

He was a keen member of the Sergeants' Mess. He served the Mess well, occupying all offices of the committee. He was a staunch believer in the rights and customs of the Mess and did much to improve and maintain the prestige of the Mess.

A glowing tribute was paid to him by the Commanding Officer at his farewell party and with the knowledge that he will still be with us behind the scenes, we do formally express our thanks to him for all his past conscientious service together with our best wishes for the future both to him and Mrs. Civil.

SGT. R. LETTS

For business reasons, Sgt. Letts also tendered his resignation. As Signals Sergeant he was responsible for Battery Signals training and was one of the first volunteers to join the T.A. upon its reformation after the Second World War.

Always a smart N.C.O., on the signals side he excelled. He was an extremely keen lecturer and a first-class operator. His knowledge of fundamentals was good and he took a delight in knowing and practising all the correct wireless procedures.

He was a practical signaller and although in recent years he had great difficulty in attending annual camp on business grounds, his services will be missed by the Signals Section. Perhaps we will always remember one of his favourite expressions, that "BASS" to a good signaller should not remind him of beer!

A farewell party was held in his honour and a presentation made.

We are extremely sorry to lose him but offer both Sgt. and Mrs. Letts (who also belonged to a good Regt. several years ago) our best wishes for the future.

ROYAL ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION

Readers are reminded that R.A.A. Branches are actively operating in all local towns and meetings are held from time to time. The Association does a lot of good, especially in connection with ex-gunners, and further information can be obtained from the Battery Office.

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GENERAL.

It is evident that by the end of the year our present strength will begin to run down and by February-March, 1961, we shall have no National Servicemen. We require 48 Regular recruits each month to maintain the momentum of Battalions Strengths and at present we are acquiring only 27 per month on average. The prospects are very difficult to assess but every effort must be made to achieve our target.

Since our last notes R.S.M. Gingell, 1 East Anglian, has left us to take up an appointment in Berlin, where we wish him and Mrs. Gingell the best of luck. R.S.M. R. Gell, 2 East Anglian, has taken his place.

At the Battle of Britain Service in the Cathedral the Depot was represented by Col. W. A. Heal, O.B.E., and Lt.-Col. A. G. R. Noble, M.C., together with 50 of the junior soldiers. Two days before, the Commanding Officer of the R.A.F. Station at Honington took the Salute at the Passing-Out Parade, a most appropriate occasion.

The Armed Forces Exhibition was held in Bury St. Edmunds between August 10 and 20, 1960, at the instigation of the Mayor of Bury St. Edmunds. It was a Combined Services effort and included static displays in the Athenaeum Assembly Rooms and in the Abbey Gardens, and some outdoor supporting event every evening.

The opening ceremony was performed by the Quartermaster-General on August 10. The Depot provided a Guard of recruits. The Guard was commanded by Lt. R. F. Kitchen, 2 East Anglian, and performed very creditably indeed. Many complimentary remarks were subsequently received from the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force. The Band and Drums of the 2nd East Anglian Regiment were also on parade.

The Brigade was represented in the Exhibition by a display in the Athenaeum and by the Bands and Corps of Drums of the 1st and 2nd East Anglian Regiments, either Beating Retreat or giving concerts in the Abbey Gardens. The Depot, besides providing the Guard, also provided a fatigue party daily.

OFFICERS' MESS

Early in August the Mess moved from Gibraltar Barracks to Blenheim Camp. The move was accomplished with very little discomfort to the "living in" officers, thanks to the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Watts, Cpl. Pelley and the Mess staff.

The major social event since these notes were last published has been the Depot Garden Party. It was very pleasant to see so many past members of all six pre-amalgamation Regiments. It is intended that the Garden Party shall become an annual event. The Mess has been visited by a number of distinguished visitors on the occasion of Passing-Out Parades and local events. Among the visitors have been the Quartermaster-General, General Sir Cecil S. Sugden, K.C.B., C.B.E., the Brigade Representative Colonel, General Sir Reginald F. S. Denning, K.B.E., C.B., the District Commander, Major-General D. E. B. Talbot, C.B.E., D.S.O., MC., and the Mayor and Mayoress of Bury St. Edmunds, Councillor and Mrs. Mark S. Petch.

Bob Pike and Peter Sincok, both 3rd East Anglian, deserve special mention, as they depart for Malaya by road early in October. We wish them the best of luck in their long journey.

The Mess is now a proud possessor of several items of property, kindly lent by Regiments; for these pictures, letter-racks, clocks and silver the Mess is very grateful.

SERGEANTS' MESS

R.S.M. H. J. Gingell handed over his duties to R.S.M. R. A. Gell on July 20, 1960, and has since gone to Berlin Independent Brigade as Garrison R.S.M.

R.S.M. E. Hellicar helped to close the Depot at Warley and has moved to Singapore.

R.S.M. P. McGeever, M.B.E., M.M., R.S.M. H. Gilchrist and C.S.M. J. Ramplin are all here on paper, if not always in the flesh, awaiting the day they leave for Civvie Street. As too are Sgts. P. Hemsley, B. Kierman and G. Jacobs. The latter seems to spend most of his time travelling collecting absentees.

Some have already gone; O.R.Q.M.S. W. Medhurst, C/Sgts. J. Leach and H. Boreham and Sgt. T. Williams with "Golden Bowlers." Sgt. "Mary" Gilbert merely took off his B.D. and donned a civilian suit and now calls himself Mess Steward (Civ.) instead of Mess Steward (Mil.). Sgt. M. Ziska bought his ticket and was last seen heading for the Canadian Army Recruiting Office.

Our present "Lodgers" are O.R.Q.M.S. M. Starbuck, C.S.M. W. Jones, at present A/R.S.M. attached to Home Counties District, R.Q.M.S. R. May, C.S.M. A. Brandreth, C/Sgt. J. Roberts, Sgt. P. South and Sgt. J. Pocock, attached from 1 East Anglian on recruiting duties. Also with us is Drum-Major W.

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Townley. C/Sgt. J. Jerrom is on strength, but went straight from the boat, ex Malaya, and is attached to 4 Essex, T.A.

THE MACHINE IN ACTION

Others who arrived, gone through the machine and disappeared into the mysteries of civilian life, are R.S.M. J. Mann, C.S.M. G. Collins, C/Sgt. L. Milne, C/Sgt. R. Beck and Sgts. A. Maseralla, R. Finch and H. Johnson. The machine had a breakdown and allowed some to slip off to other Units; Sgts. M. Mayne, R. Sharpe and M. Freeman to 1 East Anglian; Sgts. R. Gordon and R. Chapman to 2 East Anglian; Sgt. W. Kiely, J. de Bretton and J. Killen to 3 East Anglian; C/Sgts. "Paddy" Molloy and R. Stevenson, Sgts. T. Kelly, H. Dixon, A. Horne, W. Hammond, A. Jeffery, J. Snell, K. Ashworth, C. Shepherd and J. Jones to various Units throughout the world.

Sgt. A. Smith helped to close down the Depot at Northampton and is on leave prior to helping out in the Depot Orderly Room. Our congratulations to Sgt. P. South on his recent marriage and to Sgt. R. Cockaday on his recent promotion. May they both stay the course. We regret to say that Sgt. J. Rowland is in hospital and we all wish him a very quick and safe recovery.

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ARMY CADET SWIMMERS

Lincolnshire Army Cadet Force swimmers did well in the Northern Command championships held at Armley Baths, Leeds. In the senior competition, they came third, and in the junior competition they were second, only one point behind the West Riding.

Cadet Johnson of Branston, won the junior breast stroke race, and Cadet Ackroyd, Sleaford, and Cadet Wilkinson, Carres' Grammar School, were equal second in the junior back stroke. Cadet Clay, Sleaford, won the junior freestyle race and Cadet Walker, Scunthorpe, was second in the senior freestyle event.

Cadets Clay and Ackroyd were second and third respectively in the senior diving and Cadet Fordy, Scunthorpe, was third in the junior diving. In the junior relay medley the Lincolnshire "A" and "B" teams were second and third respectively.

MONTGOMERY OF ALAMEIN .303 COMPETITION

Four teams were entered from the County Army Cadet Force and they fired at Beckingham on Sunday, October 9th, 1960. Results:—

Havelock School Det. Lincs. A.C.F.	1st	262 pts.
No. 2 Area	2nd	211 pts.
No. 1 Area	3rd	209 pts.
Carres' Grammar School	4th	160 pts.

Fired concurrently with the Montgomery of Alamein Competition was the Individual Rifle Championship and the following were the top 16 scorers:—

	Deliberate H.P.S.	Snap	Rapid	Total
Hutchinson, B.S.M. (Sen. 1)	35	25	23	83
Scott, Sgt. G. (Sen. 2)	29	23	21	73
Long, Sgt. J. (Sen. 3)	30	24	19	73
Keay, L/Bdr. (Jun. 1)	29	22	21	72
Macmillan, Sgt. (Jun. 2)	28	23	18	69
Robinson, Sgt. B. D.	25	21	14	60
Bell, L/Bdr. B. (Jun. 3)	24	21	15	60
Clark, L/Bdr. M. R.	27	16	16	59
Johnson, Cdt. N. J.	26	17	15	58
Thompson, Cdt. A. F.	17	23	15	55
Windsor, L/Bdr. F. S.	23	16	15	54
Flintoft, Cdt. J. F.	16	13	14	43
Youdan, Cpl. T. A.	18	9	14	41
Addison, L/Bdr. G. F.	16	8	14	40
Pendle, L/Bdr. M. J.	6	8	15	29
Sutton, Sgt. K.	16	0	10	24
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BISLEY NATIONAL CADET RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Having lost most of our good shots during the year, we attended Bisley with practically a new team. However, every one shot well and the following gained places in the "Cadet 100":

S/M. Hutchinson, J. H. (Havelock Sch. Det.)

26th.

Cpl. Youdan, T.A. (Carres' Grammar Sch.) 36th.

The Committee wish to congratulate both of them.

CADET ANNUAL CAMP, 1960

The culminating point of the Cadet year is annual camp and in 1960, the Lincolnshire Cadets spent two very good weeks at Leeming R.A.F. Station in Yorkshire. This was arranged with Fighter Command by Air Commodore N. A. P. Pritchett, the T.A. Secretary.

Thirty officers, 30 S.M.I.s and 350 cadets attended what was no doubt one of the best camps ever. The weather on the whole was good and some excellent training, both by day and night, was carried out in the Catterick area.

The training included river crossing in assault boats which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. Apart from the excellent training the cadets were thoroughly catered for during their off duty periods. A day was spent at the seaside where training was coupled with entertainment.

The R.A.F. did everything possible to make the camp a success and provided excellent food, film shows, use of the sports field and sports gear and visits round aircraft on the station.

To show their appreciation of the excellent camp,

the officers presented a solid silver ink stand to the Officers' Mess while the S.M.I.s and S.I.s presented the Sergeants' Mess with a table lighter in the shape of a jet aircraft.

The camp was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The camp venue for 1961 is not yet known, but we are hoping it will be as good as in 1960.

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CAMP, 1960

The Annual Camp was held at Cranwich, Norfolk, during August week. The Camp, being hatted with all modern conveniences, provided Cadets with an insight as to how the modern Army lives these days. Cadets were fully catered for from when they got up until bedtime. A Games Room run excellently by members of the Northampton W.V.S., a fully staffed NAAFI complete with juke box, a feature film show each evening provided complete after training entertainment. Additionally, a complete day at Great Yarmouth gave the Cadets a chance to enjoy themselves with all the fun of the fair and an opportunity to buy that small present to take home. At Camp the Battalion again won the Guard Mounting competition.

CADET CENTENARY

The Unit celebrated its own centenary week-end on September 24/25. On the Saturday afternoon a Garden Fete was held at the Drill Hill, Northampton, with all the usual side-shows, jumble stall, etc. A Baby Show was an additional item. The weather being warm and sunny, drew a larger than expected crowd. On the termination of the fete a display was given in the Main Hall, comprising of items given by the Corps of Drums, physical training by Corby Grammar School Company, a Guard Changing item and the Retreat by the combined Corps of Drums and Northampton Town Band. Our thanks must go out to all who assisted in the preparation and rehearsal, in particular to Mrs. Willford, who manufactured the costume for the 1860 Guard, and R.Q.M.S. Blunt, whose contacts with local personalities provided most of the kit used in the Fete; also to members of the Girls' Nautical Training Corps for their assistance. The Salute at the display was taken by Brigadier D. E. Taunton, C.B., D.S.O., Associate Colonel 2nd East Anglian Regiment. Mrs. Taunton kindly presented the trophies gained in 1960, and congratulated Sgt. G. Kelly on his award of the best Cadet of the year. On behalf of all ranks of the Unit, L/Cpl. R. Jackson presented a bouquet to Mrs. Taunton.

On Sunday, September 25, a Parade and Service was held, assembling on the Market Square and marching to the Drill Hall. The parade was headed by the combined Corps of Drums and Northampton Town Band and commanded by Major R. G. Smith. Members of the 2nd Cadet Battalion, the Sea Cadet Corps, Air Training Corps and Girls' Pre-Service Units accepted the invitation to attend. The Salute was taken by the Chief Constable

of Northampton, Mr. D. R. Baker, and guests included Mr. H. T. van Laun, Youth Service Officer, and Officers Commanding all Pre-Service Units in Northampton. The Service for Church of England personnel was conducted by Canon J. D. Richards, of All Saints, and for the Roman Catholic personnel by Father Wooddard. Tea was provided for all Cadets who attended and Mrs. Willford catered for all officers, W.O.s and guests.

RECRUITING

Since our centenary week-end, two weeks ago, we have had nine boys come along to join and from the Adjutant's report of interviews it appears they are very keen and a chance that they will bring their friends to join.

CORPS OF DRUMS

The Corps of Drums have again been in great demand for display work and Beating of Retreat. Fetes at Kingsthorpe, St. Edmund's Hospital and carnivals at Higham Ferrers and the Tetley Tea Bag Factory at Bletchley were the main venues. In our last notes a mention was made of the Drums practising with fifes, although they have not appeared publicly. Mr. Hodgkinson hopes that the standard will be reached in time for Armistice Day parades. To fulfil the Armistice Day commitments in the morning, afternoon and evening the Drums will have to travel nearly 120 miles which entails perfect timing of meals and transport.

SERGEANTS' MESS

The Annual Dinner was held during Camp this year and proved very successful, all arrangements being made by R.Q.M.S. Blunt. We were sorry that cinema duty prevented the R.S.M. attending, but admire him for quoting "a promise to Cadets must not be broken," although since we have found out a relief projectionist was available. Sgt. Instr. Summerfield, who has been with the Battalion since he was 14 years old, decided to make the Army his career and reported to the 1st Training Regiment, R.E.M.E., on October 3. We hope that he will always be a trier in his new venture and receive due reward similarly to his six years' Cadet service.

2nd (Cadet) Battalion

Camp this year was at Cranwich, situated in the Stanford P.T.A. In all, 70 All Ranks attended; training was in three groups and all the Cadets enjoyed it very much. Being a hatted camp they voted it a very good site and also they thought the training areas excellent. Each Cadet was given a day at Yarmouth and with football matches and sports during the evenings their time was fully occupied. The

W.V.S. ran an excellent games room and the NAAFI had a juke box which was much enjoyed.

Lt. Winbury, of the Corby Platoon, attended a King George VI Leadership Course at Frimley Park from August 7 to 13.

We sent two teams to the 5th Battalion's shoot at Grafham on September 4 and we came second in the Cadet falling plate match. On Sunday, September 11, we held our last Centenary Church Parade at Rushden. The service was conducted by the Rev. I. Douglas-Jones and the Salute was taken by the Chairman of the Rushden Urban Council, Mrs. Marriott. We had quite a good attendance and the parade was led by the Band of the 1st Cadet Battalion, ably led by R.Q.M.S. J. Blunt. Major J. Britten, M.C., of Headquarters Staff, also attended.

On September 24, we sent Cadets to take part in the Church Parade at Northampton; this was a combined parade of all Pre-Service Units.

3rd/4th (Cadet) Battalion

Annual Camp, held at Cranwich, Norfolk, from July 31 to August 7, was an undoubted success. With Stanford P.T. Area available for daily training, the Cadets were able to participate in exercises which were enhanced by such ideal surroundings.

Another contributory factor was the popularity of the Games Room organised by the W.V.S. ladies, and this eliminated any chance of boredom when the Cadets were off duty.

On Thursday, August 4, among the many distinguished visitors to Camp were Major-General E. D. Fanshawe, C.B., C.B.E., Chairman of the Pre-Service Committee, Brigadier D. E. Taunton, C.B., D.S.O., Secretary, T. and A.F.A., Col. N. V. Stopford-Sackville, O.B.E., T.D., Col. J. R. Wetherall, former County Commandant, Major E. W. Kitchin, M.C., Garrison Adjutant, Colchester, and particularly appreciated by all ranks of the Battalion was the presence of Councillor and Mrs. J. Savage, Mayor and Mayoress of Peterborough, and Councillor C. G. Smith, Mayor of Huntingdon.

Together, with members of the Press from Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire, the visitors were welcomed by Col. J. T. Ennals, M.B.E., County Commandant, and were taken to the training areas to see the Cadets.

On Friday, August 5, we were honoured by the visit of Capt. The Lord de Ramsey, T.D., Lord Lieutenant of Huntingdonshire, General Sir Montague Stopford, G.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., Chairman A.C.F. Association, and Col. R. D. Sherbrooke-Walker, T.D., D.L., Vice-Chairman A.C.F. Association.

It is with regret that we record the absence from Camp of Major R. E. Amos, M.B.E., through ill-health, particularly as this must be the first one he has missed since the formation of the Battalion.

A further pleasing feature of Camp was the fact that every Cadet was given a day trip to Yarmouth during the week.

The Battalion can feel justifiably proud that it won the Lines Competition for the second consecutive year, and the adjudication was carried out by Lt.-Col. G. A. C. Danby, M.B.E., Officer Commanding the 5th Bn. The Northamptonshire Regiment, T.A.

In the Guard Mounting Competition we had to be content with second place.

The Major D. J. Tansley Award, given annually to the best all-round Cadet in Camp within the confines of the 3rd/4th Battalion, was won by Cadet P. Hunter, of Peterborough Detachment. It is pleasing to report that after his return from Camp Cadet Hunter was the recipient of a congratulatory letter from Mr. Harmar Nicholls, M.P., the Member of Parliament for Peterborough.

Following Camp, the marksmen of the Battalion quickly paid attention to their range practices and this paid dividends, for the "A" team were successful in winning the invitation falling plate competition arranged by the 5th Battalion, T.A., at their Annual Shooting Meeting held at Grafham on Sunday, September 4. A team cup and silver spoons for individuals were presented to S.M.I. Firth, Sgts. Chown and Hunter, and Cpl. Nightingale by Mrs. Danby, wife of the Commanding Officer.

On to Sunday, September 18, when the Corps of Drums and a marching contingent attended the R.A.F. Association Battle of Britain Parade.

We welcome the new policy whereby Cadets having passed Certificate "A" Part 2 may now undergo technical training with the object of passing Certificate "T" and the opportunity of learning to drive a motor vehicle. Liaison has already been effected with the 566 Company R.A.S.C. (T.A.) at Peterborough to provide an instructor and facilities for the course.

Two more officers, Lt. J. T. Setchfield and Lt. M. Clements have completed 12 years' service with the Battalion and recommendations have gone forward for the award of the Cadet Forces Medal.

Congratulations go to S.M.I. J. Firth on his receipt of the Army Cadet Force Certificate of Good Service.

A Model-making Club has been formed by Sgt.-Instr. R. G. Nichols, of Peterborough Detachment, and is proving very popular.

OUR THANKS TO ALL

In conclusion, our thanks to all who are concerned with our well-being and in particular to the S.M.I.s and Sergeant-Instructors of the Battalion.

Regimental Associations

Rules of The Duchess of Gloucester's Own Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire Regimental Association.

The rules of the Association have now been approved by the 10th Foot Royal Lincolnshire Regiment Association and the Comrades' Association of the Northamptonshire Regiment, and a summary is given below.

1. WINGS OF THE NEW ASSOCIATION

The Associations of the two former Regiments are incorporated in the New Association as Wings, known as the Lincolnshire Wing and the Northamptonshire Wing.

2. OBJECTS

The objects of the Association are:

- (a) To foster the spirit of Comradeship between all members past and present of the 2nd East Anglian Regiment (Duchess of Gloucester's Own Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire) hereinafter known as "The Regiment" and all members past and present of the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment and the Northamptonshire Regiment and Units affiliated.
- (b) To provide financial help to members and their families in distressed circumstances, and in special cases to those non-members who have served or are serving in the Regiment, the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment or the Northamptonshire Regiment.
- (c) To assist members to obtain employment in Civil Life.
- (d) To encourage the recruitment of men into the Regiment, and into the Territorial Battalions of the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment and the Northamptonshire Regiment.

3. MANAGEMENT

The Management of the Association is by a General Committee, assisted by two Committees one for each Wing. The Members of the General Committee are:

- (a) The President, who shall be the Colonel of the Regiment.
- (b) *Ex Officio Members*
The Associate Colonel (Whilst this appointment continues he shall be Vice-President).
The Officer for the time being Commanding the 1st Battalion 2nd East Anglian Regiment.
The Officer for the time being Commanding

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

The Officers for the time being Commanding the 5th Battalion The Northamptonshire Regiment (T.A.).

The Chairman of the Lincolnshire Wing Committee.

The Chairman of the Northamptonshire Wing Committee.

The Regimental Secretary.

The Secretary Lincolnshire Wing.

The Secretary Northamptonshire Wing.

Provided that the Colonel of the Regiment may from time to time by direction vary the numbers and qualifications of the ex-officio members.

Any ex-officio member who is unable to be present at a meeting may appoint in writing a deputy to act for him at that meeting.

(c) *Nominated Members*

Two serving members of the Association to be nominated by the General Committee.

Two members of the Lincolnshire Wing to be nominated by the Chairman of the Committee of the Wing.

Two members of the Northamptonshire Wing to be nominated by the Chairman of the Committee of the Wing.

4. MEMBERSHIP

The following are eligible for membership:

(a) *Ordinary Members*

All ranks past and present of the Regiment, the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment and the Northamptonshire Regiment, both Regular and Non-Regular.

(b) *Honorary Members*

All existing honorary members of the 10th Foot Royal Lincolnshire Regiment Association and the Comrades Association of the Northamptonshire Regiment. All persons who may be invited to become Honorary Members by the General Committee.

(c) *Affiliated Members*

All ranks of the Allied Regiments who are or may be invited by the General Committee.

5. SUBSCRIPTIONS

A. *Officers*

(1) All Officers who on the date of formation of the Association were Life Members of either the 10th Foot Royal Lincolnshire Regiment Association or the Northamptonshire Regiment Comrades Association shall be deemed to be Life Members of the Association without further payment.

(2) Serving Officers on the Active List of the Regular Army exclusive of Life Members shall pay £1 5s. 0d. per year by Bankers Order to the Secretary of the Association. This sum shall be sub allotted as follows:
To Benevolent Fund 2nd East Anglian Regt. —10s.
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The Sub Allotment of the subscription may be varied by the General Committee if and when required.

(3) All other officers, being eligible under para 4 (Membership) but not covered by paragraphs 5.A (1) or (2) above may become members of the Association by either

(a) paying the subscription or life membership fee as laid down in paragraphs 5.A (2) or 5.A (5)
or

(b) joining one or other Wing of the Association and paying the subscription laid down in the Rules or Bye-laws of the Wing concerned.

(4) The Secretary of the Wing shall pay to the Secretary of the Association the sum of 5s. yearly in respect of each member in A.3 (b) above, which shall be credited to the Benevolent Fund of 2nd East Anglian Regiment.

(5) Life Membership may be attained by payment of £35. No allowance will be made for any annual subscriptions previously paid. The payment may be spread over 5 years.

B. *Other Ranks*

(1) All other ranks who on the date of Formation of the Association were Life Members of either the 10th Foot Royal Lincolnshire Regiment Association or the Northamptonshire Regiment Comrades Association shall be deemed to be Life Members of the Association without further payment.

(2) Regular or National Service other ranks may become Life Members on payment of £3. Those serving with 2nd East Anglian Regiment may pay by instalments by arrangements made within the Battalion. The Battalion will forward Life Membership fees in bulk to the Secretary of the Association. Two pounds of each Life Membership fee will be credited to the Benevolent Fund and One pound to the General Fund.

(3) Those who being eligible under paragraph 4 and not serving Regular or National Servicemen wish to join the Association will pay such Life Membership fees as may be decided by the Committee of the appropriate Wing. These fees shall be paid to the Wing Secretary. The Wing Secretary will forward 5s. in respect of each new Life Member to the Secretary of the Association who will credit this sum to the Benevolent Fund of 2nd East Anglian Regiment.

(4) There will be no Annual subscriptions.

C. *Collective Subscriptions*

The 1st Battalion 2nd East Anglian Regiment shall pay £100 (one hundred) annually by Bankers Order to the Secretary of the Association. Of this sum, £75 shall be credited to the Benevolent Fund, and £25 to the General Fund of the Association.

If a Commanding Officer finds that the Battalion is not financially in a position to pay this subscription he will report the circumstances to the Secretary of the Association for the information of, and consideration by, the General Committee.

D. *Honorary Membership*

A member of a Regimental Association within East Anglian Brigade, posted to another Regiment in the Brigade will automatically become an Honorary member of the Association of the Regiment with which he is serving, but without entitlements to financial aid except through his own Regimental Association.

6. FUNDS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Association shall establish by Trust Deed a Benevolent Fund for the Regiment and a General Fund.

7. WING COMMITTEES

There shall be a committee for each wing. The composition and duties of these committees are laid down in the bye-laws of the 10th Foot Royal Lincolnshire Association and in the Rules of the Northamptonshire Regiment Comrades Association respectively.

8. FUNDS OF THE WINGS

The existing Benevolent and General Funds of the 10th Foot Royal Lincolnshire Regimental Association and the Northamptonshire Regiment Comrades Association shall be administered by the committee of the appropriate Wing in accordance with their respective rules and bye-laws.

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Branch Notes

Lincolnshire Wing

LINCOLN BRANCH

The Branch for many years has enjoyed the use of the Depot Sergeants' Mess as its Headquarters. With the closing of the Depot a change became necessary and presented a real problem, this fortunately has been solved. H.Q., North Midland Area has given approval for the Branch to rent and use a room in the "Keep" situated immediately above the Regimental Museum.

The room has been redecorated by the members and comfortably furnished, wives of members putting the finishing touches by fitting curtains to the many windows. Among early visitors to their new H.Q. were Brig. Oulton, Lt.-Col. Wenham, Maj. Segon and members of the band of the 4/6th Bn. R. Lincolns (T.A.).

Members of the Regimental Association will regret to hear that Mr. J. Lovesey, Chairman of the Branch has been admitted to St. George's Hospital and F. Goode taken ill at his work is now at his home in poor health. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Northamptonshire Wing

The Northamptonshire Regiment Club, Gibraltar Barracks, Northampton

The Club continues to make progress and have taken over another hut adjacent to the present one. A billiard table is being erected and also an air gun range, thus adding to the amenities.

We are open from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturdays, and 12 noon to 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Sundays.

A weekly tote, Christmas Draw and Wine Club are run and on each Saturday "Tombola."

A record player with loudspeakers has been installed to provide musical entertainment or for use at dances.

On Thursday, October 13, 1960, a social evening was held, refreshments were provided and a good time was had by all who attended.

A 'bus load from the Club visited the London Branch on the occasion of the annual dance at Westminster; it was a real get-together party.

The Peterborough Branch are to pay us a visit in the near future. I am sure there are many ex-members of the Regiment in Northampton and district who would like to be present on this occasion.

The Club is run by a Committee of ex-members of the Regiment and all ex-members and time serving are eligible for membership, and a percentage of associate members are accepted.

The Committee is out to provide or provide every kind of entertainment and any suggestions suggestions will be welcomed.

The Club is situated in St. George's Street, off Regent Square, two minutes from Regent Square, two minutes from Regent Square, and there is parking space in the Club grounds for some 30 cars or motor cycles.

You will be sure of a big welcome if you come along and visit us; bring your wives and families with you and see for yourselves what we are doing to perpetuate the Northamptonshire Regiment.

P. C. TODD, *Hon. Sec., Hon. Secretary.*

PETERBOROUGH BRANCH

First and foremost may we have the pleasure of congratulating the Editor on the first edition of *The Poacher*.

May we also have the pleasure of announcing and congratulating our Branch Chairman on his appointment as a Justice of the Peace in the County of Huntingdon.

A coach was organised and members attended a Tattoo on July 21 at Oundle School; it was a most enjoyable and exciting evening. The school A.C.F. played a great part in presenting an excellent performance.

The Ailesworth and District Ex-Servicemen's Club held their annual Church Parade at Parade at Castor on September 18, to which Branch members were invited and attended.

On September 24 a party of Branch members attended the dance organised by the London Branch. A visit was paid to a "local" on the return journey, its title being the "Fortunes of War."

Our next social event we look forward to is a bonfire and social evening at London Road T.A. Centre on November 5.

We are pleased to report an increase in attendance at our last meeting on October 5.

Welcome to the Branch two new members, Mr. J. Jordan and Mr. S. Stratton.

H. G. TOMPKINS, *Secretary.*

LONDON BRANCH

The London Branch were able to put on a dance in September and although we could have hoped for more members from the London Area attending, we can say from the point of view of a get-together of the branches, it was a success. We were delighted to welcome the members from Northampton and Peterborough, I think they went back satisfied that they had not wasted the evening, the band was excellent and the arrangements also, although the bar closed too early for most of us. We in London are thinking of making this an annual event and thus making a second reunion for all branches, we wonder if other branches are of the same opinion. Many members present were sorry that our most familiar face was not present. Owing to the illness of his wife, our Vice-President, Mr.

Jones, was unable to be with us, we sincerely hope that by the time this is published she will have recovered. I think we are safe to say that this is probably the first London Branch function that we have not had Mr. and Mrs. Jones with us, he has always had the interest of the Branch at heart, I am sure a lot of us could take a lesson from him.

This brings me to the old question of membership, I wonder how many of you could just exert yourselves on one occasion, in 1961 say to visit us? Who knows, it could lead to many more visits. We are usually a very happy crowd at the Drill Hall where we meet once a month, I will give you the address again for you to note and remember: The Drill Hall, Westminster Dragoons, 1 Elverton Street, Horseferry Road, Westminster, S.W.1.

We usually meet once a month but this autumn owing to the Secretary's visits to hospitals for treatment meetings have been a bit erratic. I hope that from January we will be able to hold our usual monthly meetings. For any information will you please write to me and I will be glad to let you know of any activities we are planning, my address once again is: G. H. Tindall, 15 Micawber House, Dickens Estate, Bermondsey, S.E.16.

It only remains for me to wish, on behalf of the London Branch, a very Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year to all members of the Comrades' Association and the 2nd East Anglian Regiment.

G. H. TINDALL, *Hon. Secretary*,
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