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The Great War—32 Battalions.—"Mons" "Le Cateau," "Retreat from Mons," "Marne, 1914," "Alona, 1914, '18," "Le Bassée, 1914," "Messines, 1914, '17, '18," "Armentieres, 1914," "Ypres, 1914, '15, '17," "Langemark, 1914, '17," "Ghelvelt," "Nonne Bosschen," "Givenchy, 1914," "Neuve Chapelle," "Gravenstafel," "St. Julian," "Frezenberg," "Bellewaarde," "Aubers," "Loos," "Somme, 1916, '18," "Albert, 1916, '18," "Bazentin," "Delville Wood," "Pozières," "Fiers-Courcellette," "Morval," "Theipval," "Le Transloy," "Ancre Heights," "Ancre, 1916, '18," "Bapaume, 1917, '18," "Arras, 1917, '18," "Vimy, 1917," "Scarpe, 1917, '18," "Arleux," "Mesines, 1917," "Pickem," "Menin Road," "Polygon Wood," "Broodseinde," "Poelcappelle," "Passchendaele," "Cambrai, 1917, '18," "St. Quentin," "Rosieres," "Avre," "Villers Bretonneux," "Lys," "Estaires," "Bailloul," "Kemmel," "Amiens," "Drocourt-Queant," "Hindenburg Line," "Epehy," "Canal du Nord," "St. Quentin Canal," "Beauvoir," "Selle," "Sambre," "France and Flanders, 1914-18," "Suvla," "Landing at Suvla," "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," "Pontenay le Peanil," "Defence of Rauray," "Caen," "Orne," "Bourguebus Ridge," "Troarn," "Nederrijn," "Le Havre," "Antwerp-Turnhout Canal," "Veurain," "Venlo Pocket," "Rhineland," "Hochwald," "Lingen," "Bremen," "Arnhem, 1945," "North-West Europe, 1940, '44, '45," "Diedede," "Diebel Djaffa," "Sedjenane I," "Mine of Sedjenane," "Oued Zarga," "Djebel Tannougcha," "Argoub Sellah," "Sidi Ahmed," "North Africa, 1942-43," "Landing in Sicily," "Adrano," "Sicily, 1943," "Sangro," "Salerno," "Victri Pass," "Capture of Naples," "Cava di Tirreni," "Vulturno Crossing," "Garigliano Crossing," "Monte Tuga," "Anzio," "Casino II," "Monte Gabbione," "Trasimene Line," "Gothic Line," "Monte Gridolfo," "Gemmano Ridge," "Lamone Crossing," "San Marino," "Monte La Pieve," "Argenta Gap," "Italy, 1943-45," "Madagascar," "Donbas," "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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Associate Colonel

Brigadier D. E. Taunton, C.B., D.S.O., 1/6/60

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The Bermuda Rifles.

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1st Battalion, The Royal Malay Regiment.

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Army List—September, 1962

(Amended)

Regular Army		Regular Army—contd.		Regular Army—contd.	
<i>Lt.-Colonels</i>		<i>Lt.-Colonels</i>		<i>Lt.-Colonels (Employed list)</i>	
Noble, A. G. R., M.C.	p.s.c.	Dymoke, J. L. M., M.B.E.	p.s.c.	Carey-Elwes, O. A. J., p.s.c.	
1/4/60		1/9/61		14/8/56	
Erskine-Tulloch, R. P. S.	j.s.c.	Knox, T. C. S., p.s.c.	5/11/60	Cotton, G. J. S., p.s.c., p.s.c.	(a) 15/1/61
15/12/60		14/2/61		14/8/56	
				Chamberlain, M. A., M.B.E., p.s.c.	
				1/4/61	
<i>Majors</i>		<i>Captains</i>		<i>Regular Army—contd.</i>	
Hyde, E. F. D., p.s.c.	1/7/61	Cheston, P. R.	20/12/52	<i>Lieutenants</i>	
Greaves, R. R. (local)		Thomas, B. C.	5/11/56	Dollery, C. P. (T/Capt.)	
<i>Lt.-Col.</i>	11/3/49	Miller, N. (T/Major)	9/2/57	7/2/58	
Girdwood, J. A.	28/1/50	Whitney, R. W. (T/Major)	26/4/61	Spacie, I. (att'd. Para.)	
Fennell, A. I., p.s.c.	22/8/50	Evans-Evans, A. G. P.	3/8/57	20/12/59	
Drew, G. S., p.s.c.	27/1/51	Annear, W. J. B. (T/Major)	3/8/57	20/12/59	
Sergeant, R., p.s.c.	25/8/51	Paul, L. C. J. M.	14/11/57	20/12/60	
Lee, B. S., p.s.c.	3/7/52	Tubb, N. A. K.	22/11/57	25/7/61	
Power, A. A. G.	24/8/52	Wetherall, J. P. (T/Major)	25/11/57	23/7/62	
Cote, G. D., M.C., j.s.c.	2/9/60	Poll, W. K.	8/2/58	16/12/62	
p.s.c. (T/Lt.-Col.)	7/10/52	Dale, C. J.	8/2/58	21/12/62	
Greener, R. C. C., p.s.c. (a)	31/12/52	Growse, J. P.	8/2/58	21/12/62	
Chambers, W. R., p.s.c.	13/8/55	Tadman, J., p.l. (att'd. A.C.C.)	31/7/59	21/12/62	
Willdridge, A. L.	16/4/56	Surtees, P. H., M.C.	15/1/60	21/12/62	
Clark, H. W., p.s.c.	17/11/56	Wilford, D. (att'd. S.A.S.)	16/2/60	21/12/62	
Shipley, G. E., p.s.c.	25/3/57	Taylor, E. M. C. D., M.C.	23/4/60	21/12/62	
Moore, H. H.	23/10/58			21/12/62	
Barstow, J. M.	22/6/59			21/12/62	
Francis, A. D., p.s.c.	4/2/60			21/12/62	

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

<i>Hon. Colonel</i>		<i>Majors</i>		<i>Lieutenants</i>		<i>2nd Lieutenants</i>	
Cholmeley, Capt. (Hon. Col.)		Foster, B. S.	1/9/60	Wiles, N. M.	20/1/56	Bury, N. G. D.	5/6/61
Sir Hugh, J. E. S., Bt., D.S.O., D.L., J.P.	18/8/52	Gammage, G. S.	24/6/61	Batten, D. O.	26/1/57	<i>Attached</i>	
		<i>Captains</i>		Dawson, G. H.	16/5/57	Capt. H. W. Chambers, R.A.M.C.	
		Rushby, C. A.	1/2/57	Ellwood, C. J. S.	1/12/59	21/12/57	
		Clarke, D. F.	27/1/59	Benton, S. M.	24/1/60	<i>Chaplain III Class</i>	
		Graham, J. C.	1/1/60	Mundy, W. C.	30/1/61	Rev. W. T. Armatrong, R.A.Ch.D.	
		Colvin, M. A.	1/10/60	Green, P. D.	29/11/59	28/1/54	
		Merrikin, P. M.	24/6/61	Gleadell, W. J.	7/6/62		
		Dixon, B.	1/4/62				

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

<i>Hon. Colonel</i>		<i>Captains</i>		<i>Hardwick, J. M. (A/Capt.)</i>		<i>Johnson, P. W.</i>	
Spencer, Hon., The Earl. T.D.	1/4/61	Strickland, P. (A/Major)	11/11/49	1/8/61	13/3/58	Laxton, T. E.	28/5/62
		Agutter, T., T.D.	15/7/50	Baxter, W. H.	21/11/58		
		Hooton, D. F., T.D.	(A/Major) 13/8/62	Hargraves, H. N.	7/5/59	<i>Quarter-Master</i>	
		Dowdy, D. H. B.	1/8/55	Williams, R. G. L.	8/11/59	Pilgrim, A. A., M.B.E., M.M.	
		Bryant, P. W.	11/10/58	Pearce, R.	26/3/60	1/10/50	
		Hogg, J. G.	23/12/59			maj 6/7/59	
		Ayrton, N. R.	12/3/62	<i>2nd Lieutenants</i>		<i>Attached</i>	
				Ford, J. L.		Rev. F. G. Adams, Chaplain to the Forces (T.A.)	
				Willey, G. C.		Capt. G. N. Cash, R.A.M.C.	
				Rainger, P. R.		Capt. A. Duncan, R.A.P.C.	
				Richardson, J. C.			
				Bailey, A. C.			

EDITORIAL

Recruiting is going so well in the East Anglian Brigade, that the War Office have restricted the number of men who may be enlisted into the Brigade each month. The only other Infantry to be restricted are The Parachute Regiment, The Green Jackets Brigade and the Highland Brigade. This means that only the very best men will be enlisted in the future. The accent is very definitely on quality rather than on quantity. This is as it should be. The Army is a first-class profession, but there is so much technical knowledge to be acquired today, that only the best type of man can make the grade. Technical knowledge and brains, by themselves, are not enough. Character, initiative, and leadership are also required.

Before very long there will be a small Standing Army, up to strength, composed of first-class men only. They will all be highly trained and highly paid, and though there may be many who want to enlist, only the very best will be accepted.

A study of the recruiting figures for the Brigade, see below, will be of interest. This covers the period of 20 months, from 1st January, 1961, to 31st August, 1962. It shows that the monthly average of enlistments in 1962 is lower than in 1961 for both 1st and 2nd East Anglian Regiments, but that 3rd East Anglian Regiment, who were the lowest in 1961, have had a striking increase in enlistments in 1962. This is possibly due to the fact that they have a large number of special recruiters at work throughout their area, combined with the fact that the battalion has just returned from Service overseas. The figures for 2nd East Anglian Regiment have gone down considerably compared with 1961, possibly due to the small number of special recruiters who could be spared by the battalion in B.A.O.R., and also due to the fact that having had a large number of recruits in 1961, they can afford to be more "choosy".

In the future, the monthly average figures will be going down, owing to the restricted quota, but good men will always be welcome in 2nd East Anglian Regiment.

Dates for your 1963 Diary

MAY 24th

Annual Dinner of Regimental Dinner Club, at United Service Club, London

MAY 24th

Luncheon Party for Officers and wives at Naval and Military Club, London

JULY 5th, 6th, 7th

Annual Reunion, Northamptonshire Wing of Regimental Association, at Northampton

AUTUMN (date not yet fixed)

Ceremony of Granting the Freedom of the Borough of Grantham to 2nd East Anglian Regiment

Military Prize Essay

GEORGE KNIGHT CLOWES MEMORIAL PRIZE ESSAY, 1963

Prizes: 1st prize—£35. 2nd Prize, £15. Closing date: 31st March, 1963.

Subject: In the recent past armies have relied on reservists to bring units up to war establishment on mobilization and the British Expeditionary Forces sent to France in 1914 and 1939 included a high proportion of reservists. Some critics doubt if, under modern conditions, this method of reinforcing units is still practicable. They doubt if we can rely on always having the time, or means, to do so—especially in the case of B.A.O.R.

Discuss in general terms the problems of service reserve personnel and, with special reference to reinforcing Army units, in Germany and elsewhere overseas, in an emergency.

General Conditions for this competition will be the same as for the 1962 competition and can be found in A.C.I. 308 of 1961.

Recruits enlisted in East Anglian Brigade from January 1961 to August 1962

Figures taken from W.O. 19/Gen. A/2281 (A.G. Stats.)

Regiment	Engagements				Boys	Total	Monthly Averages		
	3 years	6 years	9 years	*Others			1.1.61 to 31.8.62	1.1.61 to 31.12.61	1.1.62 to 31.12.62
1st East Anglian	4	120	111	30	55	320	16.0	16.5	15.3
2nd East Anglian	—	74	203	33	71	381	19.0	19.9	17.6
3rd East Anglian	10	178	131	27	40	386	19.3	15.0	25.7

*Others includes Short Service engagements, reservists rejoined and potential officers.

Presentation to the Church of The Holy Sepulchre, Northampton

In July, 1962, presentation of two Churchwardens Wands was made to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, on behalf of members past and present of the Northamptonshire Regiment. The wands are of silver, on ebony staves. The wand of the Vicar's Warden bears the arms of the diocese of Peterborough, and is surmounted by a mitre, whilst the wand of the People's Warden bears the badge of the Northamptonshire Regiment, surmounted by a Crown. The wands were consecrated at the Holy Communion Service on Sunday, 15th July.

The following letter has been received from the Hon. Secretary of the Parochial Church Council.

Major D. Baxter,
Gibraltar Barracks,
Northampton.

Oct. 8th, 1962.

Dear Major Baxter,

At the Meeting of the Parochial Church Council held on the 1st October, 1962, a resolution was passed expressing our deep gratitude to the Northamptonshire Regiment for the gift of the Churchwardens' Wands.

The wands will stay as a permanent reminder of the long association between the Regiment and our Church, and we would be grateful if you would kindly pass on our appreciation to those who made this gift possible.

Yours sincerely,

Sgd. ENA M. DESPONDS,
Honorary Secretary,
Parochial Church Council



Heds of Churchwardens' wands presented to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Northampton

Deaths

STOCK

On 10th July, 1962, at Northampton, H. W. Stock, formerly Sergeant 5876934 of The Northamptonshire Regiment (1916-1938).

STEVENSON

On 27th August, 1962, at his home, 5 Napier Road, Masons Hill, Bromley, Kent, R.Q.M.S. E. E. Stevenson, late Lincolnshire Regiment, a life member of the Regimental Association.

MIDDLETON

On 28th August, 1962, at Leeds, Major A. D. Middleton, late The Northamptonshire Regiment.

PARKIN

On 2nd September, 1962, at his home, 55 Park Avenue, Kimberley, Notts., J. Parkin, who was a life member of the 10th Foot Royal Lincolnshire Regimental Association.

CURRAN

On 18th September, 1962, at the County Hospital, Lincoln, Major Patrick Curran, late Royal Lincolnshire Regiment.

BUSZARD

On 22nd September, 1962, at Northampton, Lt.-Col. M. F. F. Buszard, late The Northamptonshire Regiment.

COOK

On 12th October, 1962, suddenly, Col. William Tebbutt Cook, D.L., late 7th (S.) Bn., and 5th (Huntingdonshire) Bn., The Northamptonshire Regiment (T.A.).

BALLARD

On 14th October, 1962, after a long illness, Ursula Mary, wife of Brig. J. A. W. Ballard, C.B.E., D.S.O.

KITCHIN

On 27th October, 1962, suddenly, at Britlingssea, Major E. W. Kitchin, 2nd East Anglian Regiment.

Obituary

COLONEL W. T. COOK

Lt.-Col. W. T. Cook, who died on 12th October, 1962, served with the 7th (S.) Battalion The Northamptonshire Regiment in the First World War and was wounded at Cambrai. In February, 1920, when the 5th (Huntingdonshire) Battalion The Northamptonshire Regiment (T.A.) was formed, he joined as one of the founder members and continued with them until 1935, when as Second-in-Command he was forced to resign because of pressure of business. In the Second World War he commanded a battalion of the Home Guard.

He was a Deputy Lieutenant of Huntingdonshire, a member of Hunts County Council, and was on the Committee of the Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire Territorial and Auxiliary Forces Association.

To his family and his brother-in-law, Colonel R. R. McMichael, O.B.E., T.D., J.P., we extend our deepest sympathy.

LT.-COLONEL M. F. F. BUSZARD

Lt.-Col. Buszard was born in 1901. Educated at Eton and R.M.C. Sandhurst, he was commissioned in the Northamptonshire Regiment in 1921, and served with the 2nd Battalion in India, Khartoum and Colchester until the end of 1929 when he became Adjutant of the 5th Battalion (T.A.). At the end of 1933 he rejoined the 2nd Battalion, and soon after was posted to the 1st Battalion in India. He

took part in the Kiasona Valley Operations on the North-West Frontier in 1936/37, and in 1938 he returned to England for a tour of duty at the Depot. During the last War he served at No. 14 I.T.C., with the 6th Battalion, and later was selected to Command the 4th Battalion. After a period of service in East Africa, he retired in 1949, and went to live at Wethersfield in Essex, moving later to Duston, Northampton.

"Markie" Buszard was a man of very high ideals, and when he took on a job he gave of his best. As President of the Duston Branch of the British Legion, he took an immense interest and worked hard to make a good branch even better. He was County Secretary of S.S.A.F.A. and also the Appeals Secretary, and raised a great deal of money. It is not an easy job to go round getting money for any cause, but "Markie" threw himself into the job and S.S.A.F.A. has greatly benefited by his efforts. He was a good churchman and a regular attender at Dallington Church, where he had worshipped as a boy, and had many friends in Duston and Dallington. Indeed, he had friends everywhere. His pleasant manner and friendly nature made it impossible for anyone to dislike him, and all his friends in Northamptonshire were delighted when he and his wife decided to come and live at Duston.

He was a most loyal supporter of the Regiment and took a keen interest in all Regimental affairs, and was a valued member of the Benevolent Fund

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Committee. All his friends mourn the loss of a kind and good man, and a staunch friend. To his widow, who shared his life for 14 years and who endeared herself to all his friends, we offer our deepest sympathy in her great loss.

MAJOR P. CURRAN

Major Patrick Curran, born on 13th March, 1888, died suddenly soon after his admission to the County Hospital, Lincoln, on 18th September, 1962.

"Pat", as he was known to his many friends, was, on the disbandment of Southern Irish Regiments when Eire became a Republic, transferred as a Warrant Officer Class II (R.Q.M.S.) from the Dublin Fusiliers, to the 1st Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment, which at that time was stationed in Aldershot.

A likeable man, of a quiet disposition, but very efficient, he soon became a popular member of the Regiment, for which he had a high regard, and served most loyally. He was commissioned as a Lieutenant (Quartermaster) on the 4th February, 1928, and served with the 1st Battalion, until repatriated to the U.K. from Hong Kong for service at the Regimental Depot, where he took over from Major A. Stapleton, M.C., and served as Quartermaster at the Depot until his retirement from the Army on 14th June, 1945. On leaving the Army, he took up the appointment as Records Officer of the Lincoln County Hospital, a position he held until 1956, when he retired on age limit, to enjoy civilian life.

He leaves a widow and three children, to whom we offer our sincere sympathy in their great loss.

MAJOR A. D. MIDDLETON

Major A. D. Middleton was born in 1892. Educated at Winchester, he joined the Northamptonshire Regiment in August, 1911, from the 13th and last Infantry Coy. at "The Shop". He was posted to the 2nd Battalion in Malta, and served with the 58th for almost all of his 18 years' Regular Service.

Going to France with the 58th in November, 1914, he became one of the 425 casualties suffered by the Battalion in the action of Aubers Ridge on 9th May, 1915. On return from hospital he remained in France until the Armistice, holding various staff appointments. In October, 1919, he left Colchester with the 58th, and served with them at Peshawar, Landi Kotal, Lahore and Karachi and in the Sudan. He was Adjutant of the Battalion from May, 1923-1926.

He retired in 1927 to read law, and on passing his finals joined the family firm of solicitors in Leeds. He married in 1933.

He was called up for Service in 1939 and appointed Commandant of Donington Hall Prisoner of War Camp, but as there were no German P.O.W.'s he was posted to the Regimental Depot. Later, with Major W. C. Ratcliffe, D.S.O., he raised the 70th Young Soldiers Bn. of the Royal

Welsh Fusiliers at Rhyl. When this battalion was disbanded he was posted to the Pioneer Corps and served in England until demobilization in March, 1945, when he rejoined the family firm.

"Johnnie" was an idealist in persons and the way of living. Things had to be "just so" or he had "no manner of use for them". His collection of gadgets to make living easier was phenomenal, and they certainly did make living easier for him. He took an active part in most games, representing the Regiment at cricket and hockey, and he was a keen horseman ("The Bagman" was his special pride).

It was with "B" Company that he spent most of his service, pre-war, in France and in India. His men were very fond of him, and they respected him greatly, though he could and did wither them on occasions.

In the years following his retirement he never lost his interest in the Regiment and his old comrades, attending every gathering he was able to.

I should like to pay a tribute to his wife, Winnifred, who tended him so devotedly and who made him so happy. She has, I know, the sympathy of all his many friends.

O.K.P.

MAJOR EDWARD WILLIAM KITCHIN, M.C.

Major E. W. Kitchin, was born on 5th August, 1911. He was commissioned into The Northamptonshire Regiment on 28th December, 1940, and was granted a Regular Commission in 1946.

He served with distinction with the 58th throughout the Sicilian and Italian campaigns. He was awarded the Military Cross for his gallantry during the advance to the Minturno Ridge on 30th January, 1944.

After the war he remained with the 58th and served with them in Göttingen, Berlin, Austria and Trieste. In 1951 he became 2 i/c and Training Major of the 5th Bn. The Northamptonshire Regiment (T.A.) at Peterborough. He next saw service in Korea and in 1958 was seconded to the Somaliland Scouts to command their Depots and Training Establishment. He was recently Garrison Adjutant, Colchester Garrison, and only retired from the Army in September this year.

Ted was a good regimental officer. He was popular with all ranks and was always ready and willing to give advice when asked. He was a most hospitable man.

He was a good churchman and brought up his two sons correctly and with discipline, his elder son being commissioned into The Northamptonshire Regiment in 1956 from the R.M.A. Sandhurst.

To his widow, Peggy, his two sons and his daughter-in-law we extend our deepest sympathy.

MR. ARTHUR GUY

Many of our Comrades will be very sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Arthur Guy, who was for many years Secretary of the London Branch of the Northamptonshire Regiment Comrades' Association.

Arthur Guy was the son of Sgt. Guy, D.C.M., and was born in married quarters. Although he did not serve with the Regiment, as the son of a member, he became a very keen and active member of the Comrades' Association in London.

He took over the Secretaryship just prior to the First World War and it was largely due to his efforts that the Branch was reformed and continued to flourish after the war. He devoted a great deal of his time to the welfare side of the Association and many members will remember him with gratitude for his efforts on their behalf.

We extend our deepest sympathy to his widow.

Ex-R.Q.M.S. E. E. STEVENSON

Ernest Edward Stevenson, whose Army number was 3830, joined the Lincolnshire Regiment at the age of 19 years on 12th January, 1894. Four years later he was promoted to the rank of sergeant, and eventually to that of R.Q.M.S., serving as such for many years with the 1st Battalion. "Joe", the nickname conferred on him, died at his home, 5 Napier Road, Masons Hill, Bromley, Kent, on 27th August. Members of the London and Home Counties Branch were present at his funeral on 30th August, to which floral tributes were sent. A message of sympathy was sent to members of his family.

Personalia

We congratulate Major W. J. B. ANNEAR and Miss D. HARRON on the announcement of their engagement.

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We congratulate 2/Lt. and Mrs. A. C. BAILEY on their marriage which took place on 20th October, 1962.

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Capt. (Q.M.) C. P. CULBERT has been posted to H.Q. 4 Div., and takes up the appointment next May.

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Lt.-Col. G. A. C. DANBY'S new address is: Old Walls, Milford-on-Sea, Lymington, Hants.

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Col. J. C. DENNY, O.B.E., M.C., has been appointed to succeed Col. G. V. MARTIN, M.C., as Brigade Colonel, East Anglian Brigade. He takes up the appointment in February, 1963.

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Brig. N. J. DICKSON, D.S.O., G.M., retired on 18th September, 1962.

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Lt.-Col. L. G. DICKINSON has moved to: "Failand", Dane Drive, Ferndown, Dorset.

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We congratulate Col. and Mrs. Rupert DINSMORE on the birth of a son on 6th August, 1962.

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Lt. (Q.M.) J. E. EDWARDS joins the 1st Bn. this month for a tour of duty

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We congratulate Capt. P. EDWARDS and Miss J. RISDON on the announcement of their engagement. The wedding has been planned for 5th January, 1963.

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We congratulate Capt. and Mrs. K. G. FORD on the birth of a daughter on 31st July, 1962. Capt.

Ford has been appointed Adjutant of the Bermuda Local Forces and takes up the appointment this month.

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Major J. A. GARNETT has returned from the West Indies and has joined the 1st Bn.

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We congratulate Col. E. M. Goodale, D.S.O., on his appointment as Cadet Commandant for the Counties of Huntingdonshire and Northamptonshire.

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We welcome 2/Lt. R. F. GOULSON to the Regiment on commissioning from R.M.A. Sandhurst. He is serving with the 1st Bn.

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Mrs. M. GOULSON is now living at: "Hill Brow", Fox Corner, Worpleston, Surrey.

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Major L. J. HENWOOD transferred to R.M.P. on 31st July, 1962.

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We congratulate Majors D. F. HOOTON, T.D., and P. STRICKLAND on their promotion.

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Lt. P. J. ISAACS completed his engagement and retired on 26th August, 1962.

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We congratulate Capt. J. JERVOIS and Miss M. B. JONES on the announcement of their engagement.

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We congratulate Capt. R. F. KITCHIN on his substantive promotion.

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Capt. C. W. T. LUMBY joined the Army Team of Lecturers in September for a tour of duty.

We congratulate Capt. J. D. MACK on being appointed a Justice of the Peace for the City of Portsmouth. Capt. Mack served in the 5th and 2nd Battalion The Northamptonshire Regiment.

We congratulate Capt. E. A. MALPAS on his substantive promotion.

Lt.-Col. A. G. R. NOBLE, M.C., is relinquishing his appointment at the War Office on 25th February, 1963, and is retiring.

Mrs. S. CAVE-ORME is now living at: Flat 2, 4 Montpelier Villas, Brighton.

We congratulate Lt. R. F. PICKARD on his promotion to substantive rank.

Major G. E. SHIPLEY has been appointed a G.II in the G.S. Secretariat, and took up the appointment in September.

We congratulate Capt. P. D. TAUNTON and Miss J. Richardson on the announcement of their engagement.

We congratulate Lt. T. T. TAYLOR on being granted a Regular Commission.

We congratulate Major P. F. WALTER, M.B.E., M.C., on his promotion to substantive rank.

Major P. F. WALTER, M.B.E., M.C., who is serving with 22 S.A.S. Regiment, is nearing the end of a three months' attachment to the United States Special Forces.

Lt.-Col. A. H. WENHAM has been a patient in the Bromhead Nursing Home, Lincoln, for a considerable time, and it is hoped he will soon be restored to health.

A Lincolnshire War Memorial in Malaya

By COLONEL R. P. BAILY, O.B.E.



1st/10th Foot War Memorial, Sungei Ujong, Malaya

I was in Malacca in June this year with an Australian Army Officer. As we had an hour or two to spare before visiting the Commonwealth Brigade at Terendak Camp, I asked him to come with me to look for a Sungei Ujong War Memorial on which were the names of a sergeant and three privates of the Regiment. I had last seen it in 1939, and had no idea whether or not it had survived the Japanese occupation.

We found it near the Botanical Gardens. The obelisk is inscribed on one side:

"Erected by their comrades in memory of those who lost their lives on active service against the Malays in Sungei Ujong, 1875-76".

The names of a naik and sepoy of the 1st Goorkah Light Infantry are on another side, and those of a corporal and six privates of "The Arab Contingent" on another. On the fourth side is inscribed:

1st BATT H.M.'s 10th FOOT
SERGEANT F. OWEN
PRIVATE J. BALL
PRIVATE J. NEWMAN
PRIVATE H. SMITH

The existence of this memorial is well known to several retired officers of the 10th Foot, but I doubt if many serving officers and men in the new Regiment know about it.

There used to be another Sungei Ujong War Memorial of similar Regimental interest near Sereman. It was known as "The Soldiers' Grave" and the senior officer of the (then) Lincolnshire Regiment serving with the Malay Regiment at Port Dickson in the years immediately before the 1939-1945 War used to lay a wreath on it every Armistice Day. I had no chance to go and look for this, and hope that it is still there and as well kept as it used to be.

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Most of the time since our last notes were written has been spent in the field.

At the end of June we had two weeks' field firing and platoon training at Haltern, near Münster. Companies marched there, taking four days to cover the 70 or so miles from Osnabruck. While there we were visited by the Director of Infantry, Major-General P. Gleadell, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., who was most interested to see us carrying out trials of the new portable automatic targets for use on field firing ranges.

Early in July the Regimental Band and Corps of Drums had the privilege of representing the United Kingdom at the N.A.T.O. Tattoo which is held every year in the market place at Arnhem. The tattoo lasted for a week, and on the gala night the Commanding Officer and the Second-in-Command attended as the guests of the organisers. That particular night was a wet one, but the weather did not mar the excellent performance of all the bands taking part, among which our own did very well. A letter of appreciation of our part in the tattoo has been received by the Colonel of the Regiment from the Foreign Office.

In July also we had three weeks at Sennelager, which was spent in field firing, firing of support weapons and in company training. Some useful work was done in spite of poor weather.

While the majority was at Sennelager a team from the battalion was training for and taking part in the Nijmegen marches. This was the first time in the three summers of our existence that we had been able to enter and it was most encouraging that the team, led by Lt. Isaacs, received gold medals. We hope to take part again next year.

The battalion was once again at Osnabruck in time for Talavera Day, which was kept as a holiday. Five-a-side football was played, as an inter-sub-unit knock-out; there was also a car rally, and in the evening a film show with refreshments. In the evening the officers were entertained by the Sgts.' Mess, after which the traditional dinner was held, the Talavera Cup circulated and the health of the 48th drunk. The junior ensign was 2/Lt. D. M. F. Goodale, and he drained the cup in irreproachable style.

On 2nd August we received a brief visit from Mr. Profumo, the Secretary of State for War. He

made a tour of the camp, visited the quarter of L/Cpl. Barnes of the Intelligence Section, and also private accommodation of Dmr. Agg, and finally was entertained in the Sgts.' Mess before leaving for lunch at Brigade Group Headquarters.

During August we took advantage of a lull—due to being allotted no training areas that month—to increase our leave parties to England and locally. By doing this we could reduce to almost nothing the size of our parties in October, when the formation exercises were to take place. In all, 15 officers and 160 other ranks went on leave between the beginning of August and early September.

We had one great success in August, however, and that was in the B.A.O.R. motor cycle trials. Our team had done reasonably well in the earlier Brigade and Divisional trials, but they surpassed even their own expectations by taking second place (the "A" Team) and 3rd place (the "B" Team). This is a great tribute to the keenness of the members of the team and to the organisation and the training given to them by Capt. Beard, the M.T.O. The majority of the other teams competing were from Artillery, Signals and Royal Army Service Corps units who have a much wider field upon which to draw for their teams and who take this sport most "professionally." For an ordinary infantry battalion to have done so well is a great credit to all concerned. The teams were as follows:

"A" Team—L/Cpl. Warburton, L/Cpl. Mitchell, Pte. Trevey.

"B" Team—L/Cpl. Buck, Cfn. Scarr, R.E.M.E., Pte. Blackwell.

Four of the competitors were selected to go to England in October to take part, as part of the B.A.O.R. entry, in the final United Kingdom trials. Capt. Beard was selected to be in charge of the whole B.A.O.R. team.

Early in September a party of flight cadets from the Royal Air Force College, Cranwell, stayed with the battalion for a week, to learn about army life and training. An interesting programme was organised for them by O.C. "C" Company, Capt. Surtees, and they seem to have enjoyed this very much.

From 12th to 14th September the battalion received an official visit from the Brigade Colonel, Col. Martin. The main object of the visit was to

discuss recruiting and its problems, about which he spoke to all officers, sergeants and members of the battalion team which was shortly to take part in "Keeping the Army in the Public Eye" (K.A.P.E.) in Lincolnshire.

During the gaps between these various events three battalion exercises were held. Finally, on 22nd September the battalion moved to Soltau for a months' unit, battalion group and formation training. For a change the move was done by night, using three routes for the 120-mile journey. In spite of the possible hazards of this the separate columns did not meet at any cross roads on the way and all had arrived by first light on 23rd.

After two weeks' training during the latter part of which our affiliated sub units of the other arms took part, we left on 6th October for the Brigade Group exercise, on which we were to be "enemy" to the rest of the Brigade Group. The first part of this involved a move through Hamburg—one of the largest cities in Germany—on a Saturday morning, in the course of an 80-mile drive to the concentration area. The potential disasters in this were too many to think about, but thanks to excellent help from the Hamburg Police, whom we asked to help us, the move went well and everyone saw something of Hamburg. The return journey was in the small hours of the Monday morning, but unfortunately the trip could not include a visit to the more interesting night haunts! The exercise itself went well and finished on the night of 9th/10th.

A couple of days' resting and maintenance followed, in preparation for the week's divisional exercise, for which we were to concentrate on 13th October. During this rest period the Colour party who had been at Lincoln the previous week-end for the laying-up of the 1st Tenth Colours rejoined. (The Commanding Officer had managed to get back by mid-day the previous Monday by an intricate system of Comet and Auster aircraft and staff car.) The K.A.P.E. team also rejoined at this time, after what was felt to be a most successful fortnight in Lincolnshire.

Even with the "full team" back we were sadly short of officers and sergeants. For this reason, in fact, we had been forced temporarily to organise on a two-Company basis before leaving for Soltau. With the high other rank strength of the battalion this makes for large companies, but is the only possible course under the circumstances.

We moved down to the area of Bad Pyrmont on 13th and remained in our concentration area there for 24 hours. Then early on the morning of 15th we began our "invasion" of the other side. Soon both companies were held up by demolitions and had to dismount from their A.P.C.s and go on on foot. But in both cases a way was found to get the vehicles forward (in one case up a track not much better than a goat track over a high razor-backed ridge, over which the A.P.C.s roared in fine style). "C" Company succeeded in reaching a bridge which had not been blown and seized it, but much to their disgust were "umpired back" because they "had no tank support" (the battalion

was without tanks at that time). Members of "C" Company feel that the real reason was that they got there too early and were threatening the exercise time-table!

The following night both companies made an assault crossing over the river and held a bridge-head, through which passed the tanks and the rest of the Brigade Group. The whole crossing operation of the Brigade Group was controlled by a special headquarters under Major Greener, the Second-in-Command, which worked exceedingly well.

After a few hours rest, the battalion moved forward again, as the advance continued. Finally, the other side mounted a fierce armoured counter-attack and the final day of the exercise was spent in a somewhat hectic withdrawal. The exercise finally ended on 18th after which we concentrated ready for our 120-mile move back to Osnabruck the following day.

When we returned we acted as hosts to 10th Battalion The Parachute Regiment (T.A.), who had taken part in the exercise as part of their annual training. It was a tight squeeze with 500 extra people in the barracks, but they seem to have enjoyed their brief stay with us. They began to fly back to the United Kingdom in parties each day, and the last of them are leaving as these notes are being written.

Now we have a month's hard work in front of us before our annual administrative inspection on 20th November.

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ANNUAL REUNION—SKEGNESS, 6th OCTOBER

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GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING

At 3 p.m., the Annual General Committee Meeting took place, and after a welcome by our President, Brig. R. H. L. Oulton, a tribute in silence was paid to those of our former comrades who had died since our last meeting, their names being: Pte. E. H. Efford, J. G. Sellars, Brig. F. J. Goulson, Sgt. T. Henley, Lt.-Col. R. H. Spooner, R.Q.M.S. E. E. Stevenson, Cpl. H. W. Coome, C.Q.M.S. A. E. Cook, Sgt. W. C. Thomas and Major P. Curran.

The “Ode to the Fallen” was recited by the Secretary.

Following the confirmation of the Minutes of the 1961 general committee meeting, the finances of the Association were dealt with. The accounts were explained in detail by the Treasurer who also combines the duty of Secretary, and were approved.

It is heartening to know that the chief object for which, in 1904, the Regimental Association was first formed, has been achieved—that of benevolence. One hundred and fifteen cases of those in need have been assisted to the extent of £1,004, and those who fall under the category of “Grant refused” have been given the advice, when warranted, of “Get your coat off, roll up your sleeves and help yourself.”

BLESMA continues to look after the interests of our limbless comrades, and for this we are indeed grateful, as also do we acknowledge our indebtedness to those kindred associations who have

shared with us the making of grants, or on our behalf have investigated and reported upon cases which have been sent them for that purpose. It is by the latter means that only those in genuine need receive financial aid from our limited funds.

It pays to advertise and the President drew attention to the value derived by those who subscribed for “their own copy” of *THE POACHER*. A small sum of 10s. per annum, for a “wealth” of news.

Since its formation there has only been one Honorary Member of our Regimental Association, an American gentleman, now dead, who was a benefactor of the 10th Foot. We now have two Life Honorary Members, Capt. J. L. E. Phillips, who has given much legal advice to the Regiment, and Canon J. Porter, long associated with the Regiment when serving in India. Both these gentlemen have accepted with the greatest pleasure Honorary Membership of the Lincolnshire Wing, which is indebted to them for their valuable help.

Stamford Branch will have the honour of making the arrangements for the Reunion in 1963 which will again be held in Skegness on the 5th October, 1963.

THE GENERAL MEETING

This followed that of the general committee meeting, at which the President gave a resume of the business conducted at that meeting.

Minutes of both the general committee and the general meeting will be circulated to branches.

Business having been disposed of, members soon after the tea interval were heading for the sea front, especially those from the smoke of London or the far distant places of Lincolnshire and elsewhere, where the only sight of the sea they get is usually on television. Joking aside, one will meet all old friends beside the sea at least once a year, if they attend a reunion. People are not long in putting a name to a friend with whom they have served in the Regiment. It usually starts with those well known words, “Hello so and so, how is the world using you?” The other topic of conversation, “Do you remember when we were in such and such a place?” The old subjects, but always worth raising again.

Some of the men are white of hair, or as the cheeky fellow would say, “thin on the thatch”, perhaps not quite so erect as they were in the South Africa War or in World War I, but still keen of eye and hearing, quick to spot an old friend and to give the reply when asked, “What are you

going to have?" Someone said: "I hear General Spring is here this year"—this is news that gives everyone the greatest pleasure, in particular Pte. Fox, his old groom. Those who served under General Spring will always remember some particular episode relating to their service in the South Africa War, France or Gallipoli, or perhaps the younger lads of 60, their own experience of having, under his command, marched on Nettlebed in Oxfordshire to Aldershot, just a day's march, and thinking nothing of it. Some were present at the Reunion who, after rifle inspection, foot inspection and a good meal at the conclusion of that march, put in a late pass to attend the All Ranks' Dance in the Cavalry Barracks Club. "Let me see, when was that? I know, when H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester was a subaltern in the 10th Hussars. The pay of a private one shilling per day—now look what he gets. Wish I were younger, I would enlist, believe me."

"Do you remember old Moses? What—him on the transport who couldn't get his 3rd Class Certificate, but could make his gun mule follow him about like a spaniel follows its master."

"Here, look at the time! They are open, and we had better have a quick one for old times sake before dinner. It's only 6 p.m., so we have got all the time in the world to meet more old friends."

7.30 P.M., THE DINNER

We scan the top table, there's the President, with Generals Spring, Griffin and Cooke, Col. Impson, Col. Young and many more officers and ladies we know. Shadder Sharpe, V.C., near them, Albert Brooks, one of the founder members, Jos. Keightly the Beafeater, Jackie Burrell, D.C.M., M.M., and in fact 370 of us ready to do justice to an excellent meal. Well done the Grantham branch, you have done us proud this year. A rap of the table, Grace is said, and we are soon busy eating and talking, and there's plenty of both, not forgetting the "noggin".

We reach the stage when "silence is golden", the President rises to read to us the message he has sent on our behalf to Her Majesty The Queen, and the gracious message received from Her Majesty in reply. We drink to the health of Her Majesty, and a little later to that of our Colonel-in-Chief, H.R.H. The Duchess of Gloucester, who the next day is to honour us with her presence in Lincoln Cathedral.

The toast to the Regiment follows after we have received news relating to the 1st Battalion, which is listened to intently. Attention is drawn to the news of the Laying Up of Colours ceremonies at Sandhurst, and Northampton, not in complete detail, for this, we are directed to read *THE POACHER*.

We drink to the toast of "The Regiment" and stand rigidly to attention during the playing of the recorded music of the Regimental March, played by the 1st Battalion Band. With the reading of greetings received from "Absent Comrades" the dinner and speeches are over, we proceed to the Holiday Centre cinema to see two films.

THE FILM SHOW

The first film to be shown was that of the visit of Her Majesty The Queen to Stamford, which was

commemorating the Quincentenary of its Charter. The 4/6th Battalion Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (T.A.) with its band, provided the Guard of Honour for Her Majesty on that occasion. We were indebted to Lt.-Col. Sanders, who very kindly gave a running commentary to the film which was a silent one. Individual members of the Guard of Honour were able to see a "close up" picture of themselves in the film, and for many who witnessed the film it was very pleasing to see quite a number of ex-Regulars of the Regiment were now serving with the T.A. Battalion.

The second film shown was a TV. film of the I.T.V., recorded at Birmingham Studios, earlier in the year, and bore the heading "The Fighting Midlands" and related to the history of the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment from 1685 until its amalgamation with that of the equally famous Regiment, the Northamptonshire Regiment, in 1960 to become the 2nd East Anglian Regiment (Duchess of Gloucester's Own Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire).

The narrator of the Regiment's history in the broadcast was Lt. General Sir Oliver Leese, who served in Burma during World War II, and was well known to the 1st Battalion, who fought in that battle area. Participants in the T.V. broadcast were Pte. Louis Smith, aged 92, who related his South Africa War experiences, Sgt. "Shadder" Sharpe, V.C., who for the first time ever, related his bombing action in France in 1915 which gained for him the award of the Victoria Cross, Col. A. W. Innes, O.B.E., M.C., who described the action in Burma of Major Charles Hoey, M.C., which gained for Major Hoey the posthumous award of the Victoria Cross, and finally Major-General C. E. Welby-Everard, C.B., O.B.E., who gave the story of the 2nd Battalion's participation in the Normandy Landing and air support given on that and subsequent occasions by the Royal Air Force. During the film which was followed with the greatest interest, we learn how the R.A.F. College, Cranwell, first "poached" our Regimental March, and subsequently received official sanction to play it on ceremonial occasions. The film since reunion has been loaned for showing to members of the Royal Air Force Stations in Lincolnshire, with which the Regiment is closely associated.

The night is still young, and the rest of the evening is spent by some in the ballroom, whilst others regale themselves and gossip over old times. The reunion ended, it is to bed in the chalets of the Holiday Centre, in local hotels, or a long journey home by car in the fog—but one and all say it is "well worth it". One who particularly enjoyed himself was ex-R.Q.M.S. F. G. North, former Editor of the "*Imps*" Magazine, who had journeyed from Leeds, and stressed that the present *POACHER* Magazine of the Regiment must *NOT* suffer the fate of the old magazine, and that everyone should possess their own copy.

(We agree, and hope that they will—Editor).

A few questions asked at the reunion were the following:—

“Who was the officer when required to carry a walking stick on route marches in Enniskillin came on parade with one of the late Sir Harry Lauder type?”

“Who was the soldier in Tipperary, employed as a cook who got 28 days for serving early morning gunfire, which came out of the issue tea ration?”

“Who was the Warrant Officer, who proclaims he was the hero, when “C” Coy. evacuated Hongku Park, Shanghai? (We should add, he never as a rule carried anything other than his baton).

“Who was the officer who opened the lock gates of Lock Erne, at Belleek, and enabled the troops to fish with G.S. shovels?”

SUNDAY, 7TH OCTOBER, LINCOLN

On the occasion of Laying Up the Colours of the former 1st Battalion 10th Foot, the Regiment and the City of Lincoln were honoured by the presence of Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Gloucester, our Colonel-in-Chief.

The Colonel and Officers entertained the following at a reception and to luncheon in the White Hart Hotel, Lincoln, prior to the Service in Lincoln Cathedral:—

Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Gloucester, The Earl of Ancaster, the Rt. Worshipful Mayor, the City Sheriff and Deputy Town Clerk of Lincoln, the Lord Bishop and Mrs. Riches, the Dean of Lincoln and Mrs. Dunlop, Col. Sir Hugh and Lady Cholmeley, Brig. D. E. Taunton (Associate Colonel) and Mrs. Taunton, Major-General and Mrs. J. A. A. Griffin, Major-General S. A. Cooke, Brig. and Mrs. E. F. O. Richards, Brig.-Gen. F. G. Spring, D.S.O., Brig.-Gen. L. P. Evans, V.C., Col. and Mrs. A. W. Innes, Col. H. J. Impson, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. F. W. Young, Lt.-Col. L. B. Shepherd-Folker, Mrs. Cedric Holland (Lady in Waiting), Lt.-Col. R. P. S. Erskine-Tulloch, Major and Mrs. J. M. Barstow, Air Comdre and Mrs. N. A. P. Pritchett, Col. and Mrs. H. A. Hughes, Col. and Mrs. G. V. Martin, Lt.-Col. F. W. Allbones, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. A. J. Bennett, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. D. B. Eliot, Lt.-Col. P. G. B. Hall (Worcesters), Lt.-Col. and Mrs. A. G. R. Noble, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. H. B. Riggall, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. G. M. Sanders, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. C. A. C. Sinker, Lt.-Col. C. J. M. Watts, Major and Mrs. J. W. Bannister (Worcesters), Major and Mrs. D. Baxter, Major and Mrs. W. R. Chambers, Major L. C. Crick, Major N. P. Dawnay, Major J. L. M. Dymoke, Major and Mrs. L. C. Gates, Major and Mrs. A. A. Greenwood, Major and Mrs. J. R. Griffin, Major and Mrs. D. F. Long, Major and Mrs. C. H. Maclam, Major E. D. Malpas, Major and Mrs. P. H. Segon, Major and Mrs. A. Wall, Capt. E. A. Malpas, Capt. J. P. Richards, Lt. H. M. P. Halcrow, Lt. R. C. Hastie, 2/Lt. R. F. Goulson, 2/Lt. F. J. T. Young, Officer-Cadet Boardman, Officer-Cadet Welby-Everard, Mrs. G. M. Ellison, Mrs. M. Goulson, B. Hastie, Esq.,

Mrs. R. S. Hastie, Mrs. E. Newsum, Mrs. A. H. Wenham, F. Sayer, Esq., Chief Constable of Lincoln and Mrs. Sayer.

LINCOLN BRANCH

The autumn leaves are lying thick upon the grounds of the old Depot just now and all is still as it awaits its fate from higher authority, but now and then opens its gates to various organisations holding their parades and inspections, etc., and during the summer months it was even the rendezvous of the J. Arthur Rank Film Organisation whilst making their film the “Wild and the Willing”, and a small part of the film was actually shot in the Depot grounds, so any Old Comrade who sees this film might possibly recognise some small feature of it, and at least if he reads this report he will know the film was made in Lincoln. At one corner of the Depot there is very much activity, that is in the Keep, where we have our Branch H.Q. and Club. Every weekend we get together, and always welcome any members of the Regiment who might be passing our way.

SOCIAL EVENTS

As we are still awaiting news concerning the move of our H.Q., we have done little entertaining, but since the last report we have again visited our friends at the R.A.F. Station at Faldingworth, where we are always made most welcome. Very recently we were delighted to have a visit from some of the members from Scunthorpe, who turned up “out of the blue” to see us, we hope they will do this more often.

ANNUAL REUNION, 1962

This was very well attended this year, two coaches left Lincoln on the Friday evening, nearly 60 members and their families went to Skegness and made a really good weekend of it, and was enjoyed so much, in fact, that there is talk of organising a trip at Easter. It was grand seeing so many of our pals again.

The ceremony of the “Laying Up of the Colours” was very impressive, and was very well attended, including the March Past in honour of Her Royal Highness, The Duchess of Gloucester.

DONATIONS

The proceeds of the raffle for the tea set given by the Colonel of the Regiment in aid of the Benevolent Fund made £24 10s. 0d., which was handed over to Major P. H. Segon, M.B.E., Secretary of the Association for Lincolnshire, together with a cheque for 25 from the Branch for the Fund. Major Segon expressed his thanks for the gift, and said that it would help someone who was in need, and that donations and subscriptions are always most welcome in this cause.

OBITUARY

It is with much regret that we have to report the sudden death of Harold Corby. He is very much missed by all of the members of the Branch.

MEMBERSHIP

Full membership is increasing. We welcome all new members, and are particularly pleased to welcome back to the Branch "Sooty Simmonds", formerly of the 1st Battalion Band.

STAMFORD BRANCH

R. S. Seamer, Chairman, presided at the annual dinner of the Stamford Branch which was held in the Drill Hall, on Friday, 19th October, 90 members and wives attended. Guests included the Worshipful Mayor of Stamford, Alderman A. S. Ireson, the Colonel of the Regiment, Police Supt. Arnold of Stamford, G. E. Williams, head gardener of Burghley House, who provided the magnificent decorations at the dinner tables, and a special welcome was accorded to Messrs. N. W. Hutchins and H. Tomkins of the Peterborough Branch of the Northamptonshire Wing.

Following a very good meal, and having honoured the loyal toast, Brig. Oulton, President of the Regimental Association, proposed the toast of the Regiment and the Association. In his speech he made an appeal to all branches of the Lincolnshire Wing to help raise funds for old soldiers who have fallen on hard times. His review of the Regiment's doings during the year was devoted particularly

to the presentation and Laying Up of Colours. The most recent being those of the 1st Battalion in Lincoln Cathedral on 7th October, and commented "I was really proud of the old corps during the march past. I have never seen so many of you together before." He said members should visit the Regimental Chapel of St. George in the Cathedral when they were in Lincoln. It will be maintained by a trust fund which has been set up to look after all Regimental affairs. Lt.-Col. A. J. Bennett, who now commands the 4th/6th Battalion Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (T.A.) associated himself with the toast.

The toast to the guests was suitably proposed by Major H. L. Simpson, to which the Worshipful Mayor, Alderman A. S. Ireson responded. He said "Stamford has every reason to be very proud of its association with the old 10th Foot. It is highly esteemed in the town for its wonderful record, which goes back 275 years."

Arrangements for the dinner were in the capable hands of the Branch Secretary, Mr. C. W. M. Sylvester.

5TH BATTALION VETERANS REUNION

As is their custom, veterans of the former 5th Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment (T.A.) held their annual dinner on the day nearest to the anniversary date of the Battle in World War I, known as the Hohenzollern Redoubt, in which battle the Battalion fought with distinction, and suffered many casualties.

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Grimsby Town Hall was the meeting place on Saturday, 19th September, where veterans and their guests enjoyed an excellent dinner and the speeches which followed. One hundred and eight were present, among them eight veterans who had attended the first reunion dinner of the Battalion 40 years ago.

Capt. C. G. Miller for many years secretary of the 5th Bn. Veterans Association, presided in the absence of Lt.-Col. Oscar Dixon, D.L., who unfortunately through ill-health was unable to attend.

Guests included the Worshipful Mayor of Grimsby, Alderman E. W. Marshall, J.P., who proposed the toast of the Regiment, to which Brig. R. H. L. Oulton, Colonel of the Regiment replied, he mentioning the events during the year of particular importance, outlining the traditions which have been passed into the safe keeping of the Regiment. The importance of which had been particularly stressed by the C.O. of the 1st Battalion in his speech at Osnabruck on the 1st June when new Colours were presented to the Regiment by Her Royal Highness, The Duchess of Gloucester, on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen. Extracts from Lt.-Col. R. P. S. Erskine-Tulloch's speech were read by the Brigadier, who added if these traditions were to be maintained, "we need the best men recruited into the Regiment". The toast to the Regiment was honoured with the playing of the Regimental March, played by the 1st Battalion Regimental Band from a tape recording sent from Germany.

The toast to the guests was proposed by Brig. H. W. Clark, in both serious and humorous vein, to which Major P. H. Segon, in like manner was pleased to reply.

Others present included: Major R. Snell, Major S. Dixon, Capt. R. Smith, Capt. E. Piggott-Smith, Capt. D. C. King, Capt. J. Rann, Capt. F. S. Letten, Lt.-Col. R. A. Chatterton, Lt.-Col. D. H. Herbert, Lt.-Col. C. G. Franklin, Lt.-Col. E. A. Phillips, Lt. P. Sharpe, Lt. J. Hopkins, Mr. L. Hart and Mr. R. Emmerson.

A different venue in the County is arranged for each reunion. The Secretary of the 5th Battalion Veterans Association wishes it to be known that in 1963 it will be at Brigg on the 12th October.

6TH BATTALION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND REUNION, 1962

The 17th Annual General Meeting and Reunion of the 6th Battalion (1939-45) The Lincolnshire Regiment Welfare and Benevolent Fund was held on Saturday, 22nd September, 1962, at the Drill Hall, Stamford (by kind permission of the Commanding Officer of the 4/6th Battalion, The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (T.A.).)

Lt.-Col. F. C. L. Bell, D.S.O., M.C., T.D., presided over an attendance of 180 ex-members of the 6th Battalion and was supported by Lt.-Col. J. E. Fletcher, T.D., Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Col. Bell called for a few moments silence for absent friends.

Lt.-Col. M. H. Raymond, O.B.E., T.D., G. R. Hodge, Esq., and Leonard E. Parr, Esq., were

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elected Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and Auditor respectively. *Inter alia* it was resolved that a letter be sent to Col. S. B. Harrison, D.S.O., T.D., D.L., wishing him a speedy recovery to good health.

Col. Fletcher proposed a vote of thanks to Col. Bell for presiding over the meeting.

At the subsequent dinner at the Drill Hall, Col. Bell again presided and in the presence of the Colonel of the 2nd East Anglian Regiment (Duchess of Gloucester's own Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire), Brig. R. H. L. Oulton, C.B.E., he welcomed Alderman A. S. Ireson, J.P., Mayor of Stamford. Other guests were Col. Sir Hugh Cholmeley, D.S.O., D.L., J.P., Hon. Colonel 4th/6th Bn. Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (T.A.), the Town Clerk of Stamford, H. Bedford, Esq., Major P. H. Segon, M.B.E., Hon. Secretary of the parent O.C.A., C. W. M. Sylvester, Esq., Hon. Secretary of the Stamford Branch, O.C.A., and J. E. Wynn, Esq.

The Battalion Padre, the Rev. Canon H. P. Laurence (now Vicar of Bourne) said Grace and the ex-members settled down to do justice to a pleasant meal and to fight their battles all over again!

A very successful gathering largely due to the indefatigable efforts of Councillor John Frisby, our zone representative at Stamford, and his band of willing helpers. To them our best thanks are due for a most happy occasion.

Laying-up of the Colours

The Service of Laying-up of the Colours of the former 1st Battalion (10th Foot) Royal Lincolnshire Regiment

Long before the service was timed to commence, members of the public were in the Cathedral, in fact long before the ushers, and found to be occupying seats earmarked for members of the Regimental Association, such was the interest shown on this solemn and memorable occasion.

The Band of the 4th/6th Battalion Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (T.A.), played a programme of music in the Cathedral whilst the congregation was assembling and for the processions of Civic and other dignitaries when moving to their places in the nave.

Standards of the Regimental Association were received by the Precentor and placed on the East side of the nave sanctuary.

The Chairmen of Urban District Councils, County Councils, the Mayors and Town Clerks of all Boroughs and County Boroughs of Lincolnshire, fully robed, and preceded by their mace bearers moved in procession to their places in the nave and were followed by the Right Worshipful Mayor and full Corporation of the City and County Borough of the City of Lincoln who in procession were preceded by the sword of King Richard II and the city mace.

The nave was filled to capacity with former members of the 10th Foot, and others long associated with the Regiment: the robes of the Civic dignitaries, uniforms of service units, deputy Lieutenants, and medals being worn, added lustre to the occasion.

At 2.57 p.m., the sounding of a fanfare heralded the arrival at the Cathedral of Her Royal Highness, who, after having been greeted by the Dean and the Lord Bishop, was escorted by them, and accompanied by the Lord Lieutenant, the Colonel of the Regiment, C.O. 1st Battalion, the Lady-in-Waiting and the A.D.C. to her seat in the nave. Music for this procession was played at the Cathedral organ by Dr. Gordon Slater, F.R.C.O., the Cathedral organist and master of the choristers.

The service began at 3 p.m. with the singing of the National Anthem, then followed hymns of praise, thanksgiving and prayers.

The Anthem, beautifully sung by the choristers of the Cathedral, was that of Psalm 122—"I was glad when they said unto me, We will go into the house of the Lord". How appropriate it was, and the lesson too, read by the Archdeacon, taken from Isaiah XL 28 to XLI 6, followed by the hymn



LINCOLN CATHEDRAL

Photo by Peter Williams (aged 14) of Lincoln

Right:
Her Royal Highness being conducted from the Judgement Porch to the Saluting Base

Photo: C. V. Middleton, 2 St. Martin's Street, Lincoln

Below:
Her Royal Highness, escorted by the Lord Lieutenant, the Earl of Ancaster, the Colonel of the Regiment, O.C. 1st Battalion, the Lady-in-Waiting and A.D.C. in attendance, moving toward the West Doors

Photo: Lincolnshire Chronicle



**Her Royal Highness
leaving the Judge-
ment Porch for the
Saluting Base**

**Below:
Her Royal Highness
at the Saluting Base,
with Mayors of the
Boroughs, and
Council of the City
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7th, 1962 AT LINCOLN

- 1—Her Royal Highness en route to the Saluting Base after the Service. Mace Bearers of all the Boroughs of Lincolnshire in foreground**
- 2—The Band of 4th/6th Battalion passing the Assembly Rooms en route to the Cathedral**
- 3—Branch Standard Bearers paying their compliment to Her Royal Highness, watched by dense crowds of spectators**
- 4—The Band of the 4th/6th Battalion marching past**

LAYING-UP OF COLOURS—LINCOLN CATHEDRAL



Before removing the Colours to their place of honour in the Soldiers' Chapel, the Cathedral Surveyor shows them at close quarters to interested spectators, among them the Revd. W. T. Armstrong, S.C.F. (T.A.) and his Honour Ralph Shove

Photo: Lincolnshire Chronicle



Mr. J. A. Higgins, Cathedral Surveyor and Clerk of the Works, after the Service, in the act of removing the Regimental Colours from the Nave Altar

Photo: Lincolnshire Echo

"Praise to the Holiest in the height". During the singing of the last verse of this hymn the Dean moved to the altar, the Colonel of the Regiment and C.O. 1st Battalion to the nave altar sanctuary, and when the final notes of the organ ceased, the Regimental fanfare was sounded. How familiar this fanfare is to those of the 10th Foot in the Cathedral, in particular to ex-Bandmaster W. R. Brown, its composer, who was among the congregation.

Two drum beats, and to the music of the slow march "Le Hugenots", the Colour Party moved in slow time for the West end of the Cathedral down the nave, The Colours were at the "Carry" until the first row of the nave was reached, the ensigns, 2/Lt. F. J. T. Young carrying the Queen's Colour and 2/Lt. R. F. Goulson carrying the Regimental Colour, put the Colours to the "Fly" position on passing Her Royal Highness, in salute, and it was in that position they were carried until the entrance to the nave altar sanctuary was reached.

The Dean addressed the assembled congregation after which the ensigns, on bended knee, handed over the Colours to the Commanding Officer, who after addressing the Colonel of the Regiment, handed the Colours to him. The ensigns drew their swords, and on behalf of the Regiment in whose care the Colours had been, the Colour Party paid

their final compliment to the Colours by presenting arms.

Turning to the Dean, the Colonel, holding the Colours, addressed him with these words:

"Reverend Sir, these consecrated Colours, formerly carried in the service of The Queen and Commonwealth Empire, I now deliver into your hands for safe custody within these walls."

The Dean replied:

"On behalf of the Dean and Chapter, I receive these Colours for safe custody within this Cathedral Church," and then placed the Colours upon the altar, and offered appropriate prayers including the Regimental Collect, and the Grace. The congregation sang hymn "Now thank we all our God", which was followed by the Bidding Prayer.

The sermon was preached by Canon A. M. Cook, former sub-Dean of the Cathedral, who had served with the 2nd Volunteer Battalion of the Lincolnshire Regiment and took as his text, part of the first verse of the 51st chapter of Isaiah, "Look upon the rock whence ye are hewn". He spoke of the history of the 10th Foot and then the County Regiment, and recalled that two men of the 10th Foot were buried beneath a statue at Concord, U.S.A., where the first shots in the American Revolutionary War was fired.



5th Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment T.A. Veterans Reunion, Grimsby, 20th October, 1962

Photograph taken in the Mayor's Parlour

Left to right: Major P. H. Segon, Captain C. G. Miller, Lt.-Colonel C. G. Franklin, The Mayor, Alderman E. W. Marshall, Lt.-Colonel E. A. Phillips, Brigadier R. H. L. Oulton and Brigadier H. W. Clarke

Photo: Grimsby Evening Telegraph

"The Colours that have been laid up today are a wonderful symbol of service and sacrifice, service in a thousand fashions, sacrifice upon a hundred fields", he said. "You know well enough how sad and savage and beastly war can be, but it is also true that there were days during your period of service in it when you were better men, more kindly, more patient, more self-sacrificing, more ready to give (rather than get), more as God intended you to be than at any other time in your life. In fact we learnt a sense of values that need never be forgotten, and remembrance of them today is not always going to be easy. This new affluence which surrounds us has its pleasant side. Thank God there is less of the grinding poverty and destitution which so besmirched our land 50 years ago. But there is an appalling lack of heroism in the cushions and comfort and smug security which now seem to gleam as the goal of human existence.

"There is no right sense of values in keeping up with the Joneses. Don't forget that it is often true that what a man does depends on what he does without", said Canon Cook. Thoughts now turned to a new Regiment," he said. "It was well to remember that 200 years ago when the 10th Foot first had real associations with Lincolnshire it was with the northern half of the county. The southern half came in later. Today, with the formation of a new Regiment its basis is still wider afield with a larger fellowship and expanding traditions and responsibility.

CONCLUSION OF THE SERVICE

At the conclusion of the service, Her Royal Highness, conducted by the Dean, visited the Soldiers' Chapel of St. George, the Angel Choir and the Longland Chapel. It is in the Longland Chapel that there is housed one of the original copies of Magna Carta which Her Royal Highness was shown during her visit.

THE MARCH PAST

Civic dignitaries and Service representatives were in position at the saluting base when Her Royal Highness, accompanied by the Earl of Ancaster and the Colonel of the Regiment, stepped on to the dais, and was greeted by the Right Worshipful Mayor of Lincoln (Councillor Mrs. H. M. Kerry, J.P.).

Headed by their Regimental Band, and to the music of the Regimental March, detachments of the 4th/6th Battalion Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (T.A.), and members of the Lincolnshire Wing of the Regimental Association with their Branch Standards, were proud and honoured to have had the pleasure for the first time of marching past Her Royal Highness, who took the salute. Capt. W. H. Lewin, Secretary of the Lincoln Branch, was in command of the Lincolnshire Wing.

THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY ROOMS

After the March Past the Colonel and Officers entertained The Duchess of Gloucester, and 220

Regimental guests to tea in the County Assembly Rooms. Guests, upon their arrival, were received by the Colonel of the Regiment and C.O. 1st Battalion.

COMPLIMENTARY

We tender sincere thanks to the O.C. 4th/6th Battalion and the Band for having given much pleasure to Lt.-Col. A. H. Wenham, a patient in the Bromhead Nursing Home, who through illness was unable to attend the service. As the Battalion after the March Past would be passing close to the nursing home, it was arranged by the matron for the Colonel to be taken from his bed, wrapped up in blankets, and in a wheelchair be placed near to the spot, not far from the nursing home which the troops would have to pass *en route* to barracks. Not only did the Colonel see the battalion, but had the honour of hearing the Regimental March being played specially for him, and to receive salutes from the Bandmaster and Drum Major.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The following telegram was received from the Colonel and All Ranks of the Worcestershire Regiment and much appreciated:

Best wishes to our Cousins on the occasion of the laying of Colours in Lincoln Cathedral on 7th October.

Grateful acknowledgement is expressed to all those who at Lincoln helped to make 7th October, 1962, a memorable day, and to those whose photographs are published in this issue of the Journal, *Lincolnshire Echo*, *Lincolnshire Chronicle* and C. V. Middleton.

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PHOTOGRAPHS

To commemorate the 7th October, it is proposed to place in the Museum of the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment, an album containing photographs taken on the occasion when the 1st Battalion Colours of the 10th Foot were laid up in the Cathedral. Photographs taken by any of our readers suitable for inclusion would be very acceptable and should be sent to Major Segon at Sobraon Barracks, Lincoln.

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Mrs. J. French—per Captain W. H. Lewin, a Sam Browne Belt and a list showing members of the 2nd Battalion entitled to the award of the "Mons" Star. Mrs. G. Geiger—medals of her husband, the late Lt. W. H. Geiger.

Major-General J. A. A. Griffin—items of ceremonial uniform, scarlet tunic and blue patrol jacket.

Soldier of 4th/6th Battalion—Pre 1914 postcards relating to the Depot, published by J. Baldry of Lincoln.

Mrs. Norris-Elye—an early Victorian Dress Sword—formerly belonging to her father, Lt.-Col. M. M. Battye.

Mrs. S. Cave-Orme—a framed coloured illustration depicting Col. Franks of the 10th Foot, at the Battle of Goojerat.

Public Library, Stamford. Hour to hour diaries of Cpl. Clark late 4th Lincolns.

Ex-Band Boy P. H. Tomlinson (now in Natal), aged 80 years—a photograph of Mounted Infantrymen at Flanders Fontein drawing their rum ration; and of 2nd Battalion Band, 1889.

Northamptonshire Wing

NORTHAMPTON BRANCH

The club is now running its winter programme. The airgun team have again entered the Northampton W.M.C. Airgun League. The guns have been repaired and zeroed by our Chairman, Mr. J. Roberts, and the team have been practising hard, as competition in this league is keen. This year the team hopes to be in the top half of the table.

The wines and spirits club has again opened its books with Mr. McGurk supervising. This club was run most successfully last year and any member of the Branch wishing to join should contact "Mac" who is available any weekend at the club.

The Christmas draw list is displayed. Mr. Tony Hathaway is the organiser. Tickets are 1s. each and the prizes cover a great selection of Christmas fare. This venture is not restricted to club members, any Old Comrade who pays us a visit can try his luck.

The billiards table is being used, Mac McGurk and Percy Todd being great exponents of the game indulging in one hundred up with comments!

A welcome visitor has been Mr. Arthur Chapman (No. 8599). He visited the club on Friday, 31st August with his son Arthur. He joined the Regiment in 1907 and served with the 58th.

Two coach loads of members, wives and children were on the road to Yarmouth on Sunday, 19th August, in good weather. On arrival most made for the seashore whilst others made their way to the fun fare. Whilst there Mr. Roberts met another old member of the Regiment, Mr. A. G. Clitheroe now living at "Jalna", Warley Road, Upminster, Essex.

The club is progressing comfortably. Tombola continues on Saturday evenings, callers Joe Woodhouse and Tony Hathaway with able assistance from Paddy Jackman, Cyril Plain and Mac McNicol. The tote, although small, continues to attract the regulars. We need plenty of support in this venture.

The Committee and Secretary, Joe Matthews, generously give their spare time in making the club a success. The doors are always open to new members and visitors. For old faces who pass our way there is always a warm welcome.

PETERBOROUGH BRANCH

It is our intention to hold our next meeting at Whittlesey on 14th November, the object being to recruit new members where possible and avoid one journey for the stalwarts from that area who attend our meetings. A tombola session is being held at the T.A. Centre, London Road, on 8th December. A jumble sale will be held in early 1963. Both events are to raise funds for the Branch. Will all members in the Peterborough area please inform me if they have any items for disposal and collection?

We extend to the Commanding Officer and the Band of the 4th/5th Bn., our congratulations on their winning the 148 Brigade Band and Drums competition. Well done.

May I take this opportunity on behalf of the Branch to extend to all Branches and members, "A Very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year."

We welcome as a life and Branch members, Mr. W. F. Cannon, J.P.

H. G. TOMKINS,
Hon. Secretary.

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Territorial Army



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

The period following annual camp is always fairly quiet which allows everyone to have a well earned holiday. As a result there does not seem to be much subject matter for the notes for this quarter.

There were five main events.

Firstly in mid-September, the battalion took part in exercise "Kandy II", the T.A. mobilization exercise. There was quite a good turn-out, and although of necessity, many aspects of mobilization could not be practised, many valuable lessons were learnt.

On 30th September the Brigade Band competition was held at Peterborough. The Band and Drums had spent a lot of their spare time practising for this event, and reached a very high standard. Unfortunately the day turned out wet and the competition had to be held in the grandstand of the Peterborough show ground, where we were not able to show ourselves off to full advantage. We were placed third out of the four bands competing, but only a very small number of points separated us from the winners.

On the 7th October we had the privilege of taking part in the Laying Up of the Colours of the former 1st Battalion. The Band and Drums and a representative detachment formed into two companies marched down to the Cathedral where the band played the various processions into their seats. The service was impressive and moving. Afterwards we marched past our Colonel-in-Chief.

On the 14th October the Divisional rifle meeting was held at Beckingham. The team was very ably captained by Lt. G. H. Dawson and had spent the previous six week-ends practising at Horncastle. A most complicated system of graphs was maintained showing each member's performance in each practice. On the day almost everyone put up higher scores than they had during training.

The "A" team, composed of the following, were fourth out of the 34 teams competing: Lt. G. H. Dawson, "B" Coy.; Capt. P. M. Merrikih, "A" Coy.; Lt. D. O. Batten, "A" Coy.; W.O.2 C. Ventress, "D" Coy.; Sgt. F. D. Couldstone "C" Coy.; Sgt. M. Graves, "B" Coy.; Cpl. C. V. Bailey, "B" Coy.; Cpl. A. R. P. Bailey, "B" Coy.

Our young soldiers' team was placed third in the Young Soldiers' championship. It was composed of: Pte. P. C. Howes, "D" Coy.; Pte. M. K. Towriss, "D" Coy.; Pte. E. M. Wrenn, H.Q. Coy.;

Pte. H. J. Davey, "D" Coy.; J/Pte. G. Scaife, "D" Coy.; J/Pte. D. Bell, "D" Coy.; Pte. J. M. Kenny, "B" Coy.; Pte. L. R. McGarry, "C" Coy.

Finally, just prior to going to press we had our battalion autumn exercise, "Thetford Chase". We went further afield this year and held it on the Stanford P.T.A. in Norfolk. It was a two-sided exercise. The enemy were ably led by Major G. S. Gammage, and were composed of a weak company of 4/5 Royal Leicesters plus a platoon of 16th Independent Parachute Company. The weather was extremely kind, although the nights were rather cold. Unfortunately the numbers who could come out on the Friday evening were small, which confined the first day's activities to a patrol exercise. In fact this proved quite useful. Everyone in the rifle companies carried out one night and one day patrol, and every N.C.O. and also some privates led patrols. Even "B" echelon for once were fully exercised. The truck carrying the cooks broke down and never appeared, so the Q.M. found himself in the role of chief cook at this stage, supported by his drivers and storemen.

The main body arrived in the late afternoon, just in time to take part in an attack at last light on the village of Stanford. During the night there was further patrolling, followed by a night attack at 5.30 a.m. Sunday morning found the Anglians and Fantasians attacking furiously, and we were driven out of our positions and forced to fight a delaying action until the exercise finished at midday. It seems to have been much enjoyed by all those who took part, and provided valuable practice in aspects of warfare which were new to most of us.

Finally we say a sad farewell to Col. Sanders, who left us on 1st October after serving for 26 years in the Territorial Army. We congratulate him on his promotion and wish him every success in his new appointment of County Cadet Commandant. To his successor, Lt.-Col. A. J. Bennett, M.B.E., we offer our heartiest congratulations on assuming command and assure him of our fullest support in the years ahead.

OFFICERS' MESS NOTES

We held a Mess gathering on the Saturday evening following our return from Scarborough which was well attended. We did not meet again as a Mess until mid-September when we were host to the 5th Bn. The Duke of Wellington's Regiment for

exercise "Kandy II" and we had over 40 officers in the Mess who soon consumed a considerable gallonage of "Red Barrel".

On Friday, 28th September, we held a dinner at The White Hart Hotel when we dined out our Col. Sanders. In addition we had as our guests Brig. Oulton, Col. Sir Hugh Cholmeley, Henry Marshall, and Jim Turnbull together with 24 officers. Major Bennett, in his speech, thanked Col. Sanders for all he had done for the battalion and presented him with a cigarette box. Col. Sanders replied, and presented to the Mess a photograph album. We then adjourned to the Mess until the small hours.

The following evening, after the Band and Drums had performed the ceremony of "Beating Retreat" in Lincoln, we held a Mess gathering and were pleased to welcome The Mayor of Lincoln, Councillor Mrs. H. M. Kerry, J.P., and the City Sheriff, Mr. Duncan McNab, J.P.

Prior to the Laying Up of the former 1st Battalion Colours in the Cathedral, we held a further gathering, however, an unofficial party developed after the service and several former officers of the Regiment revisited the Mess including John Richards, Richard Godber, Mike Wilkinson and John Swallow.

"A" COMPANY

As you start to read these notes, look at your watch and see how long it takes to get to the end of this article. It seems extraordinary that it will probably take you, the reader, about a couple of minutes, it will probably take you, Mr. Editor, thanks to the author's handwriting, about a couple of hours, and it has just taken me, the author, at least a couple of false starts to get this far.

Already the training programme has begun to slow down for the winter and the social calendar has started to fill up. The two major events in the training programme have been the mobilization exercise which was carried out without any undue hitch, and a highly successful battalion training weekend at the site of next year's camp, Stanford battle area. With a great amount of blank ammunition and other fireworks than we have had for some time the exercise attained a high degree of realism and interest. Sandwiched in between the two purely military weekends came the Laying Up of the 1st Battalion Colours in Lincoln Cathedral, a moving and colourful piece of pagentry followed by a march past of the 4th/6th Battalion.

On the social side we have already held a highly successful dance, and another is planned for November. Saturday, 1st December, has been set aside for the children's Christmas party to be held at Bourne, and the annual Christmas dinner at Stamford. This will be followed by a .22 shoot at Spalding on the Sunday morning. This spreading of the social load has been made possible by the amalgamation of the three T.A. Clubs within the Company, a move which has also helped to strengthen the finances considerably. Rumours of

a take over bid for the companies within the battalion are quite unfounded.

Finally, hail and farewell. We all extend our warmest good wishes to Lt.-Col. Bennett on assuming command, and say a sad farewell to Col. Sanders, our last link with the T.A. of before the war. We are pleased to welcome a number of new recruits, and already see them playing an active part in the life of the company. At the same time Pte. Walters leaves us to join the Regular Army and we wish him every success in the future.

H.Q. COMPANY

We welcome to the company Ptes. Melton, Slater and Rowlands and bid farewell to Pte. Bates who has joined the Royal Signals, and L/Cpls. Carr and Clowes. We congratulate on promotion to lance/corporal, Ptes. Thorpe, Goodband, Newsum, Wrenn and Creasey.

The company took part in exercise "Kandy II" which was also the Brigade Support Weapons' weekend. Although we were not successful in the overall placing, our shooting proved to be the best. The recce platoon continue their conversion from M.M.G., and with now procured additional wireless sets, are becoming quite proficient operators.

At the Divisional Weapons meeting L/Cpl. Wrenn was placed fourth in the individual championship for the Young Soldiers' match, the Bn. team came third in the final placing.

Cpl. Sendall and L/Cpl. Williamson attended a N.C.O.'s Arms Field Engineer course at Gillingham and qualified as assault pioneer platoon instructors. We congratulate Cpl. Sendall and L/Cpl. Bunn on their recent marriages.

The M.T. platoon have unfortunately lost temporarily the services of Sgt. Ancliffe as he has entered hospital for an operation on his back. We understand he is now recovering from this although he will be away for a further few weeks.

We tendered two teams in the North Midland District motor cycle trials in September. The teams comprised of Cpl. Coulbeck, L/Cpl. Bleck, Ptes. Stewart, Barr, Blanchard and McCall. We did not get a complete team to finish due to retirements. However we learned a few lessons for next year.

We have just completed an exercise in Norfolk which was enjoyed by all although a case of sabotage is suspected on the Q.M.'s Land Rover, which has recently gone through a difficult period of encountering immovable objects. The Band and Drums have spent much time practising for the Brigade Band competition in which we were finally placed third. The weather was not very kind to us, although we were able to give a brigade massed band concert in the afternoon. Each bandmaster in the brigade conducted the bands in turn and Bdsr. Dixon played a Post Horn solo—the combined effect of the bands was most impressive.

The Band and Drums beat retreat on the forecourt of Lincoln Central Station on Saturday, 29th September, before a large and appreciative audience. The Mayor of Lincoln took the salute at the conclusion and we were also honoured by

the presence of the City Sherriff, Brig. R. H. L. Oulton, C.B.E., and former officers and their guests.

The Band and Drums took part in the Laying Up of the Colours of the former 1st Bn. Tenth Foot. The band played in the Cathedral prior to the service and also for the actual Laying Up ceremony. Afterwards the Band and Drums led the parade on the march past, the salute being taken by H.R.H. The Duchess of Gloucester.

We now turn our attention to the battalion administrative inspection, annual range courses and later our Christmas activities.

Army Beagles Association

The Army Beagles Association was formed on 4th May, 1961. Beagling is now a recognised Army sport and details appear in "Games and Sports in the Army". All military packs are members and the object of the Association is to promote and encourage the sport in the Army. There are no financial arrangements as the Association plans to work on a mutual self help system.

The aims are as follows:—

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- (b) To effect a close connection between Army packs already in existence.
- (c) To help and advise in cases where difficulties may arise.

- (d) To encourage the breeding of a sound type of hunting beagle by Army packs.
- (e) To ensure that close liaison is maintained with the Association of Masters of Harriers and Beagles which is the recognised authority on hare hunting in the country.
- (f) To maintain a roll of Officers and Other Ranks capable of hunting hounds or having hunting experience.

Already the R.E. Beagles at Chatham have reformed and are going well, and assistance has been given to other packs in a number of instances. It is to be hoped that the many advantages of being a recognised sport and the backing of a flourishing Association will encourage keen sports men to form more military packs. Should anyone wish for further information their queries should be addressed to:—

Major A. F. Mackain-Bremner, M.H.,
H.Q. School of Infantry,
Warminster, Wilts. (Tel.: Warminster 3101,
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An annual meeting is held at the Aldershot Hound Show in May. There is a special military class of two couples of hounds from Army hunts, which is always well supported and keen interest taken. All members of the Association look forward to seeing any Army beaglers who will be able to come in May 1963.

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Territorial Army



4th/5th Battalion

The Northamptonshire Regt. (T.A.)

The Battalion rifle meeting at Grafham Range on 1st-2nd September was a great success as the Sunday was a glorious summer day. All spectators thoroughly enjoyed the demonstration of "Fire Power". Regrettably the "locals" when watching it on Anglia Television, thought it was too realistic and could not understand why they had not been blown up by the mortar bombs (sand filled) and an extraordinary secret weapon called the "Kelly-shutzenthunderflashenupalofton" which struck fear in all the watchers hearts.

Exercise "Kandy", a War Office exercise, was held at Beckingham Camp on 15th-16th September. We were responsible for the administration of the entire camp which contained several 148 Bde. Units as well as Bde. H.Q. Brig. Blackman was very pleased with all our arrangements. On the evening of the first day General Jones, the G.O.C.-in-C. Northern Command visited our "Pipeline" which by that time was literally awash. Next day the rain cleared for some short intervals which enabled the Bde. skill at Arms competitions to take place.

This year it fell to our lot to organise the Bde. band competition on 30th September. It was to have been held on the Embankment at Peterborough, but owing to certain crossed wires on the civil side it was not discovered until late that a league football match and the band competition taking place on the same ground, was not quite ON! Nevertheless it all worked out for the best as we were kindly allowed to use the Peterborough Agricultural Showground and the grandstand. This turned out to be a complete godsend, as on the actual day the skies opened and the rain came from left to right! The marching part of the competition had to be done statically in the grandstand. We won the competition, of course.

The weekend 6th-7th October, was devoted to Officers' and senior N.C.O.'s training. The Officers had an informal dinner at the "Bull" on the Saturday evening and the unfortunate Training Major—whose birthday it had been that evening—had the unenviable task of trying to inspire some glimmer of interests into "Battle Procedure" on the morning after.

We all extend to Mr. Wilbourne (O.R.Q.M.S.), our sincere wishes for his speedy return to full health and to the fold. He has been sorely missed in the last few months.

"A" COMPANY

In preparation for the inter-Company Championship at the rifle meeting, we spent several useful weekends on Brington rifle range which proved of great benefit to us.

Ptes. Parker, Robinson and Townson did very well in the Recruits' Cup competition.

We have recently been concentrating on night operations mainly in the Tiffield area. The night and the fog proved too much for the direction finding capabilities of one patrol. That is their story and they appear to be trying to stick to it!

As was reported in the last issue C/Sgt. Cheney and now Sgt. Butcher have left us; a social evening was held in the club room at Clare Street when a small presentation was made to each of them in token of our thanks for all the good work they had put in with the Company.

"B" COMPANY

The main event to record since camp has been the change over of P.S.I.'s. After more than three years with us Sgt. E. V. Everitt has moved on to the 2nd East Anglian Regt. at Osnabruck. We thank him most sincerely for all the work he has put in with this Company, and wish him and his family success and happiness for the future.

We welcome in his place Sgt. V. Winkle, and hope that he and his family have a happy and profitable time whilst here in Corby.

Training has gone ahead steadily by cadres. Unfortunately the 3-inch mortar team could not repeat their success of last year in the Bde. competitions. They came a very close second. As they had to overcome a penalty for shortage of men, this was no mean achievement. More new blood is now undergoing 3-inch mortar and M.M.G. training.

Ptes. Hackley and Roberts have joined the 2nd East Anglian Regiment—we wish them well.

On the social side, the biggest event has been the farewell social held for Sgt. Everitt, when over 250 people (over two-thirds of whom were T.A. members and their families) attended. A club "Free and Easy" has been started every Saturday evening, and this seems to be building up in popularity.



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"C" COMPANY

By the time this issue goes to press we shall have said "farewell to C.S.M. Tappin, our P.S.I. at Wellingborough since the amalgamation 18 months ago. It is felt that we have made a lot of progress since we became "Infanteers"—both from the recruiting side and also a reasonable high standard of training has been attained—this is largely due to the untiring efforts of C.S.M. Tappin for which we are most grateful—and to him we offer our sincere thanks.

Several members of the Company sacrificed their holiday and under Cpl. Coombs assisted the local A.C.F. at their annual camp in the first week in August.

An interesting recruiting stand was set up and run by the Company at the County Show in Overstone Park Northampton on 8th September and considerable interest was shown. Results are not always immediate at these functions but it to be hoped that recruiting will benefit.

"D" COMPANY

The highlight of last quarter was the winning by this Company of the inter-Company Championship at the battalion rifle meeting. The team comprised of Capt. Bryant, C.S.M. Kelly, Sgt. Capstaff, Sgt. Kilty, Sgt. Hill and Pte. Twidgen. Individual results: Cpl. Stillwell second in the Cpls. match. Pte. Twidgen, second in the private soldiers' match. Pte. Reedman, third in the young soldiers' match and Sgt. Hill, third in the sergeants match. The

M.M.G. and mortar platoons were actively engaged in a fire power demonstration. Sgt. Hill, our P.S.I., with a collection of fellow P.S.I.s and senior ranks, represented an infantry section armed with the S.L.R. In addition C.S.M. Kelly and Sgt. Capstaff provided suitable pyrotechnics in true assault pioneer fashion.

During the quarter we have been pleased to welcome 2/Lt. Bailey to the Company and he has taken over the responsibility of the M.M.G. platoon. We all offer him our heartiest congratulations on his marriage which took place on the 20th October, 1962, and hope that his wife will release him when required for T.A. duty.

The building operations at the Drill Hall are proceeding rapidly. The roof is already on the main Drill Hall, so that it seems we may be in full occupation by early next year.

THE BAND

After our annual holidays we were all practising hard for the Brigade Band and Drums competition being held this year at the Peterborough Agricultural Showground. On the actual day the marches had to be played static under the grandstand. We had 58 on parade; 36 band and 22 drums, and our playing of the marches was heard all over Peterborough as we were playing under cover.

The Corps of Drums were next to show their paces; their flute playing was of a very high stand-

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East Anglian Brigade Depot

RECRUITING

The recruiting figures continue to be good and the total who have joined to the end of September this year is 451; it is hoped that two events which are taking place this month, The Vikings home coming and the Poachers "KAPE" tour in Lincolnshire will put the final seal on our numbers. Indeed there is already talk, of how soon the Brigade will reach the War Office ceiling. It seems that we are likely to be the first "County" Brigade to do so. Capt. Gill, 3 E.A., has taken over from Major J. G. Starling, M.C. I/E.A., who is joining the Parachute Regiment.

THE BRIGADE WEEKEND

The Brigade weekend this year was different from the cricket match and garden party of preceding years. Its object, in addition to entertaining a wide circle of civic and military guests from nine counties, was to foster the Brigade spirit amongst serving and retired officers of our three Regiments. It was necessarily something of a trial and was intended to set a pattern for future years.

The weekend opened on Friday, 20th July, with a two-day golf match. In the evening the officers' dinner and ball was held. This was open to all serving and retired officers of all the Regiments of the Brigade, and was held in the Athenaeum at Bury St. Edmunds. It proved to be a most suitable venue, and the magnificence of the architecture and the decorations of the rooms paved the way for an enjoyable evening where many old acquaintances were renewed. A formal dinner was served before dancing began, and although this set a limit on the capacity of the ballroom to some 90 couples, it did not in the event, matter as only 60 couples attended. The guests assembled in one of the anterooms for sherry, and upon a fanfare by the trumpeters of the 1st East Anglian Band, were led into dinner by the Brigade Colonel. Dancing began after the loyal toast, and went on to the early hours of the morning without pause to the accompaniment of the dance band of the Pompadours.

On the financial side the ball was intended to be self supporting, and the cost of tickets (£4 4s. 0d. double) would have achieved this if the ball had been a little better attended. In the future it may be wise to increase the cost of tickets. However all present seemed to think they would come another year and it may prove that more will wish to come than can be accommodated. There is no more suitable building in Bury St. Edmunds where a ball such as this could be held, and unless dinner is replaced by a buffet, it will be necessary to devise a way of restricting attendance to 90 couples.

On Saturday, 21st, the massed bands of the 1st and 3rd East Anglian Regiments, and the Corps

of Drums of the 3rd East Anglian Regiment and of the Junior Soldiers' Wing under the direction of B/M. Holben (1st East Anglian) Beat Retreat to a large invited audience (300 Officers' 400 Sergeants' guests) on the Brigade Depot square. This was followed by a cocktail party given by the Officers' and Sergeants' Messes in marquees in the orchard.

Large black rainclouds which had darkened the sky before the ceremony started, fortunately moved away, and the large audience were treated to a stirring and memorable display. The massed bands marched on from the opposite ends of the square to "Gladiators Farewell" and after the Junior Soldiers Wing had played two quick marches and a slow march, there was an excellent rendering of "Waltzing Matilda" by the massed bands in both quick and slow time. "King Cotton" (Sousa) followed, and a fine performance ended with set pieces of "Three Jolly Sailormen", and "Jerusalem". Finally the parade marched off to the "East Anglian Brigade March" (arr. Smythe). The highlight of the parade was the Last Post, most effectively sounded from a point in the middle distance high above the parade ground by Cpl. Parsons (2nd East Anglian).

In the marquees where drinks were served after the ceremony many old friendships were renewed and the work and the preparation that had gone into the whole weekend involving everyone of all ranks at the Depot was amply and justly awarded.

PASSING OUT PARADES

Eight of these parades have taken place. Among those taking the salute were the Mayors of Bury St. Edmunds, Sudbury, Colchester, and Chelmsford and Brig. Dennis Beckett, D.S.O., O.B.E., Commander of the 19th Inf. Bde. and late Essex Regiment, who presented Drum Major Moyes, 1st East Anglian, with the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

VISIT OF SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WAR

On the 24th April, Mr. Profumo landed on the sports ground in a helicopter to pay us a visit. He impressed everyone by the interest he took in all he saw and with his easy manner. The press were well to the fore and subsequently headlined the fact that the Depot now wanted a five day week.

CRICKET

The Depot had several talented cricketers at their disposal throughout the season, and 1st East Anglian will soon be benefiting from the batting of Ptes. Simpson, Steward, Fullerton and Ifill, whilst Lt. Lewis, 3 E.A. and Sgt. Smith 2 E.A. scored consistently. In attack Pte. Mason 2 E.A. fast medium, was outstanding, well supported by Lt. King 3 E.A. and Mr. Clarke; the fielding was enthusiastic but

erratic. Behind the stumps Lt. Cross 3 E.A. kept extremely efficiently, ending the season with 33 catches and a broken finger.

ATHLETICS

This has been a most successful year for the Depot. Having won the District and Eastern Command Championships, the team took part in the Army Championships held at Aldershot. The standard was high, but the Depot team were second, five points behind 16 Para. Brigade Workshops, a most creditable performance.

The following represented the Depot and are to be congratulated for their hard work in training and their efforts on the day:

Lt. Cross, 3 E.A., Sgt. Horne, 1 E.A., Cpl. Thompson, 1 E.A., L/Cpl. Balls, 3 E.A., L/Cpl. Dickson, 2 E.A., L/Cpl. Milne, 3 E.A., L/Cpl. Pullen, 2 E.A., L/Cpl. Tankred, 1 E.A., Ptes. Mason, 2 E.A., Murphy, 2 E.A., Simpson, 1 E.A., Fullerton, 2 E.A., Cremer 1 E.A., Dawson 1 E.A.

We must thank C.S.M.I. Talkington, A.P.T.C., for all his work in training the team and his knowledge and experience was invaluable to us all.

SHOOTING

The Depot has achieved distinction in .22 shooting this year. We won the A.R.A. Depot match and Training Company won the A.R.A. Company match. Credit for their win must go to Q.M.S. Knox, S.A.S.C. for his coaching and training.

We also won the 54th East Anglian Division/

District competition beating the H.A.C. in the final shoulder to shoulder match.

As a team in the 54th East Anglian Division/District rifle meeting we did not do so well but Q.M.S.I. Knox and Capt. Trollope, 1 E.A., were fourth and fifth in the individual match; the S.M.G. Young Soldiers was won by Pte. Walsham, 1 E.A.; in the L.M.G. pairs match Capt. Trollope, 1 E.A., and Cpl. Groves, 2 E.A., were second.

Only two individuals went to Bisley this year, Capt. Trollope, 1 E.A. and Q.M.S.I. Knox, the latter attaining highest score with the S.L.R. in the Methuen Cup.

It is hoped to send a team next year with the change in the A.R.A. rules.

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ard. This was followed by a bugle march and drum beating.

The Band meanwhile formed up in the bandstand for their test piece. For this the bandmaster's choice was the overture "Spanish Comedy" which is not an easy number, but full. They played with style and feeling.

The other bands in the Brigade followed the same pattern of the competition. The results were announced at the conclusion of the massed bands concert in the afternoon. We had won. With proud feelings we then beat "Retreat" in true winning style being watched by a large and critical audience.

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Front row: Sgt. Tunbridge, R.E.M.E., Q.S.M.I. Knox, S.A.S.C., Major P.L. Philcox, 3 E.A., Lt.-Col. Palmer, 3 E.A., Capt. Trollope, 1 E.A., Lt. Bates, 3 E.A., Sgt. Boxall, 1 E.A.

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DEPOT CRICKET TEAM, 1962

Standing, left to right: Cpl. Thompson, 1 E.A., Pte. P. W. King, 3 E.A., Pte. Murphy, 2 E.A., Pte. Fullerton, Pte. Arnold, 1 E.A., Pte. Summerhill, 3 E.A.

Seated, left to right: Lt. R. S. Cross, 3 E.A., Sgt. Smith, 1 E.A., Lt. M. J. Lewis (Capt.), 3 E.A., Mr. Clarke, Pte. Mason, 2 E.A.

Photo: H. A. Kiddy, Bury St. Edmunds

Army Cadet Force

Lincolnshire

FAREWELL TO COL. T. A. H. COLTMAN, D.L.

It is with regret that we say goodbye to Col. T. A. H. Coltman, D.L., who has been the County Cadet Commandant for the last seven years.

During his tenure of appointment he made many friends in the Cadet Force and did a great deal of work in raising the standard of the Lincolnshire Army Cadet Force.

Each of the four Cadet Bns. held a farewell parade for the Colonel and on each occasion the Colonel, in his speech, thanked everyone for the co-operation given to him and expressed his hopes that they would give his successor the same support.

The officers presented a silver ink stand suitably inscribed to Colonel Coltman.

Col. Coltman through his keenness, strength of purpose, vitality and the way in which he outstripped everyone when moving about the training areas, earned for himself the name of "The Mountain Goat". To remind the Colonel in his retirement of his prowess Major Clayton presented him with a silver "Goat" mounted on a tie-pin.

We all hope that he will often think back and remember that the Lincolnshire Army Cadet Force will always remember him.

NEW COUNTY CADET COMMANDANT

The Army Cadet Force of Lincolnshire are happy to state that their new Commandant, Col. G. M. Sanders, T.D., has been connected with the County Regiment for many years and has just relinquished Command of the 4/6 R. Lincolns (T.A.), which he has commanded for the last three years. Col. Sanders is well known throughout the County of Lincolnshire and we welcome him as our new County Cadet Commandant. We sincerely hope that his tenure as County Cadet Commandant will be a happy one.

SHOOTING—BISLEY

On the 29th September, 1962, Major Clayton took the Bisley eight cadets, i.e., two teams of four, to shoot in the Cadet Force Competition held there every year. Although winning none of the major prizes, it is of interest to note that all shot well, but for five of them the occasion was too big for their first visit. Cpl. Wright was 26th and R.S.M. Keay was 55th in the "Cadet 100". Sixty-six points won the "Patriots Shield". Cpl. Wright, Lincoln A.C.F., finished 4th with 61. In the "Frankfort" Challenge Shield Lincolnshire were 42 out of 111 teams.

We hope for better results next year as five of our

team will still be with us. The teams were: "A" team: B.S.M. Bell, Sgts. Addison, White and Flintoft. "B" team: B.S.M. Keay, Sgt. Maddison, Cpls. Kirkham and Wright.

49th INF. DIV. (T.A.) SHOOT, 14th OCT., 1962.

Match "E" for Officers, S.M.I.s/S.I.s. In this competition (teams of 8) we were most unfortunate in losing to Leicester who won by one point. However, S.M.I. Canty was the individual winner and Major K. Sindall, Lincolnshire, A.C.F., was third in Stage I. Lt. Sykes, with a total score of 91, was the winner of the shoot.

Leicester have certainly got to look to their laurels in the coming year.

Team:—Major K. Sindall, Major Addison, Capt. C. R. Wish, Lt. A. L. Haynes, Lt. B. G. Sykes, 2/Lt. J. W. Bell, S.M.I. J. H. Canty and S.I. R. J. Reece.

A.C.F. NORTHERN COMMAND SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1962

The above Championships were again held at Pontefract Baths on the 22nd September, 1962. In the seniors, Lincolnshire A.C.F. were fourth and the juniors were also fourth.



Preparation for a Night Patrol

Photo: Grimsby Evening Telegraph

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CADETS

Awaiting
"Grub Up"

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Cadet Stamford, of Scunthorpe Detachment, won the junior diving and Cadet Johnson came second in the seniors in the breaststroke.

Teams competing were, West Riding, Durham, North Riding, Lincolnshire, Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire.

TRAINING

While most teenagers were settling down to watch "Juke Box Jury" on Saturday, 6th October, the cadets of Louth and Waltham Detachments were involved in a battle round 'Cordeaux' Corner. The Waltham cadets set out on a march to invade Louth and the Louth cadets were ready to defend their town.

The British Legion took keen interest in the show and had the cadets back at the Legion Hall at Louth for meals, and what appetities these boys have! They were served by Waltham's two mascots—two school girls who look after the welfare side of the cadets, not only on the odd exercise, but every night when there is a parade at Waltham. The help that these girls give is invaluable. They travel to displays and look after the recruiting stall and many other jobs. It was Mr. Stamford's idea who thought it would be a "Morale Booster" for the Detachment and there is no doubt that this has proved correct. One of the girls is Mr. Stamford's daughter, Barbara, and the other helper is Pat Sherriff and friend of Barbara's. Mr. Stamford states that although the girls have to take some teasing from the boys, their effect on them is very good.

The cadets after having a good feed, bedded down for the night at the Drill Hall, Louth. The next morning they marched to Hallington Range where they fired 20 rounds there.

Lt. Lee stated that the whole exercise had been a great success and intends putting on another show when the cadets will have to do their own cooking as the whole aim of the course will be to make the youngsters self reliant.

Northamptonshire

NO 1 CADET BATTALION

Since the last issue we have passed another milestone; in other words, we have attended another annual camp. This year it was at Proteus Camp, Ollerton, and as is the custom, in A.C.F. circles, 1962 becomes "Third Ollerton". As many readers will know Proteus is a permanent camp and consequently has all the amenities to form the basis for a happy and successful camp. All ranks have voted this to be the best camp ever. The weather was kind, the training areas magnificent, the training was varied and interesting and administration almost perfect.

We did find, however, that our maps did not always match the ground. It is whispered that a recce party got lost on the first day and for the remainder of the week could be heard weakly muttering, "It's the scale, you know." I am informed by R.S.M. Blunt and S.M.I. Freeman, who both wish to remain anonymous, that Queen Oak cannot possibly be where it is shown on the map but in the centre of Ollerton crossroads.

The fact that Proteus is in the area of Sherwood Forest seemed to affect both these aforementioned gentlemen, who, with several other members of the adult staff, became strangely addicted to ornithology. They are all recognised authorities on the habits of the famous Lesser Ollerton Blue Tit after only eight days intensive study. I understand that Mr. Blunt has since returned to attend a refresher course.

Training, this year, was carried out in Battalion level and proved to be both popular and successful. We carried out a series of schemes which proved to all cadets that "Fire and Movement" really is the basis of all infantry manoeuvres. During the week several cadets carried out their Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Bronze expedition and, of

course, were not lucky enough to spend a rain free night. Incidentally, one cadet, when asked by Lt. Cook whether he had encountered Robin Hood, intimated that he was not so much concerned with Robin Hood as Maid Marian.

As well as training, the social side was not neglected. Again the W.V.S. operated a club and games room which was extremely well patronised. The instructors held their usual dinner, this time at Southwell, and all were well and truly wined and dined. S.M.I. Freeman earned the nickname "Speedy" during this dinner.

The officers held a "dining in" night for the first time in many years and it is hoped that this will become a regular part of annual camp. The Sgts.' Mess gave a magnificent curry supper and included such delicacies as pig's trotters and black pudding.

We were visited by the Mayor of Northampton and, glory be, the *Chronicle* and *Echo*. As a result we received some very welcome publicity.

On 2nd September we went to Grafham Range to attend 4/5 Northampton's rifle meeting. In the cadet shoot we came second to 3/4 Cadet Bn. At our own county shoot we again came second to 3/4 Cadet Bn. Major Hobbs is certainly to be congratulated on his Battalion's shooting record.

September 22-23 saw another visit to the Apprentice School at Bramcote and again the Army succeeded in snaring several of our best cadets.

Since camp we have formed our own A.C.F. Club which is held at Bective Hut, and although it is

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As we sign off, speculation is running high about where next year's camp will be. This Bn. is inclined to the view that we should emulate a certain cadet's recent exploit—Rome and Naples and last one back is a sissy!

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