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EDITORIAL

It has never been easy for the useless man, or the man with a bad character, to enlist in the Regular Army, though years ago it was easier than it is today.

The Army today is choosy, and it can afford to be, because it has a fine career to offer to the right man. But he must *be* the right man, just anyone who wants a job won't do. Today the potential recruit must be reasonably intelligent, have a good basic education, be self-reliant and reliable, and be someone who with training will make a leader. That doesn't mean that he must be highly educated, or that he must be a born leader. What the Army wants is young fit men of good character who have been to school and who want an open-air life with a chance of excitement, and who want to travel.

It will surprise many to know that the Army turns down 30 per cent of those who apply to enlist because they aren't good enough material. And this also applies to boys who want to enlist for training in a junior leaders' battalion or an apprentice school. The Army won't take "just anyone"—they only accept the best, and they only want those who wish to make the Army their career.

Mistakes do occur and occasionally the "bad hat" does slip in but he doesn't last long as a rule, and taken by and large the standard of young men in the Army today is exceedingly high.

Fathers and mothers need have no fears that if their son enlists he will be consorting with scallywags and rogues. He won't; he will be with ordinary decent young Englishmen, in fact just the sort of people that the average proud father and mother would wish their son to consort with.

Life in the Army has changed a lot—even in the last 3 or 4 years. In those days a recruit, whether Regular or National Service, wasn't allowed out of barracks during the first four weeks' service, and he wasn't allowed to wear civilian clothes until the end of his recruit training.

Now when a recruit reports to the Brigade Depot where he does ten weeks' training, he is allowed to go home in civilian clothes his very first week-end. He may have to wait a few days until a platoon is assembled before beginning his basic training. During this time he will not be put on fatigues. He will be doing drill and P.T., and he will be introduced to the infantry weapons which he will learn about in detail later. He may wear civilian clothes when off duty, and no restriction is placed on his going out of barracks after work.

Leave is 30 days per year (42 for Sergeants and above) with free rail warrants. Extra leave is also granted at Easter, Whitsun, August Bank Holiday and Christmas, and whilst on leave a food allowance of £2 3s. 2d. a week, above his basic pay is given to the single man.

The pay is good, leave is generous, conditions of service are excellent, and a fine worthwhile career is offered to good men. But only the best type of man is required by 2nd East Anglian Regiment.

It's not a question of "Is the Army good enough for me?" but "Am I good enough to get into the Army?"

Sobraon Day Message

In reply to a message of loyal greetings sent by the Regiment to their Colonel-in-Chief, the following was received by the Colonel of the Regiment from Her Royal Highness' Secretary:—

"Dear Brigadier Oulton,

The Duchess of Gloucester wishes me to thank you and all ranks of the 2nd East Anglian Regiment for the kind message of greetings sent to Her Royal Highness on Sobraon Day."

The Athens War Memorial

The last of the great memorials to the missing dead of the second world war, the Athens Memorial, was unveiled by H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester accompanied by H.R.H. the Duchess of Gloucester on Wednesday, 10th May, 1961.

On the memorial is the name of one man of The Northamptonshire Regiment—Pte. W. T. Jones.

The Regiment was represented at the ceremony by Lt.-Col. J. K. Forte, late The Royal Norfolk Regiment and now a British Vice-Consul in Corfu.

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The following table shows the Regular recruits enlisted in East Anglian Brigade including boys since 1st July, 1960:—

MONTH	1960		
	1ST E. ANGLIAN REGIMENT	2ND E. ANGLIAN REGIMENT	3RD E. ANGLIAN REGIMENT
July - - -	8	6	8
August - - -	18	10	15
September - - -	14	19	18
October - - -	9	14	16
November - - -	10	8	11
December - - -	9	4	4
	1961		
	1ST E. ANGLIAN REGIMENT	2ND E. ANGLIAN REGIMENT	3RD E. ANGLIAN REGIMENT
January - - -	16	32	21
February - - -	12	17	7
March - - -	6	17	10
Total - - -	102	127	110
Monthly average	11.33	14.11	12.22

A study of these figures shows that the worst results were in July and December. July is a summer holiday period, and December is leading up to Christmas. Naturally we cannot expect enlistments at these times, but the figures for the other months are encouraging. If July and December are disregarded the monthly average for 2nd East Anglian Regiment = 16.71.

When it is realised that the number of regular recruits enlisting into the Northamptonshire Regiment in 1957 was 34 whilst in 1958 it was 12, it will be apparent how striking are the figures for 1960-61.

Credit is due to the Regimental recruiting team which has toured Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire every month since December, 1960, to the special recruiters in the two counties, and to the Army Recruiting Officers and their staff.

Deaths

COHEN

On 25th March, 1961, at his home in Northampton, Harry George (Ern), ex-C.S.M. The Northamptonshire Regiment and one time Band Sergeant, 2nd Bn. The Northamptonshire Regiment.

CROOK

In March, 1961, at 19 Grasmere Avenue, Merton Park, London, ex-Pte. W. Crook, Royal Lincolnshire Regiment.

GILL

On 24th April, 1961, at the City Hospital, Lincoln, ex-C/Sgt. H. Gill, Royal Lincolnshire Regiment, aged 53 years.

ELLISON

On 6th February, 1961, at West View, Waddington, Lincoln, Major Guy Morton Ellison, late Royal Lincolnshire Regiment, aged 78 years.

MANYWEATHERS

On 9th February, 1961, at his home in Northampton, Albert J., ex-Officers' Mess Sergeant, The Northamptonshire Regiment and Officers' Mess Caterer of The Depot, The Northamptonshire Regiment.

SWEENEY

On 26th February, 1961, at 1 Gilbert House, Shernall Street, Walthamstow, ex-Sgt. D. J. Sweeney, Sweeney, Royal Lincolnshire Regiment.

THOMPSON

In August, 1960, Capt. A. T. Thompson, late The Northamptonshire Regiment.

Obituary

MAJOR GUY MORETON MORETON ELLISON

Major Guy Moreton Ellison died at his home, West View, Station Road, Waddington, on 6th February, 1961, at the age of 78 years. He joined the Lincolnshire Regiment as a subaltern in 1902 and retired in 1931. During his service he was for a time heavyweight boxing champion of the Army. Serving with the 1st Battalion in France during World War I, he was among those who captured a complete German battery of field guns—the first guns to be captured in that war. One of these guns being presented by the War Office to the Regiment to mark the achievement, now stands on a pedestal in Sobraon Barracks.

His special knowledge of the German language and people gained for him a post after the war on the Rhineland Commission, a post he held until appointed to command the Depot in 1927.

Although a Regimental Chapel in Lincoln Cathedral had been in existence since 1912, it was not until 1929 that three services or services chapels—Navy, Army and Air Force—were organised by Major Ellison and consecrated in the Cathedral by the then Bishop.

At the conclusion of his Army service, he farmed at Hykeham Hall. With the outbreak of World War II Major Ellison joined the R.A.F. on ground defence duties. He served for three and a half years and finished the war with Tar with Toc H, doing nearly two years with that organisation in Algiers, Naples and Athens.

He was a staunch supporter of the Lincoln Branch of the Old Contemptibles Association, and was formerly President of the Lincoln British Legion. We desire to convey sincere condolences to his widow and family.

MR. A. J. MANYWEATHERS

It is with much regret that we record the death of Mr. A. J. Manyweathers, for so long the Officers' Mess Steward of the Depot, The Northamptonshire Regiment.

He joined the Regiment in October, 1919, and in 1920 was posted to the 48th in Ireland, entering the Officers' Mess of "B" Company on detachment as a waiter. He served with the battalion at Shorncliffe, and in 1922 became Officers' Mess Corporal. He took his discharge in Blackdown in October, 1926, but remained with the Regiment as civilian Mess Steward of the Regimental Depot, the Regimental Depot moving temporarily to Blackdown in 1927 in order to deal with the many recruits who were called up at the time of the 48th moving to China. At the end of this emergency the Depot returned to Northampton where Mr. and Mrs. Manyweathers had a small flat in the Officers' Mess, and Mrs. Manyweathers also helped with the cooking.

He rejoined the Army in 1941 as Officers' Mess Sergeant, and remained with the Depot until 1943, when he was posted to the 4th Battalion. In 1945 he returned to Northampton, again as Officers' Mess Sergeant, first with 14 I.T.C. and later with 48th P.T.C. In 1947 he was discharged from the Army but continued as civilian Mess Steward for the Regimental Depot until November, 1951. Thus for 32 years continuously Mr. Manyweathers served with The Northamptonshire Regiment.

All will testify to his great ability and to his excellent qualities as a cook. His remarkable memory for names stood him in good stead; he seldom, if ever, forgot the name of an officer he had met, and generally knew all the latest Regimental news.

We extend our sympathy to his widow and their family.

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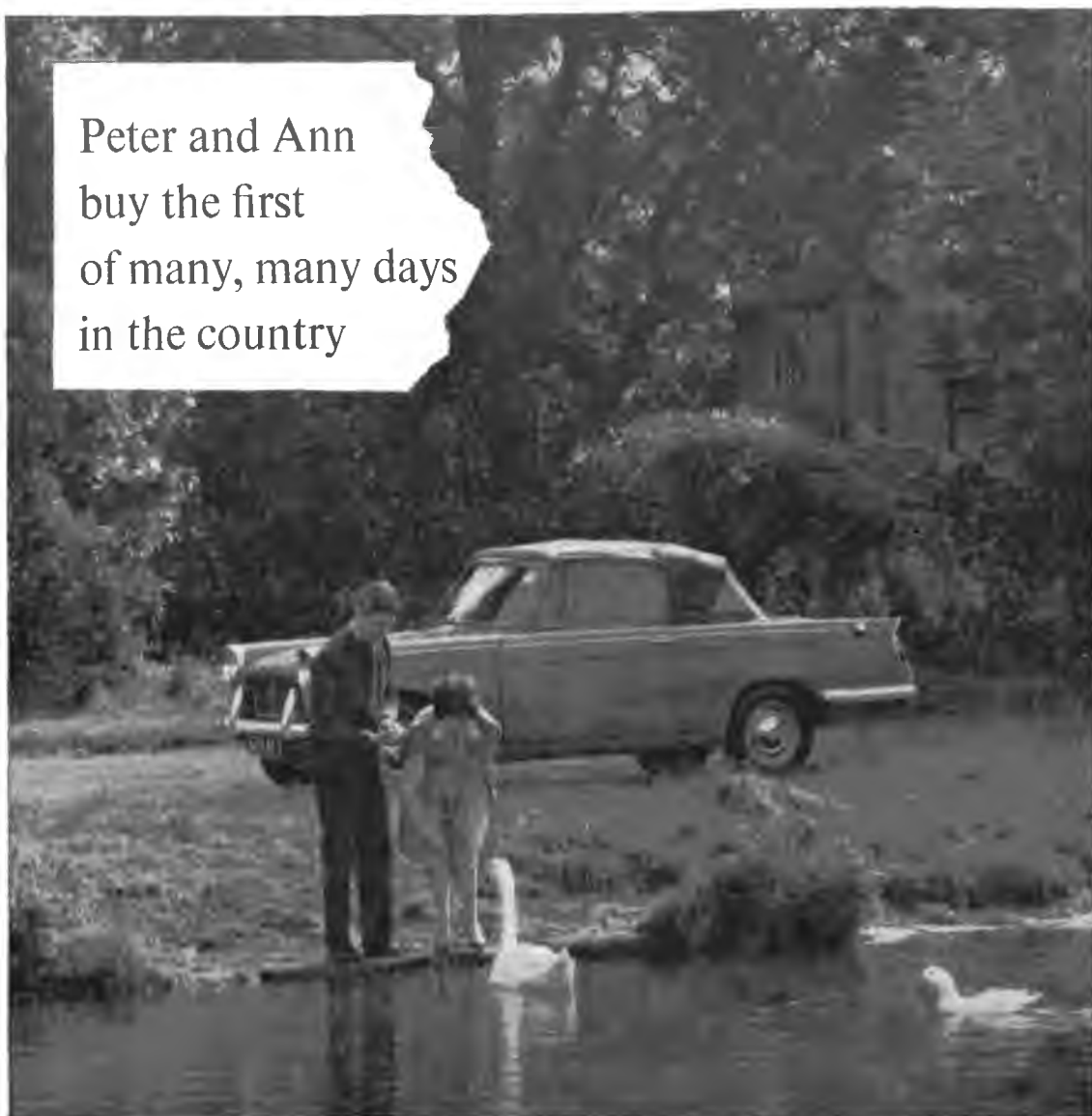
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Personalia

Brigadier J. R. G. ANDRE, C.B., D.S.O., is now living at Peaked Croft, Highleigh, Sidelsham Common, Chichester.

Col. and Mrs. R. P. BAILY were at Canberra Airport to meet Lt.-Col. and Mrs. H. B. Riggale of Lincoln when they visited Australia recently.

Major H. W. CLARK has been appointed D.A.A. & Q.M.G. of an Armoured Brigade and takes up the appointment this month.

We congratulate Lt.-Col. and Mrs. G. D. COLE on the birth of a son. They are now in Aden.

We congratulate Capt. (Q.M.) C. P. CULBERT on his promotion to substantive rank.

We congratulate Capts. C. J. DALE, N. MILLER, and P. WORTHY on passing the Staff College Examination held in February, 1961.

We congratulate Lt. and Mrs. C. P. DOLLERY on their marriage which took place on April 4th, 1961. Mrs. Dollery before her marriage was Miss Elaine Carrick.

We congratulate Lt. and Mrs. R. J. M. DRUMMOND on their marriage which took place on April 3rd, 1961.

We congratulate Capt. and Mrs. D. A. FENNEL on the birth of a daughter. They are now living at Highfields, Dees Avenue, Wallsend-on-Tyne.

Brig. P. W. P. GREEN, C.B.E., D.S.O., has now returned to England from Kenya to take up an appointment at the War Office. He is living at Birling, Longbottom Lane, Beaconsfield.

Major L. D. GROUNDSELL retires from the Army this month.

We congratulate Councillor W. E. HERBERT, son of ex-Sgt. W. H. Herbert, The Lincolnshire Regiment, on being elected Mayor of Lincoln.

Mr. L. HORSFALL, ex-Drummer of the 58th Regiment, visited the Regimental Headquarters twice during his leave from Aden. He left United Kingdom again on February 10th to do Electrical Supervision in Bahrain and Sharjah.

We congratulate Major J. A. HUGHES on his promotion to substantive rank.

We welcome 2/Lt. R. H. JACQUES to the

Regiment on first commissic commissioning. He is at present serving with the 1st Battae 1st Battalion.

We congratulate Lt. and M.I. and Mrs. R. F. KITCHIN on the birth of a son.

Major J. M. KNOWLES JOWLES has gone abroad and is now at H.Q. R.A.S.C. SirA.S.C. Singapore Base District.

Col. E. P. LLOYD, C.B.E.YD, C.B.E., D.S.O., is living at Ashford Chase, Petersfield.

We congratulate Col. G. Col. G. V. MARTIN, M.C., on his promotion to substantio substantive rank.

Major J. D. MONKMAN NKMAN is now in Matsuyama, Japan, where he takes up takes up employment on the faculty of one of the Japaneshe Japanese Universities. He had a fascinating trip out there out there on a Japanese freighter which took 58 days and cays and called practically everywhere between London and Adon and Kobe.

Capt. J. K. PARKER WORKER would like to express his thanks to all those officers w officers who subscribed towards the lovely wedding present g present given to him. He is most appreciative of this g of this gift from his brother officers.

Major T. PHILLIPS ha:LIPS has had a spell in the General Hospital, NorthampNorthampton, and is now convalescing.

We congratulate Major s Major and Mrs. A. A. G. POWER on their marriage marriage which took place on March 18th, 1961.

Major R. C. ROCHE, M.OCHE, M.C., has been appointed G.S.O.II(S.D.) at H.Q. Nor H.Q. North Midland Area and took up the appointment in Mment in March, 1961.

We congratulate Lt. R. S. Lt. R. S. SKILBECK on the announcement of his engagemis engagement.

We congratulate Capt. and Capt. and Mrs. J. TADMAN on their marriage which too which took place on April 8th, 1961.

Lt.-Col. A. O. F. WINKL². WINKLER has moved to No. 57 Wilton Road, Bexhill.

We congratulate Major P: Major P. WORTHY on being granted temporary rank of 1 rank of Major. He will shortly assume an appointment at timent at the War Office.

Lt. and Mrs. K. G. FORI G. FORD wish to thank all the officers who subscribed to theibed to their Regimental wedding present, which they will treay will treasure all their life.

Colonel R. K. McMichael, O.B.E., T.D., J.P.

Honorary Colonel 5th Battalion The Northamptonshire Regiment (T.A.) 1951-1961

Col. McMichael, who retired from the position of Honorary Colonel of the 5th Battalion on 1st May, 1961, joined the 5th Battalion (T.A.) in 1921, just one year after the battalion had been formed, so it can be said that almost as long as the battalion has existed Col. McMichael has been a member of the Regiment.

In January, 1940, he went to France with the battalion as Second-in-Command to Lt.-Col. W. E. Green, D.F.C., and remained with them until 1942, when he was promoted Lt.-Col. and appointed to command No. 3 G.H.Q. Training School at Ludlow. In March, 1942, when he was in temporary command of the battalion in the absence of the C.O., the battalion received a visit from His Majesty The King.

In 1945, at the end of the war, Col. McMichael was demobilised, but he was not to remain out of the Army long. In 1947 the 5th Battalion was reformed and Col. McMichael was appointed C.O., with the difficult job of building up the strength of the battalion. It was not easy in those days, so soon after the end of the war, to get men to join the T.A., but by his personality and enthusiasm he soon had a nucleus of good officers and N.C.O.s. His policy was "quality" rather than "quantity", and from the solid foundation laid by him the battalion has now grown to its present strength and efficiency.

After four years in command, Col. McMichael

handed over in December, 1950. For his services to the Territorial Army he was awarded the O.B.E., and in July, 1951, he was appointed Honorary Colonel of the battalion, a position he has filled with efficiency and distinction for almost 10 years. In 1960 he was appointed a Justice of the Peace for the County of Northamptonshire.

Thus, for 40 years, Col. McMichael has served the T.A. and the Northamptonshire Regiment, and his long years of devoted service are not forgotten by his many friends—and he has many friends—and to all of them he is "Mac". His charm and friendliness of manner and his way of getting things done have endeared him to all who know him. Though normally quiet in manner, he was not always so quiet—we remember Guest Nights at T.A. camps long ago when "Mac" was the life and soul of the party. Whether cock-fighting or climbing the tent pole, or even letting down tent ropes at 3 a.m., Mac was generally involved!

To Col. McMichael, and his charming wife who has done so much for the Wives' Association of the 5th Battalion and who has supported her husband so nobly on many public occasions, we say "thank you", and we wish them many years of happiness, and we know that as in the past, so in the future, they will be attending the many Regimental functions that will be held—and how pleased we all shall be to see them.

Brigadier R. G. W. Melsome. M.B.E.

Brigadier Melsome, who retired on 1st March, 1961, joined the Northamptonshire Regiment from Sandhurst in 1926 and was posted to the 1st Battalion at Blackdown. He went to China with the battalion in 1927 and served with them in Malta, Palestine, Moasca, Baghdad and Jullunder, before being posted to the Depot in 1933. In 1936, after a short period with the 2nd Battalion at Aldershot, he became an instructor at the R.M.C. Sandhurst, and in July, 1939, he rejoined the 2nd Battalion in Ireland, and went to France with them in October, 1939. During the fighting on the Ypres-Comines Canal he was taken prisoner, and was a prisoner of war in Germany until the end of the war in Europe.

In June, 1946, he was appointed to command the 2nd Battalion at Gottingen, and in the same year was awarded the M.B.E. In 1947 he handed over command to Lt.-Col. D. E. Taunton, who had just relinquished command of the 1st Battalion, and was posted to command of a battalion in West Africa. Two years later in 1951 he became Commander of Sierra Leone and Gambia District, and in 1953 he was appointed Brigade Commander of 150 Inf. Bde. (T.A.). His last appointment was in 1957, when he became Deputy Commander Mid-West District with the substantive rank of Brigadier.

Brigadier Melsome was a keen sportsman, and played all games well. At cricket he played for Gloucestershire and the Army, and he was also a first-class lawn-tennis player.

We wish him a very happy retirement and shall look forward to seeing him at reunions and dinners for many years to come.

Presentation to Major P. H. Segon, M.B.E.

On the evening of Saturday, 11th March, 1961, in the presence of members of the Lincoln and District Branch of the Lincolnshire Wing of the Duchess of Gloucester's Own Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire Regimental Association, at the annual reunion, the Colonel of the Regiment made a presentation to Major P. H. Segon, M.B.E. of a suitably engraved silver tea service, subscribed to by the members of the Officers' Dinner Club, The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment, in appreciation of his unflagging service in the interests of the Regiment over the years, particularly as Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Officers' Dinner Club, and as a token of their affection and esteem.

At the same time a Royal Lincolnshire Regimental brooch was presented to Mrs. Segon as a memento of the occasion.



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General Sir Gerald Lathbury, K.C.B., D.S.O., M.B.E., The G.O.C. in C., H.Q. United Kingdom Land Forces and Eastern Command, speaking to W.O.1 R. Gell of 2nd East Anglian Regiment, R.S.M. of Depot The East Anglian Brigade, whilst on a visit to The Depot, The East Anglian Brigade



Recruiting Display, Grantham A.C.F. Det.

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Photo: Windows, Grantham

A Trip to Bermuda

By MAJOR J. L. M. DYMOKE, M.B.E.

Although my brother officers are rather hard to convince, it was neither tape nor string that took me to Bermuda for a fortnight, but a request from H.Q. the Local Forces, for an officer to preside at a Commissioning Board, with air passage and all expenses paid. The C.O. agreed and I was soon on my way.

The local forces comprise two units: the Bermuda Militia Artillery, and the Bermuda Rifles, for many years allied to the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment and now allied to 2nd East Anglian Regiment. Each young man on the island is liable by a ballot system to three years compulsory service, which resembles very closely that done by Territorials in England. Many of the soldiers are volunteers, and I was impressed by their keenness. It is not unusual to find a millionaire in the recruits' front rank, and excellent he is too. At one evening drill which I attended, I listened to a most enthusiastic lecture and demonstration by a volunteer Sergeant (he ran an extremely profitable business by day), who was explaining to recruits what personal kit they had to take to annual camp. Amongst the most important items listed were a pair of lead weights!

The local forces are commanded by Lt.-Col. Brownlow Tucker, T.D., M.C. Those who fought with the 1st Battalion, The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment in Burma will remember him as one of their officers. He left as a Company Commander from India in 1945. The adjutant—and the only Regular British Army officer—is Capt. Brinsley Thomas, who has a permanent staff of eight to help him. His is a much envied three-year appointment, which in the past went to an officer in the Xth. We must make quite certain that the Duchess of Gloucester's Own retains this very pleasant post, and it does not come within the gift of AG2(O) at the War Office.

The Bermuda Rifles are commanded by Major R. W. Sankey, D.S.O., D.S.C. He was a Regular Royal Marine and retired as a Colonel at the end of the war. He is assisted by the normal establishment of volunteer Company officers. Edgar Ward is the Q.M. He has, I believe, spent nearly 40 years in the Bermuda Forces. He falsified his age twice so as to take part in two world wars! He is 62 and still serving. He and Mr. Bridges, the Chief Clerk, took me and Brin Thomas on a delightful fishing trip, when besides other things, we caught a shark!

Besides the Rifles and the Artillery (totalling over 400 with their respective Bands) there are over 70 men on the island who served with the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment. I was fortunate in meeting many of them at a cocktail party, which went on far too long so far as the following morning was concerned.

Bermuda itself is a delightful group of islands

the biggest of which is no more than twenty miles in length and five in width. It has a fine network of narrow roads which have only been fully tarmaced since the end of the war. Only small cars are allowed and speed is restricted to 20 m.p.h. The greater percentage of people—certainly summer tourists—travel by motor scooter or motor-propelled bicycles. Property is numerous and building sites are at a premium. However, the island is not overbuilt; on the contrary, there is still plenty of grass, and the beautiful but restricted scenery is every bit as good as that advertised by the Travel Section in the Sunday press. There are five good golf courses, and Mid Ocean is one of the finest (and most difficult) in the world. It was in this Club House that Mr. Churchill and General Eisenhower held their historic meeting in 1953.

Bermuda was first discovered by the Spanish at the end of the 16th century. In 1609 Admiral Sir George Somers was shipwrecked there, and as England was wont to do at this period, she exploited the event and Bermuda has been a colony ever since. A Governor is appointed by the Crown, whose function it is to appoint Members of the Legislative Council, the Upper House of Bermuda. The Lower House—the House of Assembly—founded in 1620, is the oldest representative institution in any British Colony, with a membership of thirty-six, four from each of the nine parishes into which the islands are divided. There is a property qualification of £60 annual value (in fact today on present prices it is worth very much more) which each voter must meet, but he may vote in every parish where he holds property to that value.

The two towns are St. George's and Hamilton. The former possesses the history, and the latter the shops and is the centre of the island's business. St. George's was the capital until 1815 and has all the hallmarks of a British overseas garrison town. You can still see the barrack blocks where only a comparatively short time ago 2,000 British troops were billeted. Many of the houses were obviously family quarters (Bermuda was a family station even when yellow fever was prevalent), and the two forts outside the town boasts the relics of regiments stationed there in the past. It is easy to imagine the red-coated soldiers disporting themselves in the town square. The town's church is St. Peter's and is one of the most impressive I have seen. It is the oldest Anglican Church in the Western Hemisphere. The spreading whitewashed building is supported by cedar wood pillars and has a beautiful cedar wood rafter roof. The pews, slave galleries and three-decker pulpit are all built of the same wood and there is in consequence a subtle smell throughout the Church. On the walls there are many plaques

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The 1st Bn. 2nd East Anglian Regiment visits Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire

From 8th to 22nd April a strong contingent from the 1st Battalion toured the principal towns in Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire. For the visit to Lincolnshire the party was based on Beckingham Camp near Newark, and they moved to Quebec Barracks, Northampton for the second part of the tour.

FREEDOM OF BOROUGHES

Before the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment amalgamated with the Northamptonshire Regiment the Corporations of the Borough of Lincoln, Grantham, Grimsby and Cleethorpes had conferred on the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment the Honorary Freedom of the Borough.

The 2nd East Anglian Regiment very much wished to carry their Colours on parade during the tour of Lincolnshire, but as the Regiment has not been presented with the Freedom of any of the boroughs this was not possible without the special consent of Mayors and their Councils. Accordingly the Mayors of Lincoln, Grantham and Grimsby were approached and the suggestion made that as a special concession, the Colours on this occasion might be carried. The Mayors most cordially agreed and gladly gave their consent, and in each of the three boroughs the Regimental Colours of both former Regiments were carried.

TOUR OF LINCOLNSHIRE

On Sunday, 9th April, the battalion visited Lincoln, and after debusing in Bailgate, marched to the Cathedral to attend the service of Matins.

The City of Lincoln was represented by the Mayor (Councillor Eric J. Richardson, J.P.), The City Sheriff (Mr. A. Sutcliffe) and members of the City Council fully robed, who moved in procession to their seats in the nave; headed by the City Mace and Sword Bearer, the latter carrying the sword of King Richard II. Members of Branches of the Regimental Association from Stamford, Grantham and Lincoln, the British Legion, and kindred Associations with many friends of the Regiment were also present.

The Colours were carried in procession from the west end of the nave to the altar, where they were received with due ceremony by the Dean and placed on the altar where they remained throughout the service.

Canon A. O. Jones, affectionately known to many as "Ozzie", preached a most appropriate sermon, particularly suitable for all ranks, whom he greeted and finally wished God's speed for their subsequent service in B.A.O.R.

The service concluded, the Colours were returned to the Colour Party and trooped in slow time from the altar, down the nave and out of the Cathedral.

A most impressive sight that will long be remembered by those who attended the service as it will be the only occasion when the Colours of the former Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire Regiments will be carried together, not only in the Cathedral, but in the County of Lincolnshire.

Then followed the march past of the contingent which, under the command of Major J. L. M. Dymoke, M.B.E., and headed by the Band and Drums, the drummers in pre-war scarlet uniform, the Band and contingent in No. 1 Dress. The salute was taken by the Mayor of Lincoln, and with him on the dais were the Colonel of the Regiment, C.O., 1st Bn., and the City Sheriff and Town Clerk.

The Band moved into the grounds of Lincoln Castle, there to play an hour's programme of music. The weather was cold, dull and windy, and this restricted the attendance of the general public, but nevertheless between 400 and 500 people were present.

Before lunch members of the Regimental Mess in Sobraon Barracks, Lincoln, entertained the Colonel and officers and their ladies to drinks. It afforded them the opportunity of meeting officers of the 4/6th Bn. Royal Lincolnshire Regiment, former officers 10th Foot, and many friends of the Regiment. Lt.-Col. and Mrs. G. N. Sanders received the guests on their arrival.

Lincoln was again visited on Monday, 10th April. Other towns visited were Stamford on Tuesday, Grantham on Wednesday, Grimsby on Thursday and Boston on Friday.

In each borough there was a static display open all day consisting of items of Regimental silver, support weapons, signal equipment, a Mobat, and interesting photographs of life in the Regiment.

In the evening, the contingent under command of Major J. L. M. Dymoke, M.B.E., headed by the Band and Drums, marched through the principal streets of the town to a central parade ground. On his arrival the Mayor was received by a general salute, after which he inspected the parade. This was followed by the traditional ceremony of beating retreat. The parade then marched past, the Mayor taking the salute, accompanied at the saluting base by the C.O. 1st Battalion.

On Monday, 10th April, the battalion entertained the civic heads and others to tea in the N.A.A.F.I. Club, Lincoln. This was a suitable occasion for the Colonel of the Regiment to hand to the Mayor of Lincoln a silver Stuart period tankard of the Royal North Lincoln Militia, which is to be held on permanent loan to the City and is being displayed with the City's insignia. In

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Lincoln



MARCHING THROUGH THE CITY

Photo: Lincolnshire Echo



Drummers Button and Jubb with Officers Mess Silver and Silver Drums



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GRANTHAM. The Contingent on parade

TOUR OF LINCOLNSHIRE AND NORTHAMPTONSHIRE



1—PETERBOROUGH. Can you hear me?

Photo: Northamptonshire Newspaper, Kettering



2—Part of the Display on the Market Square, Northampton.

Photo: Chronicle & Echo



3—KETTERING. Part of the Statue Display and Regimental Recruiting Van

Photo: Northamptonshire Newspaper, Kettering



4—CORBY. Firing the Rocket Launcher

Photo: Northamptonshire Newspaper, Kettering

handing the tankard to the Mayor, the Colonel said:—

"Mr. Mayor,

You will be aware that as a result of an amalgamation of two regiments a certain amount of regimental property remains in the hands of the Regimental Trustees after the requirements of the Regular Battalion, The Depot and the Territorial Battalion have been satisfied.

"In recognition of the close association of the Regiment with the City of Lincoln, the Trustees decided to offer a piece of Regimental silver on permanent loan to the civic authorities. This offer has been accepted.

"In making their choice the Trustees decided on a piece connected with the Militia Battalion of the Regiment, which had close associations with Lincolnshire.

"Mr. Mayor, I have great pleasure in now handing you this Stuart tankard on permanent loan from the Regiment."

In reply the Mayor said:—

"Mr. Sheriff, Gentlemen of the 1st Battalion of the 2nd East Anglian Regiment, the Duchess of Gloucester's Own, The Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire.

"May I first say how pleased I have been, as Mayor of this City, to be with you this weekend, a pleasure which has been shared by the Sheriff and our ladies.

"It is a proud privilege to welcome once again our Regiment, and I have also been delighted to see you exercising your undoubted right and privilege of marching with fixed bayonets through the City. Any may I add that I have been much impressed by the bearing of the men, first yesterday, and then today, and by the splendid contribution made by the Regimental Band.

"It is especially pleasing to receive, on behalf of the City Council, this handsome Stuart tankard. The City will treasure this addition to the civic insignia. I know it will be viewed by hundreds of visitors each year and that the Mayor's Officer will be very happy indeed to explain its historic connection with your Regiment.

"I am sorry indeed that your stay with us has been so short, and on behalf of all the citizens of Lincoln I wish you a very happy and successful stay in Germany."

On Monday evening, 10th April, the officers gave a dinner party. The guests included the Earl of Ancaster, T.D., J.P., Her Majesty's Lieutenant in Lincolnshire, the High Sheriff of Lincolnshire, the Dean of Lincoln, the Colonel and Associate Colonel of the Regiment, the Mayor of Lincoln, the City Sheriff and Town Clerk, the Deputy Mayor and Town Clerk of Grantham, the Deputy Mayor and Deputy Town Clerk of Boston, the Mayor and Town Clerk of Louth, the Deputy Mayor and Town Clerk of Grimsby, the Mayor and Town Clerk of Scunthorpe and Major P. H. Segon, M.B.E.

Official duties prevented the Bishop of Lincoln and the Mayor and Town Clerk of Stamford from being present, whilst misfortune befell the Mayor and Town Clerk of Cleethorpe, as on the way to Lincoln their car broke down necessitating a "tow" back to Cleethorpe.

On the last day of the tour of the tour, whilst travelling to Boston, the car driven by Capt. W. J. B. Annear, with the C.O. and Major Segon as passengers, was in collision with a petrol tanker a few miles from Boston. It was a nasty accident and the car was a complete wreck, but fortunately the occupants were not too seriously hurt. The C.O. was extensively bruised, and Major Segon suffered a fractured shoulder. Capt. Annear was more seriously hurt and had to spend a weekend in Boston Hospital. It is only fair to say that Capt. Annear was in no sense to blame for the accident, and fortunately as Major Segon remarked at the time, there will be no promotion as a result of the injuries.

TOUR OF NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

In their tour of Northamptonshire the display team with the Band and Drums visited Northampton on Monday, 17th April, Corby on the Tuesday, Kettering on the Wednesday, Northampton again on Thursday and Peterborough on the Friday. The Regimental recruiting van was also present at the Pychley and Grafton Point-to-Points, and was visited by a large number of people.

In each place a large static display was open all day. This included all infantry weapons from the revolver to the 17lb. anti-tank gun, a most realistic battle H.Q., cooking in the field with an assortment of "compo" rations, a comprehensive display of photographs enlarged to a large size showing life in the battalion, and a magnificent display of Regimental silver. A large number of soldiers were present with the display and many leaflets and brochures giving details of pay and conditions were handed out, and a very satisfactory number of serious enquiries from potential recruits were received.

In the evening at 7 p.m. the Band and Drums beat retreat, and in each place the Mayor and Mayoress with members of the Borough Council were present (in the case of Corby it was the Chairman of the U.D.C. and his wife and members of the Council). At the conclusion of the retreat the salute was taken by the chief citizen who was accompanied at the saluting base by C.O. 1st Battalion and either the Colonel of the Regiment or the Associate Colonel. At Northampton and Peterborough the officers of the Regiment were entertained to sherry in the Mayor's Parlour after the parade, and very much enjoyed meeting the Mayor and Mayoress and members of the Borough Councils informally.

The beating of retreat by the Band and Drums was very well done, and was much appreciated in each place by the crowds, who in spite of cold and wet weather, turned out in fair numbers. This was the first time that the people of Northamptonshire had seen the new drums emblazoned with the Regi-

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TOUR OF LINCOLNSHIRE AND NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

**STAMFORD**

The Mayor inspecting the Parade accompanied by Major J. L. M. Dymoke, M.B.E.

**BOSTON**

The Mayor and the Town Clerk, with Lieutenant P. D. Taunton

mental collar badge and all the Regimental battle honours. Readers will be interested to know that the drums have plastic heads in place of skins, and that they stand up much better to rain than do skins. The drummers wore pre-1939 scarlet tunics with the 1914-type spiked helmets, and looked extremely smart.

On Friday, 21st April, the officers gave a luncheon party at Franklins Gardens Hotel and the guests included the Mayor and Mayoress of Northampton, Peterborough and Kettering, the Chairman of Corby U.D.C. and his wife, the Town Clerks of Peterborough and Kettering, the Chief Constable of Peterborough, Lt.-Col. R. J. W. Lace, Commanding Northern Command Pay Office, Northampton, and Lt.-Col. E. H. C. Archer, M.B.E., Commanding Depot Royal Pioneer Corps, Quebec Barracks, Northampton. The Chairman of Wellingborough U.D.C. and his wife, and also the Clerk to Wellingborough U.D.C. were unable to be present, and their duties also prevented the Chief Constable of Northamptonshire and the Chief Constable of Northampton from being present.

The luncheon was quite informal, there being no

speeches. The toast to the Queen was proposed by the Colonel of the Regiment, and that to the Colonel-in-Chief by C.O. 1st Battalion. Our thanks are due to Lt.-Col. E. M. Goodale, D.S.O. who organised the luncheon.

RETROSPECT

The visit of the battalion to Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire can be considered a great success. It has made the people of both counties much more aware of the existence of their new County Regiment. Many in the past few months have been confused about 2nd East Anglian Regiment, in spite of much explanation in the press and by letters to all local authorities, and were uncertain of its connection with the two counties. They have asked themselves how their counties can be connected with East Anglia, but the visits of the recruiting team during the past eight months, and the recent visit of the 1st Battalion have done much to clear up the doubts in their minds, and we are confident that now the people of Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire do know that their Regiment is 2nd East Anglian Regiment.

A Tour of Duty in Norway

When I arrived in Norway just over two years ago, I had been briefed on what service life in this country would be like, and I left home with a feeling of pleasurable anticipation. Norway, as a country in which to serve as a soldier seemed to offer certain advantages while, at the same time, the non-service life had obvious attractions for those who like the open air. I was, moreover, much cheered by the very marked feeling of "Welcome to Norway" that confronted me wherever I went. This genuine welcome was, I think, the thing that struck me most forcibly on arrival.

It is always important to get the feel of a country when you visit it for the first time, and the following story told by Norwegians at their own expense will illustrate one important national characteristic.

"Once an Englishman, a German, a Dane and a Norwegian were going to write a book about the elephant. The Englishman's book appeared first and was entitled 'Elephant Shooting'. The German's product was 17 volumes on the elephant entitled 'Kurze Einführung in das Leben des Elefantens'. The Dane had written a book entitled 'Fifty ways in which to serve Elephant Meat', and the Norwegian's book was entitled 'Norway and the Norwegians'."

I feel that all four nationalities are quite well described in this anecdote. In particular it illustrates the point that if you want to become a friend of Norway, you must take an active interest in the Norwegians. If this interest is kept up for a sufficiently long time, and if you return to Norway sufficiently often, you are pronounced a "Norgesvenn", which is a great honour and a very pleasant one at that. It simply means "a friend of Norway", but there is something more to it. A "Norgesvenn" is also accepted whatever peculiarities may be attached to his person, and his prestige is very high indeed.

Serving on a NATO staff in Oslo offers good prospects of achieving this status. Those who can combine a "hunting, shooting and fishing" attitude with serious work among the Norwegians are almost certain to succeed. There is one snag, however, "hunting, shooting and fishing" must be done à la Norvégienne. He who goes to the magnificent Norwegian mountains for shooting and fishing, and stays at hotels, will never become a "Norgesvenn", and those who approach ski-ing in the central European fashion will never be accepted at all.

There are many opportunities for shooting and fishing, but according to the Norwegians it is essential that you don't rationalise this to such an extent that there are no hardships involved. Rather than staying at comfortable hotels with all modern conveniences, the local custom is to put up at primitive (but charming) sports huts which in many cases cannot be reached by motor-car and where you have

to haul your own supplies on your back.

These huts are usually built of timber. In the main room there is a huge fire, a huge fireplace, and the bedrooms are equipped with bunk beds, usually in two tiers. There is no bathroom and the more personal conveniences are out of doors and essentially drafty. You have to haul your own water from some distant well, and you do your own cooking either on some paraffin or butane gas contraption or on a wood stove. When you are actually faced with them, these apparent hardships strangely enough don't appear to be hardships at all and, as the Norwegians say, "They are part of the charm." This is indeed true as these huts provide just the right setting. Modernisation would, to most Norwegians, be out of place and would only destroy their pleasure. I have been told that one hut owner in a certain locality was cold-shouldered by the others because he installed an oil-burner in his hut. If you want to become a "Norgesvenn", you must understand this attitude and itude and respect it.

Norway, of course, has always been renowned for its salmon fishing, but today this has largely been commercialised and is difficult to come by, except perhaps in the far north, and in any case is very expensive. Fishing in the mountains is essentially for trout and char; spoon fishing and spinners are frowned upon. Wet and dry fly fishing is excellent in Southern Norway from June until the end of August, when the shooting season starts.

In the mountains the game consists mainly of ptarmigan and willow grouse, the latter being the Scandinavian equivalent of our red grouse. Shooting is invariably done over dogs, mostly setters, which by British standards are allowed to range very wide. This is necessary because the mountains are so vast and rugged and distances so great that limited ranging would not cover sufficient ground. This form of shooting is hard work and one walks enormous distances. One cannot expect big bags, but with well-trained dogs it is most satisfying and rewarding sport.

From the timberline downwards Black game are normally to be found, and in certain heavily-wooded areas there are some capercaillies.

The Norwegian hare shoot which takes place in the mountains and also down to sea-level, is a Scandinavian speciality. It is done in parties of three and four using hounding hounds that are something between a bassett and a beagle. The hounds hunt the hare and when they find they give tongue and course it in a circle, the guns taking up positions in clearings where they hope the hare will appear. Shooting has to be very quick, and in most cases you have one or two seconds only in which to take a snap shot. If you miss, the chances are that someone else will get it and your reputation as a shot will suffer.

Foxes are shot in the same way (provided that your conscience allows you to do it!), but this shooting normally takes place after the hare season. Then you have the snow to cope with and this, coupled with the fox's natural cunning, makes fox-shooting rather more difficult. Stalking for elk, reindeer and roe deer can also be obtained, but requires more elaborate preparation and is more expensive.

After your fishing or shooting, you spend your evenings in the log cabins round the fireplace happily enjoying your exceedingly comfortable discomfort and drowsing in the warmth of the fire after a whole day in the open air.

The national Norwegian sport of ski-ing is enjoyed much in the same way during the Easter holiday season. Then half the population of Norway move into the mountains to their log cabins. In the Oslo area, however, as well as in most parts of Norway, really good ski-ing can be enjoyed from mid-December until the beginning of April.

Only the younger generation go in for Alpine ski-ing, that is Slalom and downhill racing. The limiting factor is probably the lack of ski lifts as well as the tradition for cross-country ski-ing. Cross-country ski trails, or "loyper" as the Norwegians call them, are prepared and kept open by the ski-ing associations, and the woodlands near Oslo offer literally hundreds of trails. This type of ski-ing is done on light "loype" skis which are purchasable at moderate prices. If you are a beginner, "loype" ski-ing has probably the most to offer. Certainly, sliding through the forests under silky snow conditions is an experience one should not miss.

Ski jumping is also very much of a national sport for the younger generation, and wherever you go ski jumps of varying sizes are to be found. The international ski jumping competition held annually in March on the famous Holmenkollen ski jump overlooking Oslo is a national occasion, and for the foreigner a spectacle that one will remember all one's life.

In the summer one can really enjoy oneself on the Oslo Fjord if one has a boat of some kind. Sturdy motorboats with a seating capacity of 8-12, and with a windshield and canopy, can be bought for £200-£400, most of which one can get back when one sells on leaving Norway. New sailing dinghys can be bought from £40 and upwards and there are a great many classes of racing boats up to any price one cares to pay.

Tennis is played from May until mid-September on hard courts, and in the winter indoor tennis can be played at a fairly moderate price.

There is an excellent golf course on the outskirts of Oslo, but the green fees are high, 25s. at weekends. If one wants to become a member, the subscription is £32 10s. 0d. a year. The golf course is playable from mid-May to mid-September only, but during the winter it provides excellent nursery ski slopes for beginners.

Serving with the NATO Allied Headquarters in Oslo involves extensive liaison with national Norwegian, Danish and German staffs. As the Head-

quarters is situated near Oslo, contact with the Norwegians is naturally more frequent than with the other nationalities. Norwegian officers are invariably open-minded and pleasantly direct in their approach; if they disagree with you they say so, and in this way one always knows where one is with them. The Danes and the Germans tend to be more diplomatic when giving their views, but they are equally pleasant to work with. Working with these three nationalities and with the Americans in planning the defence of the Northern Command of NATO—which stretches from North Norway to Hamburg—is intensely interesting and absorbing. The atmosphere in this international and entirely inter-service Headquarters is quite excellent and most refreshing. With a little give and take on all sides everything works smoothly, and some good-natured leg-pulling only adds to the friendly atmosphere.

LOOKING BACK

As my tour approaches its end, I am looking back on more than two years of enjoyment. I have made many Norwegian and Danish friends and have learnt to appreciate their national problems in the defence field. During my spare time I have tried to do as the locals do, and I have had great fun. I have not yet been pronounced a "Norgesvenn", but in my heart I am already one, and I may yet earn the title before I leave.

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We saw January in with the prospect of a very full six months ahead of us and got straight down to individual training and planning the many things to be done before our move to Germany in June.

In February the run-down due to N.S. releases, although giving us a taste of harder times to come, enabled the return of "B" Company from Norton Manor to take place, and so for the first time we had the whole battalion together at Doniford. We shall not forget in a hurry the hospitality shown by 8 Training Battalion, R.E.M.E., who were very good hosts at Norton Manor to "B" Company and formerly to the Band and Drums. It was convenient to combine the return of "B" Company with the reorganisation of the battalion on the new establishment. This saw the end of Support Company, the institution of support platoons in rifle companies, and the creation of the reconnaissance platoon.

Also during February much of the battalion revisited Okehampton and Willsworthy where some 200 "casuals" fired their annual range course and companies carried out familiarisation training with helicopters. Although for some this was rather curtailed by weather, it was enjoyed by all and was valuable training.

In March the battalion visited Barry Buddon in Angus for two weeks training. No sooner had we returned from Scotland than we had to turn our thoughts and energies towards a tour of our counties planned for April. We had also just time to shake the Carnoustie sand from our boots before going on Easter leave. The tour of the counties had been put under the heading of "Keeping the Army in the Public Eye." For us it was a development of the recruiting effort we have been making for many months, and we returned from Easter to brush up our drill, fit our Blues and depart for Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire, where a contingent from the battalion with the Band and Drums went on a tour from April 8th to 22nd. (This tour is reported elsewhere in this Journal.) The welcome we received in both counties was most gratifying and made all concerned feel their efforts were well worthwhile.

Our Colonel in Chief, H.R.H. The Duchess of Gloucester, visited the battalion on April 28th. H.R.H. arrived by helicopter at Liddymore at mid-

day and drove to Doniford Doniford to be received by a Guard of Honour commanded by Major J. I. M. Dymoke, M.B.E. The Colonel-in-Chief then met officers and their wives in the Officers' Mess and had luncheon. This was followed by a visit to several soldiers married quarters and the families' N.A.A.F.I. Finally, H.R.H. visited the Sgts.' Mess to meet Mess members and wives for tea, and departed by helicopter at about 1630 hours.

After Her Royal Highness's visit, embarkation leave began, and the battalion moved to Germany on June 11th.

TRAINING

With the prospect of our move to Germany, the training of additional drivers and wireless operators has figured large in the battalion training programme. Not only are trained men required to offset N.S. release, but also to man the increased numbers of vehicles and wire and wireless sets which we shall take over in our new station. Generally the men chosen have made the grade, but this additional call for specialists has highlighted the need for a good standard of man in the modern Infantry Battalion.

We were fortunate in being able to send most of the Signal Platoon, in two lots, to spend a week with 1 R.W.F. on Salisbury Plain. Here they were kindly allowed to train with the new range of wireless sets with which we shall be equipped in Germany. The platoon were very impressed with the sets and enjoyed staying and working with the Signal Platoon of 1 R.W.F.

The training of M.T. drivers had to continue throughout the Barry Buddon period and we still need more drivers to man the vast number of vehicles we shall be getting in Germany to make the battalion completely mobile.

The new organisation adopted by the battalion early in February included a reconnaissance platoon, and the training of men for this highly specialised role has started. It is clear from the information received from Germany, that this platoon will have to operate alongside and in co-operation with the Sabre Squadrons and Recce troops of armoured regiments. They will be mounted in armoured vehicles and a very high standard of training must be aimed at.

For two weeks in March the battalion moved to Barry Buddon, Angus in Scotland, to carry out

field firing and company and battalion exercises. For this the battalion consisted of "B" and "C" Companies together with Battalion Headquarters, a large slice of Headquarters Company and "D" (Training) Company. "A" Company became a holding company and remained behind to deal with the large number of N.S. men who were released at the end of March and in early April. In spite of some very cold nights and a generous share of strong wind, the weather in Scotland was kind to us. On arrival we found well organised field firing and classification ranges at our disposal, also a reasonable area for dry training. We proceeded to make the fullest use of the facilities and had the best possible co-operation from the range staff. Rifle companies were able to carry out fire and movement at section and, to a limited extent, platoon level, and were able to fire their anti-tank weapons and 3-in. mortars. Driver and signal training continued at an increased tempo, and Bn. H.Q. showed that they could dig as well as the next man.

The final exercise at Barry Buddon was set with a view to our new role in Germany and was designed to practice the battalion in rapid movement mostly at night from hides to previously prepared positions. The moves were made partly by M.T. and partly on foot. It was also an excellent opportunity for the battalion and company wireless operators to test their communications over long distances and in difficult conditions.

With the approach of our move to Germany we have introduced a more nuclear outlook into our training. All the senior officers have attended nuclear periods at the School of Infantry, Warminster, and we hope to arrive in our new station well prepared to learn quickly our new role.

OFFICERS' MESS

During the last quarter two dinner nights have been held in the Mess. The first, on February 17th, saw the dining-in of 2/Lts. Wright and Everitt who had recently joined us from Sandhurst. We also welcome Lt. Uzzell who has recently returned from Ghana and 2/Lt. Jacques. These last two were initiated to battalion life while we were in Scotland. Their first impressions make interesting listening but would not pass the Editor if printed.

The second dinner night was held while the battalion was in Scotland, and it was Sgt. Smith's first taste of this sort of function. He is our new Mess Sergeant and we hope he will not be put off, after life in the more dignified atmosphere of the Sergeants' Mess. Sgt. Poole, his predecessor, is off to Singapore to take up his new appointment as House Steward to the C.-in-C. F.A.R.E.L.F. We thank him for all his efforts on our behalf and wish him success in his new post.

Additional departures from the Mess are Major Francis who joins the 4/6 Bn. Royal Lincolns, and Lt. Spacie who, fired by Major Gagarin's example, is starting a tour with the Parachute Regiment.

We congratulate Lts. Drummond and Dollery on their recent marriages. Weddings seem to be

fashionable these days. So the families' officer is kept busy indenting for Profumo caravans, while the single officers cynically quote Kipling:—

Two things greater than all things are,
The first is love, and the second is war,
And since we know not how war may prove,
Heart of my heart, let us talk of love!

SERGEANTS' MESS

This publication will coincide with our first anniversary and the tendency to look back upon the first 12 months will be a natural one. Apart from selecting some of the achievements of this year-old team of ours, the outstanding feature is the amount of movement within the Sgts.' Mess. These notes are being written in March, and 22 members have left us on posting with the possibility of three more in the next few months. Among those who have taken their leave of us since we last wrote are C.S.M. Tappin (4/5 Northampton T.A.), C.S.M. Reynolds (R.Q.M.S. Warminster), C/Sgt. Coates and Sgt. Gooch (Bde. Depot).

We shall feel their departure strongly. Those of us who came to Watchet to meet Charlie Tappin and Ned Reynolds for the first time were quick to realise what pillars of strength and loyalty they were. Both from the former Northamptons, where their names have been held in high esteem for many years, we like to think that, together with C/Sgt. Coates and Sgt. Gooch, their absence from the Bn. is but a temporary one.

To balance the scales a little we find that Sgt. Barker rejoins us after assisting at the Bde. Depot for six months, and we are pleased to have him with us again. We note with dismay that his appetite equals that of Parnham, and we wonder if Mrs. "B" realises what she is in for when they are a united family? Once more we are happy to announce promotions: To W.O.II, C/Sgt. Veitch ("A" Coy.), C/Sgt. Duke ("C" Coy.) and C/Sgt. Thompson (Recruiter); to C/Sgt., Sgt. Wolfe (H.Q. Coy.), Sgt. Cheshire (Sigs.) and Sgt. Smith (37) (H.Q. Coy.); to Sgt., Cpl. ("Brigadier") Smith (Offrs. Mess), Cpl. Keal (Recce Pl.), Cpl. Greenfield and Cpl. Nicholson (both on recruiting teams at present), Cpl. Bullock (H.Q. Coy.), Cpl. Hewitt ("C" Coy.), Cpls. Huddleston ("B") and Robinson (Sigs.). Congratulations to them all.

A name not unknown to some of us returns to the B.O.S. Roster—that of C/Sgt. Roberts. Red-hot from his recuperation period at the Bde. Depot, he has all the answers to our recruiting problems.

A splendid dinner night was held on January 14th at which our ladies were the guests. A total of 87 sat down to a six-course dinner. The meal was conducted entirely in candlelight, with music played by the Regimental Band under the capable baton of Cpl. Hammerton. The spirit of the evening was jovial, from the time guests were met at the door with a spray of flowers and a glass of punch, throughout the dinner and well into the early hours of the next morning. Toasts were made to "The Queen" (Sgt. Jennings), "Our Colonel-in-Chief" (P.M.C., C.S.M. Guest), "The Regiment" (R.S.M.) and to the "ladies". For the last toast,

1st Battalion 2nd East Anglian Regiment nt



Left: Signal Exercise, Barry Budden. Pts. Sergeant and Lane. Right: Ladies Guest Nig Guest Night, 14th January. 1961. Sgt. Hill, Mrs. Peacock, Sgt. Ashworth, Miss Hunt, Miss Coleshaw, Sgt. Panaw, Sgt. Paraham.

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Sergeants Mess Ladies' Guest Night, January 14th, 1961 1961

Photo: H. Hole, Williton

C.S.M. Reynolds, as the senior and most eligible bachelor in the Mess, was the obvious choice. After much rehearsing of his speech during his evening walks, he arose at the appointed moment to appear in a most distressed condition, alleging that of his two prepared speeches, the R.S.M. had stolen his thunder on all the main points. However he managed to subdue the light-hearted banter, with a fine sounding verse borrowed from Robbie Burns. (Let it be known that his prepared speeches were forced on the R.S.M. the following morning, as proof of his intentions). Thanks to the ingenuity of S.Q.M.S. Nisbet, Committee members and Mess Staff, the first of our ladies' guest nights proved to be a great success.

A word of appreciation here to the Commanding Officer for allowing us to display two sets of Colours, to the P.M.C. Officers' Mess for his assistance, and to those ladies who travelled from Northampton (2) and Sheffield (2). More encouraging support to the Mess we cannot ask.

In October 1960 the Minehead and District snooker league began, and the league secretary approached the Mess about our entering a team. We canvassed the Mess for members who were known to have mis-spent their youth. Needless to say, the first one forward was C.S.M. Smith, followed in very quick succession by Sgt. Dunn, R.A.P.C., O.R.Q.M.S. Howard, S.Q.M.S. Littleton, R.A.P.C., Sgt. Cornwall, R.E.M.E., Sgt. Cole, and our bearded wonder, Sgt. Platt. They coughed up their 2s. entrance fee and commenced to take over the snooker table in earnest.

The team consisted of five regulars: C.S.M. Smith, O.R.Q.M.S. Howard, S.Q.M.S. Littleton, Sgt. Cornwall and Sgt. Dunn. First line reserve was Sgt. Cole. Our other member only played one game and then gracefully retired (his beard put him off his stroke).

We started off the season with a five to nil win over the Minehead Police (much to the apprehension of all our car owners), and finished off the season with the same result over Carhampton "B" team. During the whole season we only lost two of our matches, on each occasion by the narrow margin of three games to two.

Needless to say we won the league with plenty in hand. Also we have in our team the man with the best individual performance in the league, O.R.Q.M.S. Howard, who has played 26 games and lost only once. He was very closely followed by Sgt. Cornwall, who played 25 games and won 24 of them.

Unfortunately we will not be here for next season. But who knows, someone in Osnabruck may fancy their chance.

Mess members have formed the more regular members of the team which has been firing in the West Somerset miniature rifle league since last October. Each week they fired against some very fine local teams. Personalities firing with much keenness include C.S.M. Duke, Sgts. McColgan and Parnham, and R.S.M. Bayliss. (The latter was fortunate enough to win the Class "C" Trophy). We also thank C.S.M.s Reynolds and Smith and

Sgts. Ashworth and Cole for their assistance on the "odd" occasion.

The Mess was the scene of a wedding reception on April 8th, when Sgt. Hill was married at St. Decuman's Church to Miss Jennifer Hunt of Watchet. The Mess Committee and Staff are used to organising parties, but on this occasion they excelled themselves. It was surely a reception that the relatives and friends will always remember. To the happy couple we offer our heartiest congratulations.

Clocks were presented as wedding presents to Sgt. and Mrs. Hill and Sgt. and Mrs. Keal (Sgt. Keal achieved promotion and marriage almost simultaneously).

Once again our limit for space is reached and there remains must to be said. However it will go down in the B/F. file and give us a start for the next issue.

SPORT

FOOTBALL

The first half of the season was very disappointing mainly owing to the dreadful weather which made the pitches unplayable for several weeks. Since Christmas, however, football has been flourishing and although we were not very successful in Army competitions, we have made quite a name for ourselves in local football.

In the first round of the South West District Cup we beat 30 Sig. Regt. 9-2 playing our best football of the season, only to put out 8-2 by 6 Trg. Bn. R.A.S.C., who had a very good team. In friendly matches we lost to 1 D.L.I. 6-2 at Honiton but drew 3-3 at Watchet, a very creditable performance. A mass exodus of footballers in February necessitated many team changes and during this period we lost to the Wessex Bde. Depot 6-4 and R.A.F. Locking 7-6.

However, since last February and starting with the draw against 1 D.L.I., our team has been virtually unchanged and most successful. We are top of the Taunton and District Mid-Week League and we have won this Mid-week Cup competition too. The team has also reached the semi-final of the West Somerset Cup when we played Dulverton the unbeaten champions of Somerset amateur football. It is hoped that we will win all three competitions and pull off a "triple."

The battalion team is L/Cpl. Allitt, goalkeeper; Ptes. Woolf, McMorran, Gibbs, half-backs; Ptes. Bycroft, Gooday, Courtney, Cpl. Holland and L/Cpl. Slater, forwards. The last two named have been away, and Pte. Elms has regularly appeared in the forward line with Pte. Perry moving up as well. Pte. Clayton or L/Cpl. Holmes have filled the subsequent vacant positions at full back. Pte. McMorran is the team captain, and his knowledge of the game together with his advice have been of considerable value.

RUGBY

Okehampton and Christmas leave enforced a gap in our normal playing season, which was also curtailed by the period in Scotland.

We were only able to play four matches in this short period, but managed a practice game, usually with somewhat less than 15-a-side, once a week. Results have not been outstanding this season, but the spirit is there, and with a number of novices having been initiated into the ritual of the rugby field, we look forward to a good season next year.

The following were awarded Rugby Colours for the season 1960/61:—

Major P. Worthy, Capt. E. M. C. D. Taylor, M.C., Lt. G. T. Sherwell, Lt. R. J. M. Drummond, Lt. K. G. Ford, 2/Lt. H. M. P. Halcrow, 2/Lts. M. S. Wright, Cpl. Phillips, 1./Cpl. Graham, L/Cpl. Monument, L/Cpl. Blades, Pte. Rushby, Pte. Redding, Pte. Hipkin, Pte. Houseley and Pte. Marshment.

CROSS-COUNTRY

This sport flourished under the energetic direction of Lt. I. Spacie and proved and provided some excellent sport for a large number of members of men.

The battalion team did very well to win the South Western District Inter-Unit team competition and went forward to represent the District in the Southern Command competition. Unfortunately, the opposition here was too good for us.

The following were awarded their Colours for the season:—

Lt. I. Spacie, 2/Lt. G. A. E. Denton, 2/Lt. J. A. G. Everitt, Cpl. Hammerl. Hammerton, L/Cpl. Middleton, Ptes. Spencer, Beacock, Canham, Patrick.

Territorial Army

4th/5th Battalion The Northamptonshire Rerc Regt. (T.A.)

Formation of "4th/5th"

1660, one Company of Northamptonshire Volunteers formed; 1881, the year of the Cardwell Reforms, saw the various independent volunteer Companies formed into the 1st Volunteer Battalion of the Northamptonshire Regiment; 1908, under the Haldane Reforms the Territorial Force came into being and the 1st Volunteer Battalion was renamed the 4th Battalion; 1920, another change of names and the Territorial Army came into existence; in the same year the 5th (Huntingdonshire) Battalion was raised; 1937, the 4th Battalion converted R.E. and later R.A.; 1953, amalgamation reduced the 4th Battalion to one Battery (R. Bty. of 438 L.A.A. Regt., R.A. (T.A.)).

These are all dates of great historical significance in the Volunteer and Territorial Army movements. Now we must add 1961 because on 1st April the 4th and 5th Battalions amalgamated.

Like all amalgamations it is no good pretending that there are no heartburns. For the original 5th Battalion there have been few, if any. Most Companies remain unaffected in personnel and deployment. "A" and "C" Companies at Northampton and Rushden/Wellingborough have had to undergo some changes in officers and senior ranks but with no R.A. unit in their areas one major recruiting rival is removed and it enables the infantry to establish itself in Wellingborough.

It is those in "R" Battery who have had to bear the brunt of the changes. They have had to change their arm of service and consequently their cap badge. In addition some of their officers and senior ranks who would under normal circumstances been

able to continue serving for a few more years have had to leave the T.A. We welcome with open arms those ex-Gunners who have joined us and admire them for the spirit in which they have accepted all these changes.

Apart from volunteers the new battalion gains in material wealth as it is planned that all the old 4th Battalion silver, including the Grafton plate, becomes their property. The 4th Battalion Colours, presented by King Edward VII in 1909, also come across and for a time the battalion will possess two sets of Colours—those of the 4th Battalion will be kept in the Officers' Mess, Clare Street, Northampton, and the 5th Battalion ones in Peterborough.

Throughout this amalgamation period we should like to place on record the very great help given by Lt.-Col. J. T. Lewis, T.D., C.O. of 438 L.A.A. Regt. R.A. (T.A.) and Major R. C. Jeffery and his officers of "R" Battery.

Postscript

It has just been confirmed that the battalion is being given the very great honour of providing a guard of honour for H.M. The Queen when she visits Corby during the morning of Monday, 19th June. What better a start to an amalgamation?

HONORARY COLONY COLONELS

Col. The Earl Spencer, T.D., Lord Lieutenant for Northamptonshire, was gazetted Honorary Colonel of the 4th/5th Battalion with effect from 1st April, 1961. He succeeds Col. R. K. McMichael, O.B.E., T.D., J.P.

The battalion is particularly proud to have the Earl Spencer as their Honorary Colonel again. The word "again" is used because he has been the



4th/5th Battalion The Northamptonshire Regiment (T.A.). Briefing for Night Exercise

Honorary Colonel of the 4th Battalion, and its successors, since 1924 and is the senior holder of the appointment in the Army.

Furthermore, as the Regimental History relates, the Spencer family has always been closely connected with the Volunteer Movement in the county since it first started, and in the old days Althorp boasted, using modern parlance, its own T.A. Centre with the Earl the Company or Detachment Commander.

Col. McMichael would have completed ten years in the appointment in July this year. His record in the 5th Battalion is probably unique as he first enlisted as a private soldier in 1921 and was commissioned later in that same year. He was mainly instrumental for a drill hall to be built at Oundle, which in those days was the Headquarters of "B" Company with platoon detachments at Thrapston, Kings Cliffe and Corby. In 1947 when the T.A. was re-formed Col. McMichael was appointed C.O. and had the most difficult task of bringing the battalion out of "suspended animation". On giving up command in July, 1951, he was appointed Honorary Colonel. Thus for forty years he has served the battalion, and it is difficult to express in a few words the depths of gratitude that we all owe him. We thank him most sincerely.

PRESENTATION OF SILVER GUN

On 29th March there took place at Althorp House a most impressive ceremony, when Col. The Earl Spencer, Honorary Colonel of 438 L.A.A. Regiment, R.A. (T.A.), presented to Lt.-Col. G. A. C. Danby, M.B.E., representing the battalion, a beautiful table centre-piece of a solid silver model

of a 40 mm. Bofors L.A.A. Gun. The gun is a gift from Lt.-Col. J. T. Lewis, T.D., and all ranks of "R" Battery. Present were all the officers of 438 L.A.A. Regiment and the C.O.s of the units which are amalgamating with the batteries.

Earl Spencer, in presenting the gun, said that it would serve to remind the 4th/5th of the days when a part of it were a most efficient L.A.A. unit. Lt.-Col. Danby, in thanking the Regiment for the gift, said that it would also serve to remind those of the 5th Battalion of the wonderful spirit in which those of "R" Battery accepted the amalgamation.

The gun, very appropriately, is the first joint acquisition of the new battalion.

TRAINING

The fact that our camp this year is to be a Civil Defence one at the Army School of Civil Defence at Epsom from 29th April to 13th May has necessitated training since Christmas being mainly devoted to this subject. Each Company managed to spend a Sunday at the County C.D. Training Ground at Irthlingborough, where rescue operation were practised under most realistic conditions.

Early camp dates necessitated every man firing their annual rifle and L.M.G. classification courses earlier than normal. Every week-end in March was devoted to shooting, and with excellent weather and no shortage of ranges, most men in the battalion managed to complete their courses and to qualify for their camp bounties. Results, too, showed encouraging improvements.

February was largely taken up with the annual administrative inspection, which was carried out by



The silver model of A.A. Gun presented to 4/5th Bn. The Northamptonshire Regt. (T.A.) by "R".A.) by "R" Battery 438 L.A.A. Regt., R.A. (T.A.)



Presentation of silver model of A.A. Gun to 4/5th Bn. The Northamptonshire Regiment (T.A.) by Colonel The Earl Spencer, T.D., Honorary Colonel of 438 L.A.A. Regt., R.A. (T.A.), 29th March. 9th March. 1961

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4th/5th BATTALION THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE REGIMENT (T.A.)



Photo: Argus Studio, Huntingdon

"D" Company 4th/5th Bn. The Northamptonshire Regiment (T.A.). Finalists in Divisional Small Bore Competition

Back row, left to right: Cpl. Stillwell, Sgt. Kilty, Capt. Bryant, Cpl. Twigden

Front row, left to right: L/c Adams, Sgt. Cabstaff, Pte. Britchford

Brigadier F. A. H. Ling, D.S.O., Commander of 148 Infantry Brigade. The Brigadier expressed satisfaction with all the training he saw and described the battalion "as possessing some very professional components".

Major Williams and his "B" Company at Corby laid on luncheon of the quality and quantity normally associated with the entertainment of inspecting officers.

The £12½ million set aside by the Government to provide the T.A. with better equipment has already been felt. Fifty self-loading rifles have been issued, the C.O. has been given a new Land Rover, not before one was due, and our old 3-tonners have been replaced by bigger and better ones. An increase in 4-tonners has enabled all Companies to have their own. The cry now is for new wireless sets and MOBATS.

Round the Companies

There is little change to report from H.Q. Company in Peterborough and Oundle. The M.T. has started taking to the highways again. Signals continue to hold their monthly week-ends and can now boast that their winter morse training enables them to maintain communications using this means—R/T or W/T, it's all the same to them. If sufficient

recruits are forthcoming it is hoped to start forming a recce platoon. A canoe has been built, floated and tested, and it is said that more are to be constructed.

"A" Company in Northampton have a new look in faces. From having a clean-shaven Company Commander they now have one who goes to the other extreme. The Company has a much ex-gunner flavour as, in addition to the Company Commander, C.S.M. Ballard and C/Sgt. Cheney also used to support R.A. badges. Due to amalgamation the strength there is about fifty, which is double what is used to be.

"B" Company at Corby—"Outstanding by any standards" is how they were described after the administration inspection. Their strength maintains at a steady 130. Nijmegen days are not all that distant and training has already started.

"C" Company, like "A", have benefited from amalgamation as their strength from a mere 25 is now 60. Major Boe has established Company Headquarters in Wellingborough and has detachments at Rushden and Kettering. They have the recruiting potential to get a Corby-size Company, and we wish them luck. Their new P.S.I., C.S.M. Tappin, is certainly big enough, in every sense, to achieve it.

Rushden, with the War Office threatening to close

down small centres which do not show a dividend, have done excellently and now boast over 30 volunteers of their own.

"D" Company at Huntingdon—used to be Support. Their greatest recent achievement was to reach the finals of the 54 Div. 22 shooting competition. The final was fired at Cambridge against our old friends and rivals 4 Essex. Both teams shot well below their best but our opponents, fielding a battalion team, narrowly defeated "D" Company by 5 points. We hope to maintain our past links with 4 Essex by holding a yearly competition with them.

The Company's M.M.G. and Mortar training has started again and they plan to repeat their triumph of last year by winning the Brigade M.M.G. Cup.

Amalgamation has meant a lot of hard work for many people—too numerous to mention—but we thank them nevertheless. Mention though must be made of two departments who have worked long hours, the Q.M.'s staff have had to re-badge and re-equip all the ex-Gunners as well as changing Divisional signs on battle dresses and vehicles. The O.R.Q.M.S. and his team of civilian assistants have worked their fingers to the bone in producing the endless nominal rolls which the Army cannot do without in such circumstances.

OFFICERS' MESS

Owing to the amalgamation a number of familiar faces have left the Mess and new, but well known to some, have joined.

We have temporarily said good-bye to John Quash, Mike Hodgson and George Bensa, who now live in other parts of the country. Tony Fitton finds farming too much of a full-time job and has transferred to the Reserve. Joining us we welcome Major Bob Jeffery, Capt. Phillip Grimes, Capt. Derek Hooton and Bill Baxter, all ex-Gunners.

We extend our welcome to Dick Williams, who served in the Depot and in the 1st Battalion in Watchet before they went to Aden. We also welcome Graham Willey on being commissioned. He has served in "C" Coy. (Rushden) for the last year. Lt. Nick Ayrton joins the battalion on transferring from the 5th Bedford.

Lastly, Fred Adams, Vicar of East Carlton, near Corby, has become our Padre.

In February we held a Guest Night to which the wives were invited, and sat down over forty strong to an excellent meal prepared by the battalion cooks. Dancing to a radiogram went on until the early hours. Wisely the week-end had been left free of training activities.

SERGEANTS' MESS

Quite a few changes have taken place since the last quarter. Our numbers have increased from 48 to 60; this has been brought about by the amalgamation. Twelve Warrant Officers and Sergeants have joined us from "R" (Northamptonshire Regt.) Battery 438 L.A.A. Regt. and they have settled down very well, showing lots of interest and enthusiasm in their new roll as infants. We look forward to seeing them all at camp and really getting to know them.

Sgt. Kilty and Sgt. Caps Sgt. Capstaff put up a first-class performance in the final of the East Anglian District small-bore competition. We finished second to the 4 Essex (T.A.); we con.; we congratulate them both on their great effort.

We welcome C.S.M. Tap. S.M. Tappin, who arrived from the 1st Battalion in February; he has taken over as the P.S.I. of "C" Coy. at Wellingborough. With detachments at Rushden and Kettering, we hope his stay with the 4th/5th will be a long and happy one and that his soldierly countenance will bring forth many new recruits.

Sgt. Holland of Support Company has left us after serving with the battalion since the Territorial Army was re-formed; we wish him all the very best for the future and look forward to seeing him at the reunion.

Sgt. Shailes is leaving the battalion in June; he has been the P.S.I. of H.Q. Company at Peterborough for over two years. He is being posted to the 1st Battalion. Sgt. Shailes will be greatly missed by all members of the Sgts.' Mess and also by H.Q. Coy., where he has done so much good work. We wish him the best of good fortune for the future and hope he will look in on us whenever he is in Peterborough.

Bandmaster Cyril Holland, B.E.M., having completed his regular engagement with the battalion, has enlisted into the Territorial Army and is staying with us as the Bandmaster. Well done, Cyril, we look forward to sharing your good fortune and bounty at camp.

Capt. J. K. Parker joined the battalion as Adjutant in February; to him and Mrs. Parker we extend a hearty welcome and hope that their stay will be one that they will always remember.

To all past members of the Sgts.' Mess, don't forget, when in Peterborough, do look us up.

BAND NOTES

March, 1961, was a very busy month for the Band. On the 5th March we gave a Concert at the Town Hall, Peterborough, in aid of the Peterborough Branch of the Comrades. It was a very successful Concert from the playing point of view, but after paying for the hire of the hall, the tickets and the printing of posters, we were happy to make a small profit. Having played two Concerts in Peterborough in as many months, we tried our luck at Wisbech. Wisbech has been well known for its standard of music, having only the top bands in the country to play for them. We wondered if we were sticking our necks out. One Concert was at Isle of Ely College in aid of the College Organ Fund. After seeing the Grand Hall and the elaborate arrangements laid on we really thought we had taken on more than we could chew. The programme was varied and included Xylophone and Post Horn solos, and finished up with "Orpheus in the Underworld". By the great applause and the Chairman's remarks in his final speech we knew we had pleased everybody and have been invited to give another Concert at a later date. This we will readily do.

20th March saw us at Quebec Barracks, Northampton, playing for the Royal Pioneer Corps Officers' Mess Dinner.

We are now looking forward to camp, lots of practice and a full programme of summer engagements. We receive our new mace, presented by the citizens of Peterborough, in a few days' time.

FOOTBALL, 1960-61 SEASON

The battalion football team under the leadership of Capt. J. G. Hogg, has had a first-class season. The team was indeed very unfortunate in being knocked out of the T.A. Challenge Cup competition in the quarter-finals by one goal. Results of matches played in the competition were:—

5 Northamptons 5; R.A.S.C. 3 (at Norwich).

5 Northampton 3; H.A.C. 2 (at Oundle).

5 Northamptons 9; H.Q. 44 Para. Bde. O (at Peterborough).

FINALS DIV/DIST. STAGE

5 Northamptons 7; Suffolk Yeomanry 3 (at Bedford).

QUARTER-FINALS T.A. CHAMPIONSHIP

5 Northamptons 0; 170 L.A.A. Regt., R.A. 1 (at Liverpool).

There is still one match to be played at camp against the 8th Middlesex Regt., T.A., in the final of the Eastern Command T.A. Cup. We are confident that the team will make its usual first-class effort. The team which has represented the battalion is as outlined below:—

Pte. Kennedy, Sgt. Shailes, Cpl. Wilson, Sgt. Jackson, Capt. Hogg, Pte. McCafferty, Pte. Bennis,

Pte. Taylor, L/Cpl. Roberts, Pte. Noble, L/Cpl. Shortland. Reserves: Cpl. Horncastle, Pte. Hackley and Pte. Goodall.

WIVES' ASSOCIATION

The wives' meetings have continued regularly and have been well attended during the winter months.

In January we welcomed the new Adjutant's wife, Mrs. J. K. Parker.

Also in this month we held our children's party. Thanks to the hard and enthusiastic work of the members it was a tremendous success, and seemed to be enjoyed equally by the adults and young.

We have had many pleasant evenings with varying programmes, which have included card games, competitions, "physical jerks" and a beginners whist session, with, of course, refreshments each meeting and not forgetting the gossip, which is and will always be as popular as ever.

Our outing this year will, we hope, be a trip to London to see the sights and a performance at a theatre. This will replace the usual trip to the sea.

All members tender their most sincere sympathy to Mr. Tompkins on the loss of his wife, who was a mainstay of the Association.

REUNION

The annual Reunion Dinner of the 4th/5th Battalion and the Peterborough Branch of the Comrades Association of the Northamptonshire Regiment will be held at the London Road Drill Hall, Peterborough, on Saturday, 21st October.

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General

During the past quarter the battalion has said farewell to Major Gordon Spratt, T.D., the battalion extremely popular second-in-command. Major Spratt joined the battalion at Horncastle early in 1939. During the war he fought with the 1/6 Queens, being twice wounded and twice mentioned in dispatches. We thank Major Spratt for his loyal and valuable service to the battalion. In his place Major A. J. Bennett, M.B.E., has been appointed Battalion Second-in-Command.

We welcome Capt. C. A. Rushby, our new officer on consolidated rates. He brings with him Mr. T. W. Ward, B.E.M., as chief clerk in his civilian capacity and O.R.Q.M.S. in his T.A. capacity. Capt. Rushby and Mr. Ward have worked together as a team in 147 R.E.M.E. Workshops for a number of years. We would like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Spence for the way in which he has managed to keep the Orderly Room going with only one clerk for the past year.

We welcome also Major A. D. Francis, our new Training Major, who has arrived from the 1st Battalion. The battalion wish him a pleasant and successful tour of duty.

Officers' Mess

The battalion has now had an established Mess for nine months, during which time we have overcome many difficulties and the normal number of reething troubles and indeed learnt greatly from our mistakes. We have had a full programme of social events to date from Mess gatherings on Sunday mornings to which our attendance has increased on every occasion and to which we have welcomed many honorary members. A Guest Night was held on Saturday, 10th December. The Band played during the dinner and our guests included Brigadier F. A. H. Ling, D.S.O.; Gp-Capt. H. Burton, D.S.Q., M.B.E., Commanding Officer R.A.F. Scampton; Sqn.-Ldr. Cunningham; Major P. H. Segon, M.B.E. and Major P. Kime, M.C. The evening was tinged with sadness as it was Gordon Spratt's dining out night. The Mess, together with 23 Signal Regiment, to whom we are indebted for the use of the ground-floor of the Mess, entertained the Burton Hunt as is customary on Boxing Day morning.

The Mess has also been the venue for Officers' Evenings, Robin Drummond's wedding reception, and Company Commanders' conferences, in addition to being open almost every drill evening for use by the Battalion Headquarters and Lincoln Companies' officers.

We acknowledge with thanks the following gifts: two silver ashtrays from Gordon Spratt on retirement, and a Ronson lighter from Brian Foster on promotion.

"A" COMP^y COMPANY

Things have been rather quiet in the Company for the past three months. During February we carried out a programme of 'amme of weapon-training culminating in a most useful at useful day on the range at R.A.F. Wittering. A numberA number of the new recruits who had never fired a rifle td a rifle before ended the day as 1- and 2-inch groupers atroupers at 25 yards. We hope that this standard will continwill continue to improve and so increase our chances at the Bat at the Battalion Rifle Meetings.

Both Bourne and Stamford platoons have held social evenings, which were gich were great successes.

In February we said farewell to C.S.M. Downes, who has left the T.A. to take A. to take over the job of looking after the Army Cadets. Cadets.

It is with deep regret that regret that we have to announce the death of the caretaker atretaker at Stamford. "Charlie" was known to all who ever vwho ever visited the Drill Hall. Our deepest sympathy is extthy is extended to his widow. At Spalding, the caretaker, Mretaker, Mr. Patrick, has retired on reaching the age of 65. of 65.

"B" COMP^y COMPANY

Although "higher authority: authority" has only permitted us to undertake training on aining on a limited scale during the last quarter, we have hele have held a Company night exercise in the Boston area aton area and we have fired the annual rifle and L.M.G. rangM.G. range course. The night exercise took place on the Havon the Haven bank and included some night watermanship. Wanship. We were joined by some C.C.F. and A.C.F. cadets andcadets and a good time was had by all with the possible exceptible exception of the inhabitants of some nearby houses. ises.

The Company also took paro took part in a battalion training week-end at Proteus. Contteus. Contrary to precedent, the weather was excellent and event and even the Company Commander managed to keep dio keep dry on this occasion. Some exercise in section attacction attacks made the Section Commanders realise how "rus how "rusty" they had become as last year's annual camp had camp had been devoted almost entirely to Civil Defence trainfence training.

C.S.M. Johnson is now is now well on the way to recovery after his accident iaccident just before last year's camp and he has been able toeen able to take his full part in training our several new recr new recruits. Sgt. Graves has finished his engagement witement with the Royal Army Reserve and he is now a memow a member of the T.A. We have to congratulate C/Sgt. H C/Sgt. Hodgson on the award of a well-earned Lord Lieuteord Lieutenant's Certificate for services to the T.A.

"C" COMP^y COMPANY

To the Company we welcomwe welcome Ptes. Cardie, Gillie, McGarry and Hensby. We isby. We trust they will enjoy being with us and we will αwe will certainly enjoy having them.

We were sorry indeed to lose S.M. Bray and Sgt. Standland during this period—both having decided that their days of soldiering were at an end. S.M. Bray had been with the Company for a long time and was one of the founder members—he will be missed by all. In his place we are getting a “new recruit” in ex-R.S.M. Cressey, who is now living in Grimsby. As R.S.M. of the battalion he was respected and liked by all and he will be a tremendous asset to the Company.

We welcome back Mr. Catchpole, who has spent the last few months fishing in Hull. In spite of the distance to travel he has decided to come over twice a week, and we all appreciate his efforts.

With more instructors available we are reorganising Company training, which will now take place in three sections. A cadre is being organised for potential leaders and will be run by Sgt. Hammond. We are starting a recruit training programme to cater for our ever-increasing number of new members, and finally, all trained soldiers will receive special advanced training.

Outside training has included some range work, and many of the Company have now fired their annual range course. Towards the end of March the Company spent a day on map-reading exercises, and due to some very bad map-reading or some excellent initiative, one party found Company H.Q. passing the lunch hour installed in what they imagined to be a quiet out-of-the-way hostelry. This exercise was in preparation for the Company initiative exercise which will take place shortly in North Yorkshire.

In the very recent past we visited Proteus week-end training centre and had a most enjoyable three days with glorious weather. All members of the Company entered the 0630 assault course training with juggernautical enthusiasm—especially Band Boy Ives, who finished up very wet and cold! At least we discovered he could swim! Another member of the Company to suffer from the training was Pte. McGarry who, on the evening exercise, had the dubious privilege of patrolling a high feature.

This turned out to be a coal dust tip, and on his return we all agreed that his camouflage, though unintentional, was excellent for night work. But what of the future? Within the Company we have a great deal of training to polish up—especially our battle procedure.

Finally we must say how sorry we will be to lose our dogmatic Training Major, Major Peter Walter. He has always been a true chauvinist regarding the T.A. and has given our Company much help and support. We wish him every success in his new appointment. We look forward in due course to meeting Major Francis, the new Training Major, and hope he will enjoy his stay with the T.A.

“D” COMPANY

Valete

Since going to press on the 23rd January last, we have supplied the Regular Army with yet another recruit in the person of Pte. Soper. Pte. Soper has been with us for some six months and created some

sort of a record in so far that the local Member of Parliament had to be consulted before he could join as the Ministry of Labour refused on account of his being an apprentice.

We also say farewell to Pte. Raynor, who has been with us for the past two years and also a qualified signaller; he has transferred to the 16 Ind. Para. Coy., and we wish both good luck in their future roles.

Salvete

We welcome to the Company Lt. Dixon, who comes from the 16th Ind. Para. Coy., also two recruits, Ptes. Moncaster and Cowan, and it will be seen therefore that the intake exceeds the outgoings by 33½ per cent.

In the inter-unit small-bore national rifle competition the Company came second in the Lincolnshire Units, scoring 1,353 points, the winners scoring 1,359 points, thus qualifying to shoot off as County Champions against the remaining counties.

Our team was trained and organised by C.S.M. Ingall, who once again showed that he himself had not forgotten the art of shooting.

A visit to the Regimental Museum at Lincoln on 16th February was much enjoyed, especially by the younger element, who had not had the opportunity of previously visiting the Museum. Those of us who had been before found quite a lot of new items of interest since our last visit. We are indebted to the Old Comrades' Association who welcomed us afterwards in their canteen and made us very much at home.

On 23rd February the Company paid a visit to Support Company, where demonstrations of support weapons were well laid on by the Company Commander and his N.C.O.s, and a very instructive and enjoyable evening was spent by all ranks. We were also indebted to Support Company for supplying refreshments and entertaining us in their canteen later. Following the adventure exercises organised by Major Walter, certain members of the Company have been very keen on physical fitness, and for the past two months on Sundays the keenest members of the Company may be seen marching across country in battle order, usually finding the “right objective” about 12 midday.

At the beginning of April we had the R.E.M.E. arms inspection and the Company weapons once again received an excellent report.

Since the introduction of summer time most evening training has been spent out of doors, and this state of affairs will continue until camp. The Company visited Hallington Range on Easter Sunday, 2nd April, when about 25 per cent of the Company fired their annual course. Owing to fog and range difficulties we have had great difficulty in trying to fire our annual range courses this season.

SUPPORT COMPANY

The Sobraon Ball on 11th February was run by the Sergeants of the battalion. This was attended by all Support Company Sergeants, notable being

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THE POACHER

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Some of the Support Company among the sand dunes at Needlethorpe, St. Helen during field firing. The last occasion on which Support Company operated as a separate Company

C.S.M. Morris as P.M.C. and C/Sgt. Plumley as "Flower Girl".

The Company survived the annual administrative inspection without adverse comment, although there is still a rumour circulating about coffee stains in a rifle barrel. The anti-tank platoon were congratulated on their efforts.

The Assault Pioneers are going from "strength to strength" with both "scenery changing" and recruiting; with regard to the latter, we welcome Ptes. South, Reynolds and Duffield to the platoon.

"Proteus" week-end training camp on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 14th, 15th and 16th April, saw the Company combining in a 3-inch mortar course, as well as providing "noises off" for a battalion demonstration.

Unfortunately Pte. Earl sustained a broken finger whilst tackling the assault course, but luckily it has not affected his appetite. Support Company's Weapons Week-end at Theddlethorpe was its usual success, both with weather and firing results, and Pte. Downie, newcomer to the M.M.G. Platoon, has his "baptism" on this occasion. Thanks are due to the administrative staff for the smooth running of the "feeding and sleeping" departments. This event was covered by the local press, and we hope to see pictorial evidence in the near future.

Finally, we must train them well in Support Company, because we have said farewell to two of our members since the last edition. Pte. Townley has joined the Royal Artillery and Pte. Huggins the Grenadier Guards Regular Army.

H.Q. COMPANY

We welcome to the Company Capt. C. A. Rushby, O.R.Q.M.S. T. W. Ward, B.E.M., S/Sgt. Morris, Cpl. Smith, L/Cpls. Gledhill and Scoffins, Ptes. Newbold, Hackney, Earl and Townsend, all of whom have joined us on the disbandment of 147 Infantry Workshops, R.E.M.E. We have said farewell to Cpl. Payne who returns to the 1st Bn., The 2nd East Anglian Regiment, and to him we say thank you for the work he has done for the M.T. During the dark evenings training is restricted to indoor work, although signal and cook cadres have been held at Grimsby at week-ends. We had a good day on Beckingham Range in February where we fired our L.M.G. course.

The Band has been rehearsing hard for a full programme of events in the spring, starting with the St. George's Day Scout Parade at Lincoln. We have been engaged to play for both days at the Lincolnshire Show in June, this being mainly possible by the employers allowing members of the Band two additional days off work for this engagement.

The word "amalgamation" has unfortunately appeared too frequently in this journal recently, and again it rears its head, with the implementation of the reorganisation of the T.A. Support Company disappears and is split, some to rifle companies and the remainder to H.Q. Company. Luckily we at Lincoln have always worked very closely with our friends downstairs and therefore although only the Company H.Q. are affected the marriage is pro-

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ceeding smoothly and will in fact come into force on 1st May, 1961.

The appointments are:—

O.C. Company, Capt. D. F. Clarke; O.C. Support Wing, Capt. G. S. Gammage; C.S.M., C.S.M. K. Morriss; C.Q.M.S., C.Q.M.S. B. Plumley.

We are in effect losing C.S.M. W. Esberger, who has elected to revert to Sgt. and become Intelligence Sergeant again. C.S.M. Esberger has been C.S.M. since December, 1957, and we thank him for the hard work he has done for the Company. It is typical of him on hearing of the amalgamation to request to step down in favour of C.S.M. K. Morriss, and gestures of this kind make the task so much easier.

A Trip to Bermuda

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that bear witness of the dreadful toll from yellow fever.

Needless to say, it was a wonderful fortnight's duty, and I only hope that by failing nearly all the candidates, I shall be called back next year to repeat the performance. I was tremendously impressed by the very strong, and indeed proud feeling for our Regiment. I was also impressed by the price of cauliflowers (7s. 6d.) and the price of a single potato (10d.)!



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The education Wing has a large staff of instructors specially selected to teach in their own particular subjects. Approximately one-third of the curriculum is education, the aim being to have as many boys as possible with the complete Senior Standard Certificate, which is equivalent to the Army 1st Class Certificate. About one-third pass out with complete A.C.E. 1st Class, thus removing any education bar up to Warrant Officer.

The weapon training Wing has weapon training officer, A Q.M.S.I. from the Small Arms School Corps, and approximately 16 sergeant instructors, all qualified in platoon weapons, the aim being to produce proficient handling of platoon weapons.

The majority of the platoon commanders are employed teaching tactics and signals. In the tactics Wing, juniors attend a passing out cadre which includes operating wireless sets.

The drill wing is under R.S.M. R. W. Smith, M.B.E., D.C.M., of the Coldstream Guards, who is well known to most senior members in the Army for his connection with the drill Wing at Pirbright. All Company Sergeant-Majors are members of this Wing as also are six Sergeant Instructors.

The adventure training Wing is run on "Outward Bound" lines and plays an important part in developing the boys' characters. Each term every boy is sent out on an expedition lasting two or three days. On these expeditions they are taught rock climbing, canoeing, abseiling (the art of descending a sheer rock face on a rope), potholing, caving and in general the art of living hard under adverse conditions. The boys are encouraged to enter the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, and several are successful in gaining certificates in various standards.

Recreation and physical training Wing is run by a Q.M.S.I. of the Army Physical Training Corps and six Regimental instructors. Boys are taught to play most games played in the Regular Army, and the battalion has an extremely high record of successes in Inter-Unit and Army competitions.

Each boy is taught how to swim, the battalion being fortunate in having an Olympic indoor pool.

It is hoped that past and present serving members of the Regiment, who are now considering their son's career will give serious thought to the advantages of sending him to the battalion.

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..	Briggs, C.	Boston, Lincs.	Christmas	61
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..	Roberts, B.	Corby, Northants	Summer	62
..	Beeby, E.	Woodford, Northants	Easter	62
..	Best, D.	London, S.W.2	Easter	63
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East Anglian Brigade Depot

The District Commander, Major-General Talbot, was the inspecting officer for this first annual inspection and as there was no question of impeding the training of recruits and the Junior Soldiers' Wing we were very hard put to get everything as we would like it. All went well, particularly in the Q.M.'s spheres of influence, and we can be more than satisfied with the report. However, the unannounced practice fire alarm, which went off smoothly, was somewhat marred as the Staff Officer, who announced that the hut he was standing in was on fire, was surprised to see three eager soldiers promptly take the fire buckets, etc. outside on parade, instead, we presume, of the water being tipped out there and then on the hut floor!

The next highlight was the visit of General Sir Gerald Lathbury, G.O.C.-in-C., Eastern Command, who took the last National Service Passing Out Parade. We had this parade filmed in colour to be shown on parent's days and to recruits. The parade went off extremely well, the C.-in-C. complimenting all who took part, on a very high standard. Prior to the parade, I.T.V. interviewed the Commanding Officer, C.S.M. Denny, and Pte. Powley, 1 East Anglian, one of the last to join of the National Servicemen and during the parade the press and television were very active. That evening all appeared on television.

Early in January we were visited by a team from I.T.V. who made a film record of life in the Depot. This was shown on Anglia Television together with a studio interview of R.S.M. Gell, 2 East Anglian.

Col. Heal left in January: he had been Brigade Colonel since 1958 and both he and Mrs. Heal and their family will be much missed. Col. Heal's appointment is Colonel (Q. Logistics) Allied Land Forces Central Europe where we wish him the best of luck. We welcome the new Brigade Colonel, Colonel Martin and his family. Colonel Martin commanded the 1st Battalion 2nd East Anglian Regiment (Duchess of Gloucester's Own) before coming here.

Lt.-Col. A. S. Hanning, O.B.E., having held the appointment of R.O.III at H.Q. East Anglian Brigade for seven years, retired in November 1960. Colonel Arthur, as he was known throughout the Brigade, had commanded a Bn. of his Regiment, the Grenadier Guards, and is well remembered by many senior officers of the Brigade as Adjutant at Sandhurst for a period between the wars. He originally enlisted during the First World War into the Lincolnshire Regiment and was commissioned into the Norfolk Regiment.

The Brigade Depot weekend is being held on July 21st, 22nd and 23rd. The outline programme is:—

Friday, July 21st—All day Golf Meeting.

Saturday, July 22nd—Morning: Golf Match v. Flempton Golf Club.

Afternoon: Garden Party.

Start of TWO-day cricket match, East Anglian Brigade *versus* the Suffolk Gentlemen.

Sunday, July 23rd—Second day of cricket match.

Past and present members and their wives of all Regiments are most welcome, unfortunately only limited accommodation can be provided. Additional information will be sent and can be obtained from Regiment's Headquarters.

OFFICERS' MESS

The Mess is now completely settled into Blenheim Camp. Thanks to the efforts of the Mess Staff we are now quite comfortable.

The Christmas season saw us entertaining about 90 official guests at a cocktail party and entertaining our wives and girl-friends at a ladies' guest night and having traditional Christmas drink with the sergeants.

The cocktail party was used as a means of repaying the hospitality of the many friends of the Depot and was quite a success. Our thanks are due to Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Joanny, and Mrs. Bailey for decorating the ante-room so well.

The ladies' guest night was held on December 19th, and is to be an annual event. Considerable efforts to decorate the Mess were made by the sub-alterns, the three wives mentioned above and the now Mrs. Ken Ford. Dinner was followed by horse racing where Brian Bailey and Fred Turnbull proved to be experienced, but honest bookies.

Among the guest nights held the most notable one was that at which Col. Heal was "dined out" he even won the liar dice game which ended in a close finish between himself and his D.A.A.G.

Amongst our visitors have been all the Colonels of Regiments, the Associate Colonels of the 1st and 2nd East Anglian Regiments, the G.O.C. in C. Eastern Command and General Talbot, the late District Commander and General Freeland, the new District Commander.

For the additional items of silver and other property received from the Regiments during the period since our last appearance in print, we extend our grateful thanks.

W.O.s' AND SGTS.' MESS

During the past six months we have settled down to becoming a proper Depot Mess for the three Regiments of the Brigade; we can now say we are organised sufficiently to receive and cater for the many members who pass through and this they do with great rapidity.

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As for the staff ourselves, the Mess news is of Christmas, where we commenced with a really wonderful draw, capably organised by Sgt. "Mick" Curson, assisted by C/Sgt. Bill Belcher, C/Sgt. Roberts, and nearly all the Mess. This was quickly followed by a Christmas dinner and dance, at which the guests of honour were S.W.O. and Mrs. Ward from the R.A.F. Mess at Honnington. The dinner was really first-rate, and our grateful thanks are due to "George" Tattersall our civilian cook, and the Mess staff.

The 23rd saw us in the midst of the traditional battle with the officers on the football field. Mud, flour and tomatoes flying, we proved once again that the Sgts.' Mess still has the necessary spirit and dash, after a hectic week of social activities. We quickly recovered, however, in the Officers' Mess afterwards, when the ale flowed profusely.

We now have a magnificent consignment of silver, the last lot coming from the Northamptonshire Regiment, which is displayed on a special dais in the ante room. We are truly grateful to all those Regiments who have sent us such superb remembrances of former days; they will be well looked after.

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

TRAINING COMPANY

The end of National Service was announced during the latter part of last year and it soon became clear that the bottom of the barrel was going to be scraped with a vengeance to get as many men in as possible before the axe fell. In order to cope with the influx of recruits we had to hang on to Cpl. Callaghan and a number of other N.C.O.s who would otherwise have been due to return to their Regiments. Even this was not enough and we borrowed Cpls. Denny, Boggis, and Taylor of 1st East Anglian and Cpls. Knowles, Hewitt, and Coles of 2nd East Anglian. We still have Cpl. Coles but the others left us after doing a splendid job with the National Service intake they trained. Cpl. Hewitt managed to persuade no less than *four* of his *eight* National Servicemen recruits to sign on as regulars!

Since last year, we have said goodbye to, Lt. Reynell who is now in Ghana, Lt. Lunn and 2/Lt. Vivian, who left us for Berlin; Lt. Pike, who having handed over to Lt. Bates, drove away in great style in his Austin Gypsy, heading for Malaya, and Lt. Ford who came from 2nd East Anglian to help us out over a difficult period. Cpls. Bell, Brothers, King, Newland, Bugby, Ross, Amos, Mackenzie, and Smith have all returned to "civvy-street" having completed their National Service. We miss them all and not least, L/Cpl. Wones, 1st East Anglian, who joined the Army before a lot of us were born. He is now living in Norwich where he

has a good job with Norwich Union. Q.M.S.I. Colyer, our small arms school expert, has been replaced by Q.M.S.I. Knox, and C.S.M.I. Richards of the A.P.T.C. has also gone and C.S.M.I. Talkington has taken his place. C.S.M.I. Talkington is not a stranger to Bury, having served here a few years ago. Sgts. Waller, 1st East Anglian and Barker, 2nd East Anglian, left us early this year and our three permanent staff training Sergeants are all due to be relieved in the near future; Sgt. Curson of 1st East Anglian, by Sgt. Horn, Sgt. Millhouse of 2nd East Anglian by Sgt. Gooch, and Sgt. Cracknell of 3rd East Anglian, by Sgt. Law.

In the New Year 29 cadets from schools in East Anglia descended on us for a week during which Sgts. Readhead and Knight and Cpls. Wadlow, and Callaghan laboured mightily with them. Considering the very short time they were here they learnt a great deal and seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly.

JUNIOR SOLDIERS' WING

The Junior Soldiers' Wing as we are now called have been in Bury St. Edmunds for nine months. During this time there have been great improvements in our accommodation and classrooms, making life more pleasant.

On Tuesday, December 20th, the last day of the winter term, the Junior Soldiers were served their Christmas dinner by the officers and senior N.C.O.s of the Depot.

The inter-hut competition is organised every term and the winning hut is known as Champion Hut for the following term. The competition covered nearly every aspect of a Junior Soldier's life, educational attainment, musical progress, soccer, hockey, cricket, athletics, cross-country, .22 shooting, drill, hut inspections, and boys are awarded colours for any representative sport. At the end of each term the Champion Hut is given a prize. Last term Sullivan Hut won the competition and thoroughly enjoyed their prize—a trip to London to watch the Arsenal v. Burnley match. This term the competition was won by Handel Hut, and the prize was a visit to the Kensington Science Museum followed by the Crazy Gang in the evening.

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Army Cadet Force

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No. 2 AREA SHOOT

No. 2 Area held their championship shoot at Beckingham on 9th April, 1961. Results were as follows:—

Team competition

Grantham (1st)	-	-	210 points
Metheringham (2nd)	-	-	204 points
Carre's School (3rd)	-	-	143 points

Individual results

First 10 places were as follows:—

1. Sgt. Portass	-	37	No. 1 Lincoln
2. L/Cpl. Barker	-	33	Metheringham
3. Cpl. Murphy	-	32	Grantham
4. Cpl. Wells	-	32	Grantham
5. Cpl. Cope	-	31	Grantham
6. Cpl. Kirk	-	31	Branston
7. L/Cpl. Green	-	30	Carre's
8. Sgt. Richmond	-	28	No. 1 Lincoln
9. Cpl. Youdan	-	27	Carre's
10. Cpl. Pilsworth	-	27	Metheringham

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING—COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Championships took place at Lincoln on Sunday, 12th February, 1961, on the South Common. The Cross-Country Cup for the seniors, which was presented by the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment to the Lincolnshire A.C.F., was won by Carre's Grammar School, and the Clayton Cup for juniors was won by Havelock School Det.

In the junior event Woodcock of Branston was the first man home. Havelock team: Spyvee 3rd, Martin 5th, Clark 11th; total—19 points. Scunthorpe team: Wolverson 3rd, Stanton 7th, Buckle 19th; total—28 points.

In the senior event Carre's Grammar School Det. had the first man home. Morton was the individual winner followed by team mates Williams and Parkin.

NORTHERN COMMAND CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

In this event we were very unfortunate in not being able to have running for us any of Carre's Grammar School. This is a great pity as there is no doubt we should have won both the senior and junior events, whereas we were third in the seniors and third in the juniors. However, we hope for better luck next time.

COMMISSIONS, PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS, RESIGNATIONS

The following appointments, etc. have taken place:—

Commissions

- Mr. O. L. Dennis to Grantham Det.
- Mr. J. W. Snaith to Holbeach Det.
- Mr. R. C. Reid to Gainsborough Det.
- Mr. T. Murphy to Havelock Det.

Transfers

- 2/Lt. W. G. Glover to East Lancs. A.C.F.
- A/Lt. E. B. E. Cragg to Kent A.C.F.

Resignations

- A/Major H. P. Rushton, T.D.

Promotions

- A/Capt. R. Snell to A/Major Area Commander, No. 4 Area.
- Lt. S. Pearson to A/Capt. (Gainsborough Det.).
- Lt. J. J. Rann to A/Capt.
- Lt. C. R. Wish to A/Capt. (County Trg. Officer)
- 2/Lt. L. N. Bird to Lt. (Spalding Det.).
- S.M.I. A. H. Stothard to R.S.M. No. 4 Area.
- S.M.I. D. V. Parker to R.S.M. No. 2 Area.

ANNUAL CAMP

Lincolnshire A.C.F. will spend their annual camp from the 13th to the 27th August, 1961, at Rowston Camp, near Hornsea. Quite a number of those still serving will have camped there before, when it was voted an excellent camp. We are hoping to take to camp about 500 cadets and we also hope that the weather will be kind to us.

As the range is just off the camp site, it is hoped to get in quite a lot of shooting. Various demonstrations are being laid on for us and it is the intention to do quite a lot of boating on the Hornsea Mere. A 2-day exercise will be carried out on the Fylingdales Area.

CADETS TO THE SERVICES

The Lincolnshire Army Cadet Force is still supplying a number of boys for the Junior Leaders' Bns. and the Army Apprentice School, and those boys when on leave make it the first priority to visit their late A.C.F. unit. This is a good thing, as it encourages other boys in the Army Cadet Force to follow suit and join the various junior and regular services; 58 have joined the regular services during this year.

NEW CHAIRMAN

The Lincolnshire Army Cadet Force are fortunate in finding as their new Chairman Major the Lord Worsley, D.L., and we hope that he will be our Chairman for many years to come. Lord Worsley is very interested in the A.C.F. and it is certain that under his guidance our Army Cadet Force will go from strength to strength.

NEW AREA COMMANDERS

The following new Area Commanders have taken over: Major D. Marshall, No. 2 Area; Major R. Snell, No. 4 Area.



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PRESENTATION OF SILVER

The Committee and all members of the Army Cadet Force would like to place on record their sincere thanks and appreciation for the silver trophies presented to them by the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment. These trophies will be used to very good purpose and will certainly encourage the cadets to take part in the various sports to which they are allocated.

LUCAS TOOTH SHIELD COMPETITION

This Shield, which is based on all-round proficiency, has been won this year by the Gainsborough Det. A.C.F. under the command of Capt. S. Pearson. Capt. Pearson is to be congratulated on this very fine achievement as he was running the unit entirely on his own for many months, and winning this Shield is certain to be a great incentive to the cadets of his unit.

SHOOTING

We all wish to congratulate Capt. Addison on his .22 shooting team in being placed 10th in the *News of the World* final stage of the competition. The final score being 705.

OPEN NIGHT

Barton-on-Humber Det. gave an Open Night at their Headquarters, which was very well attended. The programme consisted of the national anthem, tableau, civilian and military organisations, the reading of the Charter for the Army Cadet Force, development of weapons throughout the ages, films, boxing, basketball match, short talk by the County Cadet Commandant.

The programme was carried out very well indeed, and the evening ended with the serving of refreshments. Lt. Robinson, the Officer Commanding, is to be congratulated on his forethought and the method on which he conducted the evening.

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1st Cadet Battalion

These notes are, unfortunately, overshadowed by the tragic death, at the early age of 42, of the unit's R.S.M., Mr. W. Jones. R.S.M. Jones was the perfect cadet R.S.M., gentle and understanding, but always correct when matters of discipline arose; his knowledge of all things military was phenomenal. He had served with the unit from 1946 after service in the Far East and Germany with the North Staffords. He will be sadly missed by all officers, W.O.s and cadets. The funeral took place at St. Mary's Church, Far Cotton, and the interment at Towcester Road Cemetery. The bearer party consisted of W.O.s and Sergeants from the unit, and B.M. Hodgkinson sounded Last Post and Reveille at the graveside.

Training has been reorganised and recruiting goes on apace. The Battalion Commander has visited several schools in Northampton and has talked with Headmasters, staff and boys about the Army Cadet Force, as a result there is distinct possibility of a new detachment being formed. We were delighted to welcome Major P. Jackson, Schools Liaison Officer on 30th March; he showed a variety of films and the cadets appeared most enthusiastic. Congratulations to C.S.M. C. Freeman on the award of the Cadet Forces Medal; he was presented with his award by the County Commandant on 9th February at a battalion parade. Good wishes, too, to Cpl. McMahon on joining the Army Apprentice School at Harrogate; he is the third young man in three months to become an Army Apprentice from this unit.

The Corps of Drums led the annual H.M.S. *Laforey* Parade in Northampton on 26th March, and at the moment rehearsals are in full swing for a new season's engagements. B.M. Hodgkinson is to be congratulated on the fife section's progress.

Everyone is now looking forward to the longer days, which bring promise of outdoor activities: days on the open range, exercises, week-end camps, etc., and, of course, the culminating point of the cadet's year, annual camp.

3rd/4th Cadet Battalion

It is most encouraging to report that recruiting has increased in the Peterborough Area giving the battalion a strength of 113 enrolled cadets.

On Saturday and Sunday, 21st and 22nd January, a course was held at the County Training Centre, Northampton, the subject matter being "Methods of Instruction". The attendance of senior cadets from all three battalions resulted in a very worthwhile week-end.

On Tuesday, 24th January, the County Commandant, Col. J. T. Ennals, M.B.E., accompanied by Lt.-Col. J. R. Britten, M.C., visited Buckden Det. and were most impressed with the working of this small but efficient unit.

Friday, 10th February, was again the occasion of the annual presentation at Diddington Village Hall of the Capt. H. Humphrey Award, and many parents and friends attended.

Another unique occasion arose on Wednesday, 15th March, when the County Commandant visited the Drill Hall, Lincoln Road, and after inspecting the battalion on parade, presented Cadet Force Medals to Lts. M. Clements and J. T. Setchfield, both of whom served as cadets, and after fulfilling their National Service obligations, were commissioned in the battalion.

It is of interest to report that on Thursday, 30th March, a meeting of pre-service Commanding Officers was held at the Headquarters of the Peterborough Sea Cadets with the object of improving liaison, and to arrange shooting and athletic contests.

The Corps of Drums continue to improve, and on St. George's Day, Sunday, 23rd April, they headed a parade of Guides in the city.

Forthcoming events include participation in the local Chamber of Trade Exhibition. The battalion will share tentage with the Sea Cadets and Air Training Corps.

Regular service recruiters have been invited to assist with the display stands, and it is hoped that the Exhibition will prove to be a good recruiting agent.

The Corps of Drums has been invited to head the Commonwealth Youth Sunday Parade at Oundle and the June Dairy Festival at Peterborough

in May. They have also been entered in the Annual Youth Band Contest to be held at Sandy, Bedfordshire, in May.

Annual camp is to be held at Brackenbury, Felixstowe, and almost double the number who attended last year have expressed the desire to go.

We offer congratulations to Lt. A. N. Dudley, O.C. Buckden Det. on his promotion from 2/Lt., and to the battalion 22 marksmen, who are giving such a good account of themselves in the inter-Det and inter-battalion competitions.

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GRIMSBY AND DISTRICT BRANCH

The Annual Branch Dinner held at Grimsby on the 28th January was a complete success. We were delighted to have the pleasure of the company of our President, Brigadier R. H. L. Oulton, C.B.E., and the wives of members on this occasion; also Major J. Odlin, D.C.M., who brought several of the Louth Branch along to join us.

The visit of the 1st Battalion contingent to Grimsby was much appreciated by the townfolk. The ceremonial was most impressive, and the Beating the Retreat ceremony by the Band and Drums—spectacular.

It is with regret we record the deaths of ex-Sgt. J. R. Reid Campbell and ex-Pte. L. Walker, whose deaths took place in February, 1961.

Both were members of the 1st Bn. R. Lincolns, which they joined in 1926. Campbell serving in Burma and was twice wounded. His death was as a result of a car accident, and that of Walker after a long and painful illness bravely borne.

The Branch and Regimental Association was represented at their funerals to which floral tributes were sent.

The Branch desire to record their appreciation for the prompt financial help sent by the Executive Committee to local cases in dire need.

LINCOLN BRANCH

Eighty members and guests attended the annual dinner of the Branch at the Grand Hotel, Lincoln, on the 11th March, 1961. We were honoured by the presence of the Colonel of the Regiment, President of our Association, and Lt.-Col. R. P. S. Erskine-Tulloch, who commands the 1st Battalion. Lt.-Col. and Mrs. A. H. Wenham, Major and Mrs. P. H. Segon and Sgt. and Mrs. L. Perkins of the battalion, together with widows of former comrades were also present. We were most fortunate to have Col. Erskine-Tulloch with us, he being on his way to Scotland on a recce for battalion training. Unfortunately he had to leave early in order to continue his journey from Grantham. Nevertheless he had the opportunity of meeting all our members, who were delighted to see him.

Following the loyal toast, the Colonel of the Regiment, after an appropriate speech, presented on behalf of the officers of the former 10th Foot Dinner Club, gifts to Major and Mrs. Segon, and Major Segon was pleased to reply.

Our Branch Dinner is an occasion when, from our President, we receive first-hand news of the Regiment, and we were pleased to hear that after the tours in Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire, they are to proceed to B.A.O.R., although we would have preferred them remaining in England and stationed nearer to our counties.

After dining, members and their ladies proceeded to the Branch Club where a very successful evening was concluded in the company of those, who for various reasons, could not attend the dinner.

Coloured photographs of groups of diners can be obtained from the Branch Secretary.

In conclusion, we extend a cordial welcome to all members of the Regimental Association resident in or visiting Lincoln to our Club. They will always find us "at home" in The Keep, Sobraon Barracks, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings from 7 p.m. onwards.

VISIT OF THE CONTINGENT OF THE 1ST BATTALION TO LINCOLN

Members of the Branch and their wives were pleased to honour the battalion by their presence in the Cathedral and castle grounds on Sunday, 9th April, and in the city on Monday, 10th April, when the "Freedom" privilege of the Regiment was exercised for the first time. Large crowds on a beautiful day turned out to watch the ceremonial and beating retreat ceremony. The battalion was given a real welcome and thoroughly deserved the praise which was expressed in the local press.

LONDON AND HOME COUNTIES BRANCH

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Union Tavern, Pimlico Road, London, on Saturday, 15th April, 1961, under the Chairmanship of Lt.-Col. F. W. Young, M.B.E. The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and Branch accounts previously circulated were adopted.

Branch Officers who had held office during the previous year were re-elected *en bloc* as also Branch representatives to the General Committee of our Association.

Nominees for election to the Committee of the Lincolnshire Wing of the Duchess of Gloucester's Own Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire Regimental Association were nominated. It was agreed that next year's Branch Annual General Meeting and Dinner be brought forward to the first Saturday in April.

BRANCH ANNUAL DINNER

At the conclusion of business, 35 members attended the annual Branch Dinner. Due to business and other reasons the number attending was somewhat smaller than in previous years. After a very good dinner, dancing was enjoyed and we were pleased to receive a visit from members of the London Branch of the Northamptonshire Regimental Comrades Association, whose presence is always most welcome.

STAMFORD AND DISTRICT BRANCH

SUMMER OUTING

The annual summer outing this year will be on Saturday, 26th August, when the party will journey by coach to Norwich for lunch then on to Yarmouth.

After high tea, a visit will be paid to a variety theatre for a first house show, after which we shall leave for home.

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL SERVICE

On Sunday, 9th April, a small party journeyed by car to Lincoln to join in a service in the Cathedral in which the Band and contingent of the 2nd East Anglian Regiment were taking part.

After the service they watched the march past and listened to a programme of music given by the Band in the castle grounds.

After lunching at the Great Northern Hotel, Lincoln, they returned to Stamford, and reached home for tea after a most enjoyable day.

BATTALION'S VISIT TO STAMFORD

It was a real pleasure for the citizens of Stamford to receive a visit from members of the 1st Battalion, whose excellent recruiting display, ceremonial march through the principal streets to Broad Street, where after inspection by the Mayor, the Band and Drums gave us a real marching and musical treat by

carrying out the beating of retreat ceremony. A most impressive visit, worthy of the highest praise.

LOUTH AND DISTRICT BRANCH

REPORT ON BRANCH DINNER

Our first Branch Dinner was held on Saturday, 25th February, 1961, at the Prussian Queen, Saltfleet. Seating accommodation was limited to sixty, and we are pleased to say that members and their wives took full advantage of the occasion; in fact, had there been more room available, we could have had yet another sixty members attending.

Our guests were Brigadier R. H. L. Oulton, C.B.E., Major P. H. Segon, M.B.E., Lt.-Col. A. H. Wenham, Supt. and Mrs. G. Thomas, and Mr. and Mrs. H. Bale. We regret that owing to illness Mrs. Segon was unable to attend.

After an excellent dinner and the "toasts", the Colonel of the Regiment brought us up to date with all the latest news of the 2nd East Anglian Regiment and informed us the Regiment would, during the year, be proceeding to Germany for another tour of overseas duty, and at some time in the not too distant future he hoped new "Colours" for the Regiment would be presented.

The Brigadier was pleased to renew acquaintance was Supt. and Mrs. Thomas and Mr. and Mrs. Bale, whom he had previously met at our Branch socials.

After the toasts and speeches the company settled down to an evening's entertainment provided by our "Erb", who got members into a jolly mood. During the intervals the usual raffle was held, the lucky prize-winner being Mrs. Burt of Grimsby.

Our visit to Saltfleet afforded the opportunity of meeting Major W. E. Perrican, who formerly served in the Northamptonshire Regiment and is now the landlord of the Crown Inn, Saltfleet.



Top table at the Louth and District Branch Annual Dinner

Northamptonshire Wing

LONDON BRANCH

The London Branch are now assured of a regular meeting night, this being the third Saturday of each month. We would be pleased to see any comrades and their wives who happen to be in the big city on that night; we can assure them of a very pleasant evening. Our address is still The Drill Hall (Westminster Dragoons), 1 Elverton Street, Horseferry Road, Westminster, S.W.1.

Our two Chelsea Pensioners are in hospital at the time of writing and members of the London Branch are arranging to visit them as much as possible. Armistice was attended as usual by the members of the London Branch. I must once again thank all loyal members of the Branch who have kept the Branch going, our trouble is of course the vast distances some of our members have to travel; it also cuts out a lot of visits we would like to make to each other. We are hoping that our attendance at the first reunion after amalgamation will be even bigger than last year.

Once again, if any member of the Comrades Association reads this and wants to get in touch with us, will they please contact me at the following address: 15 Micawber House, Llewellyn Street, Bermondsey, S.E.16.

I will be very pleased to pass on any information re our activities or news of any of their old friends

that we may have. So do not be afraid to write to me, will you?

G. H. TINDALL,
Hon. Sec., London Branch.

NORTHAMPTON BRANCH

Since our last notes we have held a Committee outing and the bus-load was made up by members of the Branch. All arrangements for the outing were made by our Chairman, Mr. J. Roberts. We assembled at the Club and left about 8 a.m., proceeding to Birmingham via the M.1, thence to Kidderminster, Tetbury, Wells and Ludlow.

Lunch was laid on at an hotel, and after a good look round Ludlow we proceeded back to Birmingham and went to another hotel where a room, refreshments and a pianist were laid on, so a very good time was had by all who were lucky enough to attend. Refreshments were also carried in the bus so the members were kept entertained from start to finish—the empties will give proof to this.

Our annual dinner and dance was held at the Wedgewood Café, Abington Street, on Thursday, 23rd March, 1961, when sixty-three members and their ladies sat down to an excellent meal which was followed by a dance. Major Dipper (our President), Major D. Baxter and Major R. Carrington were amongst those who attended.

We are looking forward to and preparing for the



NORTHAMPTON BRANCH

Left to right: Messrs. Woodhouse, Todd, Roberts, Flain, Stevens, McGurk, Loveday, Turland, Hanlon

annual reunion of the Comrades Association, when we hope to meet all our old comrades and chat over times gone by.

Ex-C.S.M. Spencer paid a short visit to Northampton and called at the Club on Saturday, 15th April, 1961.

Mr. Stennett paid a visit to Northampton and spent the evening with us on Saturday, 8th April, 1961.

We are always pleased to see any ex-member of the Regiment who happens to visit Northampton.

The Annual General Meeting of the Club was held on Friday, 7th April, 1961, when a balance sheet was presented which had been prepared by the Auditors, and the election of Officers for the ensuing year took place.

PETERBOROUGH BRANCH

The Branch continues to make steady progress, and we welcome three new members, S. Ross, R. Darby and S. Bloodworth.

The members all agreed that the social visit to Northampton Branch was a "posh" effort all round—our city soccer team beating the "Cobblers" and the Branch entertaining us in a most enjoyable and excellent manner. On this occasion "Peggy" Loftus was handing out cash during a hypnotic spell, but has since recovered himself and his cash. We look

forward to a return visit at a later date, and thank them most sincerely for their grand effort.

We thank Lt.-Col. Danby and officers of the 4th/5th Battalion for their kind permission for the presentation of a band concert at the Town Hall on 5th March. This was most excellently presented and our thanks are extended to Bandmaster Holland and all members of the Band.

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery from illness to Mr. J. Jordan; Joe Landin has now shed his plaster after 10 months, and we wish him a speedy return to normal activities.

Future Branch activities include a Derby Draw and Jumble Sale.

The 4th/5th Battalion annual camp is being held this year at Epsom, and the Branch President extended a welcome to any Branch member who wished to pay a social visit.

The Chairman, Mr. R. W. Hutchins, J.P., at the last meeting expressed on behalf of the Branch their sincere sympathy to the Secretary on the loss of his wife, who passed away on 3rd March, and spoke of the sad loss of an ardent and loyal supporter to all our Branch functions. The Branch was represented at the funeral by the President and many members.

Please note that copies of THE POACHER can be obtained at Branch meetings.

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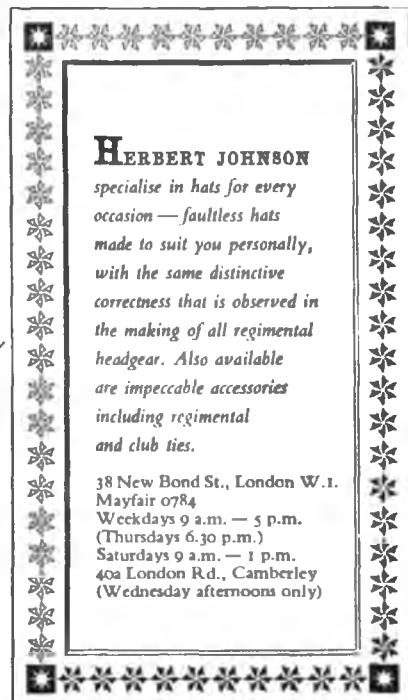


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