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Each Association has invested funds, built up over many years, but the interest from these is not sufficient to cover the grants made. The balance has to be made up from "self help", and by a yearly grant from the Army Benevolent Fund. The grants from this latter source have been most generous in the past but are now smaller, as the capital of the Army Benevolent Fund is shrinking, and determined efforts are being made to build it up again.

In the meantime, grants are being reduced, and Regimental Associations are asked to do more by "self help" to increase their income. If deserving cases are not to be turned away this is essential. The calls on the funds are getting more, not less, and in the past help has always been forthcoming for those in real need.

The Duchess of Gloucester's Own Association is only two years old, and consequently its capital is not large. Fortunately there are not at present a large number of cases in need of help as most of the members are still serving soldiers, but in the years to come the calls on this Benevolent Fund will increase, and it is therefore essential to build it up now in the comparatively good times, against the more difficult times to come.

What can be done about it? Quite a lot, if people will only give the matter a thought and be prepared to help. Every branch of the Association and both T.A. Battalions have many social evenings and run tombolas, Christmas draws and the like. The T.A. and some branches run clubs and sell drinks. If only ten per cent of the profit of every fund-raising event were given to the Wing Benevolent Fund, it would be an enormous help. If ten per cent of the net bar profits were added the funds might well be independent of Army Benevolent Fund help.

If the same was done in the 1st Bn., 2nd East Anglian Regiment, the Benevolent Fund of the Duchess of Gloucester's Own Association would rapidly increase.

No one likes direct taxation. The suggestions outlined above are a form of indirect giving and to a most worthy and deserving cause—providing help to those who have served in the Regiment and who through no fault of their own are in need.

We appeal to all Branches of the Association, to the Territorial Army Battalions, and to our Regular Battalion to give generously and regularly to one of the three Benevolent Funds in our Association. No deserving case has yet been refused by any of the three funds, but unless we help ourselves considerably more than we have done in the past, this may happen.

It will, we hope, make your evenings more enjoyable and your pint taste better if you know that ten per cent of the profit is going to help a really worthy and worthwhile cause.

Presentation to the Colonel-in-Chief

On 11th May, 1937 Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Gloucester became Colonel-in-Chief of the Northamptonshire Regiment. On the Amalgamation of the Regiment with the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment Her Royal Highness consented to become Colonel-in-Chief of the new Regiment, The 2nd East Anglian Regiment (Duchess of Gloucester's Own Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire).

To mark the completion of 25 years as Colonel-in-Chief, a presentation was made to the Duchess of Gloucester on 14th November, 1962, of an engraved silver salver. The presentation was made by Brig. R. H. L. Oulton, C.B.E., Colonel of the 2nd East Anglian Regiment and Brig. D. E. Taunton, C.B., D.S.O., Associate Colonel, at York House, St. James's Palace, on behalf of the Northamptonshire Regiment, The 2nd East Anglian Regiment, the 4/5 Battalion The Northamptonshire Regiment (T.A.) and the 4/6th Battalion The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment.

The following letter has been received by the Colonel of the Regiment from Her Royal Highness in her own handwriting:—

Nov. 15th, 1962.

*Barnwell Manor,
Peterborough.*

Dear Brigadier Oulton,

I am so very pleased and delighted with the lovely silver salver. Thank you and all the Regiment so much for such a charming and useful present. With the inscription and the badges of the Northamptonshire Regiment and the new 2nd East Anglian Regiment engraved so beautifully upon it I shall greatly treasure this memento of my twenty-five years as Colonel-in-Chief.

It will be a constant reminder of my Regiment of which I am so proud.

*Yours very sincerely,
ALICE.*

Officers Reunion Dinner

4th Battalion The Northamptonshire Regt. (T.A.)

An informal reunion dinner for ex-officers of the 4th Battalion The Northamptonshire Regiment (T.A.) and units derived from it (1933 to 1961), as held on the 9th November at the Northampton and County Club, Northampton. Brig. H. N.

Scott-Robson presided and the following officers were present:—

Brig. D. E. Taunton, Cols. M. Jelley, J. T. Lewis, T. H. Dockerell, T. Murray-Strang; Lt.-Cols. A. Allebone, F. M. Beers, F. O. Sanders; Majors P. Bletsoe-Brown, J. W. D. Cairns, C. Eayrs, P. B. Heap, D. F. Hooton, R. C. Jeffery, D. G. King, H. A. Miller, R. A. Palmer, P. J. H. Panter, J. S. Carter, B. J. Woodward; Capts. J. C. Cooper, C. Law, K. I. Parry, J. W. Percival, G. A. Rowden, W. F. Floyd, H. W. B. Wadman; Lt. W. H. Baxter.

This was the first reunion dinner since the war. It was a most successful occasion when many met for the first time and many renewed friendships of 20 years ago. There must be several ex-officers (T.A.) and attached officers who did not receive invitations because their address was unknown and assistance in compiling a complete address list would be appreciated by Major R. C. Jeffery, Bank Chambers, Kettering.

It was decided to hold a meeting in six months' time to discuss plans for any further reunions.

Freedom of the Borough of Grantham

The Borough of Grantham, who celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Granting of the Charter to the Borough in 1663, have decided to honour the 2nd East Anglian Regiment by granting to them the privilege of the Freedom of the Borough. This has been accepted on behalf of the Regiment by the Colonel-in-Chief Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Gloucester, and the Ceremony will take place in her presence at Grantham on Friday, 12th July, 1963.

1st Battalion Colour Belts

The Officers of the 1st Battalion 2nd East Anglian Regiment, at a Mess meeting held in January, passed a unanimous vote of thanks to all officers serving and retired who subscribed so generously to the cost of the new Colour belts presented to the 1st Battalion. These belts which are extremely fine ones, are one of the most treasured possessions of the 1st Battalion.

The 48th and 58th belts, together with the Colour brackets, are now in the Museum of the Northamptonshire Regiment, and the belts of the 1st and 2nd 10th Foot are at Lincoln.

The names of all officers who subscribed to the new Colour belts have been recorded for posterity and future reference.

Railway Engine No. 6147

The Northamptonshire Regiment, 1-6-0

This Royal Scot Class locomotive was named "The Northamptonshire Regiment" by Lady Knox at a ceremony at Northampton Castle Station on 17th October, 1935, in the presence of the Mayor of Northampton, Alderman A. Burrows, Mr. E. J. H. Lemon, Vice-Chairman I.M.S. Railways, the Colonel of the Regiment, Lt.-Gen. Sir Harry Knox, K.C.B., D.S.O., and a large crowd of spectators. On this occasion the driver was Driver C. Quartermain, D.C.M., M.M., and the fireman was Driver C. Duff, both of whom had served in the Regiment.

On 1st December, 1962, Engine No. 6147 was withdrawn from service. The name plates have been presented to the Regimental Museum by British Railways, where they can now be seen together with the scale model made by Basset Loake Ltd., and the neck of the champagne bottle used in the naming ceremony.

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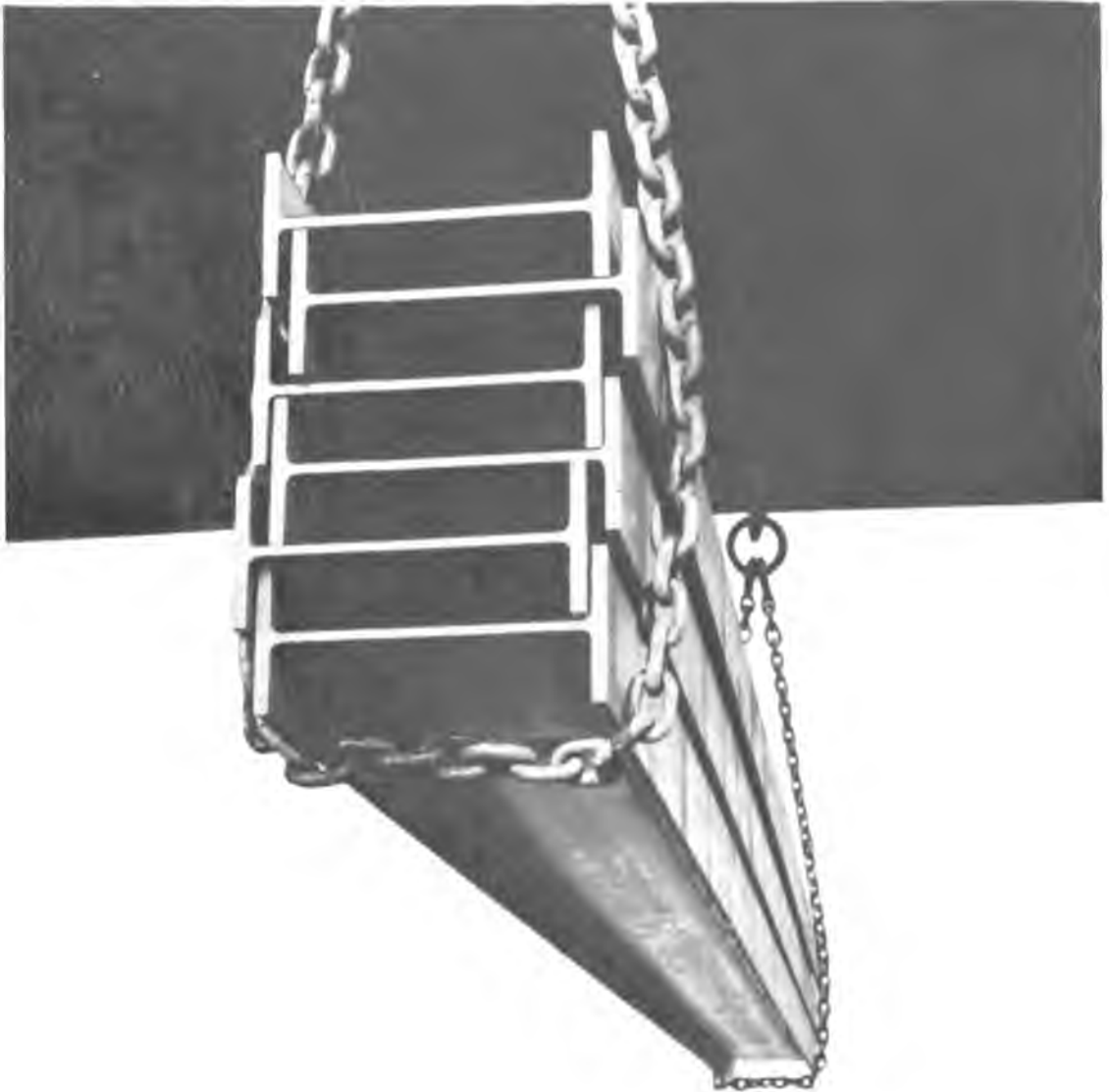
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Photograph taken on the occasion of the naming of the L.M.S. Locomotive "The Northamptonshire Regiment," 1935



Royal Scot Class Locomotive No. 6147 "The Northamptonshire Regiment."
In the centre of the group are Driver Quartermain, D.C.M., M.M. and Driver Duff.
(Photograph taken on 17th Oct., 1935)



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In the years before amalgamation, and the formation of the 2nd East Anglian Regiment (Duchess of Gloucester's Own Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire), certain Boroughs in Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire had honoured their County Regiment by conferring on them the privilege of marching through the Borough with bands playing, Colours flying and bayonets fixed. Some of these Boroughs have now decided to transfer this privilege to 2nd East Anglian Regiment, now the County Regiment of Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire.

In this connection the following letters have been received by the Colonel of the Regiment.

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From: The Town Clerk, County Borough of Northampton.

8/1/63.

Dear Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that the Northampton Town Council at their meeting yesterday approved a recommendation that the privilege conferred on the Northamptonshire Regiment in 1946 to march through the streets of the Borough with band playing, bayonets fixed and Colours flying, be transferred to the 2nd East Anglian Regiment.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) C. E. VIVIAN ROWE.
Town Clerk.

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From: The Town Clerk, County Borough of Grimsby.

3/1/63.

Dear Brigadier Oulton,

I have pleasure in informing you that at their last meeting the Town Council agreed that the Marching Freedom of the Borough granted to the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment be deemed to have been granted to the 2nd East Anglian Regiment.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgt.) F. W. WARD.
Town Clerk.

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From: The Town Clerk, Borough of Cleethorpes.
20/12/62.

Royal Lincolnshire Regiment Freedom of the Borough.

Dear Sir,

I am very pleased to be able to tell you that at their meeting held last evening, the Borough

Council decided to transfer the privilege of marching through streets of the Borough with bands playing, bayonets fixed and Colours flying to the 2nd East Anglian Regiment, which is now the County Regiment.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) G. SUTCLIFFE,

Town Clerk.

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From: The Town Clerk of the City and County of the City of Lincoln

24th January, 1963.

Dear Brigadier Oulton,

ROYAL LINCOLNSHIRE REGIMENT—HONORARY
FREEDOM OF THE CITY

At a recent meeting my Council expressed their wish that the privileges granted to the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment should be transferred to the 2nd East Anglian Regiment and passed a resolution in the following terms:

"That the Honorary Freedom of the City conferred upon the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment on 8th June, 1946, be deemed to have been conferred upon the 2nd East Anglian Regiment, of which the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment now forms part".

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) J. H. SMITH,

Town Clerk.

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The Regiment is indeed proud and grateful for the privileges previously granted to the two former Regiments, which have now been bestowed on the 2nd East Anglian Regiment. They will, on their return to England take the earliest opportunity of availing themselves of the privileges granted and getting to know the peoples of the Boroughs concerned.

**Annual Reunion Northamptonshire Wing
Regimental Association**

Make a note of the date—

JULY 5th, 6th and 7th, 1963

Deaths

LISTER

On 8th January, 1962, Lt.-Col. C. Lister, D.S.O., M.C., late The Northamptonshire Regiment.

GALE

In July, 1962, Mr. R. R. Gale, late Royal Lincolnshire Regiment.

DE VOE

On 3rd November, 1962, in the United States of America, Mr. R. DeVoe, late the Lincolnshire Regiment, aged 89.

COLDWELL

On 7th November, 1962, Leslie, widow of the late Lt.-Col. W. G. A. Coldwell, D.S.O., O.B.E.

HAYNE

On 14th November, 1962, at his home at Fastbourne, after a long illness, Lt.-Col. S. S. Hayne, D.S.O., late The Northamptonshire Regiment, aged 80.

WADE

On 22nd November, 1962, at the Royal Hospital Infirmery, Chelsea, In-Pensioner Frederick James Wade, late The Northamptonshire Regiment, aged 83.

EVANS

On 7th December, 1962, at his home in Wales, Brig.-Gen. L. P. Evans, V.C., C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., late The Black Watch, aged 81.

THOMPSON

On 14th December, 1962, at Carshalton, Surrey, Mr. R. Thompson, M.M., late Royal Lincolnshire Regiment.

MOLLETT

On 19th December, 1962, at his home in Leicester, Mr. G. Mollett, late the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment.

ROCHE

On 28th December, 1962, at Colston Bassett, Nottingham, Major R. C. R. Roche, M.C., late The Northamptonshire Regiment.

MUSKER

On 8th January, 1963, at his home in Leicester, Mr. W. T. Musker, late The Lincolnshire Regiment.

GATER

On 15th January, 1963, at Oxford, Brig.-Gen. Sir George Gater, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., D.S.O., late The Lincolnshire Regiment.

FIDDY

On 2nd January, 1963, at 73 St. James Park Road, Northampton, Mr. A. E. G. Fiddy, M.B.E., late the Northamptonshire Regiment, aged 82.

HARDING

On February 10th, 1963, suddenly at Harpole, Northampton, Mr. W. Harding, late Northamptonshire Regiment.

Obituary

BRIGADIER-GENERAL L. P. EVANS, V.C., C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

Brigadier L. P. Evans was commissioned in The Black Watch in 1899, and went to South Africa immediately on active service and was soon in the thick of the fighting, in the operations in the Orange Free State from February to May, 1900, including the actions at Poplar Grove, Drietfontein, and Vet River, and later in operations in what was then the Orange River Colony. In the Transvaal he was present in the earlier part of 1900 at the actions fought at Johannesburg, Pretoria, and Diamond Hill, and in the latter part of the year at the action at Belfast.

At the outbreak of the 1914-1918 War he was at the War Office, and in September, 1914, went to France serving for a short period with the Royal Flying Corps. In December of that year he rejoined the 1st Battalion of his Regiment, The Black Watch, as a Company Commander. In May, 1915, he was appointed Brigade Major to the 7th Infantry Brigade, and in July was awarded the D.S.O. for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the action at Hooge.

On the 1st March, 1917, he was given the command of the 1st Battalion The Lincolnshire Regiment and it was during his service with the 10th Foot that he was awarded the Victoria Cross for most conspicuous bravery and leadership in action at Zonnebeke, near Ypres on the 4th of October, 1917.

The official citation reads:—

"Lt.-Col. Evans took his battalion in perfect order through a terrific enemy barrage, personally formed up all units, and led them to the assault. While a strong machine-gun emplacement was causing casualties, and the troops were working round the flank, Lt.-Col. Evans rushed at it himself, and by firing his revolver through the loophole forced the garrison to capitulate. After capturing the first objective he was severely wounded in the shoulder, but refused to be bandaged, and reformed the troops, pointed out all future objectives, and again led his battalion forward. Again badly wounded, he nevertheless continued to command, until the second objective was won, and after consolidation collapsed from loss of blood. As there were numerous casualties, he refused assistance, and by his own efforts ultimately reached the dressing station. His example of cool bravery stimulated in all ranks the highest valour and determination to win."

The wounds he sustained kept him in hospital in England for some weeks, but by the 4th January, 1918, he was back in France with the 10th Foot but only for a short period. On the 13th he left to take over command of the 1st Battalion The Black Watch (his own Regiment), all ranks of the 10th Foot being extremely sorry to lose him, for he had, as the records state "left an imperishable memory behind him". Shortly after rejoining his own Regiment he gained further distinction by conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a three days' battle at Givenchy for which he received a bar to his D.S.O.

At the outbreak of World War II he was re-employed until 1941 as Military Liaison Officer Wales Regional H.Q., and thereafter until his death he was Chairman of S.S.A.F.A. for Cardiganshire. He was a member of the 10th Foot Officers' Dinner Club, and later, that of the 2nd East Anglian Regiment, and whenever possible attended the annual dinner, especially to be in the company of his old friends, in particular, Brig.-Gen. F. G. Spring, with whom he had been friendly for over half a century. Although in ill-health he made a special journey to Lincoln to be present in Lincoln Cathedral when the Colours of the former 1st Battalion 10th Foot were laid up. After his visit he wrote of his immense pleasure of being present at the ceremony and of being "included among the limited number of those presented to your charming Colonel-in-Chief". Concluding with a footnote, "I thought the March Past of Old Comrades quite excellent". There were many old comrades present on parade that day who had had the honour to have served in war under the command of this gallant officer, whose loss we now, with those of his old Regiment The Black Watch, sadly mourn.

To his son and to his relatives we extend our sincere sympathy.

**BRIGADIER-GENERAL SIR GEORGE GATER,
G.C.M.G., K.C.B., D.S.O.**

Sir George Henry Gater, was a soldier, a civil servant and an educationalist. During the 1914/18 War after serving in Gallipoli and Egypt, he went to France and on the 15th September, 1916, assumed command of the 6th Service Battalion The Lincolnshire Regiment, serving with it in all its battles until 1st November, 1917, when he was appointed to command the 62nd Infantry Brigade.

At the battle of Messines when he was wounded in the face, leading "D" Company to the attack, with great self-sacrifice he remained at duty until his battalion went out of the line, before accepting treatment, and in spite of his wound continued in command.

After the war he became Director of Education for Lancashire and then, from 1924 to 1933, Education Officer for London. For the next six years he was clerk of the London County Council. Then followed his period in the Civil Service. For eight years from 1939 he was Permanent Under-

Secretary of State for the Colonies. He was seconded as Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Home security, of which from 1940 to 1942 he was Secretary. In 1940 he was Secretary to the Ministry of Supply. In 1951 he was appointed Warden of Winchester, his old school, where he remained until 1959. He was Chairman of the Gater Committee appointed in 1954 to investigate university expenditure. He was a former Chairman of the School Broadcasting Council. He was knighted in 1936. He leaves a widow and one son, to whom we extend sincere sympathy.

A memorial service was held in St. Paul's Cathedral on 12th January and was attended by Brigadier R. H. L. Oulton, C.B.E.

LT.-COL. S. S. HAYNE, D.S.O.

Lt.-Col. Sydney Spencer Hayne was born in 1882. He was commissioned into the Northamptonshire Regiment from 3rd (Militia) Battalion The Royal West Kent Regiment in 1901, and joined the 48th in India in the following year. From 1910-1915 he served on the P.T. staff in India, and during this period he became lightweight boxing champion of India.

In 1915 he was posted to the 58th in France and after a fortnight, when Lt.-Col. A. C. Buckle was wounded, he became C.O. He continued in Command until March 1916 when Lt.-Col. Buckle returned to the battalion, when he was appointed to Command of 10th Bn. The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, and whilst serving with them he was awarded the D.S.O. Later he Commanded the 7th Bn. The Northamptonshire Regiment, and in 1918 once more returned to the 58th as C.O.

After the war he served with the 58th at Colchester and went to India with them under Lt.-Col. L. G. W. Dobbin. After a short time he was appointed Commandant of the P.T. School in India. In 1925 he went on half pay through ill health, and retired in 1926. On the outbreak of war in 1939 he became Squadron-Leader in the R.A.F., and served as operations room controller at an R.A.F. station near Huntingdon, but was forced to retire in 1942 through ill health.

"Slasher" Hayne, as he was known to everyone, was an outstanding C.O. Tough, quite fearless, and a magnificent fighting soldier, he was full of consideration for his men, and they would do anything for him. Even today old soldiers of the Regiment come into the Museum, see his photo in a group, and say "There's old Slasher—he was a good 'un'". They will be glad to know that his medals have been presented to the Museum of the Northamptonshire Regiment by his widow, Mrs. Agnes Hayne, to whom we offer our deepest sympathy in her great loss.

MAJOR R. C. R. ROCHE, M.C.

Major R. C. R. Roche was born in 1917 and educated at Marlborough College. He was granted a regular commission in the Northamptonshire

Regiment from the Supplementary Reserve of Officers in 1939, and went to France with the 58th in October. During the operations in May, 1940, he was commanding the Bren gun carrier platoon, and was awarded the Military Cross for his excellent handling of the platoon throughout the campaign. He returned to England with the 58th from Dunkirk and remained with the battalion throughout the war, serving in Madagascar, India, Persia, Iraq, Palestine, Sicily and Italy. He was wounded in 1944 at the Garigliano Crossing in Italy.

At the end of the war he attended a course at the Staff College and after a period on the staff he became Adjutant of the 5th Battalion (T.A.). On completion of his tour as Adjutant he returned to staff duty and served in Malaya as Brigade Major, where he was mentioned in despatches for distinguished service. He returned to England in time to embark for Korea with the 1st Bn., and whilst in Korea it was his company, "A" Company, which was selected to take over guard and security duties in the Demilitarized Zone. He continued serving with the 1st Battalion until 1958 when he became Brigade Major of a Territorial Brigade, and at the end of 1959 he rejoined the 1st Battalion, now at Watchet. On amalgamation he was appointed G.S.O. II, H.Q. North Midland Area and 49 Division, and he remained in this appointment until he retired in March 1952.

"Rocky" Roche was a first-rate officer. Quite fearless, and with a cool brain, it was no wonder that his men had a high regard for him and would follow him anywhere. Though an excellent staff officer he was never happier than when serving in a battalion of the Regiment of which he was extremely proud.

A most likeable personality, a good horseman and a cheerful Mess member, he will be sadly missed by his many friends in the Regiment.

MR. A. E. G. FIDDY, M.B.E.

Mr. Fiddy, enlisted into the Northamptonshire Regiment at Norwich in 1899. He served in the South African War in 1900/2 with the 58th and with the Mounted Infantry.

In 1902 he was posted to the 48th in India, and served there until 1911, when he was posted to the Regimental Depot at Northampton as acting schoolmaster and in 1913 he rejoined the 48th at Blackdown, and went with them to France in 1914. He was seriously wounded at the Battle of the Aisne, and was appointed orderly room sergeant at the Depot in 1915, where he remained until 1920, when he was discharged with the rank of Warrant Officer, Class II.

Immediately on his discharge from the Regular Army, Mr. Fiddy joined the Territorial Army and was appointed orderly room clerk to the 4th Battalion (T.A.). He remained in this post until 1939, when it was decided he was too old to remain an active member of the T.A. Instead, he was

appointed chief clerk to the Quartering Commandant in Northampton, and thus for the first time for 40 years he ceased to serve the Northamptonshire Regiment. However, in 1946, on the termination of his post with the Quartering Commandant, he was offered the post of clerk to the Comrades' Association of the Regiment, a post which he accepted and which he held until his retirement in 1956. He was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal in 1918 and was made a Member of the Order of the British Empire in 1946.

Mr. Fiddy must have been known to literally thousands of officers and men of the Northamptonshire Regiment. He had an incredible memory for names, faces and facts. He was an excellent and invaluable clerk to the Comrades' Association. Quiet, with a dry sense of humour, he never appeared to be in a hurry, and yet he got through an immense amount of work. He held strong views on some things, notably on people who changed their address without informing the clerk and then grumbled that they hadn't had a reunion circular!

His many friends will mourn the death of Mr. Fiddy, and the Regiment has lost a most loyal supporter and a fine man.

We tender our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Fiddy and her family in their great loss.

MR. W. HARDING

Mr. W. Harding, who died suddenly at evensong in Harpole Church on 10th February, 1963, enlisted in the Northamptonshire Regiment at Shorncliffe in 1924. He and I served together at Blackdown in 1926 for three months, and then I went to the 58th and he went to China with the 48th in 1927. After 7 years' service he took his discharge. I never met him again until 1958 when I went to live at Harpole.

At Harpole, where he had lived for many years, he was one of those people, too rare these days, who was interested in everything going on in the village, and what is more important, he was prepared to help with the work. He was Secretary of the Harpole Branch of the Conservative Association (a very live branch), a staunch member of the British Legion, and a member of the Branch Committee, a member of the Parochial Church Council, and a sidesman.

Quiet and unassuming by nature, he did a great deal of work, aided by his wife, and they both spent many cold evenings canvassing and getting in subscriptions and donations to good causes.

There are too few people in this world like Mr. Harding. People who don't talk much but get the job done. He was respected and liked by all who knew him, and his death is a sad loss to our village, and his many friends, all of whom will join with me in expressing our deepest sympathy to his widow and her family in their very great loss.

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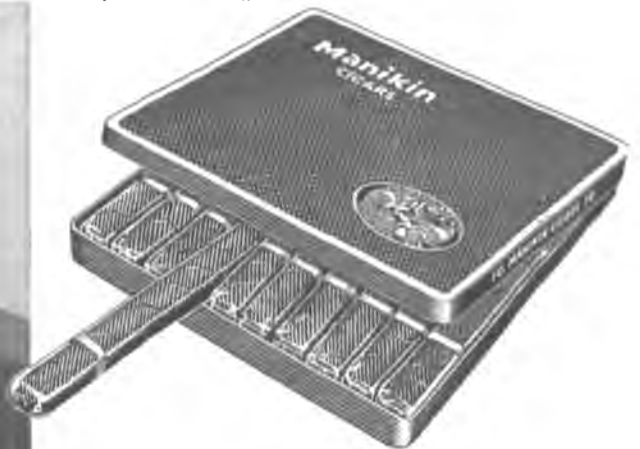


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MR. W. J. MUSKER

Mr. Walter John Musker, who died suddenly at his home, 93 King Richards Road, Leicester, on the 8th January, 1963, was 53. "Johnnie" as he was known to those who served with him in the 1st Battalion The Lincolnshire Regiment (at Gibraltar, Shanghai, Hong Kong and India) joined the Regiment on the 22nd May, 1929, and took his discharge on the 3rd February, 1937, joining the Army Reserve.

During practically the whole of his service he was batman to the Regimental Sergeant-Major, a duty which in itself speaks of the quality of the soldier, which he indeed was. Diminutive in stature, 5 ft. 2 in., his qualities as a soldier were, however, of the highest order, testimony of which is borne out in his Regular Army Certificate of Service, above the signature of that of a former Colonel of the Regiment.

At the outbreak of World War II he was recalled to Army Service serving in France with another Regiment. He sustained a serious wound in the leg which necessitated several operations, before he was able to walk with the aid of a special boot and a walking stick. On his final discharge as "medically unfit", he suffered continuous ill-

health. Throughout his long illness he was mindful of the fact there were "others worse off than himself", and bore his suffering with courage. To assist him the Regimental Association made him a Regimental Pensioner, help which he much appreciated and expressed in a letter written a few days before his death.

Ex-R.S.M. Martin, M.M., represented the Regimental Association at his funeral which took place on the 11th January, to which a floral tribute was sent. We extend our sincere condolences to his relatives.

MR. G. MOLLETT

Mr. George Mollett, who died peacefully at his home, 4 Hollins Road, Leicester, on the 19th December, 1962, was a Life Member of the 10th Foot Royal Lincolnshire Regimental Association. When the Leicester Branch of the Association was in existence he was one of its staunchest supporters. We mourn the loss of a former soldier of the 10th Foot who always gave of his best to further the good name of the Regiment in which he was proud to have been a member.

We extend our sincere sympathy to his wife and members of his family.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1963

MARCH 29th	Annual Dinner of Northampton Branch of Regimental Association
MAY 24th	Officers Luncheon and Dinner Regimental Dinner Club
JULY 5th, 6th, 7th	Annual Reunion of Northamptonshire Wing at Northampton
JULY 12th	Ceremony of presentation of Freedom of the Borough of Grantham to 2nd East Anglian Regiment
JULY 19th, 20th	Brigade Weekend — Bury St. Edmunds

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We congratulate Major J. B. AKEHURST on his substantive promotion.

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We congratulate Major and Mrs. W. J. B. ANNEAR on their marriage which took place on 17th January, 1963, in Bermuda.

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Colonel R. P. BAILY, O.B.E., has been appointed Commandant, The Army Apprentices School, Hadrians Camp, Carlisle, and lives at Lonninging Garth, Scotby, Nr. Carlisle.

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We congratulate Lt. R. BAYLIS on being granted a Regular Commission as Quartermaster. He succeeds Capt. T. W. BEARD as M.T.O. of the 1st Bn. R.S.M. DENNY takes over from Lt. BAYLIS as R.S.M.

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We congratulate Colonel Sir Hugh J. F. S. CHOLMELEY, Bart., C.B., D.S.O., D.L., J.P., Honorary Colonel 4th/6th Bn. Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (T.A.), who in the New Year Honours was made a Companion of the Order of the Bath.

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Major H. W. CLARK returns to Regimental duty with the 1st Bn. next month and takes over as 2 i/c from Major R. C. C. GREENER.

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Capt. C. P. DOLLERY has been seconded for Service with the Royal Sierra Leone Military Forces.

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Major G. S. DREW has been appointed G.S.O. II H.Q. Ministry of Defence, Malaya, and took up the appointment in February.

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R.S.M. DRISCOLL has completed his tour of duty with 4/5 Northamptons (T.A.) and has become R.S.M. of Bulford Garrison. He is succeeded by R.S.M. BATES.

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We congratulate Capt. R. J. M. DRUMMOND on his substantive promotion.

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We congratulate Capt. and Mrs. P. W. EDWARDS on their marriage which took place on 5th January, 1963.

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We congratulate Capt. and Mrs. A. G. P. EVANS-EVANS on the birth of a son on 25th December, 1962.

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Major A. I. FENNELL retired from the Army in December, 1962.

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Lt. T. I. M. FINCH completed his Short Service engagement on 18th November, 1962, and has retired.

Ex-Sgt. M. GARVEY, late the Northamptonshire Regiment, has become an In-Pensioner at The Royal Hospital, Chelsea.

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Capt. F. W. GASCOYNE is due to take up the appointment of Q.M., 4th/5th Northamptons (T.A.) in May.

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We congratulate Major R. E. J. GERARD-WRIGHT on his substantive promotion.

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Major J. A. GIRDWOOD has been appointed Commandant A.A.T.C. Warcop in Westmorland and took up the appointment last month.

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We congratulate Capt. J. McK. GOUGH on being awarded the Goldenes Verdienstzeichen by the Federal President of Austria for his part in the action at Bukavu Prison in Kiva Province of the Congo on 16th December, 1960. At the time Capt. GOUGH was serving with the 5th Bn. The Queen's Own Nigerian Regiment, and the action entailed the rescue of Austrian Hospital personnel held prisoner by the Congolese.

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Major R. C. C. GREENER has been appointed G.S.O.2, U.K.L.F. Planning Staff and takes up the appointment in May.

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We welcome 2/Lt. M. G. GREGORY on being commissioned into the Regiment. He is serving with 4th/6th Bn. The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (T.A.).

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Capt. J. P. GROWSE is due to return to the 1st Bn. in May.

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Major J. A. HUGHES returned to Regimental duty with the 1st Bn. in January.

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We congratulate Lt. R. H. JACQUES on his substantive promotion.

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R.S.M. E. P. KELLY, D.C.M., has been selected to be R.S.M. of 1st Bn., The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regt. (T.A.) on completion of his tour in Aden.

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We congratulate Major and Mrs. T. C. S. KNOX on the birth of a daughter in February, 1963.

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Major C. H. MACKLAM has been appointed Force Q.M., H.Q. Federal Army Western Aden Protectorate and takes up the appointment in April, 1963.

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We have heard that ex-Sgt. N. PAGDIN and his family are settling down well in South



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Australia. He has a post with the Holden General Motor Company but very much misses the happy days with the Regiment. His address is "Talavera," 4 Marley Combe Road, Flizvale, South Australia.

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Major L. C. J. PAUL has been appointed G.S.O. II at H.Q., 54 (East Anglian) Div. Dist. and takes up the appointment this month. We congratulate him on his promotion.

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We congratulate Major and Mrs. C. H. E. RANDELL on the birth of a son on 13th June, 1962. Major RANDELL retired from the Army on 23rd October, 1962.

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Capt. J. PORTER-WRIGHT transferred to the Parachute Regiment in July, 1962.

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We congratulate Colonel G. M. SANDERS, T.D., on his appointment as Cadet Commandant for the County of Lincolnshire.

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Lt.-Col. (Ret.) W. A. SANKEY, D.S.O., D.S.C., late Royal Marines, has relinquished command of the Bermuda Volunteer Forces and now lives at "Humpries," Appledore, Kent.

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Major R. SERGEANT was appointed D.A.A.G. at H.Q. B.A.O.R., in February.

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Lt. G. T. SHERWELL has completed his Short Service engagement and retired from the Army on 23rd January, 1963.

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We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Andrew SPURRELL on the birth of a son on 14th January, 1963.

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Capt. J. TADMAN joined the 1st Bn. last month.

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C. TAPPIN, ex-C.S.M., is now manager of the Oakley Arms, Wellingborough Road, Rushden. He will be pleased to see any member of the Regiment who can call on him.

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We congratulate Lt. and Mrs. T. T. TAYLOR on their marriage which took place on 26th January, 1963.

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Capt. B. C. THOMAS joined the 1st Bn. this month from service in Bermuda.

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We congratulate Major P. F. WALTER, M.B.E., M.C., and Miss E. A. HALL on the announcement of their engagement.

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Major J. P. WETHERALL would like to thank all the officers who kindly subscribed to his very lovely wedding present.

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Lt. J. G. P. WHITE has completed his tour of duty in Nigeria and rejoins the 1st Bn. this month.

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Major R. W. WHITNEY returned from Australia in February and joins the 1st Bn. in June after attending courses in the U.K.

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Major P. WORTHY has been appointed D.A.A. and Q.M.G. Trucial Oman Scouts and took up the appointment in January. We congratulate him on his substantive promotion.



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History of the Northamptonshire Regiment, 1948-1960

How it came to be written

BY LT.-COL. C. J. M. WATTS

In 1958 when amalgamation was looming up, the Regimental Council decided that another volume of the History of the Northamptonshire Regiment must be written, covering the period 1948 to 1960.

The person best qualified to write it was undoubtedly Brig. W. J. Jervois who had written the History of 1934-1948, and it was agreed that he should be asked. Brig. Jervois, who had spent very many hours in research and in writing the 2nd Volume (over 200,000 words) asked to be excused, and who can blame him? He had done a wonderful job for the Regiment in writing the 2nd Volume, and he had recently had a serious illness. But he promised to help in any way he could.

Finally, after a great deal of thought, the Regimental Council decided that I should write the final volume. At the time I was delighted and flattered by their decision—I didn't then realise what I had taken on!

So I began. I sat down with copies of the Regimental Journal and digests of service and made copious notes of all that had happened in the 12 years. I asked questions of many serving officers and generally picked the brains of all who I thought could help.

I then had to decide what was History and what was not. I wrote the first chapter, and feeling very pleased with myself, sent it off to Brigadier Jervois, and asked for his frank comments—I got them! He put it as kindly as he could, but obviously he didn't think much to my draft. He was most constructive and made many helpful suggestions, but the typescript, when it came back, reminded me very much of the comments made by my Staff College crammer!

I then made another start, and this time completed the History. I now interleaved each page with a blank sheet of paper divided into three vertical colours. This was sent, first to Brig. Lingham, then to Brig. Jervois and finally to General Robinson. Each entered in the appropriate colours of the blank sheets their comments. Finally the typescript came back to me with the remarks of the three senior officers. Also came many pages re-written. It was all most illuminating and very helpful. It was rarely that they all three agreed—but in most cases a compromise was reached. As compiler (I had ceased to be the author) I had the final say.

The version soon to be published will, I hope,

meet with the approval of most people who have served in the Regiment, though there will undoubtedly be those who feel that something has been left out. And that is true, many things have been left out, but space is money and the decision had to be made as to what was History and what was relatively unimportant.

The publishing of this volume is expensive. It is being financed by the fund known as "The Interests of the Former Northamptonshire Regiment". This fund has very little money, and I appeal to all members of the Northamptonshire Regiment to buy a copy of the History and so help to pay for the expense of publication. A great deal of work has been put into the preparation of this volume, and I hope that everyone connected with the Northamptonshire Regiment who reads this, will show their appreciation by ordering a copy and persuading their friends to do likewise.

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The Brigade Golf Meeting, 1963

The meeting will be held at the Flempton Golf Club near Bury St. Edmunds on Friday, 19th July, 1963.

It will be open to all officers, Regular and T.A., serving or retired.

It will begin at about 09.30 hrs. and the events will include Scratch, Handicap and Bogey competitions run concurrently during the morning, followed by a Stableford Foursome in the afternoon.

On the Saturday morning a Brigade team will be formed to play the Flempton Golf Club.

Lunch and tea will be provided at the Club House.

Details and entry forms will be available during May and will be distributed through R.H.Q.'s.

HISTORY OF THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE REGIMENT 1948-1960

Compiled by Lt.-Col. C. J. M. Watts

(With great assistance from many officers of the Regiment, serving and retired).

This volume of the History covers the activities of the Regiment from 1948 to 1960, and includes the complete story of the amalgamation of the Regiment in 1960. The cost of publication is expensive, about £500, and there is only a little money available to pay the bill. But the History had to be written and published. It completes the story of 218 years of service to the Crown and Country by the Northamptonshire Regiment.

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To : Regimental Secretary,
Gibraltar Barracks,
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1st Bn. 2nd East Anglian Regt.

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

Our last notes ended at the time we had just returned from the autumn exercises. The date was the 19th October. Our readers might be forgiven for thinking that having been in the field for five weeks the Battalion would take things easily for a while and unwind from the tensions of formation training, turning instead to the more leisurely pursuits of life in barracks. But this is B.A.O.R. and such things just do not happen. Hardly were the vehicles unloaded than preparations were commenced to meet another deadline—November 20th—the date of our annual administrative inspection. The great “spring clean” was on—kit inspections, equipment inspections, vehicle inspections, document checks, ammunition checks, arms checks, security checks—not a thing was missed. Throughout November we were subjected to searching examination by the experts from R.E.M.E., R.A.O.C., A.C.C., R.A.P.C., Field Records etc., until we began to think the Army consisted of no-one else but experts. Happily we came through all these pre-administrative inspections with universally good reports, and so we arrived at the 20th November. The Battalion was paraded in the new No. 2 Dress with rifles, but this year we had all our vehicles on parade as well, and each vehicle crew was drawn up in front of its own vehicle. It was a bitterly cold morning and during the inspection by the Brigade Commander, Brigadier P. T. Tower, D.S.O., M.B.E., we were subjected to both sleet and snow. After the inspection the Battalion drove past, the vehicles gleaming in their new green paint, and the Brigade Commander expressed himself well satisfied. The Duchess of Gloucester's Own were “fit for war in all respects”.

After the annual administrative inspection (or as it is now known in the Army—the Annual Interior Economy Inspection—a rose by any other name!) the C.O. had decided to institute a month's concentrated individual weapon and fieldcraft training. This has had excellent results in sharpening up the individual skills which often tend to be overlooked when concentrating on formation exercises. The proof of the value of this training can easily be seen from a study of current shooting results.

From the end of November, the Battalion

Novices Ski Team have been training hard on the Zugspitze in Bavaria, and they will remain there until the B.A.O.R. Competition in March, then we hope for great things from them. In addition to the Novices Ski Team parties of men are sent down to the Zugspitze each fortnight for a ski training holiday. A full report of our ski-ing activities will be found elsewhere in the Journal.

Christmas in B.A.O.R. is not quite like Christmas elsewhere in the Army. If the Battalion is in the U.K. everyone goes home and the Barracks are quiet and deserted. If the Battalion is overseas Christmas is a truly Regimental affair with everyone joining in the fun. B.A.O.R. is neither one nor the other—many soldiers and families go home for Christmas, but some stay in station. For those who stayed this year the usual activities were organised and enjoyed by all. There was a mammoth children's party in the N.A.A.F.I., when more than 280 presents were distributed by Father Christmas. This was followed by a Ladies' Guest Night in the Officers' Mess with the Second-in-Command making no pretence at being Father Christmas, distributing the presents from the tree. No part of the Battalion was forgotten at the Festive Season—the Corporals' Club held a most successful and enjoyable dance; the Sergeants' Mess held their traditional draw where the prizes were even bigger and better than ever and followed this up with a ball on New Year's Eve; and the P.R.I. arranged a most successful all ranks smoker in the Gymnasium, completed with German cabaret. The Officers' Mess visited the Sergeants' Mess on Christmas Day, and Officers and Sergeants then served the men's Christmas dinner in the traditional manner. On Boxing Day the Officers' Mess returned the Sergeants' hospitality. And so another year has passed, and this might be a good point at which to look back quickly at 1962 and also take a glance into 1963.

1962 was a momentous year in our short history, indeed it would have been a year to remember in the history of any regiment. It saw us establish ourselves on a firm foundation in B.A.O.R. and build up a reputation for efficiency and reliability both in barracks and in the field. The highlight of the year was undoubtedly 1st June when we paraded to receive our new Colours from our

Colonel-in-Chief. Anyone who was present at that parade, either as a participant or as a spectator, is unlikely to forget it. Since then the Colours of the 10th, 48th and 58th, have all been laid up with due ceremony in their various resting places in England, involving much travelling to and fro between the Continent and U.K. The dying year has seen the Battalion maintain its reputation in the Autumn Exercises and finally it has been found in fine fettle administratively.

And what of 1963? Our efforts in 1962 do not appear to have gone unnoticed and we have been chosen to represent the British Army in the annual N.A.T.O. shooting competition, the "Prix Le Clerc", to be fired at Sennelager in early August. This will mean hard work on the ranges for at least six months, but for descendants of the Royal Lincolns and Northamptons this should be nothing new! Anyway, we shall do our best. In addition to the "Prix Le Clerc", the Battalion has been selected to carry out the troop trials on the new platoon anti-tank weapon, the Carl Gustave. These trials commence in April. In May we go off to Denmark for a fortnight's exercises against a Danish Battalion, and they pay us a return visit to Osnabruck in September. Add to the above the mixture as before: platoon and company training at Haltern, field firing at Sennelager and Putlos, battalion and battalion group training at Soltau, and this year also in Schleswig-Holstein, and the reader will perhaps understand why the present writer, having got through 1962, is so frightened by the prospect of 1963 that he is writing these notes from a hospital bed in Munster!

OFFICERS' MESS

The last edition of THE POACHER saw the Battalion returning from Exercise "Autumn Double". Since then the social functions in the Mess have been a Regimental Guest Night and the Ladies' Guest Night just before Christmas. At the Regimental Guest Night we entertained various officers of the Garrison, including Lt.-Col. A. J. Wilson, M.B.E., M.C., commanding the 1st Bn The Lancashire Fusiliers, whom some officers will remember as one of the D.S. at Camberly. The Ladies' Guest Night was a great success due largely to the efforts of a special sub-committee including Richard Kitchen and Charles Culbert. We had, on this occasion, the chance of seeing a preview of the film taken of the Presentation of Colours on the 1st June, although without the sound track, which is not yet complete. This gave us the opportunity of "seeing ourselves as others see us" and was much enjoyed.

Arrivals and departures seem to be rather one-sided—a number have left us and only two have arrived. The departures have been Ken Ford to Bermuda, Tim Ffinch and Graham Sherwell to civilian life, and Alistair Malpas to the Brigade Depot. In addition we shall be losing Tom Beard in the next week or so. The new arrivals are Robert Goulson from the R.M.A., and Ron Baylis our new M.T.O. and late R.S.M., whom we were

particularly pleased to welcome into the Mess, and to congratulate on receiving his commission.

Finally, we would like to congratulate Bill Annear and Terry Taylor on their marriages.

SERGEANTS' MESS

Now that things have returned to normal after the Administrative Inspection and Christmas and New Year celebrations are over, we can take time out to record some of the highlights of this period.

The Administrative Inspection is covered elsewhere in this edition, but from the point of view of the Mess we all breathed a sigh of relief when the R.E.s' finished the redecorating in time for the Brigade Group Commander's visit.

The Christmas and New Year festivities were a great success and consisted of the usual Christmas Draw, very well organised by C/Sgt. Smith and his committee, a Fancy Dress Ball on New Year's Eve, and terminated with the Annual Ladies' Dinner Night on 12th January.

The Draw Committee sold approximately 5,000 tickets and an excellent selection of prizes, 190 in all, was purchased, and it is not true to say that C.S.M. Guest, C/Sgt. McColgan and Sgt. Evans shared them. It was good to see the Officers well represented amongst the prize winners.

The Fancy Dress Ball brought a variety of unusual costumes and congratulations must go to "Little Bo-Peep"—Sgt. "Lofty" Knight—and to "Fidel Castro"—Sgt. Ron Leatherland—for their costumes, and to C/Sgt. "Robbo" Roberts for his display of animal handling, i.e., "The Black Panther".

The Ladies' Dinner Night gave us the opportunity of meeting our new R.S.M., R.S.M. J. W. Denny, and of saying farewell to R.S.M. and Mrs. R. Baylis. We greatly appreciate all that they have done for the Mess during the past few years. We wish to take this opportunity of wishing Lt. (Q.M.) Baylis every success in his new appointment, and hope that he and Mrs. Baylis will continue to visit us as often as they are able. We welcome R.S.M. and Mrs. Denny to the Mess and hope that their stay will be a long and happy one.

One notable absentee from the Dinner Night was our most eligible bachelor, C.S.M. George Veitch, who is at Garmische with the Battalion Ski-ing Parties and not, as was suggested, hunting the Abominable Snowman.

We congratulate the following members of the Mess on their recent promotions and appointments: S/Sgt. Dixon to C.S.M., Sgt. Scotney to Drum-Major, and Sgts. Parkin and Baker on first joining the Mess.

Finally, we welcome the following old friends who have rejoined us from E.R.E. and T.A. appointments: C/Sgt. Hammond and Sgts. Everitt, Richardson and Smyth.

BATTALION SKI NOTES

Christmas dinner for 12 members of the 1st Bn. the 2nd East Anglian Regiment was this year eaten in their Ski Hut 5,000 ft. up in the Bavarian Alps.



Private J. Hardy (left) and Sergeant Major Veitch, examine a ski outside the ski hut of the 1st Battalion on the Zugspitze, Germany's highest mountain



"Grub up." 6,000 feet above sea level on the Zugspitze, Germany's highest mountain. Private Buttery, Regimental Cook, 1st Battalion, rings a bell summoning men of the Battalion to their ski hut for a meal

They are members of the Battalion who are training for the British Army Ski Championships to be held in February.

Life in the hut is very pleasant as it is centrally heated and has a mountain railway running within 50 yards of the door. The railway, at this time of the year, is their only link with civilisation, for the hut is nearly four miles from the nearest hotel or farmhouse. Looming over the hut is the south face of the Zugspitze, which is Germany's highest mountain, rising to nearly 10,000 ft. From the hut the south face rises 5,000 ft. sheer to the top, dwarfing the hut by its magnificence. The mountains of both Austria and Switzerland can be easily seen for the Austrian border is only three miles away.

The ski-ing in this area is among the finest in Europe. The top plateau of the Zugspitze is regularly used by the German Olympic team in their training, and starting at the hut is a downhill run which is over four miles in length. The team has been there since the beginning of November and will stay there until the Army Championships begin in February.

That we have this Ski Hut and are able to use the magnificent facilities that are available is entirely due to the kindness of the owner of the mountain railway. When an Officer went down in the summer to see if we would be able to hire a Ski Hut to use this winter, he was unable to find one, and by chance mentioned this problem to Herr Schmidt, the owner of the Zugspitze Mountain Railway. He said that he had this hut which we could use free of charge, the only condition being that we would help him if any emergency arose. We immediately took up the offer and on top of this he said he would let us use his mountain railway at a reduced charge, together with many other benefits which he has given us, such as free fuel.

During the winter some 100 men of the Battalion will have learnt to ski at the hut and had a very enjoyable fortnight away from the normal routine of life in Osnabruck.

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NORTHAMPTON BRANCH

The activity in the Club has been on the social side during the last quarter as it covered the Christmas period. The Committee worked hard with their preparation and organisation.

On 6th November, 1962, the Burma Star Association in Northampton were entertained to a social evening. Games were the main item and a very pleasant evening was spent by those present. It was felt that future get togethers must be arranged.

On 14th December the Christmas Draw was held. Two members of the Committee, Tony Hathaway and Tom Jackman, had spent much time for weeks beforehand accounting for ticket counterfoils and money and obtaining the prizes. Thank you for your efforts. The draw was held in conjunction with a social evening and was a great success. The Chairman, J. Roberts, and Entertainment Secretary, W. McGurk, ably compered the evening and also organised games and dancing. Refreshments were provided and all present thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

On Christmas Eve, a tombola, games, and dancing evening was organised and enjoyed, but the weather defeated the Boxing Day arrangements. The snow came during the day and deterred all but three or four hardy members from venturing out that night. The snow remained for weeks as we all know, and gave the plumber much work to do in mending pipes in the Club.

We held the Children's Party on Saturday, 26th January, and our children were joined by 16 from the local Dr. Barnardo's Home. Father Christmas was there as well as Punch and Judy and a conjuror.

A knockout competition has been held for cribbage and skittles. Cyril Gibbons is now the skittles champion with Wally Wharton making certain of the cribbage championship.

The Club maintains its steady progress. On a Saturday evening one is certain of a game of tombola, usually with Joe Woodhouse as caller, an evening which is well supported. Sunday mornings sees a goodly number present, most of whom remain until closing time.

Take note that the Annual Dinner is again being held at the Wedgwood Cafe, Abington Street, Northampton. It will be Friday, March 29th. Tickets will be 10s. 6d. each and to get them you should contact either the Secretary, Joe Matthews, 8 St. Leonards Road, Northampton, or the Chairman, John Roberts, 144 Wellingborough Road, Northampton.

A special effort is being made to organise a trip to France to visit some of the places well known to members of the 58th in 1940. It will take place over Easter and is being organised by W. McGurk, 83 Towcester Close, Northampton. Further details of the trip are published below.

Remember that our doors are always open to any member of the Regiment. Do pay us a visit whether you live in Northampton or not.

**PROPOSED
TRIP TO FRANCE
EASTER 1963**

A trip to France is being organised to visit places where the Regiment fought or was billeted in 1939/40. The party would be based on LILLE, in 1st class hotel accommodation, and excursions would be made to ROUBAIX, BALLUIN, etc. Cost would be approximately £16 per person. Departure Friday evening, April 12th, return Monday midnight, April 15th. Relatives or friends may be included in the party, but please note that the trip is for men only.

Will anyone interested please write to:—

MR. W. MCGURK,
83 Towcester Close,
Northampton.

PETERBOROUGH BRANCH

Our Branch meetings are now at intervals being held in surrounding districts. The first out of district was held at Whittlesey, and a first-class meeting and social evening was enjoyed by one and all. Talent was present among the members, with "Mort" Bloodworth's Eastern rendering, Nelson Hutchings and Ron Darby's "Silveste", etc. Peggy Loftus was again under the hypnotic spell. Music was provided by Mrs. Shaw at the piano,

and "Kaffir" Simpson on his ever-faithful drums. Our thanks are extended to the proprietor and his wife of the George Hotel, for the excellent refreshments and comfort provided.

The Annual General Meeting was held in January at the Ex-Service Club, Thorney, at the kind invitation of the steward, Mr. G. Whittinton, a stalwart branch member. A full report will appear in the next issue. Tombola Sessions are being held more frequently to assist branch funds.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Percy Lunn, a branch member and also a member of The Old Contemptibles Association. He was a great help to both organizations. Our sympathies are extended to the widow and family.

Our deepest sympathy is also extended to the relatives of Major E. W. Kitchin and Major R. C. Roche, both of whom we knew so well in Peterborough.

H. G. TOMPKINS,
Secretary.

Lincolnshire Wing

SURPLUS SILVER AND PLATE

Silver and plate of the former battalions of the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment in excess of requirement of the 2nd East Anglian Regiment has been placed either on permanent loan to Army establishments which did not possess Regimental silver, or in some instances to mark the close association which for many years has existed between the 10th Foot and such establishments. Having met these requirements there remained some pieces of silver and plate of the former Officers' Messes, which has been offered for sale to former regular officers of the 10th Foot.

The demand for certain items, in particular the "Fines Boxes" of both 1st and 2nd Battalion Officers' Mess necessitated a ballot being held to decide who should be the eventual owner. The ballot took place under the supervision of the Colonel of the Regiment with two other members of the Silver Board in attendance. One of these members, who shall be nameless, felt that he should automatically possess the 1st Battalion fines box, having put more into it than any other officer of the Regiment. However, the Colonel of the Regiment deemed otherwise, and the result of the ballot for this item proved most disappointing to the person concerned who deemed it his privilege and "virtue" to possess the said items.

The proceeds of the sale will in accordance with the terms of the Charity Commission Scheme, be credited to the appropriate charity.

SPALDING AND DISTRICT BRANCH

The secretary of the branch since 1948, Mr. A. Waterfall, of 26 Brewster Road, Boston, reports that at the annual branch dinner and social held on the 2nd November, 1962, 51 members and their ladies attended. They were proud and indeed honoured by the presence of the Colonel of the Regiment, who in spite of a further engagement that same evening, had made a special journey to be with them. All the members have expressed the hope he will in 1963 again be present with them. Before the toast to the Regiment was proposed, they were afforded the opportunity of hearing from the Colonel first hand and really "up to date" news of the doings of the Battalion, which was received with the greatest pleasure.

It was a matter for regret that on the occasion of the branch dinner H. Shipley, one of their oldest members, was ill in Stamford Hospital. A message of good wishes was sent, and it is with pleasure it is now possible to report that he is out of hospital and enjoying better health.

At the conclusion at what was an excellent dinner, members were provided with enjoyable entertainment by Ron Diggins of Boston with his Digalo. The entertainment timed to conclude at 11.30 p.m., did not actually do so until 12.15 a.m., and from all accounts some members were most reluctant to "call it a day", and did in fact return home much happier after a most enjoyable evening.

The secretary does, however, ask for the attendance of a large number of their members—186 in all, at meetings and social gatherings of the branch and the Association. Maybe television has something to do with keeping members away from such gatherings, but not in every instance and much greater support is hoped for by the branch in 1963, and as the branch secretary stresses, larger financial support for Association funds. A hope which the hon. treasurer would be particularly pleased to see materialise.

Christmas Draw—Lincolnshire Wing

This "self-help" effort did not meet with the financial success it had been hoped for, in fact it was the lowest income ever. The reason being that at the Christmas period of the year we find we are competing with many kindred associations, clubs, etc., who like ourselves look upon Christmas as the opportunity for raising funds. Nevertheless, we express sincere thanks to all those who participated in the draw, and congratulate the prize-winners. We are extremely grateful to F. H. Hyer, the first prize winner, for his generosity by contributing from his prize of £50, the sum of £10 to the London branch funds, and a further £10 to the benevolent fund of the Lincolnshire Wing.

The profit of the draw after the payment of prize money and the printing of tickets amounted to £20 6s. 6d.

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treasurer intends to run a "Holiday Draw," and by this means attract more support, in particular enhance the chance of getting £.s.d. onto the benevolent fund. All members of the Wing are asked to buy the tickets which have been sent to branch secretaries. The General Secretary will be pleased to send tickets, on application, to members of the Wing who are not members of any branch.

THE ANNUAL REPORT BY THE SECRETARY OF THE STAMFORD AND DISTRICT BRANCH

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Drill Hall, Stamford, on Friday, 9th November, 1962. The secretary in his report said that membership was still topping the hundred mark and the contributions sent to headquarters at Lincoln were the highest of any of the branches.

Three members had journeyed to Osnabruck in Germany to attend the ceremony of Presentation of Colours to the 1st Battalion 2nd East Anglian Regiment in June. They had a wonderful time and had been most impressed by the smart turn out and faultless ceremonial drill of the Regiment. In July over 20 members with Major Simpson in charge had manned the pay-boxes at the Carnival band contest in aid of the Spastics Society and a very nice letter of thanks and appreciation had been received from the Society's secretary, Mr. Nichols. The branch had also been represented at the Remembrance Sunday, Battle of Britain Sunday and the Mayor's Civic Sunday Parades in Stamford and parties had attended the annual re-union at Skegness and the ceremony of Laying up the Colours of the 1st Battalion The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment in Lincoln Cathedral during October. He thanked the chairman, committee, treasurer and auditors for their help and all the members for their continued interest and support.

Presentation of Illuminated Address to Secretary

The Chairman, Mr. S. R. Seamer, on behalf of the committee and members presented an illuminated address to the secretary in recognition of his work on behalf of the branch since 1939. In replying, Mr. Sylvester thanked the chairman and all the members for their appreciation of his work and said it would be a permanent reminder of the happy association he had with the branch. They had been most fortunate in having had a succession of chairmen, officers and committees who had taken great interest in the branch since its formation. It was one of the earliest branches to be formed and due to the continued support and help of all the members it was one of the leading branches today.

The chairman and officers were all re-elected individually and the committee en bloc.

Chairman, Mr. S. R. Seamer; vice-chairman, Major H. L. Simpson; treasurer, Mr. T. Gilbert; auditors, Major Simpson, Mr. T. W. Boyden; secretary, Mr. C. W. M. Sylvester. Committee: Messrs, N. Busby, H. N. Cotterill, P. G. Dowdall,

J. F. Green, C. Holmes, H. L. Morley, J. Scotchbrook, D. H. Trowell, J. Hirst, A. Warren.

GIFTS TO THE REGIMENTAL MUSEUM AT LINCOLN

Frank Gordon North, formerly Orderly Room Quarter Master Sergeant of the 1st Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment, at the outbreak of World War I, and at its conclusion, rendered valuable work in connection with the compilation of the Regimental History of that War. He has presented to the Museum his own original history of the 1st Battalion in World War I, which is contained in two bound closely-typed volumes, in addition, the first and second volumes of the Regimental History, the author of which was the Reverend Albert Lee, one time Keeper of Records, Windsor Castle. These Lee's histories had been re-bound and among the pages are written Mr. North's comments upon the recorded history and other notes concerning individuals who were known to him during his Army service. In addition, he sent photographs which are of considerable interest, especially those relating to the Royal Durbar at Eden in 1911, when the Regiment provided the Guard of Honour.

It was as a result of reading the *POACHER*, which he considers "an excellent production", that he learned the Museum of the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment was firmly established in the Keep, and decided to send his gifts, in order that they should not be relegated to oblivion at his demise. A decision which is much appreciated by the Trustees.

MUSICAL MEMORIES

5306 Ex Boy P. H. Tomlinson, joined the 2nd Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment in 1898 and on the completion of his Army service, returned to South Africa, where he joined the Prison Service and subsequently transferred to the Cape Mounted Rifles Natal Police, and later had service in the South Africa Mounted Rifles and South Africa Bechuanaland Police, rising to the rank of Sub-Inspector.

Having attained the ripe old age of 80 (not out), as he writes boldly in an interesting letter, he requested a cap badge of his old Regiment, the Lincolnshire Regiment, which has been sent to him to replace that which he had lost. He wears a beret and wanted his Regimental Cap Badge to be worn with others of the Police Forces in which he had served, commenting he could beat "The Montgomery".

For the Regimental Museum he has sent two photographs of the 2nd Battalion Band, one in full dress taken at Aldershot in 1898, the other of the band in 1902 taken at Barberton, Transvaal, 1902, the latter bearing the names of the majority appearing in the photograph. Included in the photograph are two dogs, a smooth-haired terrier and a highland terrier, this the Sub-Editor feels

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The Museum of the Northamptonshire Regiment is very well worth a visit and is a very complete record of the History of the Regiment since 1742. The room is large, it is well lighted, all the showcases have interior lighting, and it is warm and well cared for.

The funds however, are very limited. The only income is from donations placed in the collecting box, and the small capital sum which the Museum owns is shrinking. This has to pay for maintenance, and cleaning, and for any items that are bought. Fortunately the cost of the items which are being allocated to the Museum by the R.U.S.I. Museum is being borne by a retired officer of the Regiment.

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THE NORTHLAND REGIMENT, NEW ZEALAND

As happened in Britain two years or so ago, a reorganisation of New Zealand's Military Forces also took place last year. As a result of this, the Northland Regiment, which has enjoyed a most happy affiliation with The Northamptonshire Regiment since 1913, has been reduced to a strength of two companies and a Depot Headquarters.

For the purposes of annual in-camp training, the Regiment has been merged with the Auckland Regiment (Countess of Ranfurly's Own). When the announcement was made it was received with some misgivings by many members and former members of the Regiment. It was felt that to merge a city Regiment with a country district one was not conducive to creating or maintaining an esprit de corps.

Since its formation in 1911, the Northland Regiment (formerly the Northland Auckland Regiment) has built up certain traditions which it naturally cherishes. This feeling was so prevalent that the Northland Territorial Forces Association took the matter up most forcefully with the authorities but to no avail. Now, after 12 months of the merger, fortunately the misgivings appear to have dissolved.

Under the existing arrangements, the Northland Regiment comes under command of the Auckland Regiment, only during the period of annual "in-camp" training. Therefore, throughout the year, except for a fortnight, the Regiment runs its own affairs, plans its own programmes and makes its own promotions and appointments.

However, the reduction in strength meant a change in command. Two companies and a depot headquarters did not warrant a Lieutenant-Colonel in command so the then Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. T. F. L. Ward, O.B.E., E.D., had to leave the Regiment. This was a blow as he was one of the officers who helped to reform the unit in 1949 and had been one of its keenest supporters. Fortunately this change ended on a good note as he was promoted to Colonel's rank and appointed deputy commander of 1st Infantry Brigade.

To add to the pleasure, it was decided to establish a brigade tactical headquarters at Whangarei (The Northland Regiment's Headquarters also) and that Col. Ward should operate from there. An additional honour came to Col. Ward—and the Regiment—last January with the award of an O.B.E.

Major G. C. Marinkovic is now in command of the Regiment. He was one of the first volunteer N.C.O.'s in 1949 and since then has in turn commanded a platoon, two companies, and was second-in-command of the battalion under Col. Ward.

Lt. H. F. Ross is the Regular Force Administrative Officer.

No doubt, some readers of THE POACHER will recall the visit to England two years ago on the occasion of Princess Margaret's wedding, of the Northland Regiment's Colonel of the Regiment (Brigadier R. W. Harding, D.S.O., M.M., E.D.) and Col. Ward and their wives.

Brig. Harding's term of appointment as Colonel of the Regiment ended early this year and he has been succeeded by Col. J. H. Garland, E.D. Col. Garland was appointed Second-in-Command of the First Battalion of the Regiment on its reformation in 1949 and succeeded to command in 1952, completing his three-year-term before retirement.

While the two companies and depot headquarters are not up to full strength at present there is a spirit of co-operation and endeavour to make the best of circumstances prevailing among all ranks. Personnel serving at the present time are volunteers but a recently instituted scheme of National Service training will result shortly in a handful of other ranks being posted to the unit. This scheme is not likely to increase the Regiment's strength to any great extent but the men who are posted will have the advantage of almost three months' basic training behind them.

The majority of officer appointments and certain N.C.O. appointments on 1 Infantry Brigade Headquarters are held by Northland Regiment personnel who still retain their Regiment insignia. The balance of the Regimental officers have been posted to a Territorial Officers' Special Training Unit and are receiving training which will be invaluable to their careers.

On the sporting field, the Northland Regiment has held its own in recent brigade competitions and once again came near the top of the ladder in shooting and rugby contests.

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is most unusual—this honour was in later years the privilege of one dog only "Luke", belonging to Lieut.-Colonel (now Brigadier-General F. G. Spring, when he commanded the 1st Battalion. When "Luke" was on parade with his master the Adjutant could safely report "Battalion—Present Sir".

Tomlinson, residing at The Terrace, Bulwer, Natal, Republic of South Africa, writes: "Possibly all those of Barberton days have now passed on". Survivors are requested to write him, please.

New Image of Army Officer

Publicity Drive by War Office

The War Office is to launch a publicity campaign to improve the "public image" of the Army officer. It is to consist of a series of advertisements in newspapers selected by the War Office, in consultation with the Central Office of Information and a commercial agency.

The campaign is a result of detailed research, both in and outside the Army, into reasons why the Army appeals to some young men and not to others. Young officers were questioned about why they joined, and at schools all over the country careers masters and headmasters were asked to discover what aspects of service life were least attractive to young men about to choose a career. The result will be reflected in a series of five or six advertisements dealing with different facets of the life of a regular Army officer.

The first, which has already begun to appear in the national press, deals with the variety of experience and responsibility which faces a young officer in the modern Army. It will be followed by others concentrating on the technical and academic challenges of service life.

TV BUFFOONS

The War Office is clearly determined to build up

in the public mind a new and impressive picture of the military profession. Previous advertising has concentrated on the life of the Sandhurst cadet. At first this made a considerable impact, but the War Office has recently become aware that the returns, both in quality and quantity, are quickly diminishing.

It is unfortunately clear that in the minds of many people who have had no close contact with Army officers, the profession consists principally of mentally enclosed buffoons who converse in sharp monosyllables and live exclusively on a diet of port. This is partly a result of some of the curiously stylized portraits which appear in certain television programmes, where Army officers tend to wear their badges of rank upside down and get old-fashioned "swagger sticks" caught between their legs.

While the War Office do not deny that there are still officers whose intellectual gifts are minimal, in general the requirement for intelligence enterprise and professional competence compare favourably with those of other professions.

A SHADE TOO FAR

On a different level, the War Office has found it difficult to decide upon a symbol with which to identify the Army at a time when many people tend to ask why the country needs an Army at all if it has a nuclear striking force. The Navy's aircraft carrier and the V bombers of the Royal Air Force are vivid images, but for the Army tanks, rifles and bayonets, however modern, are too evocative of past wars.

The first of the new advertisements carries a picture of members of the Army's Outward Bound School negotiating a precipice in North Wales; it also carries the information that one of the attractions of the school is a "6.45 a.m. dip in the Irish Sea every morning"—a prospect which many serving officers may think is carrying image-making a shade too far.

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This quarter we have nothing very spectacular to report. The new training year commenced on 1st November, and companies have been "brushing up" their individual skills. The shorter days, dark evenings and bad weather limit the amount of training we can do at this time of the year. However, much useful work has been done and many of us have been initiated into the mysteries of the self-loading rifle.

We took part in a successful Armistice Parade in Grantham on 11th November, together with the W.R.A.F., Cadets, Police, Fire Brigade, St. John Ambulance, British Legion and other voluntary organisations. A slight hazard was created by having three bands performing at the same time in our fairly short procession, but that was successfully overcome. The Vicar of Grantham preached a memorable sermon, after which we marched back past the Guildhall where the late C.O., Col. G. M. Sanders, T.D., took the salute, accompanied on the dias by the Mayor of Grantham and other dignitaries.

The administrative inspection took place on 14th, 15th and 16th December. The C.O., Training Major, Q.M. and Adjutant had previously made an extensive series of preadministrative inspections. Some of the cupboards received particular attention and a number of treasures such as "The Army and Navy Illustrated" dated 1904, "The Manual of Military Law 1919" and "The Maintenance Manual for the Carrier Universal" were regretfully consigned to the dustbin. The Training Major even persuaded O.C. H.Q. Coy. to remove from his office a signed portrait of Queen Victoria, which has occupied the place of honour for probably about 80 years. The inspection itself is always a marathon. It takes up to three days and involves motoring almost 300 miles to visit the 12 T.A. centres scattered around the county. As we have not yet received the report, it is too early yet to pass judgement, but the Brigade Commander seemed to be quite pleased with what he saw, and to everyone's surprise no major horrors presented themselves.

Our other major activity in the past two months has been recruiting. Steady progress has been maintained over the past few years, which has produced a gradual increase in strength. In order to give a fresh impetus, a series of recruiting weeks have now been held in the main towns in the

county, in which we have tried to publicise ourselves by various means. East Anglian Brigade H.Q. have assisted greatly by lending us their recruiting kiosk in which we have had displays of weapons and equipment in market places and other prominent sites each Saturday. Our aim is to have a strength of 500 volunteers by the time we go to camp. We look forward to the Spring, which, according to past statistics, is by far the most fruitful period for recruiting.

OFFICERS' MESS

The Regimental Ball was again held at the Petwood Hotel, Woodhall Spa, early in November. In addition to our officers and their guests, we were pleased to have with us Brig. Oulton, who had attended another engagement the same evening in Spalding and then driven on—a gesture we much appreciated—Brig. Blackman, Air-Commodore and Mrs. Pritchett and several former officers of the battalion.

We had an informal ladies' supper evening on the Saturday of the Brigade Commander's inspection. The Mess committee, together with the Mess staff, worked hard to turn the ladies' room into a buffet room and we danced to a record player in a candlelit dining room. Approximately 40 officers and guests attended, including Brig. Blackman, Major Emsden and Major Sharpe. Brian and Judith Foster gave us a brilliant demonstration of the "Madison" while John Graham revolutionised the "twist" by doing it while sitting on a sofa. Our thanks are due to Elizabeth Clarke, Judith Foster and June Mundy who produced the buffet.

Date For Your Diary

**Annual Dinner of the Regimental
Dinner Club at the
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As usual, the Mess was filled to capacity on Boxing Day morning when the traditional Meet of the Burton Hunt took place. For the second year running hunting was impossible due to fog and severe frost, but this did not deter the members from accepting our hospitality.

We are always delighted to be visited by friends we have not seen for sometime and this year was no exception. Eric Jessop was an early arrival, and Peter Walter came when only the diehards were left. In addition we were delighted to see again June Corney. Many will remember Mic Corney when he was our signal officer. June was on a visit to her father, Jack Evans, who had recently been ill but now on the way to recovery. We are also delighted to hear that Col. Pip Wenham is now home again. We wish him a speedy recovery, and look forward to seeing him again in the Mess very soon.

"A" COMPANY

Since the last POACHER the company has celebrated Christmas, in our traditional style, with a most successful dinner. Amongst our guests, we were pleased to welcome the C.O., the Mayor of Stamford and Col. Sanders (who, as our chairman, remarked in his toast to the guests, we were not quite sure whether to welcome as a cadet or an old comrade). The company dinner was followed the next day by the .22 company shoot, the results of which caused one or two red faces, as the company cup competition was won by the C.O. This difficulty was finally settled by the company Commander who pointed out that the C.O. was in a different company and awarded him a "replica" in the form of a bottle of port. The cup was finally awarded to W.O.II Barsby, and the recruit prize, just one point behind to Pte. Coulam.

Finally, we would like to congratulate Sgt.-Maj. Barsby, Sgts. Shortland and Edgeley and also L/Cpls. Ellis and O'Sullivan on their promotion, and to welcome Ptes. Smallman, Goodman, Cox, Coulam and Woods who put our recruiting figures well ahead of our discharges, thanks largely to a lot of hard work on the part of C.S.M. Coates.

"B" COMPANY

The period since the last edition of THE POACHER has been mainly occupied by the L.M.G. classification, the Brigade Commander's inspection and Christmas in that order. Routine training has, of course, continued on drill nights but weekend activity has been restricted by a shortage of man/training days. It was therefore not possible to hold our usual company night exercise in December.

The Brigadier's inspection passed without major crisis. We are still wondering whether it was our fortune or misfortune that he visited us on non-training days and thereby spared us the ordeal of his inspecting our training but gave him more opportunity to inspect our administration. We were, of course, confident in either event but the writer admits to being a "finger crosser".

The two principal events over Christmas were the annual shoot and supper, and the children's

party. Both occasions appeared to be enjoyed by all who attended them. The children were particularly entertained by a film show.

We are pleased to welcome Capt. Farrant of the D.C.L.I. who is attached to us at present and has undertaken responsibility for the training of the company thus leaving the Company Commander free to read, write and sign documents.

Recruiting campaigns were held in Boston and Sleaford in December and January respectively. Activity centred round the kiosk kindly loaned to the unit for that purpose. It is not yet possible to gauge the success of the campaigns but we are hopeful of attracting some recruits.

We welcome three recruits in Ptes. Line and Briggs and Cfn. Coulson.

Finally, we offer our congratulations to Sgt. Wollerton and L/Cpl. French on being awarded Lord Lieutenant's Certificates for services to the Territorial Army.

"C" COMPANY

Since the last issue we have said "goodbye" to Capt. J. C. Graham, who now commands "D" Company, which is a good deal nearer to his home. We shall remember all the good times we had with him and look forward to seeing him again from time to time when all companies of the battalion are together.

In his place we welcome Capt. B. Dixon—previously commanding "D" Company—who has recently taken up an appointment in the Grimsby area and will soon be living there also. We have provided him with yellow flashes in exchange for white ones as an outward sign of his change of company loyalty and believe that he is already feeling very much "at home" with us.

Highlights of the November and December training period have been the fighting patrol arranged by Lt. Wiles, map reading and recce patrol exercises arranged by the platoon sergeants and a wireless exercise arranged by Cpl. Bradbury. We have also seen some most interesting training films, including some on the Soviet Army and learned something of the probable course of a tactical nuclear battle. An introduction to the problems of route planning, and time and ground appreciation from the map has aroused interest in the adventure training which is proposed for the spring.

The annual children's party was a great success. We are fortunate in possessing an A.K.C. trained projectionist—Pte. Cardey—who opened proceedings by showing a series of cartoon films which raised roars of laughter from the unit members and their wives and children. There was then a splendid tea which "whacked" even the hungriest children, who nevertheless shook the meal down during the course of the games which followed. At length Father Christmas appeared and soon the canteen echoed to the sound of children enjoying the new toys which he distributed to them all. Finally, each child received fruit and sweets as parents decided it was time to go home.

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"D" COMPANY

On the 1st November, 1962, Capt. B. Dixon left the company to take over "C" Company in his new home town of Grimsby. Capt. John Graham, who was for many years second-in-command of "D" Company in the reign of Major H. D. Marshall, returned to the company to assume command. He has expressed great delight in being back amongst so many friends.

During this period Pte. Wilsea rejoined the company after retiring for some nine months. He obviously missed us and we missed him. We welcome into the company the following recruits—Ptes. Shakesby, Thrower, Totton, Kennington and Foster. We wish them many happy and worthwhile years in the T.A.

The administrative inspection took place on 16th December and we had a successful day's training during which every member of the company met the Brigadier. The parting blow, aimed somewhat below the belt, was delivered by the B.M. to the Company Commander. The B.M. asked what year was covered by the desk diary on the Company Commander's desk. Needless to say no answer was forthcoming from Capt. Graham—but at least we will remember for future years. 1919 will be a year to remember!

And so to the Christmas activities. December 21st saw the Drill Hall full of cream buns and lemonade, films and games, all being enjoyed by children and parents alike. Sometimes one feels that "children's party" is a bit of a misnomer. Santa Claus arrived in full regalia, and were delighted to see that Sgt. Major Ingall's small boy was very apprehensive for it proved efficient work behind the scenes.

Sunday, the 23rd December, was our annual Christmas .22 shoot. Over 70 people competed and results were good with seven possibles gained. Once again we thank the tradespeople and business people of Gainsborough who contributed over 60 splendid prizes, and Sgt. Major and Mrs. Ventress, who collected these prizes. Special congratulations to Pte. G. Jackson, who won the "Reg Gabitas" Cup for champion shot.

The climax of our activities came on New Year's Eve when some 500 people twisted the old year out and "Madisoned" the new year in. Some light-hearted moments were provided by the ex-Company Commander, Major Marshall, who made a nonsense of the balloons. At one stage it appeared as if he had just landed by parachute.

H.Q. COMPANY

We welcome to the company Ptes. Cavell, Atkinson, Stallebrass, Panks and Garner-Jones and lost to the regular army L/Cpl. Bleck to the R.E.M.E. and Pte. Dixon to the A.C.C. In addition we have said farewell to Lt. P. D. Green who has taken an appointment in Chichester, which has left us temporarily without a mortar officer. However, Major Gammage is looking after our interests in Grantham.

Remembrance Sunday battalion parade was this year held at Grantham and the company produced part of the marching contingent together with the Band and Drums. The Regimental Colour was on parade, carried by 2/Lt. N. G. D. Bury with C.S.M.s Lowery and Morriss also in the Colour party.

Due to various reasons Support Wing has had to be re-organised with the result that the mortar platoon is now entirely at Grantham, the balance of the Lincoln Section having been transferred to other platoons—we hope shortly to be able to report that we have a platoon commander living in Grantham.

The assault pioneer platoon under Sgt. Bellamy spent a useful Sunday training at Burton where they were able to assist in removing a local eyesore.

The anti-tank platoon, now under command of 2/Lt. Gregory, who we congratulate on his commission, are shortly to be equipped with a D.P. B.A.T. while we shall have the use of a brigade pool service gun which the 4/5 Northampton are holding.

The Brigade Commander's inspection took place on Saturday, 15th December, a week later than usual which unfortunately coincided with the arrival of the G.P.O. who have the use of the hall for sorting Christmas mail. Things were a bit difficult as it was necessary to dodge between the lines of sorting boxes to find the various platoon rooms and naturally the G.P.O. were blamed for any piles of treasures. We had, however, spent a considerable amount of time in ensuring that the drill hall was tidy and clean—so much that the company office received its first coat of paint for many years—no serving or ex-serving volunteer could remember when it was last painted and the removal of our photograph of Queen Victoria to the Regimental Museum was a sad blow.

The Warrant Officers and Sergeants of the company held a very successful dinner at the Grand Hotel on Sunday, 2nd December, R.S.M. and Mrs. R. D. Swift were the guests. After the dinner the party adjourned to the Sergeants' Mess Club at Broadgate for further refreshments and entertainment.

The children's party was held on Saturday, 29th December. Although the weather was atrocious approximately one hundred children braved the elements for a tea prepared by Sgt. Grocock, Cpls. Bogg, Chapman and Pte. Pearson and entertainment by Martin's Entertainments who organised games and a conjuror. We again thank Mrs. Clarke who purchased 145 presents on our behalf and wrapped them so attractively. Sgt. Grocock stood in for Father Christmas.

We congratulate R.Q.M.S. A. E. Toyne, C.S.M. C. H. Lowery, C/Sgt. T. E. Moffett and Sgt. C. H. Bellamy on their awards of a Lord Lieutenant's Certificate.

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During the long cold evenings of winter, training is very much restricted, although there are those who face the blizzards and cold winds for patrol and map reading exercises. Training, therefore, is confined to the Drill Halls, brushing up on the handling of weapons, voice procedure and theoretical lectures.

The Battalion as a whole has done well in recruiting. We have maintained an increase of income over expenditure and the strength is 470. With the raised standard for the Regular Army we have not sent so many volunteers to the Duchess of Gloucester's Own or to other Corps.

The Reunion Dinner in October was well attended when 248 All Ranks sat down to dine. The band, as usual, was in attendance and very much appreciated.

By the end of this year many drill halls will have new appearances. Wellingborough has been completely redecorated. Huntingdon's new hall and premises are nearly completed. London Road is being redecorated and reconstruction work on both London Road and Corby are due to be started at any moment. May the enlargements and the more cheerful surroundings be an incentive to increase our strength—our target is 500!

"A" COMPANY

Training this quarter has continued quite satisfactorily but was curtailed for the month of December due to the Drill Hall being occupied by the G.P.O. During this month various lectures were given and preparations made for the forthcoming Administration Inspection.

Two very worthwhile days were held on the range. One Sunday was devoted to the S.L.R. at Brington. A further day was given to the Sten gun and we were fortunate enough to secure the use of the range at Simpson Barracks. Despite the fact that this weapon had not been practised since last camp, the overall results were most satisfactory. Recruits obviously need much more practice with this weapon but one or two scores were excellent. Sgt. Denton rashly boasted of his prowess with the S.M.G. but upon being challenged, came off second

best, but paid up like a gentleman to the benefit of Sgt. Master's tea fund.

Congratulations are due to the following N.C.O.s on their promotion—Sgt. Denton, Cpl. Billingham and L/Cpl. Wilson. We also welcome Sgt. Sye into the Company. He served some years with the Irish Guards and since joining has been dealing with our administration side.

The majority of sergeants and their wives attended the Sergeants Mess Dance at Peterborough. This was a most enjoyable affair and although most of the members did not arrive home until the early hours of the morning all were on parade on the following Sunday morning for the Sten gun practice. The fact that Sgt. Denton lost his bet to a certain officer can now perhaps be explained.

In mid-December we invited "C" Company over to our Christmas Social evening much to our regret, as they went home with all the prizes. We are indebted to Sgt. Masters and Messrs. Cookson and Barrick for all the catering arrangements (except the excellent Irish Guards curry!) although Sgt. Masters was unfortunately not able to be present owing to illness on the day. We wish Sgt. Masters and Sgt. Luck a speedy return to good health. This was a most enjoyable evening. Even Sgt. Gibb's one and only song sounded quite melodious—we are told he serenaded Capt. Ayrton all the way back to Spratton!

"B" COMPANY

The last quarter of 1962 was one of consolidation. The pre-Christmas decline in attendance on drill evenings was considerably less than in previous years. Training continued steadily, mainly cadres. An outdoor patrol exercise on a Thursday evening late in November brought a very good response. As well as the infants, many specialists, including the regimental "Leech" and a cook, turned out.

Recruiting has gone ahead steadily, keeping pace with discharges. One old warrior we welcome back to the fold is Pte. "Bob" White.

On the social side, the Club Saturday night "Free and Easy" has proved very popular. Over the Christmas and New Year period the club has



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been well attended. Weather curtailed a lot of the Hogmanay celebrations, even so, many members are still trying to recall their movements in the early hours of New Year's day.

"C" COMPANY

During the past three months "C" Company Headquarters at T.A. Centre, Wellingborough, has been given a new look and gradually we are getting used to the most unusual colour schemes—pleasant on the eye but nevertheless quite different from anything we have experienced before.

We welcome into the Company the new P.S.I.—C.S.M. B. Wolfe, who has moved with his wife and daughter into the flat above the Company Office and it is felt that he is already "with us." We hope that his stay with us will be a pleasant one and indeed as fruitful as his predecessor C.S.M. C. Tappin who is now installed at the "Oakley Arms," Rushden.

In November we had a most interesting Night Compass March from which it was felt that those participating derived a great deal of benefit. The movement and compass work was indeed so accurate that not one syndicate missed the objective—"The Crows Nest," near to Addington, where we all enjoyed beer and sandwiches.

Rushden Detachment held a Christmas Party on December 21st and members of the Company who attended had a most enjoyable evening.

"C" Company was this year entertained to a Christmas Social by "A" Company in the T.A. Centre, Clare Street, Northampton, and we most sincerely thank Major R. C. Jeffery and all ranks for a most convivial evening.

The usual Officers' Christmas Cocktail Party organised by Major D. R. Hooton, T.D., was held in "C" Company's newly decorated Mess at Wellingborough—on January 2nd. Guests included Brigadier M. J. D'A. Blackman, O.B.E., M.C. (Brigade Commander), Colonel J. T. Lewis, T.D., D.L., our last Gunner Commanding Officer, and Howard Deighton, Chairman of Wellingborough Urban District Council and 40 other guests.

The Children's Party was held in the Club on January 19th, 1963.

We would like to thank Major Cobb of the Northamptonshire Civil Defence for the most interesting lecture and films he showed us, bringing back to our minds that very important secondary role of the Territorial Army—Civil Defence.

"D" COMPANY

Military activity has been on a lesser scale during the past few months. Our main efforts having been directed towards preparation for the annual Administration Inspection in January. We have not been helped by the continuous building work going on around us. However, we managed to give almost 100 children from the Linden Home, Riverlea Home and the club members' children a very jolly party, and which much credit goes to our caretaker, Mr. Sanders, and his wife, ably assisted

by Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Papworth and others. We have reserved the main adult festivities for our official occupation of the new premises, which we hope will take place in January or early February.

At the moment recruits, like the beetles, seem to be hiding under the stones, but when the snow clears and spring arrives we plan to get around and see what we can do about flushing them out.

We offer our congratulations to Mr. Ford on his promotion to Lieutenant. Unfortunately, his imminent move to Northampton may mean that his appearance on drill nights may be fewer but hope that we shall see him on week-end training and at Annual Camp.

H.Q. COMPANY

Each department of Headquarter Company has maintained good attendances at training periods. Newly joined recruits are taken by the P.S.I. and the C.S.M. each drill night to further their education on military matters.

A Company Social was held on 10th December, 1962, at Lincoln Road, when Sgt. Allen, the P.S.I., presented a small memento to Lt.-Col. F. G. Barber for services rendered to H.Q. Coy. while he was Company Commander. Mrs. Allen made a presentation to Mrs. Barber.

Full marks must go to Major J. L. Boe, the Company Commander, for travelling from Leicester each drill night in this appalling bad weather. There is considerable speculation as to whether our C.Q.M.S., C/Sgt. Francis, has headed for warmer climates—Australia?

M.T. Section.—A Skilled Driving Competition was held at Deensthorpe in December and proved to many would-be rally drivers that a lot more practice is required before we can enter B.A.M.A. Competitions with any success.

Map Reading and Treasure Hunt Trials are now an integral part of the monthly training. Personnel of the Section are giving this training full support with very encouraging results.

We held our first social evening on 22nd December, approximately 80 members and guests attending. Father Christmas went round with the rum punch, and after that things went with a swing until the early hours of Sunday morning.

We welcome to the Section four new recruits—Ptes. Todd, Pearce, Patel and Jabbar.

OFFICERS' MESS

It is some time since we submitted any notes to the POACHER, but nevertheless happenings relating to the Mess have generally been recorded elsewhere. Being such a widespread Battalion we have not managed to run a Battalion Mess in the full sense of that term, but we do occasionally have a Mess functioning and even on occasions Mess functions.

During the past year we have had some of the latter at the Battalion Rifle Meeting, and at the Reunion Weekend before and after the dinner and on the Sunday after the Freedom Parade. On these occasions our guests have included the Colonel of

the Regiment, the Associate Colonel, the Honorary Colonel, the Mayors of Peterborough, Northampton and Huntingdon, all of whom we are always delighted to entertain.

The last year has seen the departure of a number of our members and among those to leave us was Garth Foster, who has for a long time been P.M.C. During his tenure of office he has earned the thanks and admiration of all of us for the efficient way he has run the Mess. We shall all miss him, but hope he will continue to visit us.

The climax of the year, from the Mess's point of view, was the T.A. Ball held at Northampton in December. This was a great success this year and was a memorably occasion. This year we were able to "field" our own dance band, who earned for themselves great admiration and who were complimented liberally by many of the 300 guests.

The Mess now has its own nucleus staff upon whom we have come to depend and to whom we owe a considerable debt of gratitude. Always ready to turn out for any event, to arrive early and to leave late, they are we know proud of the efficiency and atmosphere which exists. Space unfortunately forbids mentioning them all by name, but to Sgt. A. Sagasby and his staff, both on stage and behind the scenes, we extend our thanks.

We hope 1963 will be another memorable year; one to which a start will be made to the alterations to the Mess itself, and we hope by the end of the year we shall be well on the way to having a convenient and fitting home.

BAND

Our last parade for 1962 was the Remembrance Parade on 11th November. We are now hard at it practising for our winter concerts. We welcome to the Band, Bdsm. Meeks — saxophonist — Boy Hadman, son of Drm. Hadman and hope their stay will be a long and happy one. We look forward to 1963 with confidence and hope we will be able to fulfil our commitments with the same enthusiasm as in 1962, which was a very good year. Our thanks to the Corps of Drums for their good attendance and fine playing. Our last achievement for 1962 was to supply a dance band for the Officers' Ball at Northampton, 7th December. By all the complimentary reports this is not going to be the last time we function as a dance band.

SERGEANTS' MESS

The most notable event during the last quarter was the Sergeants Mess Dinner and Dance. This was held at London Road T.A.C. on the 1st December, 1962. Sixty members and their ladies attended the dinner and dance. The guests at the dinner were Major and Mrs. J. L. Boe, Major and Mrs. A. A. Pilgrim, Major and Mrs. D. F. Hooton and Capt. and Mrs. J. K. Parker. After the dinner, the Commanding Officer, the Coy. Commanders and their ladies joined the party. The Regimental



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We have said farewell to C.S.M. and Mrs. Tappin, who have left, and they have taken over the "Oakley Arms" in Rushden. C.S.M. Tappin will be greatly missed by all ranks; he did a first-class job as a P.S.I. with "C" Coy. at Wellingborough. C.S.M. Wolfe has taken over from C.S.M. Tappin. We wish both him and Mrs. Wolfe a hearty welcome.

To all members past and present we wish a happy and prosperous New Year.

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Football—"Riggall" Cup Competition:

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In the semi-finals the 2nd Cdt. Bn. covering the area between Grantham and Lincoln, played the 3rd Bn., which fielded a team chosen solely from Crowland. The half-time score was 1-1 with a goal from Holmes for the 3rd and a left foot shot from Johnson giving one for the 2nd. In the second half a desperate struggle in the mud followed with Holmes netting another for the 3rd Bn. The final score 2-1 to the 3rd Bn.

In the other semi-final the two smaller teams of the 1st and 4th Bns. were fighting an equally tough battle. The 1st Bn. representing the Lincoln, Horncastle and Louth area, and the 4th Bn. the Scunthorpe, Immingham District. The final score in this match 1st Bn. 3, 4th Bn. 2, with L./Cpl. Scott of Lincoln scoring one and Selby of Louth two for the 1st Bn., and Bowers and Tuplin, of Scunthorpe one each for the 4th. The final saw the small 1st Bn. side beaten 9-0 by the bigger 3rd Bn. side.

Teams—1st Bn.: Grant; Morris Wilkinson; Fernie, Vardy, Willoughby; Stanley, Scott Selby, Jenkins, Spencer.

2nd Bn.: Leigh; Kent, Byers; Frith, Parkin, Woodcock, Wright; Ford, Johnson, Massingham, Porter.

3rd Bn.: Mason; Allen, Goodwin; Grant, Lambert, Foster; B. Mason, Beeken, Holmes, Hall, Ilett.

4th Bn.: McKay; Heseltine, Vincent; Fenwick, White, Draguc; Scarrot, Bowers, Tuplin, Watson, Carter.

Shooting—"Montgomery of Alamein" Challenge Cup '67:

The Chairman and Members of the Army Cadet Committee wish to congratulate the team from Grimsby who were eighth out of 126 teams competing in the "Montgomery of Alamein" Cup.

The winning team: Sgt. Addison, Sgt. Flintoft, Sgt. White, B.S.M. Bell.

Lord Lieutenant's Certificates — Awards 1st January, 1967:

The undermentioned awards to Officers and W.O.s have been made. Certificates will be pre-




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sented at a suitable T.A. function or parade later in the year. It is hoped to be able to arrange the presentation so that the Lord Lieutenant, the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Ancaster, L.L., T.D., J.P., may be able to make the presentation personally. The Chairman and Members of the Army Cadet Committee wish to congratulate the following on the Award:—


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shire Regt. Since this ambition was established, only recently, an impressive list of successes have followed. One cadet represented Lincolnshire in the rifle shooting team which went to Bisley, where he came 26th in the "Cadet Hundred."

Two cadets were chosen to play for the battalion football team and are also being considered for the county football team.

Senior cadets attending the T.A. for advanced training assisted with a tricky demolition job.

The Drum and Bugle Corps made their first two parades on Armistice Sunday, one at Metheringham. At Dorington they led the British Legion to church for the service.

Lucas Tooth Efficiency Shield, 1962:

Again this has been a hard fight, with Horncastle emerging as winners. Capt. Rann and the unit are to be congratulated on winning the Shield, for the unit is a young one. Second place went to Scunthorpe and the Waltham Detachments jointly.

Re-formed Cadets Have a Party:

Just over 18 months ago the Waltham Det. of the A.C.F. was re-formed and on 21st December, 1962, the cadets and officers held their first Christmas party at their Headquarters. Highlight of the evening was the presentation of annual awards and special awards by the County Cadet Commandant, Colonel G. M. Sanders. The Cup for the best cadet in the unit was won by I./Cpl. M. C. Rudd and the runner-up was Cadet T. J. Turner.

A certificate and gift also went to Miss B. Stamford (daughter of Mr. W. H. Stamford, who commands this unit) and Miss P. Sherriff, who have charge of the Corps' catering section. This was an acknowledgment of their invaluable help to the unit.

Other award winners were Cdt. M. A. Atkinson (best turned-out recruit) and Sgt. Maj. G. M. Matthews and Sgt. D. J. Fowler (exemplary service). Organisers of the event were R.S.M. W.

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The County Cadet Commandant and members of the committee offer their congratulations.

Certificate "A" Part II Examination Passes

The following cadets entered for the Part II Certificate "A" Examination at Beckingham W.E.T.C. on 2nd December, 1962, and passed: Cpl. E. Green, L/Cpl. A. Betts (Grantham Det.; Cdt. H. Johnstone (Metheringham Det.; L Bdr. M. Dargue, Bdr. E. McCutcheon, L Bdr. C. Rose, L Bdr. I. Wilson (Scunthorpe Det.); I. Bdr. M. Wright (Barton-on-Humber Det.); I. Bdr. M. Addison, I. Bdr. A. Clark, I. Bdr. P. Crickmore, I. Bdr. G. McCall, Cdt. C. Money, Bdr. M. Page, L Bdr. E. Szaschewicz (Grimsby Det.); Cdt. E. Gowan (Waltham Det.; Cdt. M. Hemsall, Cdt. K. Rastall, Cdt. K. Morris (No. 1 Lincoln); Cdt. J. Sharp (Boston Det.); Cdr. L. Lee, Cdr. S. Willoughby (Louth Det.); Cpl. N. Vardy, I. Cpl. R. Cooke, I. Cpl. K. Marris (Horncastle Det.).

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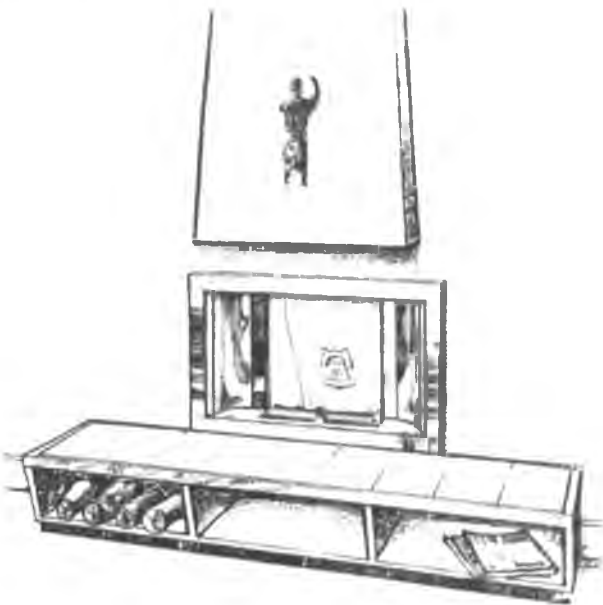
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