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

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The Great War—32 Battalions.—"Mons," "Le Cateau," "Retreat from Mons," "Marne, 1914," "Aisne, 1914," "18," "Le Bassée, 1914," "Messines, 1914," "17, 18," "Armentières, 1914," "Ypres, 1914," "15, 17," "Langemark, 1914," "17," "Gheluvelt," "Nonne Bosschen," "Givenchy, 1914," "Neuve Chapelle," "Gravenstafel," "St. Julian," "Frezenberg," "Aubers," "Loos," "Somme, 1918," "18," "Albert, 1916," "18," "Bazentin," "Delville Wood," "Pozières," "Flers-Courcelette," "Morval," "Theipval," "Le Transloy," "Ancre Heights," "Ancre, 1916," "18," "Bapaume, 1917," "18," "Arras, 1917," "18," "Vimy, 1917," "Scarpe, 1917," "18," "Arleux," "Messines, 1917," "Pilckem," "Menin Road," "Polygon Wood," "Broodseinde," "Poelcappelle," "Passchendaele," "Cambrai, 1917," "18," "St. Quentin," "Rosieres," "Avre," "Villers Bretonneux," "Lys," "Bataires," "Bailleul," "Kemmel," "Amiens," "Drocourt-Queant," "Hindenburg Line," "Epehy," "Canal du Nord," "St. Quentin Canal," "Beaurevoir," "Selle," "Sambre," "Prance and Flanders, 1914-18," "Suva," "Landing at Suva," "Scimitar Hill," "Gallipoli, 1915," "Egypt, 1915-17," "Gaza," "El Mughar," "Nebi Samwil," "Jerusalem," "Jaffa," "Tell Asur," "Megiddo," "Sharon," "Palestine, 1917-18."

The Second World War.—"Vist," "Norway, 1940," "Defence of Escaut," "Defence of Arras," "Ypres-Comines Canal," "Dunkirk, 1940," "Normandy Landing," "Cambes," "Fontenay le Pessil," "Defence of Rauray," "Caen," "Orne," "Bourguebus Ridge," "Troarn," "Nederrijn," "Le Havre," "Antwerp-Turnhout Canal," "Veurai," "Venlo Pocket," "Rhineland," "Hochwald," "Lingen," "Bremen," "Arnhem, 1945," "North-West Europe, 1940," "44," "45," "Djedaide," "Djebel Diana," "Sedjenane I," "Mine of Sedjenane," "Oued Zarga," "Djebel Tanngoucha," "Argoub Sellah," "Sidi Ahmed," "North Africa, 1942-43," "Landing in Sicily," "Adrano," "Sicily, 1943," "Sangro," "Salerno," "Vietri Pass," "Capture of Naples," "Cava di Tirreni," "Vulturno Crossing," "Garigliano Crossing," "Monte Tuga," "Anzio," "Cassino II," "Monte Gabbione," "Trasimene Line," "Gothic Line," "Monte Gridolfo," "Germanno Ridge," "Lamone Crossing," "San Marino," "Monte La Pieve," "Argenta Gap," "Italy, 1943-45," "Madagascar," "Donbaik," "Point 201," "Yu," "North Arakan," "Buthidaung," "Ngakyedauk Pass," "Imphal," "Tamu Road," "Bishenpur," "Monywa, 1945," "Myinmu Bridgehead," "Irrawaddy," "Ramree," "Burma, 1943-45."

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Col.-in-Chief, K.O.S.B.

Colonel

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Regiment de la Rey

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1st Battalion, The Royal Malay Regiment.

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Majors

Hyde, E. F. D., p.s.c. 1/7/46
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Haslehurst, M. R., p.s.c.

10/2/52
Roche, R. C. R., *M.C.*, p.s.c.

2/7/52
Lee, B. S., p.s.c. 3/7/52
Power, A. A. G. 24/8/52
Cole, G. D., *M.C.*, j.s.c.,
p.s.c. (*T/Lt.-Col.* 2/9/60)

7/10/52
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p.s.c. (*T/Lt.-Col.* 10/3/60)

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Long, D. F. 22/10/54
Chambers, W. R., p.s.c.

13/8/55
Bird, A. P. H. 24/3/56
Willdrige, A. L. 16/4/56

Clark, H. W., p.s.c. 17/11/56
Shipley, G. E., p.s.c. 25/3/57
Moore, H. H. 23/10/58

Barstow, J. M. 22/6/59
Randell, C. H. E., p.s.c.

23/10/59
Francis, A. D., p.s.c. 4/2/60
Dymoke, J. L. M., *M.B.E.*,
p.s.c. 1/9/61

Majors—contd.

Knox, T. C. S., p.s.c. 5/11/60
Yates, G. R. 14/2/61
Hughes, J. A., p.s.c. 24/3/61
Gardiner, C. J., p.s.c. 21/6/61

Garnett, J. A., p.s.c. 15/7/61
Turmill, E., p.s.c. 21/10/61
Barthorp, M. J., p.s.c.

29/10/61
Henwood, L. J. (*att'd.*
R.M.P.) 22/12/61

Captains

Cheston, P. R. 20/12/52
Walter, P. F., *M.B.E.*, *M.C.*
(*T/Maj.* 10/4/59) 30/9/55
Gerrard-Wright, R. E. J.

16/12/55
Akehurst, J. B. 16/12/55
Worthy, P. 16/12/55

Thomas, B. C. 5/11/56
Miller, N. 9/2/57
Whitney, R. W. (*local Maj.*
19/10/60)

3/8/57
Evans-Evans, A. G. P. 3/8/57
Annear, W. J. B. 3/8/57

Paul, L. C. J. M. 14/11/57
Tubb, N. A. K. 22/11/57
Wetherall, J. P. 25/11/57

Pool, W. K. 8/2/58
Dale, C. J. 8/2/58
Growse, J. P. 8/2/58

Tadman, J., p.l. (*att'd.*
A.A.C.) 31/7/59
Surtees, P. H., *M.C.* 15/1/60

Wilford, D. 16/2/60
Taylor, E. M. C. D., *M.C.*,
23/4/60

Wooddisse, J. R. 21/10/60
Aris, M. A. 4/2/61

Parker, J. K. 4/2/61
Robinette, J. 22/6/61

Captains—contd.

Taunton, P. D. 29/7/61
Edwards, P. W. 29/7/61
Porter-Wright, J. (*att'd. Para*)
16/12/61
Lumby, C. W. T. (*T/Maj.*
22/12/60) 16/12/61

Lieutenants

Dollery, C. P. 7/2/58
Kitchin, R. F. 27/7/58
Malpas, E. A. 27/7/58
Ford, K. G. 21/12/58
Drummond, R. I. M.

21/12/58
Spacie, I. 20/12/59
White, J. G. P. 20/12/59

Ross, P. K. R. 20/12/60
Hastie, R. C. 25/7/61

2nd Lieutenants

Winckley, J. B. 23/7/60
Everitt, J. A. G. 16/12/60
Wright, M. S. 16/12/60
Houchin, J. S. 29/7/61

Quarter-Masters

Bourne, A. R. 26/6/51
maj. 1/10/52

Leeson, J. H. F. 17/3/54
capt. 26/3/57

Gascoyne, F. W. 19/7/54
capt. 16/12/57

Macklam, C. H., *M.B.E.*
11/4/56
maj. 24/5/57

Jessup, E. 1/1/57
maj. 21/7/57

Culbert, C. P., capt. 1/1/57
Morgan, J. 11/5/59

(*Seconded to O.T.C.*)
Beard, T. W. capt. 22/9/59

2/6/59
Edwards, J. E. lt. 21/3/60
1/4/60

*Regular Army**Short Service Officers**Majors*

Colvin, L. H. B., *M.C.*
(*Emp. List* (4)) 19/9/59

Captain

Gough, J. McK. 20/11/60

Lieutenants

Uzzell, J. L. 12/8/60
Sherwell, G. T. 1/9/60
Jacques, R. H. 3/3/61

2nd Lieutenants

Isaacs, P. J. 6/2/60
Pfinch, T. I. M. 7/5/60
Halcrow, H. M. P. 2/7/60
Pickard, R. F. 5/11/60

Quarter-Master

Clarke, W. T. G. 24/3/47
maj. 16/2/55

*Extended Service Officers**Major*

Davies, M. A. W., *M.B.E.*,
M.C., (*Emp. List* (3))
14/1/56

Captains

Temple, G. P. (*Emp. List* (3))
2/9/50
Bailey, E. B. (*Emp. List* (3))
8/4/53

Territorial Army

The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment

Hon. Colonel

Cholmeley, Capt. (Hon. Col.)
Sir Hugh, J. E. S., Bt.,
D.S.O., *D.L.*, J.P. 18/8/52

Lt.-Colonel

Sanders, G. M., *T.D.*
15/12/58

Majors

Marshall, H. D., *M.B.E.*,
T.D. 21/4/52

Majors—contd.

Sudlow, A. J., *T.D.* 1/9/53
Bennett, A. J., *M.B.E.*
1/9/60
Gammage, G. S. 24/6/61

Captains

Foster, B. S. (*A/Major*
1/9/60) 1/11/53
Rushby, C. A. 1/2/57
Clarke, D. F., 27/1/59

Captains—contd.

Graham, J. C. 1/1/60
Merrickin, P. M. 24/6/61

Lieutenants

Taylor, R. M. 30/9/54
Wiles, N. M. 20/1/56
Colvin, M. A. (*A/Capt.*
1/10/60) 22/3/56
Batten, D. O. 26/1/57
Dawson, G. H. 16/5/57

Lieutenants—contd.

Chambers, P. J. 12/1/58
Catchpole, P. F. 2/7/59
Dixon, B. 17/11/59
Ellwood, C. J. S. 1/12/59
Benton, S. M. 24/1/60
Mundy, W. C. 30/1/61

2nd Lieutenants

Harrison, S. C. 9/10/58
Green, P. D. 29/11/59
Bury, N. G. D. 5/6/61

The Northamptonshire Regiment

Hon. Colonel

Spencer, Hon. Colonel, The
Earl, *T.D.* 1/4/61

Majors

Foster, G., *T.D.* 20/7/48
Barber, F. G. 1/1/54
Pallash, H. H. 28/2/56
Williams, V. C. M. 7/1/57
Boe, J. L. 5/2/57
Jeffery, R. C., *T.D.* 1/1/58

Captains

Strickland, P. 11/11/49
Green, J. W. H., *T.D.*
(*A/Major* 21/12/56) 19/6/50

Agutter, T., *T.D.* 15/7/50
Hooton, D. F., *T.D.* 19/1/52

Grimes, P. R. 28/5/56
Bryant, P. W. 11/10/58
Hogg, J. G. 23/12/59

Lieutenants

Ayrton, N. R. 23/3/57
Branch, T. C. G. 19/12/57
Hardwick, J. M. 13/3/58
Baxter, W. H. 21/11/58
Hargraves, H. N. 7/5/59
Williams, R. G. L. 8/11/59
Pearce, R. 26/3/60

2nd Lieutenants

Barthorp, P. 4/10/60

2nd Lieutenants—contd.

Willey, G. C. 20/3/61

Quarter Master

Pilgrim, A. A., *M.B.E.*,
M.M., Maj. 1/10/50
6/7/59

Attached

Romerend P. G. Adams,
Chaplain to the Forces
(*T.A.*)

===== EDITORIAL =====

The Future of The Poacher

We have a problem—a very serious one for it concerns the future of the POACHER. Its the age long battle between income and expenditure. The income of the POACHER is derived from sales and revenues from advertisements. The expenditure is printing, envelopes and postage. The cost of printing and postage have risen again. From 1st October cost of printing has been increased by 7½ per cent owing to a wages award. The cost of postage on printed matter has also risen. Postage now costs 5d. on each copy sent out.

Of course, we can always cut our costs by reducing the size of the POACHER. But that is a last resort. What we need is a larger circulation.

We know that there are a great many ex-members of the Regiment who do not take the POACHER, and we know many by name. Some aren't interested, but quite a lot are content to read someone else's copy, or a copy they may find in the Club.

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The alternative is plain—more subscribers or a smaller Journal—or even two issues a year instead of four.

Please help us to keep going—it's just one thing that a man can do for his Regiment.

Presentation of Colours

New Colours will be presented to the 1st Battalion 2nd East Anglian Regiment at Osnabruck, Germany, on 1st June, 1962.

This is a very appropriate day, as it is the 2nd Anniversary of the raising of the Regiment.

It will be 73 years since Colours were presented to any Regular Battalion of the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment or the Northamptonshire Regiment. The last Colours presented were those of the 1st Battalion the Northamptonshire Regiment. They were presented by The Prince of Wales (later King Edward VII) at the Tower of London on 23rd July, 1889.

Is there anyone alive today who was on parade at this ceremony? We should be most interested to know of anyone who can claim this honour.

It is hoped to arrange travel by Charter Aircraft for anyone who wishes to attend. Further details will be found on page 7.

Letter from the Colonel of the Regiment

Although the affairs of the Regiment are widely covered in the different editions of THE POACHER, I believe that a few notes on future intentions would be helpful, especially to those members of the Regiment who are far away.

NEW COLOURS

Her Majesty The Queen has approved the Presentation of New Colours to the 1st Battalion of the Regiment, at Osnabruck, Germany, on the 1st June, 1962.

Our Colonel-in-Chief, Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Gloucester, has graciously consented to present these Colours on behalf of Her Majesty The Queen.

OLD COLOURS

Planning for the "Laying Up" of the old Colours has started on the following lines. All dates are provisional.

July 15th, 1962. Colours of the 48th to be laid up in St. Sepulchres Church, Northampton.

July 16th, 1962, or

July 17, 1962. Colours of 2nd Bn. 10th Foot and Colours of 58th Foot to be handed over to the Army Museum on Permanent Loan.

October 7th, 1962. Colours of 1st Bn. 10th Foot to be laid up in Lincoln Cathedral.

None of these dates is yet firm but the periods have been selected

- (a) To coincide with the Annual Reunions of the two Wings of the Regimental Association.
- (b) To facilitate the provision of Escorts and Colour parties from the 1st Battalion.

FINANCE

Approval has now been obtained from the Charity Commissioners to invest Regimental Funds in the Combined Charitable Fund. By doing this a wider field of investment of our capital is secured under expert guidance, and day to day management.

REGIMENTAL LUNCH AND DINNER

These will take place on Friday, 26th May, 1962, the former at the Naval and Military Club, the latter at the United Service Club.

The Regimental Dinner Club tie, silver sphinx on a black background is now in production, and may be obtained from Major P. H. Segon, M.B.E., Sobraon Barracks, Lincoln.

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Personalialia

Capt. J. B. AKEHURST has been appointed Brigade Major, 12 Infantry Brigade Group. He takes up the appointment in the New Year on completion of his course at Camberley.

We congratulate Major M. J. BARTHORP on his promotion to substantive rank.

We congratulate Captain and Mrs. R. E. BARTHORP on their marriage which took place on 30th September, 1961.

We congratulate Captain P. W. BRYANT on his promotion to substantive rank.

The Colonel of the Regiment and Major SEGON were guests at the Annual Dinner of the 5th "Chums" Battalion, Veterans of the Lincolnshire Regiment, at Gainsborough on 14th October. This event takes place on the date nearest to the Anniversary of the Battle of the Hohenzollern Redoubt, 13th October, 1915, a battle in which the 5th Battalion played a notable part. The toast to the Veterans was proposed by the Colonel of the Regiment.

We congratulate Captain and Mrs. DENIS CLARKE on the birth of a daughter, a sister for Susan Caroline.

Major L. C. CRICK, M.C., of "Springfield", 51 Thorpe Road, Peterborough, in October, paid a visit to the former Depot of the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment, saying he wished to see the barracks for the last time. We hope this is not so, visitors are always most welcome.

Major J. M. L. DYMOKE, M.B.E., has been appointed Company Commander/C.I. at the R.M.A.S. and takes up the appointment this month.

Captain P. W. EDWARDS has been nominated as an Instructor at the School of Infantry A./Tk. Division, and takes up the appointment in January, 1962.

Major A. I. FENNELL has taken up a staff appointment at Headquarters, Eastern Command.

Captain R. E. J. GERRARD-WRIGHT has completed his tour of duty at the R.M.A.S. and rejoins the 1st Bn.

We congratulate Captain J. C. GRAHAM 4/6 Bn. Royal Lincolns (T.A.) on his engagement.

We congratulate Major A. A. GREENWOOD on becoming a Fellow of the Royal College of Arts.

2/Lt. H. M. P. HAI-CROW has been appointed Admin. Subaltern at the Brigade Depot and took up the appointment in September, 1961.

We congratulate Lt. R. C. HASTIE on his promotion.

Lt. R. F. KITCHIN completes his tour at the Brigade Depot in January, 1962, and rejoins the 1st Bn.

We congratulate Col. J. T. LEWIS, T.D., on his promotion, also on being appointed a Deputy Lieutenant, and on becoming a Town Councillor.

We congratulate Major C. W. T. LUMBY on his temporary rank.

Captain and Mrs. L. C. J. PAUL wish to express their most grateful thanks to all those officers who contributed towards their magnificent Regimental wedding present.

We congratulate Capt. and Mrs. JOHN PORTER-WRIGHT on their marriage which took place on 22nd July, 1961.

Major C. H. E. RANDELL has been appointed G.S.O. II A.E.R./T.A. at the War Office. He took up the appointment in September.

Brig. E. F. O. RICHARDS, M.C., D.L., J.P., represented the Colonel of the Regiment, Major P. H. Segon, M.B.E., the 10th Foot Royal Lincolnshire Regimental Association and Major C. H. Macklam, M.B.E., The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (T.A.) at the funeral of Viscount Crookshank of Gainsborough P.C., C.H., whose funeral took place in Lincoln Cathedral on Tuesday, 24th October, 1961. His ashes were laid to rest in the North-West Transept near to the Services' Chapels.

We congratulate Capt. and Mrs. Keith SPACIE who were married on 16th September. Capt. Spacie is at present serving with the 3rd Battalion, The Parachute Regiment.

We welcome Capt. P. STRICKLAND to the Regiment on transfer from The Devonshire Regiment. He is serving with The 4th/5th Northamptonshire Regiment (T.A.).

We congratulate Captain and Mrs. P. H. SURTEES on their marriage which took place on 18th November, 1961.

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Lt.-Col. A. W. B. SYMONDS retired on 1st August, 1961.

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Capt. P. D. TAUNTON has been nominated as the Brigade representative at Mons O.C.S., and takes up the appointment in April, 1962.

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Capt. E. M. C. D. TAYLOR, M.C., joined the West India Regiment in September.

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Capt. N. A. K. TUBB completes his staff appointment with H.Q. 2 Div. in March and rejoins the 1st Bn.

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We congratulate Major E. TURNILL on his promotion to substantive rank.

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Major-General and Mrs. C. E. WELBY-EVERARD have returned from Norway and are on long leave at their home—The Old House, Caythorpe, Grantham, until the General takes up a new appointment.

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We report the resignation of Major Arthur WILFORD from the command of the 1st (Northamptonshire) Bn. Army Cadet Force after 12 years' service with them. He is succeeded by Major K. W. Adams.

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We congratulate Capt. and Mrs. Derek WILFORD on the birth of a son.

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Capt. D. J. WILFORD following, a month's attachment during November with the 10th Special Forces of the United States Army in Bavaria, took up the appointment as Adjutant of the 22 S.A.S.

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2/Lt. J. B. WINCKLEY has been appointed a Training Subaltern at the Brigade Depot and commenced the duties in September.

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A telegram of good wishes was sent to General Sir Harry KNOX, K.C.B., D.S.O., from the Northamptonshire Wing of the Regimental Association on the occasion of his birthday, 5th November.

The following reply was received:

"Thank you and all Comrades of the Northamptonshire Wing for your kind telegram of good wishes on my 88th birthday.

I value it very highly. It is over 68 years since I joined the 58th at Colchester—a pretty ancient Comrade!

All the best to you all."

HARRY H. KNOX.

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Major and Mrs. A. A. G. Power would like to thank most sincerely all those officers who subscribed towards the Silver Salver wedding present given to them last November. Tony goes on a

Photographic Interpretation Course in January, 1962, followed by an attachment to the Joint Air Reconnaissance Intelligence Centre, R.A.F. Brampton, Huntingdon. Sarah will stay on at 59 Woodchurch Road, Bestwood Lodge, Arnold, Nottingham, for a few months.

4 Northampton (1939/46)

Officers Annual Reunion and Dinner

The fifteenth Annual Reunion Dinner of those officers who served with the 4th Bn. between 1939/46 was held on the 13th May, 1961. We were extremely fortunate in being allowed to hold our Reunion in the Officers' Mess at Quebec Barracks and our thanks are due to Lt.-Col. E. Archer, M.B.E., commanding the Depot, Royal Pioneer Corps, for his extreme kindness and tolerance in allowing us the use of his Mess until the early hours of the following morning. Amongst those present were Lt.-Cols. M. Buszard and A. Danby; R. R. Greaves, F. M. Porter, W. H. Brindle, J. Boardman, F. R. Carrington, C. Thorpe, R. Hector, F. D. Syson, R. Hollowell, H. Harding, V. Harding, A. Smith, E. W. Bailey, N. Bending, A. C. Webb and D. P. Scopes. Apologies were received from Brig. J. Lingham, Col. J. Lowher (who has been one of our most regular attenders and always produces some most outstanding stories!) Col. W. C. Furminger and Lt.-Col. H. J. Cochrane. The Loyal Toast and the Col. of the Regiment were proposed by Major F. M. Porter, Capt. J. Boardman proposed the toast of the 4th Bn., Major D. P. Scopes proposed the toast of "Absent Friends" and Major A. C. Webb, as usual, concluded the formal part of the evening with "A.O.B.". Once again, our sincere thanks are due to "Dip" and the Mess staff for an excellent meal and for their co-operation in making our Reunion such a success. The numbers gradually dwindled as the evening progressed but the usual "hard core" maintained the old 4th Bn. tradition by keeping the party going until the first sounds of the dawn chorus were heard over Quebec Barracks.

D.P.S.

INFANTRY JUNIOR LEADERS BATTALION

The number of boys of East Anglian Brigade undergoing training at the Infantry Junior Leaders' Battalion on 2nd November, 1961, was:—

1st East Anglian Regiment ...	10
2nd East Anglian Regiment ...	22
3rd East Anglian Regiment ...	9

Important Notice

New Colours will be presented to 1st Battalion 2nd East Anglian Regiment at Osnabruck, Germany, on 1st June, 1962.

If sufficient numbers wish to attend the ceremony, an aeroplane will be chartered to fly to Osnabruck and return to London Airport. The cost per head for the return journey (same day) will be about £12-£13 per head.

Alternatively, an overnight stay at the Barracks in Osnabruck could be arranged. Board and lodging will cost nothing but the air fare will be more.

Will all who are interested please complete the attached proforma and return it to R.H.Q. as soon as possible.

Branch Secretaries are asked to bring this notice to the attention of their members.

APPLICATION FOR AIR TRANSPORT

To: REGIMENTAL SECRETARY,
R.H.Q. 2nd East Anglian Regiment,
Gibraltar Barracks,
Barrack Road, Northampton.

I wish to attend the presentation of Colours parade at Osnabruck on 1st June, 1962 and travel by Charter Aircraft.

- (1) * I wish to go and return on the same day.
- (2) * I should like to spend one night at Osnabruck.
- * Delete as necessary.

NAME and ADDRESS.....
(CAPITALS)

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Do not send any money at this stage.

Why are the Colours different?

Many people will have noticed that the Colours of the 2nd Bn. Royal Lincolnshire Regiment, which were presented in 1859 differ in size and detail of design, from the 58th Colours which were presented in 1860.

The main differences are as follows:—

	2nd/10th Colours	58th Colours
Size	4ft. x 3ft. 6in.	6ft. x 5ft. 6in.
Pikehead	Crown	Spear
Fringe	Yes	None

The clue to the answer is in the year 1858. In this year new regulations about the design of colours were made.

- (1) A crown replaced the spear on the spike;
- (2) Fringes were introduced;
- (3) The size of the Colour was reduced to 4ft. by 3ft. 6in.

Why then do the 2nd/10th Colours which were presented before the 58th Colours follow the new pattern, whilst the 58th Colours presented a year later are of the old pattern?

The answer would appear to be that the 58th Colours were made before the 2nd/10th Colours. It is quite probable that in 1857 the 58th then in New Zealand requested that new Colours be presented on their return to England, and the work was put in hand and completed before 11th May, 1858, the date when the size of the Colours, and the pike head was changed.

Presumably the 2nd/10th Colours were made after this date.

Courage

There are several forms of courage; physical courage, moral courage, hot blooded courage and probably the most difficult of all cold calculated courage over a long period.

The three bravest men I ever knew were in this last category. They were two brothers, officers in a T.A. unit, and a young captain in the Royal Corps of Signals. All were wireless experts and they came together in a prisoner of war camp in Siam in 1943. They had come from Singapore and each had brought various bits and pieces of wireless equipment which they had carefully hidden since the capitulation.

With these bits and pieces they constructed a radio receiving set. What it was made of or even looked like, I have no idea, but it was small enough to be housed at times inside any army water bottle, and powerful enough to receive broadcasts from India. (It was long before the days of transistor sets.)

With this set they listened in night after night to the all India radio. To conserve the batteries they could only listen to the headlines, except on very special occasions.

The Japanese and Korean guards had a shrewd suspicion that there was a radio receiver working in the camp, and they had many sudden searches of the camp, but such was the ingenuity of these three officers that the set was never discovered. They had to be constantly on their guard 24 hours a day, and the set was never hidden in the same place for long.

These three officers knew only too well what would be their fate if the set was discovered. In a

camp only a mile away a similar radio had been found by the Japanese, and five officers were slowly and thoroughly beaten to death with bamboos—and this is the literal truth—they were beaten till they died, and it took a long time and involved a good many broken bones.

But these three were never found out, and for 2½ years they received news and distributed it to their fellow prisoners. They had to be very careful—the slightest careless talk could mean their death. They gave the news in the first place to four trusted friends. These passed it on to four others, but never divulged the source of the information. And so the news passed on, group by group, until all the camp had it. Naturally it was embroidered as it passed along, and sometimes it was too good to be true.

Just what this radio news meant to 800 prisoners of war can be realised only by those who were there. It was a breath of the outside world, the world that some of us thought we might never see again. It kept our morale high and it kept us sane, and when D-Day came long, we knew it was only a question of time, before everything would be alright.

Our debt to those three officers can never be repaid. After the war, those of us who came home, clubbed together and gave them a gold cigarette case each. They were also awarded the M.B.E. I have no doubt that they wear this decoration proudly, but I sometimes wonder if it was really an adequate reward for such unselfish courage.

C.J.M.W.

Deaths

CAVE-ORME

On 11th August, 1961, at Newbury, Berkshire, Col. R. W. Cave-Orme, late The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment.

FELCE

On 18th August, 1961, in hospital after a long illness, Arthur Felce, late C.S.M. The Northamptonshire Regiment.

SPOONER

On 2nd October, 1961, at Woodhall Spa, Lincolnshire, Lt.-Col. R. H. Spooner, late The Lincolnshire Regiment. (Born 21st Oct. 1880.)

BEATTIE

Suddenly at his home at Lexden, Colchester, on 3rd October, 1961, Colonel Henry Hazlett Beattie, late The Northamptonshire Regiment.

HENLEY

On 8th October, 1961, at The Infirmary, Royal Hospital, Chelsea, In-Pensioner Sergeant Thomas Henley, late 2nd Bn. Lincolnshire Regiment.

Obituary

COLONEL H. H. BEATTIE

Col. Henry Hazlett Beattie who died on 3rd October, 1961 at his home at Colchester, joined the Northamptonshire Regiment in 1909. He was posted to the 2nd Battalion (58th) at Colchester and took part in the parade for the Jubilee of the 58th Colours on 25th June, 1910. In 1911 he went with the 58th to Malta and in 1912 was seconded to the West African Frontier Force, and fought with them in the Great War in Kamarun, Nigeria and France.

In 1918 he returned to the 58th in Colchester and in the following year sailed with the Battalion to India where he served till being posted to the depot in 1922. In 1924 Col. Beattie returned to the 58th now in Lahore. Service in Khartoum followed in 1927 and in 1928 the 58th returned to England and were stationed once more at Colchester. He remained with the 58th till 1930 when he once more was seconded to the Royal West African Frontier force as it was now called. He remained seconded until 1935, when he retired on pension, and not unnaturally went to live at Colchester.

On the outbreak of War in 1939, being still on the reserve he was called up and served for a time at Northampton. He was then made a Zone Com-

mander of the Essex Home Guard, a position he held till the end of the War.

His many friends will remember Col. Beattie as a genial and kindly person. He went through life calmly, and it took a great deal to upset his equanimity. To a young subaltern in his company he appeared as an austere and somewhat venerable figure, but albeit a kindly and human one.

In his younger days he was an excellent cricketer, and it was he who was partly responsible for starting Regimental cricket weeks at Northampton. He was a member of the Free Foresters and the M.C.C. and for many years he never missed attending the Lords' Test Match.

Col. Beattie was a regular attender at Regimental dinners. He attended his first dinner in 1922 and his last appearance was in 1961 when he was present at the first dinner of the 2nd East Anglian Regiment. A keen and loyal supporter of the Northamptonshire Regiment, Col. Beattie will be sadly missed by his very many friends.

To his daughter, Mary, we offer our sincere sympathy in her loss.

LT.-COL. R. H. SPOONER

Lt.-Col. "Reggie" Spooner, former Lancashire and England Cricketer, also a Rugby International, died at Woodhall Spa, Lincolnshire, on 2nd October, 1961, at the age of 81. During World War I he served as a Captain in the Lincolnshire Regiment and was in command of the first draft of reinforcements sent to join the 1st Battalion in September, 1914. He was twice wounded, and after the first attack on Bellewarde on 16th June, 1915, the wound he sustained necessitated him being evacuated to England, and after his recovery, he served with the 3rd Bn. His qualities as a sportsman and officer of the Regiment were aptly decribed in the *Times* and *Daily Telegraph* at the time of his death.

Lt.-Col. A. H. Wenham, represented the Colonel of the Regiment, and Major C. H. Macklam, M.B.E., The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment at the funeral which took place at Woodhall Spa on 6th October, 1961.

F. H. G. Haldwell Writes:

"R.H." commenced his military career when he went to the South African War with the Manchester Regiment, but at the outbreak of hostilities in 1914 he joined the Lincolnshires largely through the influence of his old friend, Lt.-Col. W. V. R. Fane, who commanded the 3rd Battalion in Grimsby until its despatch to Cork in 1917.

Spooner's cricketing career was thus twice interrupted by war service and indeed was adversely affected by wounds received in Franch at La Bassée and Hooge, but for which we would certainly have captained the England XI in the 1920-1921 Test series in Australia. He had, in fact accepted the M.C.C.'s invitation to do so but was obliged to change his mind and surrender the honour to J. W. H. T. Douglas.

E. W. Swanton, writing in the *Telegraph* of 3rd October, refers to Spooner as the last survivor of the classical school of English batsmen who held spectators entranced in what has since come to be called "*The Golden Age*". Contemporary with him were J. T. Tyldesley, Ranji, Maclaren, C. B. Fry, the tremendous hitter Jessop, R. E. Foster, Jackson and (still with us), Sir Pelham Warner and Wilfred Rhodes. Hobbs, Wooley and Sutcliffe were yet to come—indeed they were about to enter the realm of splendour in the twilight of those greater gods.

"In the terms of runs and hundreds", continues Mr. Swanton, "some of his great contemporaries must be accounted Spooner's superiors; but, as Mr. Cardus would say, one does not measure Mozart by the number of his crochets and quavers. In purity and charm of style I cannot think that anyone, not even Lionel Palaret, can have ranked above him. 'R.H.' was tall and the wrist of the racquets player gave a sheen and rhythm to all his strokes. His off-driving especially was a thing of joy, and in the days when the first three names on Lancashire's order were those of himself, Maclaren and J. T. Tyldesley, there was no better player anywhere than was to be seen at Old Trafford. His ability did not end with his batting for, as might have been expected of a talented all round player of games, he was numbered among the classic cover-points."

At Marlborough "R.H." excelled at all games—rugger, hockey, fives, racquets, athletics and, of course, cricket. In his third year there he scored 139 against Rugby at Lords which set people talking, and in the following year did even better with a 69 and a 198. This was good going for a school-boy but when, within a fortnight, he made his first appearances for Lancashire and scored 44 and 83 against Middlesex "when his play against Albert Trott was remarkable for its maturity as well as its style", fame was already falling into step at his side.

After his return from the Boer War, Spooner made 25 centuries for Lancashire, his highest score being 247 against Notts (1903) when he and Maclaren put on 368 for the first wicket again Gloucestershire—a Lancashire record to this day.

Mr. Swanton also records that one of his greatest innings was his 114 for the Gentlemen on a fiery Lords pitch in the historic match of 1906 when Fielder took all ten wickets; when H. Martyn stood up to the fast bowling of Brearley and Knox; when Jessop did some wonderful hitting—and the Gentlemen won by 45 runs!

It is not perhaps generally known, or remembered, that Spooner was one of the very few who played for England at rugby football as well. He was also a fine rider to hounds and a first rate shot.

During the first war whilst he was serving with the 3rd (Reserve) Battalion at Grimsby, recovering from a wound, he was approached one day by Major-General G. McI. S. Bruce, O.B.E., M.C., then a subaltern making up a team to play some other unit, and was asked if he played cricket! Quite humbly the unrecognised Reggie admitted

that he had played, whereupon Bruce graciously promised to see whether he could "fit him in". On the appointed day Bruce, captaining, put "R.H." down at No. 8 in the batting order but was persuaded by one in the know to elevate him to No. 3 which he doubtfully did. Spooner had not been batting long when Bruce asked who on earth the chap was. On being enlightened he rapidly departed in search of a hide-out! This did not, however, deter the imperturbable Bruce, when presently he joined "R.H." at the wicket and was greeted with the friendliest of grins, from contributing substantially to a healthy fourth wicket stand. From this amusing beginning grew a long friendship between the two.

That was typical of Spooner. He was nothing if not modest and gentle in all its ways and for these among many other good reasons was selected by the War House to join the carefully picked bunch of British Officers, incapacitated by wounds, to train and teach Australian and New Zealand officer cadets at Oxford in 1917-1918.

Reggie Spooner's loss will be deeply felt by those who knew him in the Regiment in the County and in the cricketing world in general and one and all will mourn a very gallant gentleman, soldier and sportsman.

COLONEL RUPERT WILLIAM CAVE-ORME

Rupert William Cave-Orme died on 11th August, after a long illness, patiently borne at his home at Newbury, Berkshire, where he had lived in retirement since 1946. Born on the 12th May, 1895, he was commissioned into the Lincolnshire Regiment on 25th February, 1914. Joining the 1st Battalion he proceeded with it to France at the outbreak of World War I serving throughout the retreat from Mons and in all battles up to Aubers Ridge when he was wounded on 16th May, 1915.

After over a year in hospital he was posted to Pye Wipe Musketry Camp at Grimsby, and later, still unfit for active service, to Brocton Training Camp, until in 1918 he was appointed Adjutant of the Depot. In 1922 he joined the 1st Battalion at Holywood and served with them until 1926 when he was appointed Adjutant to the 5th T.A. Battalion at Louth. In 1930 he joined the 1st Battalion at Gibraltar and served with them in Shanghai and Hong Kong until 1932 when he was posted to the home Battalion at Catterick.

In 1953 he joined the 1st Battalion in Naserabad. He sailed for home on 28th August to take command of the 2nd Battalion, but after a hazardous voyage taking three months he was eventually given command of the 6th Holding Battalion, but his old wound was troubling him again and he spent some time gravely ill in Westminster Hospital.

After the war he became Hon. Secretary of the Royal Empire Society and Commander of the Hampshire Home Guard Battalion until it was disbanded.

Col. Cave-Orme was a man of cheerful disposition with the ability to improvise and make the training of his men interesting in spite of the grave shortage of equipment before the war.

We offer our sincere condolences to his widow in her great loss.

SERGEANT T. HENLEY

4792395 Sgt. Thomas Henley died on the 8th October in the Infirmary of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, at the age of 75 years. His funeral took place at Brookwood on 13th October and was attended by Lt.-Col. F. W. Young, M.B.E., and ex-Sgt. F. C. Hall.

Floral tributes were sent from the London and Home Counties Branch and the Regimental Association.

"Tommy" served in the Lincolnshire Regiment from 1907 to 1937, a period of 30 years' loyal and devoted service of which he was justly proud. He served throughout World War I and was awarded the 1914/15 Star, the British War and Victory Medals, in addition he was awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

In August 1958 he entered the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, as an in-pensioner. He attended the 1960 Annual Reunion at Skegness, and the Church Parade at Boston Stump—marching erect quite a long distance for a man of his age—at the head of the parade and March Past which followed.

Nothing gave him greater pleasure than to be in the company of his former comrades and with his old Regiment. We mourn the loss of a grand soldier to whom his Regiment meant everything.

Recruiting

At the end of September owing to a shortage of Officers and N.C.O.s in the 1st Bn. the C.O. decided to withdraw the Recruiting Officer and the two Sergeants from the Regimental Recruiting Team.

The two vans have remained, one in Lincoln with two privates, and one at Northampton with a corporal and two privates.

The number of Regular Recruits (men and boys) enlisted in the Brigade in 1961 is as follows:—

		1st East Anglian	2nd East Anglian	3rd East Anglian
January	...	16	32	21
February	...	12	17	7
March	...	6	17	10
April	...	11	15	11
May	...	15	21	11
June	...	7	15	8
July	...	16	19	14
August	...	45	34	24
September*	...	17	12	20
October*	...	18	22	20
Total	...	163	204	146
Monthly average		16.3	20.4	14.6

Note*—Figures for September and October do not include Boys.

Moscow Memories

BY COMRADE D.P.S.

Having spent only eight days in Moscow as one of some 2,000 Britons representing over 600 U.K. firms exhibiting at the British Trade Fair I make no claim to being an expert on the Soviet Union but I can honestly say that without a doubt Moscow is the most depressing capital city I have ever visited! The exasperation of spending two hours on arrival at Moscow Airport before being cleared by the various officials—customs, currency, passports, baggage, etc.—gives some idea of the frustration encountered throughout the period of the visit. I managed to get a lift from the airport into the city rather than wait for the official bus and asked to be dropped at the Leningradskaya Hotel. Unfortunately there are only seven outstanding modern buildings in Moscow, which are all identical, namely, Moscow University, the Leningradskaya and Ukraine Hotels, two blocks of flats and two government departments. Needless to say, I was tipped out at the Ministry of Transport and spent a considerable time in this exceedingly gloomy building before I was escorted to the entrance by a guard who managed to indicate that my hotel was some half-mile away. I trudged there with a heavy suitcase and then spent another hour before my reservation was confirmed and I was detailed to a room on the 19th floor! (This was efficiency indeed compared with some of my colleagues who arrived in Moscow the previous week at 2 a.m. and after being transferred to four different hotels were told their rooms would be available at 6 a.m., by which time Aston Villa football team would have left to catch an early plane home!) Each floor of the hotel is guarded by an elderly female with an eagle eye who issues the key to your room and obviously watches who enters and leaves the rooms in her charge. It was now nearly 10 p.m. and I was ready for a meal. This was served in a vast and very ornate room and I was recommended to order two Moscow specialties—crab salad and "Chicken Kiev" (more about this later!) We had a bottle of their No. 2 Wine (there are four types of red wine)—1960 vintage—and listened to a very dreary band playing "Windows on Moscow" (the top of the Moscow "hit parade") interspersed with "Tipperary-ski" and "Mac the Knife". Our meal arrived within an hour of ordering it (almost a record!) and we had just got to the coffee stage at 11.30 p.m. when the band retired and half the hotel lights were switched off! On complaining that we preferred not to finish our meal in the dark, we were told that everything closed down in Moscow by midnight as it was "unhygienic" to be out after this late hour! So ended my first evening in the U.S.S.R.!

The Fair, which was in Sokonicki Park, was a tremendous success and from all accounts the Russians were extremely impressed. The variety of British goods, the layout, design and quality of everything on display certainly pleased them and

the Fair provided a good day out in what must be a pretty drab existence. It was reported that some 75,000 people per day visited the Exhibition and there was a flourishing "black market" in tickets. Even on the leather stand, we counted 4,000 visitors in one hour so the crush and congestion can be imagined. The weather was exceptionally hot and most of us adopted "shirt sleeve order" and it was amusing to see the Russians feeling and closely examining our jackets which were hanging up. In fact, they were so impressed with the quality of the cloth that "Pravda" reported that the high quality of the material was due to the fact that the British exhibitors had been issued with Government suits to be worn at the Fair!

On my second night in Moscow we went to a Georgian restaurant, only to be handed the standard menu produced by the State Printing Works which consists of the same dishes wherever one goes. To our delight, however, an English-speaking waiter was produced, whom we christened "Fred", and he suggested "beef steak with egg on the topski". We all said how we wanted it cooked and were delighted when he replied that although there were "niet pomme frites" he would bring us some "chips"! An hour later Fred reappeared and with a smile said: "Niet beef steaks but I've bought you Chicken Kiev"! One is struck by the great variety of races, colours and types of people in the Soviet Union—Slav., Turks, Mongolians, Kurds, etc., etc.—and on this particular evening there were two of the most villainous looking Mongolian pirates sitting at the table next to ours, complete with skull caps and "Fu Manchu" moustaches. Whilst waiting for our food, we consumed several bottles of hot, sweet "Champanski", which is quite pleasant in a repulsive sort of way, and were beginning to feel slightly mellow. Then to my horror, one of our party threw what I thought was a bottle top at one of the "pirates" and I was about to dive under the table before the knives were produced! However, it turned out to be a plastic key ring containing some views of London and the "pirates" examined it most intently without any change of expression whatsoever. Imagine our surprise when some 10 minutes later a waiter deposited a bottle of "Champanski" on our table and indicated it was from our two comrades at the next table! Needless to say, we raised our glasses to them and drank to their very good health! Without a doubt, all the Russians we met were extremely friendly and very good-natured and when they had overcome their initial suspicion of us foreigners, we found they had a tremendous sense of humour and not only would they accept having their legs pulled but they pulled ours back in return! This same evening we danced with some of the Russian girls who were in the restaurant and finished up by joining the table of a Russian doctor and two girls. We consumed several more bottles of "Champanski" together and perhaps it wasn't surprising that I inadvertently left my Ronson lighter on the table when we left. As lighters are very rare in Russia, I didn't expect to see it again but three days later this Russian doctor fought his way through to me on our stand at the

Fair and handed me my lighter and apologised that he couldn't get away from his hospital before.

We returned to our hotel just before midnight and made for the bar, which was a cross between a British Railways refreshment bar and a second-class expresso bar. The lights were switched off at midnight and the two waitresses said "Niet" most emphatically to all requests for more drink. However, an Englishman, who knew the ropes and with the help of lipsticks and nylons had managed to get things organised, said: "Don't worry, chaps, we'll just get rid of the comrades, lock the door and draw the curtains and then Tania and Rosa will get cracking again." Sure enough, as soon as we had frozen all the "Ruskies" out and a certain amount of good natured argument and leg-pulling had taken place between the "P.M.C." and the two girls out came the bottles again and the bar stayed open on that night, and all subsequent ones, until between 3 and 4 a.m. Occasionally some Russians or other foreigners would arrive late at the hotel from the airport and hearing signs of revelry in the bar would seek admittance but the curtains would be pulled back a little way and they would be told quite firmly: "Niet—Anglicski bar—push offski" (or words to that effect) and off they would go. Just imagine a party of Russians taking over the bar at the Savoy and keeping the English out!

One day followed another in a very similar pattern and one was oppressed by the drabness, lack of variety and colour. We did the Bolshoi ballet one night and the Moscow circus the next and that was about the extent of their night life. We did a tour of Moscow including the Kremlin and some of the parks in the day-time and even inspected the tomb of Lenin and Stalin on Red Square. They were promptly christened "The gruesome twosome" and many Russian officials we had to entertain solemnly raised their glasses to the "gruesome twosome" when we had run out of the more conventional toasts, completely unaware to whom they were drinking!

We also visited their famous "GUM" store with the idea of buying presents to bring home but it appeared to me to be a glorified covered-in Petticoat Lane market containing stalls of the most awful junk so we decided there was no point in spending a lot of money on useless rubbish. There was nothing delicate or dainty on display and this was confirmed by the appearance of the Russian women. They nearly all looked heavy and unattractive, the majority wear no make-up, hair-do's are non-existent and their clothes are dark and shapeless. In fact, so few of them wear what I believe are called "foundation garments" that it was difficult to tell if they were coming or going! We did see some bras in "GUM" but these appeared to be made of unbleached calico and each side seemed to be a different shape so we didn't know if the Russian women were deformed or perhaps a fault had developed in the machine making them. Nylon stockings were not available and our female interpreter said they were considered "unhygienic" in Russia.

Still, it can't be denied that the Russians have a sense of humour. At the bottom of the page of



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"Useful everyday expressions" in the official phrase book issued to us the last two items consisted of the Russian translation of: "Please pass the Port"—"I have lost my bicycle"! On the "Medical" page appeared a list of ailments, such as: "I have chicken pox"—"I am pregnant"—"I want to be circumcised"—"I have broken my leg", finishing up with: "Please send for an ambulance". Unfortunately I can't vouch for the story that someone pointed to the last item and after waiting 40 minutes the Russian returned and said: 'Niet ambulance, I have bought you Chicken Kiev'!

Moscow is a city of contrasts—on the one hand you have some exceptional modern buildings such as the Moscow University and the other six skyscrapers of identical design, the Lenin Sports Stadium and, the Metro underground which is outstanding for its design and cleanliness. On the other hand you have squalid wooden shacks in back streets where the Russians live in very over-crowded conditions. At the same time, we were proudly shown some new blocks of workers' flats under construction which reminded me of Victoria Barracks, Belfast! A lot of roads are in a very bad state of repair and I was told a speed limit was unnecessary as the pot-holes took care of that! Gangs are at work on the road seven days a week and on the Sunday I left we saw plenty of women with pneumatic drills, picks and shovels repairing the roads. The main thoroughfares are exceptionally wide and the city centre is kept extremely clean by street-washing lorries and an army of old women who sweep the streets 24 hours of the day. I was told that if you are caught depositing litter on the streets you get seven days' street cleaning without the option.

One of the highlights of our visit was on the occasion we visited a restaurant about 10 p.m. to be met with an emphatic "Niet" to our request for refreshment as they were about to close. As we had been on late duty at the Fair we were not prepared to take "Niet" for an answer and five minutes later we were rather reluctantly admitted. However, some two hours later after the inevitable "Chicken Kiev" and several bottles of "No. 3", which soon became known to both the English visitors and the waiters as "Joe's Vino" as it was reported to be Stalin's favourite wine, everybody was in very good form and we decided to demonstrate "Changing the Guard" with the aid of some umbrellas and to the accompaniment of our Regimental March "The Lincolnshire Poacher". Within a few minutes the whole place was in an uproar and the directors, head waiter and all the waiters and waitresses, plus the cooks and kitchen staff were roaring with laughter at our various drill movements which if not perhaps up to the Depot standards were at least equal to some of the drill we had witnessed of the Red Army! We finally left about 1 a.m. and everyone, both English and Russian, agreed that a good time had been had by all!

At long last came the day of departure and after interminable delays in getting an exit permit, confirmation of a seat on the plane, permission to remove one's luggage from the hotel and considerable

apprehension that the transport to the airport would not turn up came that wonderful moment when we were airborne! However, our elation wasn't increased when one much-travelled passenger said our plane, a TU 104, was known as the "Flying Brick" owing to its very rapid rate of descent! As the liquid refreshment offered us was confined to some particularly revolting Russian mineral water, a colleague and I decided to explore the galley. We joined the two brightly scrubbed Russian stewardesses in their pantry and although at first they said there was: "Niet vodka" we suggested they joined us in finishing off half-bottle of English gin we had the foresight to bring on board. After that, there was no difficulty about the vodka and when we got to the singing stage my colleague suggested the girls should record "Windows on Moscow" on his pocket tape-recorder. This they did and then asked us to sing a typical English song in return. This rather stumped us but although my friend was ex-Royal Signals, we decided to give them "The Lincolnshire Poacher" and I venture to suggest that this is the first time our Regimental March has been sung in a Russian air-liner 10,000 feet up over Stockholm! At last, two very happy Englishmen and two rather merry Russian stewardesses touched down at London Airport and although I wouldn't have missed my visit to Russia for all the "Chicken Kievs" in the U.S.S.R., I have never been so pleased to get back to England, home and beauty!

To finish on a more serious note, I would stress that whatever we do we must never under-estimate the Russians. They are a nation of some 240 million people with immense resources and in just over 40 years they have achieved things which took other nations centuries and although they appear 50 years behind the times in those things we consider essential to the Western way of life, they certainly lead the world in certain scientific, and especially space projects. The State is supreme and the needs of the individual are very secondary but with a growing interest in consumer goods, both home-produced and imported, it is obvious that there will be a slow but steady improvement in the standard of living of the Russian people.

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Our last notes were written during our period of Battalion Group and Brigade Group training at Soltau in July, and covered events up to the end of that month. Owing to the strenuousness of the training, the notes were shorter than usual.

Shortly after our return to Osnabruck we were very pleased to receive another visit from the Corps Commander, Lieutenant-General Sir Charles Jones, K C.B., C.B.E., M.C., who it will be remembered, had paid us a brief visit at Soltau. The Corps Commander, who arrived by helicopter, spent the morning seeing various forms of training and also saw the Band and Corps of Drums rehearsing for a beating of retreat which was to take place at the end of August as part of "Osnabruck Week". During his tour of training the General took the opportunity to talk to "B" Company about the tasks of 1 Corps, and the importance of reaching a high state of training by the autumn when the Berlin situation would probably have reached a critical stage. He explained that the large Corps manoeuvres to be held in October would give everyone in 1 Corps the opportunity of seeing how we measure up to the task in hand.

General Jones then left by helicopter, accompanied by the Commanding Officer, to visit the ranges about ten miles from Osnabruck where the Casuals were firing their annual range course. After talking to O.C. "A" Company, who was in charge of the firing, and to others of the range party and having looked at some of the scores, he returned again to Osnabruck. Both when going to the range and when returning the General took advantage of the excellent birds'-eye-view of our barracks offered by the helicopter. Happily no extraordinary happenings were to be seen on either occasion.

A visit to the Sergeants' Mess followed, during which the General met several old acquaintances and clearly both enjoyed himself and was most impressed by the Mess. Lunch in the Officers' Mess followed, after which the Corps Commander left at about 2.15 p.m. In a letter to the Commanding Officer written the following day, the General said that he "was very impressed with what he saw and got a great feel from the Regiment."

The remainder of August was spent in sub-unit training, until at the end of the month Osnabruck

Week was held. This is an annual event and consists of a long week-end during which complete break is made with training, and instead there is a swimming gala, a tennis tournament, one or two cricket matches, hunter trials and a horse show, preceded by a ball. The week is opened with a Beating of Retreat, which we were asked to give this year.

We took the opportunity at the same time to hold our Osnabruck housewarming by giving parties in the Officers', Sergeants' and Corporals' Messes to other members of the garrison after the Retreat. The Retreat itself, at which both our Divisional Commander and Brigadier were present, went exceedingly well, on a perfect evening. This was particularly fortunate, as the weather had been far from good during the preceding two weeks; so much so that we had arranged for the stands which were built for the occasion to be covered ones.

A fitting compliment was paid by the General who—as a Rifleman—knows a good deal about bugling. He said, "It is a very confident Drum-Major who delivers a fanfare at a range of 15 yards from the spectators with every bugler playing. And they were, I heard them!". A great impression was made by the full dress uniform, with helmets, worn by the drummers and, as a deliberate contrast, the background to the parade formed by more than 40 of the battalion's armoured personnel carriers, drawn up in a wide arc, each vehicle carrying the name of one of the Regiment's major Battle Honours on a large board across the front of it. The next day the Divisional Commander wrote that it was "a splendid performance, and I know that all who saw it were deeply impressed".

Then followed another period of sub-unit training, during which some platoons were fortunate enough to be able to carry out bridging with the Royal Engineers on the River Weser. In mid-September a battalion exercise was held, in conjunction with the Lancashire Fusiliers. This gave us further valuable exercise in fighting the defensive battle on a river obstacle, and at the same time gave the Lancashire Fusiliers the opportunity to carry out an opposed river crossing. Both battalions got excellent value from the exercise.

Shortly afterwards, "B" Company, with their

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ACTION! Left to right: Cpl. Wilkinson (Mansfield), Pte. Smith (Lincoln), Pte. Gillings (Yarmouth), Pte. Wright (Rushden), front: Pte. Hare (Scunthorpe).



A.P.C.'s

1st A.P.C.—Pte. Hare.
Behind 1st A.P.C.—Pte. Gillings.
2nd A.P.C.—Cpl. Wilkinson.
Behind 2nd A.P.C.—Pte. Wright.
Extreme right—Pte. Smith.



Armoured Personnel Carriers. Left: Pte. Hare. Right: Cpl. Wilkinson.



Company Detail

"What does it say?" Answer, "Cross Country Run"

enthusiasm undiminished, set out to march the 60-odd miles to Sennelager where the rifle companies were to spend a fortnight field-firing. "B" Company arrived there without incident, and well-satisfied with what they had done. The two week's firing were most valuable, and the companies were able to fire every weapon from rifle to mobat under excellent conditions both by day and by night.

Immediately afterwards, the battalion moved to its concentration area for exercise "Spearpoint"—the Corps autumn manoeuvres. The rifle companies went there straight from Sennelager. (It is of note that both for the field-firing and for the exercise the Corps of Drums took part as an ordinary rifle platoon in "A" Company—and did very well.) Battalion Headquarters and the echelons moved from Osnabruck, by a different route.

After spending Saturday, 7th October, in their concentration area, the battalion moved that night to its battle positions and began work. After a day of "increasing political tension" on the Sunday, the opposing forces began their invasion at 6 a.m. on the Monday. Five days of "war" followed, during which every kind of incident occurred. Battalion Headquarters had a narrow escape from nuclear devastation at one point, having moved only a few minutes before the explosion; while, at the other extreme, one rifle company (which was under command of another unit at the time) drove around for a whole afternoon in a quite fruitless search for the enemy!

It was a rather different form of warfare from that which most of us had ever experienced before. Events moved fast, with much re-grouping and many changes of command. "A" Company spent the whole exercise under command of either 16th/5th Lancers or of 1st K.S.L.I. (who normally do not even belong to the same brigade as we do!) while "B" Company were also, for a time, under command of 16th/5th Lancers. On the other hand,

our own battalion group consisted for one particular operation of three squadrons of 16th/5th Lancers, and two companies of infantry, of which one was from another regiment. This is, no doubt, an example of the "flexibility" much quoted by military correspondents!

Much has been written to the Press about the exercise, and many different opinions have been expressed as to whether it was a success, and as to what were the lessons learned from it. As far as the battalion was concerned there is no doubt that it was a success, having given us most valuable practice in carrying out our defensive role over a period of almost a week under realistic conditions. It showed us that in the three and half months which we had spent in Germany we have not been slow to learn the tactics and the techniques applicable to this most important theatre. After the exercise the Brigade Commander wrote to the Commanding Officer, "I write to congratulate . . . the battalion on your showing on Spearpoint. You all did extremely well. In particular I would like to single out John Dymoke's . . . activities ("C" Company) which were excellent . . . and on Tuesday last when you all competed admirably through a long day with a pretty tricky situation. Well done".

"Spearpoint", and in particular the Brigade Commander's letter, show that the battalion has achieved what it set out to do, namely in spite of the new techniques which we had to learn in B.A.O.R., and the highly competitive spirit there, to become as good as any B.A.O.R. battalion, within as short a time as possible of arriving. We have made our mark, and this in spite of the difficulty caused by having to meet frequent demands for good officers and N.C.O.s for all forms of extra-regimental employment. (And it must be said, in fairness to B.A.O.R., that these have been not for employment out here, but at home.)

Our aim remains not only to keep the standard which we have reached, but to do better. Our first



Cleaning after firing (Mobat). Left to right: Pte. Hockett, Pte. Adams, Pte. Glynn.

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1—Pte. John Wake, radio operator, "Sending." 2—Cpl. Christopher Parker, radio operator, "Receiving." 3—The end of the Corps Exercises, October, 1961.
Left to right: Lt. Issacs, Pte. Mills, Pte. Wright (20th Fusiliers), Pte. Pendleton. 4—Patrolling. Cpl. Wilkinson followed by Pte. Smith.

hurdle in this respect will be our annual administrative inspection, to be held in mid-December. We have already begun to prepare for this, and at the same time to train the many specialists we shall require to replace the National Servicemen of 1st East Anglian who have so valuably filled the gap for us since last June, but of whom nearly 70 leave next January. After the administrative inspection we can look forward to the Christmas break, which we hope we shall have well and truly earned.

OFFICERS' MESS

On 31st August we had our housewarming in Osnabruck. This took the form of a cocktail party, which followed the very successful Beating of Retreat reported elsewhere. Chief among the guests were our Divisional Commander, Major-General Williams; our Brigade Commander, Brig. Man and Mrs. Man; and the Colonel of the 16th/5th Lancers, Col. Smyly,* who happened to be visiting his Regiment at the time. The invitation list was mainly confined to units of 12 Inf. Bde. Gp. and Osnabruck Garrison, but all officers of the Regiment known to be serving in Germany were also invited. The total number of guests who attended was about 220.

As the party followed the Retreat, everyone arrived at once, so that there was rather a crush in the doorway. Guests arrived, were greeted, relieved of their coats, and offered drinks, all in a rather confined space; however, the staff coped manfully and very soon everyone was seen to have a glass in his hand. As it was a very warm day it soon became oppressive inside, so the party migrated on to the lawn, where many groups remained chatting long after it was too dark to see to whom one was talking. The general opinion was that it was that it was a good party.

We have not yet been able to do any other entertaining, due to settling in and the large number of exercises. However, we have been invited out several times by our various neighbours to guest nights and cocktail parties, so we will be starting to return their hospitality in the near future. We have, however, been having a weekly dinner night for living-in members so that the dinner night routine does not become a lost art.

We recently attended a very enjoyable games evening in the Sergeants' Mess, where a good time was had by all, although the result of the games is doubtful. It was obviously very close, because neither Mess has been jeering about it to the other.

The remainder of the season has been spent in the field; so long, in fact, that it is worthy of note. The first expedition was to Soltau, which started off damply, with the staff trying to put up a marquee for the first time in their lives, and in pouring rain. A lot of helpful criticism was offered from the shelter of various vehicles, but the tent

did finally go up. During our time at Soltau we were given a one-ton vehicle with proper pent-houses attached. This was a vast improvement, except that the Mess Sergeant's bed would not fit it. In this Mess we have entertained the Corps Commander, our Divisional Commander and many other visitors. The strength of the tea offered increased in direct proportion to the rank of the visitor, but they all seemed pleased. The object of these various exercises, as far as we are concerned, seems to be to make us pack up and move a few miles at the most difficult time; either at midnight or when dinner is half-cooked. We can now beat the Command Post every time on the move and by next training season we hope to be able to beat the O.R. Cookhouse as well. The trouble always starts on arrival, when some officers are thirsty, some are hungry, and Colin Gardiner wants the staff for something else, but the Sergeant-Major has got in first and taken half of them for guard. The only time we have failed to move on time was on exercise "Spearpoint" when we were told that we would be "atomised" in ten minutes time. We decided to die gracefully "in situ" and the Mess secretary gallantly gave up his (exercise) life to stay by the vehicle, thereby ensuring that he had some of the necessary comforts in the life hereafter. The remaining officers of Bn. H.Q. escaped in time, and starved until the umpire decided that he too was starving, whereupon the Mess was re-incarnated.

We welcome to the Regiment and to the Mess 2/Lt. John Houchin who is following in his father's footsteps. To help him understand the traditions of the Regiment even more fully we have made him Silver Member.

Lastly, we must bid farewell to Robin Burford on his transferring to the South Wales Borderers following his acceptance for a regular commission. Our loss is their gain.

SERGEANTS' MESS

Within two months of our arrival in Osnabruck, the entire Sergeants' Mess has received a major face-lift in the form of a complete redecoration. This in itself is quite remarkable, but when one considers that the entire job was completed by the members themselves, the significance becomes even more apparent. What a first-class piece of workmanship they have achieved; it has earned the praise of everyone, and many envious eyes have been seen to gaze from the direction of the Officers' Mess! This splendid effort was carried out mainly during off-duty hours, working late into the evenings, and even over August Bank Holiday week-end. Whilst not naming the individuals who led the decorating teams by their personal example and enthusiasm, they and their teams must have the satisfaction of knowing the Mess is most grateful to them. All this came about by the virtue of the uncertainty of the R.E.'s decoration service, and now we shall at least have the benefit of our labours for the rest of our stay here.

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H.R.H. The Duchess of Gloucester has graciously given the Mess a portrait of herself, taken by Cecil Beaton. This is a particularly fine piece of photography, and those of us who have had the honour of being presented in the past two years feel most happy to have this portrait for the new Regiment. It was framed and in its place of honour within ten days of being received.

Whilst on the subject of gifts to the Mess, it is appropriate especially to record the occasion upon which the Sergeants' Mess of the Duchess of Gloucester's Own received its first piece of silver. Sgt. Cole, upon his posting to G.H.Q., F.A.R.E.L.F., Singapore, last August, most generously presented to the Mess a splendid cigarette box with the regimental crest and inscription beautifully engraved on its lid. It was received on behalf of the Mess by a rather overwhelmed R.S.M., as complete secrecy had covered the entire affair! The appreciation of the entire Mess is directed to you 'Mac' and also to you Daphne who, we feel sure, was right at the back of him! The box already has its place on the display stand, and it is in use on every dinner night. We hope you are well acculturated by now, and that your badminton skill proceeds from strength to strength!

Taking a look at the nominal roll, we see that changes since last July are not so great as they have been in the past. On the promotion side we congratulate W.O.II Adams (Band), and note how well he is standing up to being Orderly Officer of Rear Details when the Battalion is away. We also welcome Sgts. Hammerton (Band) and Hodgson (A.C.C.) to their initiation into the Sgts' Mess. We wish them success and a long and happy innings.

Sgt. Gordon has taken leave of us for the new appointment of Special Recruiter at Scunthorpe and we looked forward to having the results of his efforts with us in due course. Sgt. Dunn, R.A.P.C. has moved on now (though only to the other side of town) and the Mess join in thanks to him for his steadying hand on our accounts. We don't really feel his loss much yet as he is often to be seen in camp, and has almost got Ashworth licked on the badminton court!

For the income side we find that Sgt. Knight has arrived from a tour at the Bde. Depot and for his sins has earned a fortnight in hospital at Munster—to become known in consequence as 'the ankle'. Sgts. Nicholson and Greenfield arrived on the afternoon of 23rd September, and, within 24 hours were out in the field for the succeeding three weeks, commencing at Sennelager! Finally, Sgt. Mills, R.A.P.C., has come along to replace Sgt. Dunn and, after the initial shock, has been found to handle the BOS' cane quite well!

Though the amount of training has curtailed Mess nights a little, we are rapidly making our presence known within the Garrison. At our month-

ly dinner nights we have so far entertained 13 guests, the senior members of other Messes in the Garrison. When the occasion demands it, we have dined out on the same night any of our kind who are about to take leave of us. After the very fine display of Beating Retreat on 31st August we entertained over 300 guests to cocktails in the Mess. The Mess, with its new decor, was further enhanced by the display of two sets of Colours. We were blessed with fine weather and so took advantage of the bar on the lawn and continued well after dusk under fairy lights and floodlighting. Then the 16th September saw us give our "getting to know you" dance in the gym., attended by members of all Messes in the Garrison, and a really splendid evening it was. Much hard work was done in the days preceding by S/Sgt. Greenstreet and Sgt. Oliver in the transformation of the gym.—the like of which the majority of our guests had never before witnessed. The bar staff did us well, and the final result of all the conscientious work put in by the numerous sub-committees, was a pleasurable evening running throughout with smoothness and a happy atmosphere.

A visitor from the Bermuda Rifles in the form of Sgt. Cartwright gave us a breath of fresh air from that sunny island. Most of us had met him before, and he spent three weeks on practically all the aspects of our training life. It must be mentioned, however, that he arrived at about 11 p.m. on a Friday night and his greeting took the form of being given a beer and a paintbrush, for it happened to be a late session of decorating! We all enjoyed his company and thank him for his assistance in the Mess! When dining him out on the eve of his departure an exchange of Regimental plaques took place, and it was made quite clear to him that he will always be most welcome again. We took a particular relish in playing his Regimental March, "Island in the Sun"!

The Mess cricket team, ably led by Ken Ashworth had quite a successful season even though we were two months late in starting. Of seven matches played we won five and lost two. Regular players were:—Sgts. Ashworth (capt.), McColgan, Parnham, Thompson, Hewitt, Gordon, Knight, Keal, Bullock, Robinson; C/Sgts. Wood, Roberts, Smith, Hill; S.Q.M.S. Iittleton and the R.S.M. (wicket-keeper). The best innings were:—C/Sgt. Wood, 29 (twice), C/Sgt. Hill, 29 and 23, Sgt. Ashworth, 27 and 23 (twice), Sgt. McColgan, 24 and 20.

RUGBY

Before exercise "Spearpoint", of which much has already been written, rugby in the battalion got off to a desultory start. Although we played four matches up to 6th October, there was little other activity in the way of organised practices during the week. The difficulty was that companies were working at full pitch and there were very few afternoons when more than half a dozen players could be got together at one place at one time.

In a "friendly" match against the Lancashire Fusiliers 1st XV we learned the error of our ways.

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Regimental Association

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

Lincolnshire Wing

Annual Reunion

MEETINGS

The Annual Reunion of the Lincolnshire Wing was held in the Derbyshire Miners' Holiday Centre, Skegness, on Saturday, 7th October, 1961, concluding with Divine Service on Sunday, 8th October. All arrangements for the Reunion were made by the Louth and District Branch under their chairman, Major J. E. Odlin, D.C.M., and to them we offer sincere thanks.

After a welcome by the President, and homage paid to those of the Association who had died during the past year, the business affairs of the Association were dealt with by the General Committee at their meeting, the results of their deliberations being conveyed to others at the General Meeting which followed. Brig. R. H. L. Oulton, C.B.E., presiding at both meetings at which all branches were represented. It was with pleasure we noted the presence of Major-General C. E. Welby-Everard, C.B., O.B.E., a Trustee, who had only arrived in England from Norway the previous day after a long absence on duty in that country at H.Q. Allied Forces Northern Europe, Kolsas.

BUSINESS

The minutes of the previous meetings were accepted and confirmed, the audited accounts approved, and note made with satisfaction of the action of the Trustees in selling "unprofitable investments" and re-investing the proceeds in guaranteed stock. The Hon. Treasurer presented his report, giving details of income and expenditure, the numbers of cases for assistance dealt with during the past year and financial aid given.

The President outlined what is now the policy of the Army Benevolent Fund, and stressed the need for more "self help" by the Association, and asked for support in the forthcoming Christmas draw and through the medium of Branch collection boxes.

THE POACHER

He urged all those who have not yet done so to become subscribers for the POACHER which contained not only all news of the Regiment, T.A. Battalions and other items of interest, but the news also of the Wings of the Regimental Association. He asked members, whenever possible, to place what business they could with the firms who advertised in the Journal. As the Association no longer published a printed annual report and Journal, it was decided by the General Committee that a grant be made to the POACHER which now

publishes our news. This grant has been made and gratefully acknowledged by the Editor.

The names of three to be considered to fill a vacancy for a Regimental Pensioner were reported upon, and resulted in a very deserving member of the Association being chosen to fill it. The General Committee have authorised the Executive Committee to increase the total number of Regimental Pensioners to six. The names of those selected for a pension will be notified to the Annual General Committee in due course.

The Regular Forces Employment Association annual grant was discussed and the amount agreed upon.

Lt.-Col. F. W. Young, M.B.E., and Major E. D. Malpas agreed to serve as nominated members of the Lincolnshire Wing of the General Committee of the 2nd East Anglian Regimental Association.

It was decided the 1962 Reunion be again held at the Derbyshire Miners' Holiday Centre, the arrangements being made by the Stamford Branch who agreed to do so. The date of the next Reunion is Saturday, 6th October, 1962.

NOTE—Branches are being sent detailed copies of the Minutes of the General Committee and General Meeting.

REUNION DINNER—7th OCTOBER, 1961

Brigadier Oulton presided at the dinner held at the Miners' Holiday Centre, and attended by 346 members, their ladies and guests.

Members of the Association were especially pleased to have the company of the Associate Colonel of the Regiment, Brig. D. E. Taunton, C.B., D.S.O., who had journeyed from Northampton to be with us, also Superintendent J. G. Thomas, of the Lincolnshire County Constabulary at Louth, and Mrs. Thomas as their guests.

Before the Loyal Toast Brig. Oulton read the message of loyal greetings he had sent on behalf of the Regimental Association to Her Majesty and the Queen and the gracious message he had received in reply. The Loyal Toast was then proposed and honoured.

The toast to "The Regiment" followed, and afforded our President the opportunity of stressing that all the news of the Battalion could be read in the POACHER and asked those not in possession of a copy to obtain one. He announced that new Colours would be presented to the 1st Battalion at Osnabrück in Germany on 1st June, 1962, and this news was received with tremendous enthusiasm.

The President expressed pleasure at having the

company of our guests, who on behalf of the Association he was delighted to welcome, but would not spoil their enjoyment by asking them to make a speech. He also mentioned how pleased we were to have with us that evening Major-General and Mrs. Welby-Everard, Major-General S. A. Cooke, R.S.M. Keightley and our blind comrade Harry Pierpont with his guide dog. Greetings received from Brigadier-General Spring, Major-General Griffin and Col. Lloyd and others were received with pleasure, and regret that they could not be with us.

Following an excellent meal, the rest of the evening was spent with for the "younger" members (the under 60's), dancing in the ballroom, the over 60's chatting about past years spent in the Regiment, the intervals being taken up regaling with a "noggin". The time passing much too quickly as is usual on these occasions.

LINCOLN BRANCH

Since our last report the strength of the branch has increased both in full and honorary membership which has put us in a strong position both financially and in the social aspect. As a result of this increase it became necessary to apply for more floor space in the Keep and this having been allotted to us by Headquarters North Midland District.

We welcome all new members to the branch and hope they will bring along other old comrades to join our ranks.

BRANCH H.Q.

With the departure of all regular troops from Sobraon Barracks anxiety was felt among our members as to whether they would lose what they had always considered to be their permanent home. Brig. R. H. L. Oulton, C.B.E., Colonel of the Regiment, and President of the Regimental Association, attended a special meeting of the branch in July to discuss the matter. From him we were assured that the needs of the branch had been considered and a permanent home for the branch would be provided for us in the Keep. We are grateful to those who have our interests at heart, and bolstered by this good news we look forward to the time when we do occupy our "permanent" home and carry out the many plans we have shelved.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Our social programme has been a full and happy one. Two highly successful dances have been held in the gymnasium of Sobraon Barracks, one at Whitsun, the other in September, both very well attended by members, their friends and relatives.

Praise is due to the members of the Club who by their efforts transformed the gymnasium with the decorations, and the preparation of the floor to such an extent that it was ideal for dancing. There was no lack of enthusiasm for "work"—and in this we must not forget the ladies who turned out in force to prepare the refreshments.

A very enjoyable evening was enjoyed by our members on the occasion of their visit to Scunthorpe where former members of the Regiment

entertained them at the Drill Hall, Cottage Beck Road. We hope that our visit to Scunthorpe will be the means of giving a "fillip" to the formation of a new branch of our Regimental Association, and we are hoping it will not be long before we pay them another visit.

Another enjoyable games evening was spent with members of our Grantham Branch who paid us a visit. The clubroom in the Keep on this occasion was filled to capacity by members of both branches, the evening being occupied with the usual darts' matches, crib, dominoes and, of course, an occasional game of tombola—pardon the term—bingo.

Adding to our further pleasure was an evening arranged by the chairman of our entertainments committee—Paddy Hughes—with members of the R.A.F. Station at Faldingworth, Lincolnshire. It was a wonderful evening, nobody could have done more for us to make it a most memorable occasion. An excellent curry supper was provided to send us on our way home rejoicing.

CHRISTMAS DRAW

The Branch Christmas draw for this year's children's party has started and is being well patronised. We hope to do better than in previous years, all of which were successful, nevertheless it has always been our aim to give our members children a wonderful party.

INVITATION

We are "AT HOME" to former members of the Regiment and to those of the Northamptonshire Wing who may be passing through or staying in Lincoln, and would be pleased to accord them a welcome at our club in the Keep on any Friday, Saturday or Sunday evening.

ANNUAL REUNION—SKEGNESS

We of the Lincoln Branch offer our congratulations to members of the Louth and District Branch for their efforts to ensure our annual reunion was successful. It is an event we thoroughly enjoy and look forward to the next occasion when we can again meet and share the Company of many old friends with whom we have served.

STAMFORD BRANCH

PARADES

The branch was represented, and it's standard carried in procession on the occasion of Battle of Britain Sunday, Remembrance Sunday and the Mayor's Civic parade.

STAMFORD QUINCENTENARY YEAR

Nineteen-sixty-one is the 500th year since the granting of the Town's Charter and many social events have been arranged by various organisations. The Town Council invited the Marquess of Exeter, K.C.M.G., to be Mayor for 1961 and on Sunday, 28th June, the Stamford Branch of the 10th Foot Association at the Mayor's invitation took part in the Parade and Service to St. Martin's Church.

CARNIVAL BAND CONTEST

On 17th June, a carnival band contest was held on the town football field, when many carnival

bands from the Midlands took part. The stewards for this event were provided by the Stamford Branch. The weather was warm and sunny and hundreds were given an excellent entertainment.

VISIT OF H.M. THE QUEEN

On Monday, 19th June, the town was honoured by a visit from H.M. The Queen, who was accompanied by H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh. The weather was excellent and Her Majesty appeared to have thoroughly enjoyed her visit. Stamford Branch members joined with other ex-Servicemen in lining Broad Street and had a very good view of the Royal Party as they drove by. Both the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were smiling happily and the Duke appeared to give a special wave of recognition to the ex-Servicemen. The Royal visitors ended their visit by being entertained to tea at Burghley House by Lord and Lady Exeter, whose ancestors had been honoured by having the first Queen Elizabeth as their guest.

Members of the Branch attended the annual reunion of the Association held at Skegness on the 7th October, and take this opportunity of thanking Louth Branch for all the arrangements they had made to ensure the success of our reunion; it was most enjoyable. To our branch falls the honour of making the arrangements for 1962, and we hope to give similar satisfaction.

The Stamford Branch annual dinner and entertainment was held in the Stamford T.A. Drill Hall on 3rd November. The committee and members were especially pleased that Lord Exeter in his capacity as Mayor of Stamford accepted an invitation to be present, together with our President, Brig. R. H. L. Oulton, C.B.E., Lt.-Col. A. H. Wenham and the General Secretary, Major P. H. Segon, M.B.E.

6th BN. THE LINCOLNSHIRE REGIMENT WELFARE AND BENEVOLENT FUND

The Annual General Meeting and Reunion of the above Fund was held at the Barracks, Sandon Road, Grantham, on Saturday, 30th September, 1961, by kind permission of the Lincolnshire T.A. and A.F. Association and Lt.-Col. G. M. Sanders, T.D., Commanding Officer of the 4/6th Bn. The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (T.A.).

There was an attendance of about 200, presided over by Col. S. B. Harrison, D.S.O., T.D., D.L.. Col. Harrison presented the accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1961, copies of which were in the hands of the members.

Lt.-Col. J. E. Fletcher, T.D., outlined the work of the Fund for the year under review and said that all applications to the Fund, after careful consideration by the Claims' Committee under Major P. Whiton, were successful.

The following were re-elected:—

Hon. Secretary—Lt.-Col. M. H. Raymond,
O.B.E. T.D.

Hon. Treasurer—R. Hodge, Esq.

Auditor—I. E. Parr, Esq.

Retiring members of the Executive Committee were re-elected with the exception of Capt. H. A. Clarke (resigned). Mr. F. Peberdy of Boston was elected to fill the vacancy.

The next Annual General Meeting and Reunion will be held at Stamford on 22nd September, 1961.

The guests at the subsequent dinner were:—

Brig. R. H. L. Oulton, C.B.E., Colonel of the 2nd East Anglian Regiment (Duchess of Gloucester's Own Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire), His Worship The Mayor of Grantham (Councillor Ogden, J.P.), and Lt.-Col. G. M. Sanders, T.D., Commanding the 4/6th Battalion, the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment, T.A.

All seemed to enjoy a very successful evening so well organised by Capt. F. Woods and his willing helpers. Mrs. Harrison, M.B.E., and Miss Pim, O.B.E., of Barrowby (a sister of Major Pim), a Regular Officer who served in the 6th, very kindly arranged the flowers and tables. Our best thanks are due to these two ladies.

Regimental Museum of The 10th Foot

The Trustees were pleased to note on the occasion of their recent visit the many improvements made in the lay-out of the exhibits, the additional floor space obtained by the moving of showcases and the restoration made to various items by Mr. Alex G. Kennedy who so kindly takes considerable interest in the Museum.

Acknowledgement is made with many thanks to the donors of the following items:

Lady O'Dowda, the gift of a Commission granted to Major-General C. R. Simpson, C.B., when as Colonel of the 10th Foot he became Honorary Colonel of the Lincoln and Welland Regiment of Canada.

The relatives of the late Sgt. C. Crick, 4th Lincolns for their gift of a long Lee Enfield Match Rifle, awarded to him as a prize for shooting at Bislev in 1913 by the London Small Arms Co. Ltd.

Mrs. S. Cave-Orme for the gift of her late husband's uniforms.

The Colonel of the Regiment for his Ceremonial Spiked Helmet.

The gift from a former members of the 4th Battalion (who wishes to remain anonymous) of a German Machine Gun, 1914/18 War, in excellent condition.

The Trustees have recently acquired for the Museum a Silver Madallion and a Plate formerly the property of the King of Oudh, which came from his Palace in Delhi in 1857 through the good offices of Capt. H. Henderson of the 10th Foot.

The Curator would be pleased to receive from former members of the Regiment items of Regimental interest in particular a P.H. gas helmet, service dress caps, both officers and other ranks, and a set of webbing equipment in use during the 1914/18 War.

The Northamptonshire Wing

LONDON BRANCH

The London Branch are hoping to arrange a series of social evenings with the members of the Northampton and Peterborough Branches when they visit London for the football matches.

All members of the Branch who attended the reunion at Northampton were pleased with the arrangements and hope they will be continuing for years yet.

The Branch have not decided yet whether or not there will be a dinner this year. The attendance at previous functions has not been, to say the least of it, encouraging so we are hoping to arrange something else in place of it. The London Branch will be attending as usual at the Field of Remembrances on Armistice Sunday. We are glad to offer our congratulations to Mr. Jones our Vice-President on the occasion of his golden wedding. He has been one of our most constant and conscientious members since the formation of the London Branch. Both he and Mrs. Jones has always attended the functions of the Branch and this support has been invaluable to all members. Mrs. Jones's health has not been too good over the past year and the branch hope that she has now recovered.

Don't forget all you members who are glued to your little square box on a Saturday evening, give the Branch a thought, and come and see us at the Drill Hall, 1 Elverton Street, Horseferry Road, Westminster, S.W.1. You can be sure of a good welcome and a very enjoyable evening. If you have any problems contact me at any time, my address is:—

15 Micawber House, Llewellyn Street, Bermondsey, S.E.16.

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

NORTHAMPTON BRANCH

The annual dinner and dance has now been arranged and will be held at the Wedgewood Cafe, Abington Street, Northampton, on Friday, 23rd March, 1962.

Will all concerned kindly note and reserve this date, details will be published as soon as cards, etc., have been printed.

The club has entered the air gun league and are having teething troubles and are not producing results in keeping with our reputation, however, we hope to overcome this deficiency with a spot of practice. Rifles, ammunition and targets are always available in the club, and any members interested in this sport are welcome to come along and try their luck.

The Christmas draw is now forging ahead, tickets are 1s. each and everything which is taken in this draw is given out in prizes.

The wines club by which members may obtain wines and spirits at cost prices plus a small charge is doing very well and everything points to a bumper year.

Arrangements are in hand for a social evening to be held at the club, when our visitors will be the Burma Star Association, Brig. D. E. Taunton is the proposer of this get-together.

PETERBOROUGH BRANCH

We welcome a new life and branch member Mr. J. Roberts (Hepston), near Peterborough.

As these notes go to press we are looking forward to the 4/5th Bn. and Comrades reunion dinner at Peterborough on 21st October.

The branch annual outing took place on 26th August to Yarmouth. The weather was very kind to us on this occasion. A most enjoyable day was spent by all members who attended and the consumption of "sea food" was considerably increased.

We are pleased to report that Mr. W. Houseman is making satisfactory progress after many weeks of illness.

The St. Ieger draw was again a success for the branch. May we take this opportunity of thanking all persons who contributed or disposed of tickets.

The branch extend their congratulations to the 4/5th Bn. on their recent successes in the band and shooting competitions.

It is hoped that a social evening will take place in the near future at Peterborough inviting the Northampton Branch to attend.

Best wishes to all branches and members.

H. G. TOMPKINS, Branch Secretary.

REUNION DINNERS

The 4th Bn. The Northamptonshire Regiment (1939-1945) held their 15th All Ranks' reunion and dinner in Rushden on Friday, 13th October, 1961. There was a good attendance and everyone was delighted to see Colonel W. C. Furminger, O.B.E., M.C., at it, having come over from Dublin.

The 4th/5th Bn. The Northamptonshire Regiment (T.A.) held a reunion and dinner on Saturday, 21st October, 1961, together with the Peterborough Branch of the Comrades' Association. It was very well attended and everyone had a very pleasant evening.

The 6th (Service) Battalion The Northamptonshire Regiment held their 35th annual reunion dinner at Northampton on Saturday, 30th September, 1961. 109 members of the Battalion who served with it during the First World War and eight guests were present.

East Anglian Brigade Depot

GENERAL

In the April 1961 notes was inserted the following: "The more regular recruits who come through the gate the better". It is with considerable satisfaction that we can report that they are coming through in greater numbers, indeed a good bit faster than was expected. In fact we, the Depot have reached our saturation point, not only with recruits, but with junior soldiers as well, and our excess numbers are being passed to the 1st Bn. Battalion The 1st East Anglian Regiment for their recruit training.

It is difficult to put a finger on any one reason for this increase, but undoubtedly, the efforts of Special and Regimental Recruiters and the 1st Battalion 1st East Anglian Regiment at Harwich, are bearing fruit. Long may it continue, and numbers increase. This of course, produces the inevitable pressure of staff, let alone accommodation, and trying to get excess issue on A.F.G. 1198 when authority exists for extra training staff only. However, the Quartermaster, Major Joanny never seems to "bat an eyelid".

RECRUITING STAFF NOTES

There are now 15 N.C.O.s of the Brigade employed as Special Recruiters and based on Army Information Offices throughout the nine counties of the Brigade Area. In addition, both 2nd and 3rd East Anglian have Regimental recruiting teams operating from their respective R.H.Q.s.

In order to provide a backing for this not inconsiderable force the Brigade H.Q. Recruiting Staff was formed and grafted on to the Depot at Bury St. Edmunds. This now consists of the Brigade Recruiting Officer, Major J. G. Starling, M.C. 1st East Anglian, a pool of weapons, equipment and display stores controlled by Cpl. J. Richardson 2nd East Anglian, and a display workshop run by L/Cpl. R. Codling, 1st East Anglian, and staffed by three experts in design, carpentry and signwriting.

Their task is to co-ordinate recruiting activities, supply recruiting agencies with weapons and equipment required for exhibitions and recruiting lectures, and to design and produce Brigade display material for use in windows of Army Information Offices.

The display material so far produced consists of dioramas depicting various scenes in the life of a soldier in the Brigade, both on and off duty. Future displays will include coloured transparencies showing action pictures of men of the Brigade engaged in widely different activities.

The Brigade Recruiting Staff are borne on the strength of their parent regiments, who have generously made their services available for the common good. Their contribution to direct recruiting may

not be very apparent, but their contribution to the overall Brigade Recruiting effort is nonetheless significant.

On 5th July the Headmasters and careers masters of schools in the nine counties visited the Depot. The aim was to make them aware of the Junior Soldiers' Wing and to encourage recruiting of potential Junior Bandsmen/Drummers.

Our visitors just could not believe that it was not a "put up job" for their benefit, they were most impressed and it can be said that the visit was a great success if measured only in contacts that have since been made and letters of appreciation from those who visited.

On 4th August, we held the first Parent's Day for the Junior Soldiers' Wing. The day was organised on the lines of a school's annual "Speech Day" without many speeches, ending with the Junior Band and Drums beating retreat wearing blues for the bandsmen and scarlet for the drummers. The parade was filmed in colour and was most impressive.

The "Free Weekend" for civilians on 29th-30th April was real good value though one would have wished that there were more than 27 young men present, however five have since joined and finished their training.

The garden party on Saturday, 22nd July, was larger than last years and it went off very satisfactorily, the Junior Soldiers' Band played during the party and the Depot cricket side played the gentlemen of Suffolk. It is hoped next year to combine it with a ball in addition to the Brigade golf meeting.

Ten officers came for the golf meeting which was held on Friday, 21st July, at nearby Flempton Golf Course. No one could win more than one prize and the winners were:

Medal Scratch—Lt.-Col. Noble.

Medal Handicap—Col. Carroll.

Bogey—Brig. Oulton.

Foursomes—Cols. Freeman-Taylor and Floyd.

Inter-Regimental—Winners: 2nd East Anglian Regiment.

Runner-up: 1st East Anglian Regiment.

OFFICERS' MESS

There are a lot of new faces in the Mess now. Major Colin Gardiner, 2nd East Anglian left us in June to return to his Regiment in Germany and Major Frank Fleming of 1st East Anglian arrived to take his place as D.A.A.G. Others arrivals in June were 2/Lt. Brian Prosser of 1st East Anglian, Capt. Jerry Insley of the R.A.E.C., who relieved Capt. Fred Turnbull on his "retirement". That is perhaps hardly the right word since Fred Turnbull is happily with us again, this

time as a civilian professor. In July we welcomed Major Joe Starling of 1st East Anglian and Lt. Peter Rogers of the R.A.E.C. to relieve 2/Lt. Iver Cole, now a civilian once again. Major Morris Phillips of 3rd East Anglian, who has been our P.S.O. for sometime, left on retirement in August and was replaced by Capt. Kemp, who is a Gunner. In September, 2/Lt. Harold Halcrow came to us from 2nd East Anglian, he is no stranger to Bury having passed through not so long ago on his way to join his Bn.

Social activities tend to ease off during the summer months although there has been a pretty steady flow of visitors in the Mess nevertheless. Amongst them the Mayor and Mayoress of Bury St. Edmunds, the Mayor and Mayoress of Lincoln, the Commanding Officer of H.M.S. *Ganges*, and Air Vice-Marshall Dwyer. In September we gave lunch to the Director of Infantry, Major-General Darling when he visited the Depot and a few days later to the G.O.C. 54 East Anglian Division District, Major-General Freeland.

We are very glad to say that Mrs. Watts, who does such stirring work for us in the kitchen, and who has been unfit for sometime is back at the helm.

As we are likely to be in Blenheim Camp for another two years we managed to get nearly all the Mess redecorated this summer, a vast improvement. Although numbers in the Mess have risen in sympathy with the growing success of the recruiting campaign, we still have a few spare rooms and if anyone happens to want a bed we shall be delighted to put them up for a night or two, but please give us as much warning as possible.

Finally the Brigade Colonel and Officers hope that all Retired Officers of the former regiments will consider themselves Honorary Members of the Officers' Mess, and pay a visit to the Mess whenever they are in the neighbourhood.

SERGEANTS' MESS

Since last going to press the "comings and goings" have been too numerous to record them all here, but special mention must be made of the following—Sgts. Curson, 1st East Anglian, Sgt. Millhouse, 2nd East Anglian, Sgt. Knight, 2nd East Anglian, Sgt. Cracknell, 3rd East Anglian, and Sgt. Thompson, 1st East Anglian, who did such sterling work as Trg. Pl. Sergeants, and have left us to join their respective Regiments, Sgt. Cracknell going to Special Recruiting for his Regiment. We were sorry to see them go but welcome in their place Sgts. Gooch, 2nd East Anglian, Horne, 1st East Anglian, Hazelwood, 3rd East Anglian, also Sgt. Bullock, 1st East Anglian, who is here temporarily looking after the newly-joined recruits. Promotion time came round for C/Sgts. Coates, 2nd East Anglian promoted to W.O.II and Sgt. Mason 1st East Anglian to C.Q.M.S., we congratulate them both, well done.

During the summer months the social side of the Mess took a well-earned rest. We did, however, have a cocktail party after the Junior Soldiers had

given a most excellent "Beating of Retreat". The cocktail party was a big success, the local police force being well represented among the guests.

On October 7th the Sergeants' Mess shoot was held at Thetford Ranges. Although the day started in pouring rain, and despite Met forecasts, it turned out a real summer's day. The Mess champion for the year proved to be S/Sgt. Tunbridge, R.E.M.E., and the "Spoon" was presented to S. I. Cooper, A.P.T.C. After watching the standards of shooting in the ladies' match, serious thought is being given to them joining the Mess plate team. We would like to take this opportunity of thanking Mrs. Martin for presenting the prizes after the shoot. In conclusion we extend an invitation to all East Anglian Brigade Mess members to come and see us, and a letter or card giving warning of arrival will ensure a bunk being ready.

TRAINING COMPANY

At the end of March, when our last notes were written, Training Company was 130 strong. We finished those notes with a speculation as to whether the current drive on recruiting would send our numbers up again to somewhere near the all time high of 300 when the last National Service intakes were being trained here in December 1960.

It is very pleasant to be able to report that our present strength is well over 200, including 170 recruits under training. The number of recruits coming through the gates really started to show a significant increase in June and the upwards trend has continued during the last three months.

During the last six months there has been a lot of coming and going. Sgt. Curson, 1st East Anglian has left us to join the 1st Battalion at Harwich he has been relieved by Sgt. Horne also of 1st East Anglian who came to us from Mons, O.C.S. Sgt. Cracknell of 3rd East Anglians has become a special recruiter and his place has been taken by Sgt. Law of 3rd East Anglian. Sgt. Knight of 2nd East Anglian has now joined the 2nd East Anglian at Osnabruck, his place being taken by Sgt. Gooch of 2nd East Anglian. Sgt. Hazelwood, of 3rd East Anglian, has come to us from being P.S.I. with 4th Essex, and Sgt. Smith has just arrived from 1st East Anglian but was only with us briefly before going off on a month's leave to get married. Congratulations. Sgt. Bullock has come up from Harwich to hold the fort.

Cpls. Woodrow and Stocker, both of 1st East Anglian have finished their service. Cpl. Essom, of 2nd East Anglian has left us to join the Trucial Oman Scouts and L/Cpl. Rowlands also of 2nd East Anglian has gone to rejoin the 1st Battalion at Osnabruck.

We extend a hearty welcome to Cpls. Blackburn, M.M., Warren, Hughes and Farrow on loan to us from the 1st East Anglian, Cpls. Graves, Ziska and Vines from 1st Bn. 2nd East Anglian Regt. and Cpls. Potton, Burston of 1st Bn. 3rd East Anglian Regt., all of whom have joined us as instructors.

Life continues to be punctuated by passing-out parades and parents' days, the latter taking place in

the fourth week of basic training. We ask recruits to invite their parents, relatives and friends to visit the Depot for an afternoon, during which we try to give them some idea what life is like here. The occasions also serve to allay the fears that "Mums" still seem to have about army life in general, certainly those who come always seem to be impressed by what they see and hear. It is surprising how often we get letters after these days saying how different things were from what they imagined.

On the 21st of August we started another seven weeks' Junior N.C.O.'s cadre for the eight ex-Junior leaders who have just come on to man's service. They will all have joined their Regiment by the time this appears in print. At the end of the month four men from Bermuda arrived to join 2nd East Anglian Regiment, all of whom had travelled to England by the courtesy of the Royal Navy.

September has seen the arrival, at long last of some of the promised Trg. N.C.O.s and our heads are beginning to emerge from the flood. The inevitable passing-out parade took place on the 13th and as this was Battle of Britain Week the Air Officer Commanding No. 3 (Bomber) Group, Air Vice-Marshal Dwyer took the salute. Once again H.M.S. *Ganges* band played. The following day we were visited by the Director of Infantry, Major-General Darling, who managed to cover a great deal of ground in a very short time. Hardly had Major-General Darling left than the District Commander, Major-General Freeland arrived to pay us an official visit.

It remains only to hope that in six months' time, when these notes are written again, it will be possible to record that Training Company is still over 200 strong.

HEADQUARTER COMPANY

We have seen some changes in staff and bade farewell to C/Sgt. Coates, 2nd East Anglian, who has gone to 4/6th R. Lincolns on promotion, after only a short period in the Company, his place has been taken by C/Sgt. Mason, 1st East Anglian, who is a long established member of the Company but in Depts. other than "Q", and we welcome L/Cpl. Bolton to the busy task of Coy. clerk.

During June we welcomed the band, drums and demonstration platoon of 1st East Anglian into our lines and together with the drafts for regiments the Company area almost bulged and visions of tentage began to loom up, however, the time passed by and no crisis arose.

In common with many other units of the Army the Depot provided a stand as part of the Commonwealth Technical Training Week, this exhibition was put on at the local Technical College by H.Q. Company with the emphasis on the training of Junior Soldiers and Apprentices.

An increase in recruiting and subsequent drafting programme promises to keep us busy during the coming months, which will no doubt include our annual administrative inspection.

JUNIOR SOLDIERS' WING

The summer term has been an eventful one for the Junior Soldiers' Wing and undoubtedly the high spot was the week in which 27 selected Junior Soldiers went to Wales to play games against other Junior Soldiers' establishments, and culminating in two days canoeing and rock climbing under the guidance of our very excellent hosts, the All Arms Junior Leaders' Regiment, at Towyn. The memories that come to mind out of these two days are of Mr. Prosser up to his neck in black mud, and J/L/Cpl. Eastham deciding there was more room in the sea than in his canoe.

The inter-house competition in the summer term was won by Sullivan, with Handel a close second. The prize was a trip to London visiting the Imperial War Museum and ending in a visit to the Palladium.

The Band had one outside engagement this term at Dr. Barnardo's of Harlow, where they were very well received. They were competing with the 3rd American Air Force Band—chrome helmets and soft shoe shuffle.

At the end of term we held a very successful parent's Day when we entertained 177 parents and friends to lunch and tea and showed them how we live. At the end of the day the Band and Drums beat retreat, the Band in No. 1 dress and the Drums in Scarlet. It was a very good ending to a most enjoyable day.

We were very sorry to lose Capt. Trevethick, 1st East Anglian, who has been with the Wing for two years and who was largely responsible for the successful move from Northampton to Bury St. Edmunds. We also say goodbye to Cpl. Read, 1st East Anglian (Drum Instructor) who has gone to civilian life to work with the G.P.O.

Congratulations go to J/Sgt. Harrod, 1st East Anglian, J/Cpls. Rouget, 2nd East Anglian, Wild, 1st East Anglian, J/L/Cpls. Eastham, 1st East Anglian, McCune, 2nd East Anglian, Smith 061, 2nd East Anglian, Mills, 1st East Anglian, on their promotions.

We are losing J/L/Cpl. Mills, and Bds. Gilbert, 2nd East Anglian in October when they go to Kneller Hall where we wish them the best of luck.

CRICKET

During the season the Depot XI played a total of 20 games. The first match was played on the 16th May and the season was concluded on 7th September, 1961. For the Record books the summary of the match results is:—

Played 20; won 5; Lost 12; Drawn 2; Ruined off 1.

It will be seen that the weather only affected one match and the only difficulty throughout the season was one of raising an eleven. In spite of all this all fixtures were fulfilled, but the summary of results reveals the scarcity of cricketers within the Depot despite the sterling efforts of Capt. Miller to get things going. Results apart, it has been a most enjoyable season and the principle that the game is more important than the result has been pursued



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throughout. Because of the many changes in the eleven as the season progressed it is difficult to pick out personalities, but Sgt. Jones and L/Cpl. Bolton have had successes with the bat while Mr. Clarke and Pte. Brewer have consistently appeared in the bowling analyses.

ATHLETICS

This has been a very successful year for athletics in the Depot. In early May a Depot athletics team was formed and training started for the East Anglian District Minor Units Championships. These Championships were held at Colchester on 28th June, 1961 and a very fit and confident team took part. Five teams participated in this competition and the Depot team won quite easily by eight points from 19 O.F.P. The team managed to win six out of the ten events. As a result of winning the East Anglian District Championships the team went forward to the Eastern Command Championships, which were held at Chatham on 21st July. Four teams took part and after a very close contest the Depot again emerged as winners by six-and-half-points from 13 Fd. Survey Sqn., R.E. This time the overall standard was much higher and the Depot only managed to win three out of the ten events.

As a result of this win the Depot was nominated to compete in the Army Minor Units Championships at Aldershot on 26th and 27th July. This is the first time that we have been represented at any Army finals. As expected the standard was extremely high, in fact most results compared favourably with the Major Units times and distances. Six teams took part which were the winners of their respective commands, in this competition the Depot finished third but were by no means disgraced considering the high standard. Finally but not least one must remember the men who trained mainly in their own time and produced a first-class team spirit. Sgt. Curson, Sgt. Horne, Sgt. Knight, Cpls. Davis, Read, Townsley, L/Cpls. Steele, Berry, and Ptes Dawson, Tancred, Balls and Wright, however one must not forget C.S.M.I. Talkington who spent many hours training the team, without his effort the team would not have won the District let alone reached the Army Championships, and to Lt. Rowsell for getting almost everything he wanted out of the Commanding Officer except N.C.O.s and men on training.

W.T.

The emphasis during the past four months has been entirely on "Full Bore" shooting, and it was with considerable difficulty that the training of a Depot team started on 17th April for the 54 East Anglian Div./Dist. Rifle meeting. On the 28th April at the 54 East Anglian Div./Dist. against strong opposition from the Duke of Wellington Regt. the team made its presence felt. Q.M.S.I. Knox won the S.M.G. Cup with L/Cpl. Howlett, 1st East Anglian, coming second in the young soldiers. The I.M.G. pair was won by our reserve team of Q.M.S.I. Knox and Sgt. Knight, 2nd East Anglian with Cpl. Spalding, 1st East Anglian and Cpl. Smith, 3rd East Anglian taking third place.

On the last day of the meeting the Depot team won the falling plate competition after doing over ten "run downs".

The district rifle meeting had shown a low standard of shooting amongst the junior ranks and had made it very apparent that a great deal had to be done to make a showing at Bisley. Eight N.C.O.s were selected for Bisley training, some were withdrawn from training to concentrate for two weeks on the range at Cambridge. Six of those were to represent the Depot at Bisley. As training continued in June the results made the final selection of the team a difficult decision but the team was selected and two weeks of sunshine and shooting was scheduled. All but one of the team managed to qualify for the second stage of the Army Hundred in the Roberts Cup. L/Cpl. Edinburgh 1st East Anglian, was shooting extremely well in the Class "B" and was well positioned at 71st, but just failed to qualify for the Army Hundred, but both Q.M.S.I. Knox and Cpl. Woodrow, 1st East Anglian, reached the Army Hundred with final placing of 5th and 83rd.

In the Minor Units Championships the team was in third place until the last shoot. A poor staff and schools shoot where everything possible seemed to go wrong finished our chances and only secured us eighth place in the championship.

Ex R.S.M. and Mrs. Joe Blake

The following appeared in *The Colchester Express* of 25th October, 1961.

"Fifty years married—and never a quarrel . . . that's the proud claim of Mr. and Mrs. John Blake, of Errington Road, Colchester, who celebrated their golden wedding on Saturday.

Aged 83 and 81 respectively, Mr. and Mrs. Blake have lived in Colchester since 1923, when he retired after 26 years in the Army. At the time of his retirement he was R.S.M. of the Northamptonshire's and came to Colchester to take over a job in the N.A.A.F.I. Later he joined the Ministry of Labour and was with them until he retired at 65. The couple have three children—two sons and a daughter—and three grandchildren."

We send our warmest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Blake.

1st Bn. 2nd East Anglian Regiment

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We were thoroughly trounced by a fitter and better trained team to the tune of 50 points to nil, or thereabouts. The referee decided that to make an exact recording of such a tremendous score would be unkind and might permanently damage the moral of the team (he hadn't heard of the game between 2nd East Anglian and Bridgwater at the end of last season!). Before us we have a full fixture list with matches every Wednesday and Saturday practically to the end of the season. We also have the Army Cup matches to be played. Our first will be against our neighbours the 16th/5th Lancers.

Territorial Army

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

General

The main events in the last quarter have been the Battalion rifle meeting, the Divisional rifle meeting and the Brigade inter-Battalion band, Support Weapons and Recruit Competitions. We congratulate our friends in the 4/5 Northamptons on their success at the Divisional rifle meeting and on winning the band competition. We hope to give them a harder fight next year. Our M.M.G. team came second to the Foresters and although our recruit team came third in their competition they were but six marks out of 410 behind the winners.

Battalion Rifle Meeting, 19-20 August, 1961

The following is the list of prize winners:—

- MATCH 1** (Coy. Team Match). Won by "B" Coy. (Boston, Horncastle and Sleaford). Members of team:—Lt. C. J. S. Ellwood, C.S.M. G. Johnson, Sgt. M. Graves, Cpl. A. Bailey, Cpl. C. Bailey, Pte. Hatfield.
- MATCH 2** (Bren Gun Pairs). Won by "B" Coy. C.S.M. G. Johnson, Cpl. A. Bailey.
- MATCH 3** (Falling Plate Match). Won by "B" Coy.
- MATCH 4** (Individual Rifle Championship).
Class A (Older soldiers), Cpl. Bailey, A. of "B" Coy.
Class B (Young soldiers), Pte. Jackson of "D" Coy. (Gainsborough).
- MATCH 5** (Inter-Coy. Sten Match). Won by "A" Coy. (Stamford, Spalding and Bourne). Members of team: Capt. P. M. Merrikin, Lt. D. O. Batten, Cpl. C. Shortland, L/Cpl. P. Bull.
- MATCH 6** (Invitation Falling Plate Match). Won by 4/5 Northamptons.
- MATCH 7** (C.C.F. and A.C.F. Match). Won by Cadet C.S.M. Ayre of Boston Grammar School, C.C.F.
- MATCH 8** (Ladies .22 Competition). Won by Miss Gilston.
- MATCH 9** (Ex-Members Match). Won by Mr. Grant of Boston Branch, Royal Lincolnshire Regimental Association.
- MATCH 10** (Inter-Coy. Shooting Cup). Won by "B" Coy. after tie with "A" Coy. had been decided.

Divisional Rifle Meeting, 23-24 September, 1961

The best results in our Divisional rifle meeting team were obtained by Major Gammage (90) and Cpl. Bailey, A. (94), both of whom took part in the "Best 24" competition at 600 yds. C.S.M. Ventress (86), tied with the 3rd prize-winner in Class 'C'

(Regular Permanent Staff Match) but was "counted out" in accordance with the rules.

Our teams were:—

"A" Team—

Lt. C. J. S. Ellwood (team captain), Capt. P. M. Merrikin, C.S.M. G. Johnson, C/Sgt. A. Hodgson, Sgt. M. Graves, Sgt. D. Couldstone, Cpl. A. Bailey, Cpl. C. Bailey.

"B" Team—

Major A. D. Francis, Major G. S. Gammage, C.S.M. C. Ventress, C.S.M. K. Morris, Sgt. R. Hiles, D.S.M., Sgt. D. Barsby, L/Cpl. M. Chappelow, Pte. A. H. Jackson.

The following were entered as individuals:—Lt. D. O. Batten, L/Cpl. E. Maxted, Pte. P. Gooderson, Pte. D. Patrick, Pte. F. Knight.

Recruit Competition

The following represented the Battalion on 30th September-1st October:—

Lt. P. F. Catchpole, Sgt. E. Everett, Cpl. A. Cross, L/Cpl. J. Robinson, Pte. D. Edgeley, Pte. R. Pearson, Pte. T. Walters, Pte. P. Gooderson, Pte. C. Hatfield, Pte. L. McGarry, Pte. E. Wrenn, Pte. P. Downie, Pte. G. Scaife, Pte. A. Anderson, Pte. J. Luckham, Pte. G. Wilkinson, Pte. R. A. Cowan, Pte. T. Broomfield.

"A" COMPANY

After our return from camp, the company settled down to some serious practice on the Oundle School Range for the Battalion rifle meeting. We were extremely grateful for the hard work put in by C/Sgt. Seamer, who dealt with our admin. problems so well, and to Sgt. Barsby for his stalwart service on zeroing and firing point coaching. The time spent on the range was not without reward, for we succeeded in finishing equal first with "B" Company. They, unfortunately for us, took the Inter-Company Cup, having beaten us in Match 1. We did, however, bring home the Sten Cup, and managed to get four of our members into the Battalion teams. They were: Capt. Merrikin, Lt. Batten, Sgt. Barsby and Cpl. Davis. As the smallest company in the Battalion, we were very pleased with these results. Next year, with the help of C.S.M. Coates, we have every intention of returning with the inter-Company shooting cup.

We have now started a new system of drill nights in the Company. Every other week, we have a Company drill night in Bourne, bringing our Stamford and Spalding Platoons into Bourne, which, until now has been our weakest platoon. We have already had encouraging results in the form of three new recruits.

4/6th Bn. R. LINCOLNS RIFLE MEETING, 19th-28th AUGUST, 1961



Cpl. A. Bailey, "B" Coy., with four trophies



The Hon. Col. presents prizes to the winners of the Bren Pairs Match: C.S.M. G. Johnson and Cpl. A. Bailey of "B" Coy.

ARMY CADET FORCE



Lincoln No. 2 Det. entraining for A.C.F. Annual Camp at Hornsea, 1961

"B" COMPANY

Since annual camp, the Company has been principally concerned with shooting. There has always been tremendous enthusiasm in the Company for shooting but our team excelled themselves this year by winning the inter-Company shooting cup at the Battalion rifle meeting, but only after a tense struggle with "A" Company. There were certainly some perspiring brows on the day and we hope that we are not being presumptuous in congratulating "A" Company on the results which they obtained from their more limited resources.

The Class "A" Individual Rifle Championship was won by Cpl. A. Bailey and he was also the winner with C.S.M. Johnson in the L.M.G. pairs. Although neither of them won, Ptes. Gooderson and Patrick put up an extremely good show in the Class B Individual Championship.

The Company team, comprising Lt. Ellwood, C.S.M. Johnson, Sgt. Graves, Cpl. A. Bailey, Cpl. C. Bailey and Pte. Hatfield, C., won the team match and four of them won the falling plate match. Pte. Hatfield became a member of the team when Lt. Dawson was struck down by injury and, although he is in the category of a recruit, he acquitted himself very well. The Company team, with the exception of Pte. Hatfield, formed the nucleus of the Battalion team in the Divisional rifle meeting. Cpl. A. Bailey again shot well in the Divisional Individual Championship.

Recruiting continues steadily and we welcome our most recent recruits: Ptes. Teesdale, Rymer, Clay, Grogan, Gosling and Teft.

"C" COMPANY

We welcome into the Company Ptes. Ritchie and Stewart. We hope that they will enjoy life in the T.A. and especially in our Company. We also congratulate Sgt. Hammond, our P.S.I. on his promotion to Colour Sergeant. It is well deserved promotion. Within the Battalion the emphasis has been on specialist and recruit training whilst within the Company we have concentrated on weapon training under the guidance of C.S.M. Cressey and Cpl. Cross. Outside the Company, activities have included the Battalion and Divisional weapon meetings and the recruits contest. In the Battalion meeting the Company did not do well and this can only be attributed to lack of practice. We hope to make full use of the Hallington Range this winter so that we shall be better prepared next year. In the Divisional meeting Sgt. Couldstone represented the Company.

Although Pte L. McGarry was our only recruit eligible for the recruits contest, the Company was well represented on the training staff with Mr. Catchpole, Cpl. Cross and L/Cpl. Stiff doing much of the work. The recruits did very well and a sign of their progress was seen when McGarry returned some very good scores whilst firing with the Company at Hallington.

In glorious October sunshine we fired the L.M.G., S.L.R. and rifle and still found time for beer and sandwiches at midday. The day was a great success

and we hope to use the range more frequently.

The autumn camp at Derby proved well worth while and the nine men from our Company found it enjoyable. We hope for an earlier camp next year so that all members of the Company can go together.

On the 21st October the Company has its autumn dance and social, and judging by the number of tickets distributed a full house is anticipated. If this is a success we hope to hold similar functions every two months. And now we look forward to our first major exercise of the winter, and to meeting, on the battle field, the 16 Indep. Para. Coy.

"D" COMPANY

We welcome to the Company Lt. Nigel Eveleigh, who is on loan from the Monmouthshire Regiment, but unfortunately for us, only for six months. As he is living at Scunthorpe he will be a great asset to the Scunthorpe detachment. In the last fortnight, we have also recruited Pte. Gray, an experienced armourer, Pte. Wood, who is a Class B 2 Cook, and Pte. Summers. We welcome these to the Company and trust that they will enjoy long and happy service with us.

The Company produced three members of the Battalion shooting team: Sgt. Hiles, L/Cpl. Chapelow and Pte. A. M. Jackson. The latter did well in the young soldiers' competition. After a fortnights' lay-off following camp, training recommenced on the 23rd July and special emphasis was put on shooting for the Battalion and Divisional weapon meeting. We were able to make good use of the 25 yds. range in the evening by arrangement with the Station Commander, R. A. F. Kirtton Lindsey. We were also able to fire the S.L. rifle on several occasions during this period. In the Battalion weapons meeting held on 19 and 20th August, at Beckingham range, the Company finished third in the overall position.

On the 31st August, the Company had an exercise with Major Walter's S.A.S. Squadron. This took the form of a night patrolling exercise in the Sturgate Aerodrome area. Neither side saw very much of each other, although contact was made late in the evening. The S.A.S. failed to blow up the Coy. Comd. when they handed him a parcel containing a bomb. This was safely opened and disposed of by Sgt. Rainsforth.

The Company supplied one section of the recruit squad which took part in the inter-Battalion competition. This followed many week-ends of recruit training.

On Saturday, 9th September, and Sunday, 10th September, an initiative test exercise was held. The lying up area for Saturday night was in a remote part of South Leicestershire, the round trip being about 180 miles. Some members of the Company, including the Company Commander and the Colour Sergeant, walked about 35 miles in the two days. The exercise was entirely successful, except that Pte. Oxyby lost a week's work through blisters on his feet! There seems to be a growing desire for P.T. among the junior members of the Company

and Sgt. Rainsforth has been quite active in recent weeks in working out P.T. parades and games.

The Armistice Day parade is to be held this year at Gainsborough. The Royal Lincolns have not paraded here on Armistice Day since before the war when the then 5th Bn. paraded.

H.Q. COMPANY

Life has been relatively uneventful during the past three months, although all departments have been busy. We were unable to produce last year's form at the Battalions weapons meeting, and although split into two we had to be content with the wooden spoon. However, great plans are in hand for a comeback next year. We are indebted to the 1st Bn. 1st East Anglian Regt. for the loan of a Mobat, and the anti-tank platoon under Sgt. Toyne are training hard. They intend to visit all Company locations to give demonstrations.

The mortar platoon had a successful shoot at Theddlethorpe together with the other support platoons in early September. In the Brigade competition the M.M.G.s came second to the Foresters.

The Band and Drums attended the British Legion service at Branston. They came third in the Brigade band competition. This was disappointing but was partly the result of lack of practice due to holidays.

The signal platoon, H.Q., is now established at Broadgate, the stores having lived in nearly every drill hall in the county. We hope that 2/1st N. G. D. Bury will soon have a thriving platoon in Lincoln.

The following members of the M.T. platoon represented the Bn. in the Northern Command and Territorial Army Driving Championships: Lt. Mundy, S/Sgt. Morris, Sgt. Etchell, Cpl. Coulbeck, L/Cpl. Maxted, Pte. Broddle, Pte. Fisher, Pte. Pickering, Pte. Mochan, Pte. Helgesen and Pte. Langmaid. We did not win any prizes but we gained a lot of experience which we hope to put to good use next year.

OFFICERS' MESS

We have enjoyed a full autumn programme of Mess functions. At the Battalion weapons meeting, we served a buffet luncheon on the range. Our guests included Col. Sir Hugh Cholmeley, Bt., D.S.O., D.L., J.P., Air-Commodore and Mrs. N. A. P. Pritchett, Major and Mrs. J. M. Cubiss, and officers of other units who were taking part in invitational competitions. We have held two Mess gatherings at which we have been well supported by our honorary members. The second of these, although held on a very foggy morning had an attendance of over 40 members and their friends. We were particularly pleased to have with us the Colonel of the Regiment, and our honorary Colonel. In addition, we have held an Officers' evening which coincided with the arrival of the P.M.C.'s daughter. This made the task of getting down to

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY, 1962

MAY 25th	Dinner Club Luncheon and Dinner
JUNE 1st	Presentation of Colours at Osnabrick
JULY 13th to 15th	Reunion at Northampton (Northamptonshire Wing)
JULY 15th	Laying up 48th Colours at Northampton
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business extremely difficult, and, had it not been for the clause containing the words "in any one day", several officers would certainly have qualified for a day's remuneration. The Mess has been used on several evenings and also for Brig. Ling's autumn training conference.

We congratulate John Graham on his engagement to Miss Susan Knight. We end on a sad note and record with deep regret the death of Lord Crookshank. Despite his many commitments, he was a very frequent visitor to the Mess, and rarely missed a Mess gathering when he was in Lincoln. The last occasion we had the pleasure of his Company was in April when we entertained the officers of 1st Bn. 2nd East Anglian Regt., and when he made a special point of meeting all the officers.

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TRAINING NOTES

All the glamour of the Guard of Honour in June has passed and training in earnest has started again after the August holiday period.

Companies have had training weekends in the field doing fieldcraft and night exercises and also days on the range firing at the annual range course, the results of which are quite satisfactory.

The Battalion held a weekend training camp in Stanford P.T.A. in late July. A night exercise took place on the Saturday night and Sunday was devoted to firing live ammunition. The recruits and ex-gunners fired the 3.5 Rocket Launcher, the energia and also threw grenades. The M.M.G.s and mortars fired their respective weapons and concluded by giving demonstrations to the recruits. Unfortunately time ran out and the Assault Pioneers were unable to give their demonstration.

The whole of September was devoted to training of recruit, M.M.G. and mortar teams for the brigade competitions and practice for the Divisional rifle meeting.

The competition for recruits (less than 12 months' service) consisted of drill, turnout, map reading, weapon training and shooting. The standard throughout the Division was high and our recruits came second to the 4/6 R. Leicesters who beat them by one point out of a possible 400.

In the Support Weapons competitions the M.M.G. Section of "D" Company came third. This was not due to lack of training but to an attack of "competition nerves". The mortar section from "B" Company won convincingly. The Brigade Commander commented "how very professional they were."

The recruit platoon was commanded by 2/Lt. P. Barthorpe with Sgt. Clinton ("B" Coy.) as the sergeant. Sgt. Petch commanded the mortar section and C/Sgt. Fordham the M.M.G.s.

The M.T. section has not been idle while other members of the Battalion have been taking part in these competitions. New members have been trained in driving and maintenance. The latter has proved worthwhile as is shown on the "good" vehicle inspection report obtained in September.

It seems likely that we shall soon receive a Mobat. The Commanding Officer will have the difficult decision of deciding which Company will get it.

SHOOTING NOTES

The annual battalion rifle meeting was held at Grafham Range on the 2nd and 3rd September. On the Saturday afternoon, which was a blistering hot day, a large number of people fired for the individual championship. The Sunday morning was

confined to the pool bull and the remainder for the individual championship.

The afternoon shooting consisted of a variety of shoots, ranging from Comrades' and visitors' match to ladies' match, invitation falling plate, and Cadet match.

The weather was vastly different to Saturdays, being gusty and a tendency to rain.

The culmination point, prior to the prize-giving was a demonstration by an infantry section with self-loading rifles, supported by a section of M.M.G.s and mortars. The assault pioneers assisted the mortars in assimilating their bursts loudly and most realistically.

The prizes were presented by Mrs. Danby, in the presence of the Mayors of Peterborough, Huntingdon and Godmanchester.

Prize winners were:—

Champion at Arms—1st, Lt. R. Pearce; 2nd Sgt. Capstaff; 3rd, Dmr. Gulson.

Company Champions—1st H.Q. Coy.; 2nd "D" Coy.

Officers' Match—1st, Lt. R. Pearce; 2nd Capt. P. Bryant; 3rd Capt. J. Hogg.

W.O.s' and Sergeants' Match—1st Sgt. Capstaff; 2nd, C.S.M. Beales; 3rd, C.S.M. Kelly.

Cpls.' and L/Cpls.' Match—1st, Cpl. Eatwell; 2nd, L/Cpl. Gilbert; 3rd Cpl. Watts.

Private Soldiers' Match—1st Dmr. Gulson; 2nd, Pte. Britchford; 3rd J/Bdsm. Robinson.

Young Soldiers' Match—1st, L/Cpl. Gilbert; 2nd, 2/Lt. G. Willey; 3rd Pte. Poynter.

Recruit Match—1st, J/Bdsm. Robinson; 2nd, Pte. Moss; 3rd, L/Cpl. Foy.

Bn. Falling Plate—W.O.s and Sergeants.

Band and Drums Match—Band.

Ladies' Match—Mrs. Clinton.

A large number of units and Police Constabulary entered for the invitation falling plate match. The final between 1 Beds./Herts. (T.A.) and 4/6 R. Lincolns. 1 Beds./Herts. were the winners.

For the Cadet match a total of six teams were entered from the Cadet Battalions of the county. 3/4 Bn. "B" team were the winners.

It was a very successful meeting and thanks must be given to the butt markers under Major Williams and Capt. Strickland who did an excellent job, to the Q.M. and his minions for the erection of the tents and marquees, and last but not least to the Orderly Room staff for all the paper work.

The Bn. falling plate team have done well by winning the visitors' match at 5/8 Foresters, 4/6 R. Lincolns and 1 Beds./Herts. rifle meetings.

The 49th Divisional rifle meeting was held on Beekingham Range on 23rd and 24th September.

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Last year our team were the champions of 54 East Anglian Division and naturally they were anxious to achieve a repeat performance against entirely different opposition in the new Division.

Two teams were entered for the major units championships. The "A" team, by good consistent shooting in all the matches, won by a large margin and were never really in any danger of being overhauled. The team consisted of:—Lt. Pearce, C.S.M. Beales, C.S.M. Kelly, Sgt. Kilty, Sgt. Capstaff, Sgt. Clinton, Cpl. Lane and Cpl. Watts.

The "B" team also did well to come sixth. L/Cpl. Dighton, L/Cpl. Poynter and Pte. Gilbert, all young soldiers, shot particularly well.

In the falling plate match both the "A" and "B" teams reached the semi-finals and we had a brief glorious vision of an all Northampton final. However, the 4/5 R. Leicesters and a Gunner Regiment had different ideas.

In the individual matches Sgt. Dixon won the permanent staff class and Lt. Pearce and C.S.M. Beales came second in the L.M.G. match.

Except for firing the De-central matches this brought to an end the shooting activities of 1961. Once again Major Pilgrim and his team must be congratulated on a successful and enjoyable season. The China Cup still remains their target. We have the talent and skill and are always hopeful.

BAND NOTES

148 BDE. BAND COMPETITION—27TH AUGUST

On the 27th August the Band and Drums competed in the 148 Bde. Band and Drums' Competition which was held in Woolaton Park, Nottingham.

The competition consisted of an inspection, a display of marching by Band and Drums with two set marches to be included, one a bugle march, two other marches of our own choice and a slow march. This was followed by the Band playing a short programme of music finishing up with the Queen. The choice of music was left to the Bandmaster who selected in the overture "Festival" and musical comedy selection, "White Horse Inn".

Everybody was keyed up for our effort which started at 2.30. We were blessed with a fine day and a large crowd. Our drummers, with their white sticks and gloves, were on top form and their stick work was of a very high standard. Having finished our marching display the Band formed up for their short programme. The adjudicator was Mr. Tompson from Kneller Hall and his remarks were "Good attack and some very fine clarinet playing in "Festival Overture". The Bandmaster is to be complimented on a very well rehearsed band who gave a most excellent performance, and deserved the honour in taking 1st place in the competition. Well done the Band and Drums. Let's hope we can maintain our standard and win again next year.

INTERNATIONAL FOUR-DAY MARCHES— NIJMEGEN, 1961

Every year it seems to get harder and harder to take part in the Nijmegen International Four-Day Marches. To eliminate those who might regard

this event as a weeks' continental "jolly" the War Office limit entries to one team per T.A. Division. Having taken part in these marches for the past three years we came under severe pressure not to take part this year. However, those who took part in previous years could not possibly accept such a decision without a fight. The fight was won and eventually, in early April, authority was given for both ourselves and 4/5 R. Leicesters to represent 49 Division.

This delay, taking into account camp, left us with a bare seven weeks to reach marching fitness. Marching took place most evenings and weekends and after a final full distance test march the team selected consisted of:—Major Williams, Sgts. Segasby and Petch, Cpl. Kemm, L/Cpls. Conybeare and Ritchie, Ptes. Allinson, Birnie, Brumby, Hobbs, W. and Taylor (all from Corby) and Pte. Wilson (from Northampton). Pte. Scaife (Corby) was cycle orderly.

On Friday evening, 21st July, the team met at Corby. After final administration, a medical inspection and press photographs, it was early bed for all. At 0500 hrs. on Saturday, we left by MT for Harwich. Then, as in previous years, chaos and confusion reigned supreme. Somehow or other things were sorted out and about midday we set sail.

This year the experience and help of the old hands managed to control the potations of the younger element, so that the Hook was reached with no casualties. Conditions were a little easier on the other side of the water and the remainder of the trip to Nijmegen was quite pleasant.

On Sunday, after payment of fees and a short briefing, the party set out to enjoy their day of leisure. Most of the team went to Amsterdam, some to enjoy the cultural and architectural amenities, others the 'high spots'. Two members visited Arnhem where, apparently, they continued their marching training.

Monday morning brought a full briefing. After final "bulling" and fitting of equipment, etc., the afternoon was devoted to shopping.

In the evening most of the team went to the Flag parade in the stadium on the outskirts of Nijmegen.

On Tuesday we had a late start, 8.25 a.m. The weather was quite pleasant and we were soon on our way. After initial stiffness had worn off, a steady pace was set and maintained throughout the day, and the day's march was accomplished in a good average time.

On the second day we left at 7.40 a.m. All went well until towards the end of the day's March when one of the team slipped on the cobbles and strained his ankle. With verbal encouragement, the occasional helping arm, and the odd nip of cognac, the day's march was completed in a fair time.

On the third day, we had the good fortune to start at 5.15 a.m. It was not a happy start however, as we were all worried over the strained ankle. In addition one member of the team was having cartilage trouble, and several others had blisters of vary-



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ing degrees. However, after a period of "bedding in", a steady pace was set. With our injuries we could march for as long a stretch as we would like, and had to halt at all rest centres for repairs, and towards the end of the day, a spot of cheer from the cognac bottle. This day is the longest march, and includes several hills. Fortunately, the weather was kind, and the early start enabled us to complete the major portion before it stoked up. The hills did not worry us—after those we had marched over in training they were no obstacle. At the end of the march we were fortunate to fall in behind the band of the Signals Regiment Apprentice School, and our step into Nijmegen, although slow, had a spring in it.

On Friday, the last day, again we were fortunate enough to have a fairly early start. Our marching followed the pattern of the previous day—an average pace and fairly frequent halts. There was the thought to sustain us that we were on the last lap and, as the miles went by, so our spirits rose. Came the last halt, a spruce up, and then a rush to fall in behind the first band leaving the rest centre.

During this final stage the road was lined with thousands of cheering people. On the march in we collected our fair share of flowers, both from friends and strangers. We marched in during the time that the Dutch television cameras were on the air, and many of our friends who were unable to get away, saw us on the screen.

The remainder of the evening was devoted to last minute shopping and celebration. Fortunately, this

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year every man was able to enjoy his last night in Holland.

Administrative arrangements decreed that we had to leave Nijmegen at 0800 hrs. on the Saturday morning. The journey home did not seem as tedious as the outgoing one—perhaps the yellow and green ribboned medals we were wearing contributed to this.

What have we got out of this visit. Again the satisfaction of achievement—a host of memories—previous friendships cemented and new ones made—above all, the spirit behind these marches.

We are looking forward to the 1962 marches. Is there any chance of meeting a team from our regular battalion this year?

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DISTRICT A.C.F. ANNUAL RIFLE MEETING 1961

The A.C.F. District Rifle Championships took place on Sunday, 10th September, 1961, at Kibworth Range, Leicestershire. Sixteen teams participating from Leicester, Nottingham, Derbyshire and Lincolnshire. Lincolnshire "B" team were placed third in the team championships to "A" and "B" team from Leicestershire. Sgt. Addison was best individual at 20 with a score of 31 out of 35 and Cadet Johnson was winner at 500 yards with a score of 33 out of 35. The Lincolnshire "B" team also won the 148 Brigade Shooting Trophy for teams within the Brigade. Two teams from Lincolnshire will proceed to Bisley on 1st October to shoot in the A.C.F. National Competitions.

NATIONAL CADET RIFLE MEETING—BISLEY, 1961

Major H. M. Clayton, the coach, took two teams of four cadets to the annual Cadet Rifle Meeting at Bisley on 30th September, 1961. Although not winning any of the major trophies, the cadets did very well and are to be congratulated. Sgt. Addison was most unfortunate in the Patriotic Shield when he pressed the trigger before being settled with the resultant wash-out. This lost him five points which would have given him the match by two clear points. However, he tied for first place at 200 yards and lost by one point on the shoot off. He was also in the A.C.F. team of ten who competed against the A.T.C. and the Sea Cadets. The A.C.F. won easily.

Three cadets gained places in the Cadet Hundred for which they receive the Bisley Shooting Badge. They were Sgt. Addison, C.S.M. Keay and Bdr. Flintoft. Cadet Johnson, Bdr. Clark and B.S.M. Robinson were counted out as only two with 56 were allowed to count.

All fired extremely well and we are looking forward to much better things next year.

49th INFANTRY DIVISION T.A. RIFLE MEETING, 1961

In the 49th Division shoot held at Beckingham on the 24th September, 1961, S.M.I. Cnty of No. 1 Lincoln Det., A.C.F., won the competition for officers, S.M.I.s/S.I.s. Many congratulations.

COMMISSIONS, PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS,

RESIGNATIONS

The following appointments, etc., have taken place:—

Commissions

Mr. G. Pritchard to Stubton Hall, Sch. Det.; Mr. M. J. Woodall, to Waltham Det.; Mr. I. H. Kerr, to Boston Det.

Resignations

Lt. G. Booth (Havelock Det.).

Promotions

A/Capt. F. Smith, to Major (Area Commander); 2/Lt. G. B. Sykes, to Lieutenant (Boston Det.).

Appointments

Major F. Smith, to take over Command of No. 2 Area; Lt. A. L. Reed, to take over Command of Lincoln No. 2 Det.; 2/Lt. E. J. H. Baker, to take over Command of Brigg Det.; Capt. C. R. Wish, to take over Command of Lincoln No. 1 Det.

Awards

The Reverend R. J. Crookes, M.A. (Senior Chaplain for Lincolnshire Army Cadet Force) has been awarded the Cadet Forces Medal for long service.

The following Cadets have joined the Services:—

Cdt. John Gould (Billinghay Det.), Boys Bn. Engineers Regt.; Cdt. R. Forth (Crowland Det.), 2nd East Anglian Regt.; Cdt. S. M. Wells, D. J. (Grantham Det.), Army Apprentice School; Cdt. D. M. Onn (Grimsby Det.), Army Apprentice School; Cdt. M. Barnett (Grimsby Det.); Boys Bn., R.E.M.E. Depot, Arborfield; Cdt./Cpl. C. Clayton (Horncastle Det.), Boys Bn., R.A.O.C.; Cdt. J. E. Green (Market Rasen Det.), 2nd East Anglian Regt.; Bdr. H. Frow (Scunthorpe Det.), Grenadier Guards; Cdt. E. Jones (Grimsby Det.), Boys Bn. Royal Navy.

ANNUAL A.C.F. CAMP, 1961

The camp this year was held at Hornsea from the 13th-27th August. Total numbers attending, 48 officers, 32 S.M.I./S.I.s and 295 cadets. The attendance was disappointingly low, the main cause being the dates which were two weeks later than normal and coinciding with the date on which school leavers normally take up their first jobs.

The cadets were housed in huts which were well maintained, easy chairs and tables had been made available.

Feeding was excellent in all messes, owing no doubt to the efficiency of C.S.M. Green, A.C.C., who took great interest in the cadets and their feeding.

Training included shooting, overnight bivouac, patrolling exercises, assault course, assault crossing and attack, Hornsea Mere-Hornsea Mere, drill and turn-out, games and sports.

There were the normal outside amenities, including good bathing. Cinema shows were given by Major Clayton the Administrative Officer, five nights each week and proved most popular. A canteen was organised for the boys which was much appreciated.

CAMP TRAINING COMPETITIONS

During the two weeks of camp, everything was done on a competition bases. The seniors were formed into four platoons and the juniors into three platoons during the first week and for the second week three platoons for the seniors and two platoons for the juniors.

The competition consisted of assault course, assault crossing, night exercise, drill and sports.

In each competition the seniors were the winners.

Also during the camp there was a hut competition which took place daily and it must be stressed here that the huts were kept in perfect condition and the cadets are to be congratulated.

The hut competition during the first week was won by Metheringham and Branston units and during the second week by No. 2 Lincoln and Crowland units.

Northamptonshire**No. 1 Cadet Battalion**

Another milestone has been passed—another camp is over. This year the concrete fortifications at Brackenbury, near Felixstowe, rang to the not always melodious tones of hordes of cadets. Although our quarters were somewhat cramped, we again managed to spend a thoroughly enjoyable eight days with some quite successful training and we are left with pleasant memories of evenings in Felixstowe. The most popular day, certainly so far as this battalion is concerned, was the day we spent with 2 Field Squadron, R.A.F. Regiment. We visited their station, saw all their vehicles and weapons and finally watched a spectacular demonstration which included seeing the station fire engine in action. Needless to say this was not part of the official programme, but necessary because the O.C. of the demonstration flight (platoon) set the area on fire with his "success" signal. His embarrassment was great, but we enjoyed it anyway.

Having returned from camp we are now "re-grouping" for another year and this time under a new C.O. Major A. G. Willford, who served with us for 12 years, the last five years as C.O., has now resigned and we would like to acknowledge, in this Journal, his untiring efforts to make this battalion the efficient unit it is.

On 14th September we made a presentation to Major Willford at a dinner for officers and adult staff. The presentation took the form of a piece of silver plate and a travelling clock. The evening was a great success, the Corps of Drums having performed the ceremony of Beating Retreat prior to the meal. As our brother Cadet Battalions know, we are fiercely proud of our Corps, but we can honestly say that we have never heard them play better. Our new C.O. is Major K. W. Adams who has been with us for seven years serving as a Detachment Commander and Adjutant.

We would also like to welcome R.Q.M.S. Hurst, our new A.A.I., who is now getting amongst the paper work and who has really reorganised the stores.

Seven cadets have recently joined either Junior League Regiments or Army Apprentice Schools and we understand that all are settling in well.

On 21st September we attended the county shoot at Brington but unfortunately we were beaten into second place by 3/4 Bn. to whom we extend

our congratulations. We trust that next year it will be their turn to congratulate us.

Co-operation with T.A. is flourishing and already we have attended a shoot with 566 Coy. R.A.S.C. (T.A.), and had exciting experiences with 250 Field Sqdn., R.E. (T.A.) and their powered assault dinghies. Training for Post Cert. A Pt. II, cadets in driving and maintenance, has commenced with an instructor from 2B Veh. Pln. 104 Med. Workshops, R.E.M.E. (T.A.). It is hoped that as a result of this course that these senior cadets will qualify for Cert. "T".

Generally it is now hoped to inject more adventure and initiative training into our programme and during the coming winter we plan a number of weekends devoted to these activities.

In summing up, we would say that we have passed through momentous times since the last issue of this Journal with many plans having been laid for the future and which, with the co-operation of all ranks, will bear fruit in the guise of increased efficiency and also having the effect of attracting more recruits who will, we know benefit from A.C.F. training.

No. 2 Cadet Battalion

As this is written we have just finished clearing up after our annual camp at Brackenbury Barracks, Felixstowe. Seven officers, eight S.M.I.'s and S.I.'s together with 66 six cadets enjoyed a very pleasant week in a rather small camp on the cliff top (an invigorating sight was that of two R.S.M.'s in bathing trunks plunging down the cliff a few minutes after Reveille).

Three members of the Battalion staff were detached for camp duties; Capt. Hickman acted as P.M.C. of the Officers' Mess, Messing Officer and M.T.O., Lt. Lawman, very ably performed the duties of camp Adjutant and was assisted by R.S.M. Collier who had been detailed as camp R.S.M.

At Felixstowe we welcomed to our ranks 2/Lt. Tony Hannaford, who, when his training is complete, we are sure will prove a welcome addition to our staff in the Corby Company.

Several members of the adult staff were detailed to attend a cadre during camp. This apparently struck fear into many hearts but the able and interesting instruction of R.S.M. Driscoll and Sgt. Everitt both lent by the 4/5th Bn. The Northamp-

tonshire Regt. (T.A.), soon quelled all fears and a useful week was enjoyed by all.

We are also indebted to members of "B" Vehicle Platoon, R.E.M.E., from Kettering, who, under S/Sgt. Johnson very ably carried out numerous tasks not altogether connected with vehicles, repair of gas geysers and carpentry seem to be just another job to what have on occasion been known as "grubby fingered craftsmen". Gentlemen of the R.E.M.E. we thank you.

On our return from camp, Kettering Company welcomed Sergeant Instructor Wesley. Sgt. Wesley is an ex-cadet and it is very gratifying when old boys come back wishing to help where in the past they in their turn were helped.

On Sunday, 10th September, we were the guests of the 4/5th Battalion at their shoot at Grafam, unfortunately we cannot record that we carried away all the prizes, quite the opposite (our R.S.M. shot for the other team).

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