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1963

JULY 5th, 6th, 7th Annual Reunion.
Northamptonshire Wing of Regimental
Association at Northampton.

JULY 12th Granting of Regimental Privilege to 2nd
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THE TIME TABLE

The Ceremony will take place on Friday 12th July, 1963. Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Gloucester will be attending the Ceremony, and will receive the scroll on behalf of her Regiment.

The timetable is as follows:—

1.00 p.m. Her Royal Highness arrives at the Guildhall, and following a reception, will attend a Luncheon, at which invited guests of the Regiment will also be present.

3.00 p.m. Her Royal Highness and invited guests will attend a Special Meeting of the Council in the Guildhall Council Chamber, at which the motion to Confer the Freedom Privilege on the Regiment, is moved, seconded, resolved and ordered.

3.15 p.m. The Guard of Honour provided by the 4th/6th Battalion The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (T.A.), together with the Band and Drums will take up their position outside the Guildhall.

3.30 p.m. Her Royal Highness, in the company of the Worshipful The Mayor will move to the Dais outside the Guildhall. The Guard of Honour will give the Royal Salute. Her Royal Highness will inspect the Guard of Honour.

3.40 p.m. The Town Clerk will read the Title Deed, after which the Mayor will present the scroll to Her Royal Highness, who will reply on behalf of the Regiment.

Afterwards a detachment of the Regiment will move to the Dais, where one member will receive the scroll from Her Royal Highness. The detachment in Slow Time, and with the Band playing, will carry the Title Deed from the Guildhall to the Public Library, where it is to be placed for viewing by the public.

After the Ceremony is concluded, Her Royal Highness will leave, and The Guard of Honour with the Band and Drums at its head, will then March Past, the salute being taken by The Mayor.

The Guard of Honour of the 4th/6th Battalion The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (T.A.), whilst moving in the streets of Grantham is to exercise the Freedom Privilege which was conferred on it on the 21st September, 1946.

NOTE—It is hoped all friends of the Regiment resident in or near to Grantham or any others who can attend the Ceremony, will do so.

"FRIENDS OF THE MUSEUM" OF THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE REGIMENT

In response to the appeal for "Friends of the Museum" which appeared in the March number of THE POACHER, the following have enrolled.

Mr. S. Cooper, Miss M. Hartridge, Mr. F. Goodall, Mr. H. R. Drage, Mr. R. Lane, Lt.-Col. C. J. M. Watts, Brig. J. Lingham, Major J. Howson, Lt.-Col. A. O. F. Winkler, Major D. Baxter, Mrs. S. S. Hayne, Brig. D. E. Taunton, Col. E. M. Goodale, Mr. R. H. L. Wilson, The Marquess of Exeter, Major-General Sir Evelyn Fanshaw, Lt.-Col. P. F. A. Growse, Dr. W. Roche,

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The total amount received and promised in annual subscriptions so far is £28 5s. 6d. and the trustees of the Museum are most grateful to all the subscribers for their support, and hope that further "Friends" will enroll.

Deaths

EVANS

On 2nd February, 1962, at Birmingham, A. Evans, formerly Private 9624 of the Lincolnshire Regiment (1914-1918), a member of the Old Contemptibles Association.

HALL

On 2nd June, 1962, at Birmingham, W. H. Hall, formerly Sergeant 8172 of the Lincolnshire Regiment (1914-1918), a member of the Old Contemptibles Association.

IMPEY

On 28th October, 1962, at Lymington, Hants, Major E. H. Impey, M.C., late the Lincolnshire Regiment.

JOUGUET

On 10th January, 1963, at his home in Jersey, Archibald James Jouguet, M.M., late Lieutenant, The Northamptonshire Regiment.

COOLING

On 29th January, 1963, at Lincoln, H. Cooling, formerly Corporal 7659 of the Lincolnshire Regiment (1914-1918), a member of the Old Contemptibles Association.

SHARPE

On 19th February, 1963, after a sudden illness, Sergeant Charles Richard Sharpe, V.C., late The Lincolnshire Regiment.

PRITCHETT

On 15th March, 1963, at the R.A.F. Hospital, Nocton, Lincolnshire, Air Commodore N. A. P. Pritchett, D.L., R.A.F., (Retd.), and Secretary of the Lincolnshire Territorial and Auxiliary Forces Association.

CHESTER

On 18th March, 1963, at Whipps Cross Hospital, Leytonstone, F. W. Chester, formerly Sergeant The Lincolnshire Regiment, 1913-1922.

DARBY

On 29th March, 1963, suddenly after an operation, at Colchester, T. Darby, formerly C.Q.M.S. of The Lincolnshire Regiment, 1925-1936.

EARL

On 1st April, 1963, at his home in Liss, Hants, Mr. Charles Earl, late 2nd Bn. The Northamptonshire Regiment.

HARRISON

On 16th April, 1963, at his home, Belton Cottage, Belton, Nr. Grantham, Colonel S. B. Harrison, D.S.O., T.D., D.L., former Honorary Colonel of the 4th/6th Battalion The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (T.A.).

DRAKE

On 5th May, 1963, in an air accident in West Africa, Colonel H. N. DRAKE, late Northamptonshire Regiment. (An appreciation will appear in the September number of THE POACHER.)

Obituary

SERGEANT C. R. SHARPE, V.C.

Charles Richard Sharpe, V.C., to his intimates, "Shadder Sharpe", a former regular soldier of the Lincolnshire Regiment and a native of Bourne, Lincolnshire, died at the age of 76 years on the 19th February, following a short illness, at the home of one of his daughters, who resides at Workington, Cumberland.

At the request of his family, his body was brought to Lincoln for interment. On the 21st February, he was laid to rest in a grave near to the site of the War Graves Cemetery, Newport, Lincoln. His coffin being borne by Warrant Officers and Sergeants of the 4th/6th Bn. The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (T.A.), and the path leading to the church in which the funeral service was held lined by soldiers of the 2nd East Anglian Regiment and the 4th/6th Battalion The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (T.A.). The funeral service was held at St. Nicholas Church, The Revd. W. T. Armstrong, S.C.F. officiating.

In addition to the family mourners there were present at the service, Mr. Bernard Clarke, High Constable, representing the Mayor and the City of Lincoln, Brig. R. H. L. Oulton, C.B.E., Colonel 2nd East Anglian Regiment and President 10th Foot Royal Lincolnshire Regimental Association, Brig. E. F. O. Richards, formerly 10th Foot, Mr. J. A. Wenham representing Lt.-Col. A. H. Wenham, Major J. M. Barstow representing Commanding Officer and all ranks 2nd East Anglian Regiment and Colonel Sir Hugh J. F. S. Cholmeley, Bart, C.B., D.S.O., D.L., J.P., Hon. Colonel 4/6th Battalion Royal Lincolns (T.A.), Capt. C. R. Rushby representing Lt.-Col. A. J. Bennett, C.O. 4/6th Battalion Royal Lincolns (T.A.) All Branches of the Regimental Association were represented, together with the Old Contemptibles Association, the British Legion, Lincoln, and Bourne, and many others.

Among the many floral tributes sent were those from:—

The President and members of the 10th Foot Royal Lincolnshire Regimental Association, the Chairman and members of the London and Home Counties Branch, the Lincoln Branch, Grantham Branch, Stamford Branch, Grimsby Branch, the Commanding Officers and all ranks of the 1st Battalion 2nd East Anglian Regiment, the Warrant Officers and Sergeants of the 2nd East Anglian Regiment, the Commanding Officer and all ranks of

FUNERAL OF SERGEANT C. R. SHARPE, V.C.



Photo: Lincoln Echo

The Cortage bearing the coffin draped with the Union Jack, of the late Sergeant C. R. Sharpe, V.C., en route to St. Nicholas Church, Lincoln.



Photo: Lincolnshire Echo

Bearers carrying the coffin of the late Sergeant C. R. Sharpe, V.C. to the grave in Newport Cemetery, Lincoln

the 4/6th Battalion The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (T.A.), members of the Sergeants' Mess 4/6th Battalion The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (T.A.) and the Bourne and District Branch of the British Legion.

During the service the following oration was made by Major P. H. Segon:—

"We have come to this service to pay homage to the memory of a great soldier of the 10th Foot Royal Lincolnshire Regiment, Sgt. Charles Richard Sharpe, V.C., to his intimates 'Shadder'.

"His greatness could be measured not only for his bravery which won for him the coveted award of the Victoria Cross, but also by his loyalty of service to his Sovereign and the County Regiment.

"A very humble man, honest and forthright in all his dealings, a man who always strived to give of his best. He was a born humorist. His greatest pleasure in life was to be with the Regiment, both as a serving soldier, and afterwards, especially to be in the company of its former members.

"He disliked publicity for himself, but for his Regiment, however, this dislike he waived. He was one of its most effective recruiters. Often when asked 'How did you win your V.C.?', he would reply, 'If you go to my house in Bourne, you can read all about it, it's on the wall!' It was only for his Regiment he related for the first time and on TV., how he won the award. This filmed recording the Regiment is proud to possess.

"It was my privilege on behalf of the Battalion when he was its guest to arrange for his visit to the Regiment in June last year, and to travel with him from Harwich to Osnabruck. His letters in reply to those I sent him concerning his journey were full of humour. In one of my letters I wrote him 'Do not delay replying to my letter or I will give you a rocket'. His answer 'Have had my jab for small pox—roaring to go, everything under control except my appetite'. 'Had a nice letter from the Colonel and R.S.M., and wrote to thank them.' P.S. Just received your correspondence and I will carry it out to the letter—never mind about your rocket. I am senior now, Mister Sharpe Esquire.'

"We went through the Customs together at Harwich, he turned to me and said 'I hope they won't turf my kit out, my daughter took a lot of trouble over my white shirts and ironing by Regimental tie, and I don't want to lose my medals'. The official saw his passport, smiled, and chalked his suitcase. A porter on my instructions carried his suitcase from the quay to the cabin we occupied aboard the ship. He commented—'First time I've had my kit carried aboard a ship, let's keep an eye on him'.

"His humour continued in the company of others of the Regiment who were making the same journey, until we retired to our cabins for the night. It was then I gleaned more of the real 'Shadder Sharpe'—of his affection for the Royal Family, many to whom he had enjoyed the honour of being presented. He wanted to have the latest news of all the officers under whom he had had the honour

to serve, and whom he admired. All about the members of his family of whom he spoke with pride, in particular about his son serving in the Royal Navy.

Our talk went on far into the night and before 6 a.m., he enquired, 'Are you awake Gus?'—'Shall we pop along to the galley for some gunfire?'—'We can't wait 'till 7 o'clock, can we?'

"We were dressed and on deck long before the ship docked at the Hook of Holland, and for him the train to Osnabruck, although an express, move far too slowly. As he mentioned in his letter, 'he was roaring to go' to be with his Regiment.

"On arrival he was met by a Warrant Officer and conveyed to the Barracks.

"I met him after the parade of the Presentation of Colours to the Battalion by H.R.H. The Duchess of Gloucester, Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment, to whom he had been presented. In his forthright manner he expressed his pride of the parade, he wouldn't have missed it for anything—adding, 'The Colonel-in-Chief is a grand person.'

"After Divine Service on the Sunday, I was invited to the Sergeants' Mess, there I again met 'Shadder', I asked him, 'Any complaints?'. A prompt reply—'Yes! one chap had the cheek to call me "Mr." not "Shadder"—and they will not let me buy my own fags or anybody a drink. I'm being treated like a blooming Lord.'

"On his return to Cumberland after his week's stay with the Battalion, he wrote me this letter, parts of which I will read:—

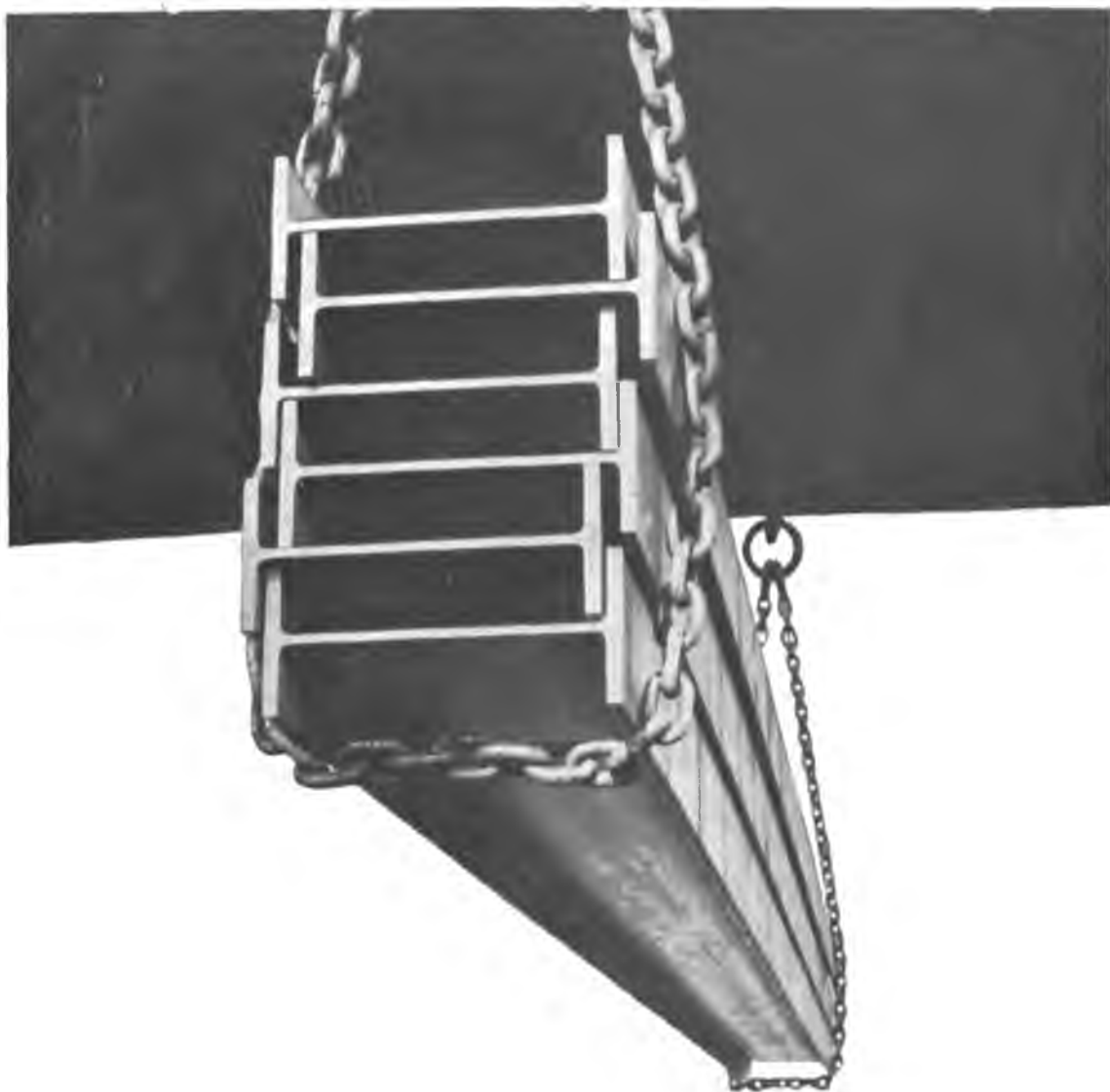
'I have returned, roaring to go again. I had good company all the way to Euston Station (Sgt. Sylvester)—he was going to Portsmouth. I said to him, you want Waterloo *not* Euston, he (the Sgt.) said the R.S.M. told him he had to see me safe to Euston.'

'I'm writing them today, and to tell the truth I don't know how—I've never in all my life been treated with such kindness and respect. I shall never forget that week for many years or I should say the good Lord allows.'

"The good Lord allowed him to be present at the Annual Reunion of his former Comrades and the service for the Laying Up of the Colours of the former 1st Battalion 10th Foot in Lincoln Cathedral.

"Upon the Queen's Colour, both the old and the new Colours, are borne the Battle Honours gained by the Regiment in two Great Wars, many of which Sgt. Sharpe, V.C., helped to gain. I can think of no other words to close my oration than those of the 'Ode to the Fallen'. 'At the Going Down of the Sun and in the morning we will remember him *"

The Museum of the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment possesses a television recording of the history of the Regiment, part of which was recorded by Sgt. Sharpe and relates to the exploit during the Great War, which won for him the coveted award of the Victoria Cross. This recording he made was not for self aggrandizement, but for the honour of his Regiment. He was the last surviving holder of the



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To his son John, serving in H.M. Submarines, his daughter and all members of his family we extend our sincere sympathy.

P. H. SEGON.

LIEUTENANT A. J. JOUGUET, M.M.

Lt. A. J. Jouguet, M.M., who was born in Jersey in 1886, joined the 1st Battalion of the Northamptonshire Regiment in 1911 from the Regimental Depot on the return of the Battalion from Foreign Service. He remained with the Battalion until early 1914 when he went to Jersey on the Permanent Staff of the Jersey Militia. He rejoined the Battalion in France in 1917 and was promoted to Lieutenant after being awarded the Military Medal. He was very severely wounded in the face with shrapnel on the 4th November, 1918, whilst the Battalion was under bombardment whilst crossing a bridge over the Oise-Sambre Canal. He recovered and rejoined the Battalion then stationed in Templemore in 1919 and retired from the service later in the same year, and went to live in Jersey where he became a member of the Town Surveyors staff, a post he held for 20 years.

I am sure there are many old comrades still living who knew Archie quite well and who will sympathise with his widow and daughter in their great loss.

J. BLAKE.

MAJOR E. H. IMPEY, M.C.

Major Edward Hastings Impey, M.C., born in 1891 and who died late October, was buried at Lymington on 3rd November, 1962. Major-General J. A. A. Griffin, D.S.O., attended and represented the Regimental Association at his funeral to which a floral tribute was sent.

He was commissioned in the Lincolnshire Regiment in 1911, and joined the 2nd Battalion, proceeding with it to Bermuda, and from thence to France at the outbreak of World War I. The Regimental History of the Lincolnshire Regiment, recalls that within eight days after its arrival in France the Battalion was in the front line at Laventie. It was in this sector after a few days in the trenches that Lt. Impey with eight men carried out the Division’s first raid on the enemy trenches. Draped in white sheets, the party crept over the snow-covered ground to a portion of the German line known as “Red Lamp Corner”. The enemy were

completely surprised and the party, after firing down the trench on the confused enemy garrison, withdrew without loss.

Edward Impey, later known to his intimates as “Father”, was an expert in the training and use of the heavy machine gun, and on its formation in World War I he was transferred to the Machine Gun Corps, serving with distinction. For his gallantry in action he was awarded the Military Cross.

At the conclusion of World War I he served with the 1st Battalion in Northern Ireland, until he was seconded for duty as Machine Gun Officer of H.Q. Northern Ireland District, a well merited appointment. His prowess as an angler with rod and line was considerable—his landing of a cock salmon at Belleek, weighing over 40 lbs. was the envy of many members of the Regiment.

After rejoining the 1st Battalion, he served with it in Gibraltar, Shanghai and Hong Kong. All ranks who served in Headquarters Wing at Hong Kong will remember “Leo”, the great dane, that accompanied his master, Major Impey, on his tour of inspection of the Company Lines or saw it take up most of the space, in the small company office. They and all who had the privilege of serving with or under the command of this distinguished officer of the 10th Foot desire to convey their condolences to his widow and family.

The silver model of a Vickers machine gun presented by Major Impey to commemorate the 1st Battalion of the 10th Foot having won the A.R.A. Machine Gun Cup (at home) 1926–27 and 1928 is now in safe keeping with the Regiment at Osna-bruck.

MR. CHARLES EARL

Mr. Charles Earl, who was born in 1879, enlisted in the Band of the 2nd Bn. The Northamptonshire Regiment in 1898, and served in South Africa, England, Egypt and Malta. In 1914 he went with the Battalion to France, and served with them until 1919, when he transferred to 1st Bn. The Worcestershire Regiment as Band Sergeant. He retired on pension in 1923, but in 1939 he joined up again, this time in the Home Guard. After the War he was employed by the War Department at Longmore, and remained there until he finally retired in 1957.

His son, Mr. V. C. Earl, to whom we offer our sympathy, followed in his father’s footsteps, and joined the Band of the 2nd Bn. as a boy and is well known to many, and a most loyal supporter of the Regiment and of Regimental Reunions.

EX-SERGEANT F. W. CHESHER

Sgt. F. W. Chesher joined the 2nd Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment in 1913 and was in the B.E.F. in France, August 1914. He was gassed and wounded and sent back to England in 1915. After recovery in hospital he was employed training recruits and later as physical training instructor.

Sgt. Chesher went out to India with the Battalion in 1919 and returned to England in 1922,

when he joined the London Transport as a bus driver. He retired in 1961.

His funeral which took place at Enfield Crematorium on 22nd March, was attended by members of the London and Home Counties Branch. A floral tribute was sent.

EX-C.Q.M. THOMAS DARBY

Tom Darby originally joined the Corps of Military Accountants in which on joining he was granted the substantive rank of Sergeant. On the disbandment of that Corps in 1925 he was transferred as a Sergeant to the 1st Battalion The Lincolnshire Regiment, then stationed at Aldershot.

It is to his credit that he adapted himself to the life of an infantryman, which for him was from the outset not only difficult, but strenuous, as he had previously been in a military unit where he had complete command of figures and accounts, working daily in "easy" dress. In the Regiment as a beginner and as a Pln. Sgt. he had much to learn, and many long route marches to carry out in Marching Order. He was appointed C.Q.M.S., and in that rank was a capable man to deal with soldier's accounts.

He served with the 1st Battalion at Aldershot, Dover, London (on guard duties at Buckingham Palace), in Gibraltar, Shanghai, Hong Kong and India. On completing his army service in 1936, he retired on pension to civilian life and until his death was employed as a Civil Servant in the Inland Revenue Department.

On Monday, 25th March, 1963, at his home in Colchester, he was taken ill, rushed to hospital and on Wednesday, 26th the doctor's decided to operate upon him. Two days after the operation he died in spite of the efforts of both he and the medical staff made towards his recovery.

To his widow and his two daughters, Joan and Doris, we extend our sincere condolences.

COLONEL C. B. HARRISON, D.S.O.

Colonel Sydney Brewster Harrison, D.S.O., born in Grantham in 1901, who died suddenly on the 16th April, 1963, at his home at Belton, Grantham, was buried in Belton churchyard. The funeral service was held privately.

"Jumbo" to his intimates, had not enjoyed good health for sometime, but his sudden death came as a great shock to a wide circle of friends.

Educated at King's School and Denstone College, he joined the Territorial Army as a 2nd/Lieutenant in 1921, in the 4th Battalion The Lincolnshire Regiment. He was promoted Lieutenant in 1924, and Captain in 1928, when he was given command of "B" Company at Grantham. Early in 1939 he was promoted Brevet-Major, and it was in May of that year that he recruited and took command of the 6th Battalion, The Lincolnshire Regiment (T.A.) as the youngest Lieutenant-Colonel in the Army.

During the Second World War he had a most distinguished record which is fully recorded in the Regiment's History of that War. For his brilliant

rearguard action, fought just prior to Dunkirk he was awarded the Distinguished Service Order. In 1941, he was given command of the 49th Division Battle School. He was awarded the Territorial Decoration, and at the conclusion of the War he resumed his business career as a director of his firm.

He was appointed a Deputy-Lieutenant for Lincolnshire in 1946, and in 1947 returned to his Battalion to be its Honorary Colonel, which gave the greatest satisfaction to those who had served, or were then serving in the Battalion.

His keen interest in his Regiment even after giving up his Colonelcy never waned. His greatest disappointment was when ill-health prevented him being present at reunion gatherings of the former 6th Battalion.

His death will be mourned by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. The esteem in which he was held was reflected by the attendance of so many friends and comrades present at the Memorial Service in St. Wulfram's Church, Grantham, on Sunday, 5th May, 1963.

To Jean, his widow, and to his brother John we offer our sincere sympathy.

S. S. A. F. A.

Since 1885 the Soldiers' Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association has existed to help the families of serving and ex-service men, with advice, guidance and in cases of financial need not covered by the present Welfare State, the Association helps with temporary financial aid.

S.S.A.F.A. Branches exist all over the country and in some stations abroad, and upwards of 15,000 voluntary helpers give their time and knowledge to further the objects of the Association by setting at rest the mind of the serving man with regard to his family's problems and by helping in every possible way the family of the man who has already given his services to his country.

Everywhere the need of S.S.A.F.A. is for more voluntary workers, men and women. If you have even a few hours to spare regularly during the week, we should be very grateful if you would offer them to S.S.A.F.A. We need people who will visit and interview those who need advice and assistance, people who will offer their cars to do visiting, or to take others to visit applicants, people who will help with the enormous amount of office work which arises—in other words PEOPLE WHO WILL HELP S.S.A.F.A.

If you are willing to give even half a day a week, and you live in or wish to help in London, please write to the Hon. County Secretary, S.S.A.F.A., Block "E", Duke of York's Headquarters, King's Road, London, S.W.3. If you wish to help outside London, please write to S.S.A.F.A., 23 Queen Anne's Gate, London, S.W.1, and you will be put in touch with the Secretary of your county.



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Personalia

We congratulate Major and Mrs. J. M. BARSTOW on the birth of a son on 8th March, 1963.

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Capt. T. W. BEARD has been appointed Q.M. of 4th/6th Bn. The Lincolnshire Regiment. He took up the appointment in April.

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We congratulate Major J. L. BOE, T.D., on being awarded the Territorial Efficiency Decoration.

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We congratulate Captain and Mrs. P. W. BRYANT on their marriage which took place on 16th February, 1963.

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Major W. R. CHAMBERS has been selected to command the 1st Bn., and takes over from Lt.-Col. R. P. S. ERSKINE-TULLOCH in June.

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We congratulate Lt.-Col. G. D. COLE, on his substantive promotion.

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Major L. H. B. COLVIN, M.C., completed his tour in FARELF and has returned to U.K. pending relinquishment of his Short Service Commission.

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We congratulate Capt. (Q.M.) J. E. EDWARDS on his substantive promotion.

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Lt.-Col. R. P. S. ERSKINE-TULLOCH has been appointed Deputy Director Plans at the War Office and takes up the appointment in July.

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We congratulate Major and Mrs. P. H. ERSKINE-TULLOCH on the birth of a daughter on 27th April, 1963.

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We welcome Capt. M. H. L. FARRANT to the Regiment on transferring from D.C.L.I. He is serving with 4th/6th Bn. The Lincolnshire Regiment.

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We have had news of David FEARNLEY. He went to New Zealand last summer and is now in Auckland. He was married on 15th April. His address is c/o Lewis Berger & Son Ltd, P.O. Box 14-130, Panmure, Auckland, New Zealand.

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Major C. J. GARDINER has been selected to attend a course at the U.S. Staff College in Kansas and goes there this month.

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We congratulate Major and Mrs. R. E. J. GERRARD-WRIGHT on the birth of a daughter on 14th February, 1963. Major GERRARD-

WRIGHT was appointed Brigade-Major, 70 Inf. Brigade, The Kings African Rifles in May on completion of his course at the Defence Services Staff College, India, the course having been cut by five months.

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We congratulate Brian HENDERSON on being selected to play for Scotland against England in the Calcutta Cup match at Twickenham in March. He will be remembered during his period of National Service in The Northamptonshire Regiment.

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Capt. F. L. JONES and Capt. D. A. JONES, D.S.O., M.C., are still in Kenya, and wish to be remembered to old friends. "F.L." has sold his Wheatfields Farm, and bought another of which his brother David is manager.

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Major T. C. S. KNOX joins the 1st Bn. in November.

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We congratulate Major (Q.M.) J. H. F. LEESON on his substantive promotion.

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We congratulate Capt. C. W. T. LUMBY and Miss S. YELLAND on the announcement of their engagement.

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Major C. H. MACKLAM, M.B.E., is now serving in Aden, and his address is H.Q. Federal Army, B.F.P.O. 69. His wife and two daughters did not accompany him, and are living at 243 Burton Road, Lincoln.

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Col. G. V. MARTIN, M.C., retired from the Army on 29th March, 1963.

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2/Lt. N. T. P. MAYHEW completed his engagement on 28th March, 1963, and has returned to civilian life.

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Mr. G. H. OLIVER, ex-Sergeant, has retired and is now employed as a postman in Reading.

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Brig. R. H. L. OULTON, C.B.E., is now living at The Farm Hotel, Triggs Lane, Woking, Surrey. Tel.: Woking 644.

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Capt. J. K. PARKER completes his tour as Adjutant of 4th/6th Northampton (T.A.) this month and joins the 1st Bn. He is succeeded as Adjutant by Major A. A. PILGRIM, M.B.E., M.M.

Sgt. L. J. K. PERKINS, "Polly" to his intimates, has purchased his discharge and taken up employment as steward of the Felixstowe Ferry Golf Club, of which Brig. C. A. R. JOHNSON, late 10th Foot, is the Secretary. Sgt. PERKINS, since amalgamation has been employed as Regimental Recruiter at the Army Information Office, Lincoln, where his efforts to obtain recruits for his Regiment, were well rewarded.

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Mr. A. PHILLIPS, ex-C.S.M., who retired in 1961, is now employed as a County Court Bailiff in Northampton.

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Capt. John QUASH, who will be remembered from his service with 5th Northhamptons (T.A.) has joined the Territorials of the York & Lancaster Regiment.

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Mr. G. E. ROBERTS, whom many will remember as the Regimental cartoonist of 1st Bn. 10th Foot, recently visited Lincoln, and also Lt.-Col. C. F. G. WHITE, M.C., R.A.P.C. Lt.-Col. WHITE enlisted as a pre-war Regular soldier in the Lincolnshire Regiment. He was granted a Commission in World War II, during which he was awarded the Military Cross. In the rank of Captain he was transferred to the Royal Pay Corps, in which he now is the Staff Paymaster, North Midland District.

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A welcome visitor to the Museum of The Northamptonshire Regiment in April, was Dr. W. ROCHE, father of the late Major R. C. R. ROCHE, M.C. He brought his son's medals, sword and silver embossed swagger cane, which he has presented to the Museum.

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Capt. A. F. ROGERS rejoins the 3rd East Anglian Regiment in August.

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We congratulate Lt. (Q.M.) A. D. RUSSELL, on being granted a Regular Quartermaster Commission. He took up an appointment as Q.M. with H.Q. 3 Div. last March.

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We congratulate Capt. and Mrs. P. H. SURTEES on the birth of a son on 30th January, 1963. Capt. SURTEES took up an appointment as G.III at H.Q. B.A.O.R. in April.

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We congratulate Capt. and Mrs. P. D. TAUNTON on their marriage which took place on 20th April, 1963.

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Major E. TURNILL is joining the 1st Bn. in September on completion of his course at the German Staff College.

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We congratulate Major and Mrs. P. F. WALTER on their marriage which took place on 6th April, 1963.

Lt.-Col. A. H. WENHAM continues to make slow but sure progress at The Olde House, Vere Street, Lincoln. Use is partially restored in his left leg, upon which he now wears a caliper, and it is hoped it may soon be possible to give better news concerning his left arm.

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Major G. R. YATES has been nominated as Coy. Commander at Inf. Jun. Leaders Bn. in December, 1963.

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Major W. J. B. ANNEAR would like to thank all the officers who so kindly subscribed to the very lovely salver presented to him on the occasion of his marriage on the 17th January, 1963.

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Lieut. T. T. TAYLOR would like to express his sincere thanks to all the officers who subscribed to his Regimental wedding present of a silver salver.

Recruiting for the Regiment

We are told it pays to advertise and there is no better way of advertising our Regiment than by the actual contact of the serving soldier of the battalion, with potential recruits. The task of the Regimental Recruiters who are doing a good job, calls for tact, patience and an eye for spotting the right man. So far the Commanding Officer of the Battalion has been right in the selection of those chosen to "Advertise the Regiment".

The Regiment and rightly so, requires only the best, hence the man who is to recruit men for the battalion realises the man he seeks must be at least the same quality as himself and nothing less will suffice or the proper type of man will not be obtained.

Recruiters have their "ups and downs", successes and disappointments is the more apt expression. It often happen that enquiries which come by post, after investigation, end with being a hoax—the applicant being non-existent or the name of a well over-aged individual having been sent.

Again, he has many competitors, recruiters of other branches of the Army or for that matter other Arms of the Services are, like himself, after the right man.

News of the battalion in addition to being published in THE POACHER, would if published with photographs in the County Press, reach the homes of many who are looking for a change to that of a monotonous job, which is the lot of many in civil life today.

So here's hoping we may, in our local paper, get some "hot" news of what the battalion is doing, and photographs of the lads. Who knows, there may be some "pin-up" boys?

P.H.S.



1st Bn. 2nd East Anglian Regt.

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Our last notes were written mid-way through the winter, which was indeed severe in Germany this year. We had snow from before Christmas until well into March—almost three months. Throughout this time the temperature was well below freezing point, and fell at night to minus ten degrees centigrade. During the coldest part of the winter it went down to zero fahrenheit—over 30 degrees of frost. Such conditions naturally affected not only our training, but our whole existence. The excellent central heating in our barracks kept us warm, but games such as football and hockey were out of the question. Vehicles could move only with difficulty and driver training courses had to stop for several weeks. Indoor specialist training continued, but outdoor training had to be of limited scope. Nevertheless parties of white-clad figures were to be seen about the countryside carrying out tactical training appropriately camouflaged.

Meanwhile, among other snow, ski-parties continued to spend an enjoyable fortnight at our hut on the Zugspitze. The Battalion novices team won the Second Division Novices Downhill Competition gaining the following place:—

2nd, Pte. Hardy; 4th, Pte. Burns; 6th, Pte. Pendleton; 20th, Pte. Elms.

Our team time was 4 minutes 19.2 seconds, the next best being 6 minutes 22.7 seconds and other times as much as 10½ minutes. It was an excellent start in a sport which was new to most of us, and the team, including their manager, C.S.M. Veitch, are to be congratulated. Pte. Hardy did especially well. We expect great things of them all next year.

In March, our annual technical inspections were held. For the M.T. with over a hundred and fifty vehicles and trailers on their charge, this meant much hard work. However, they rose splendidly to the occasion. They, and particularly the M.T.O., Lt. Baylis, who had been "in the Chair" for less than two months, are to be congratulated on the report which was obtained.

At the end of March we had a party of cadets from Wilhelmshaven School, C.C.F., to stay for a week, while a further party from Oundle School and Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire C.C.F., are with us at the time of writing. As members of the county Regiment we were particularly glad to

have them with us and to be able to show them something of the life and work of a battalion in Germany.

Throughout this period we have been handicapped by a shortage of officers, particularly of subalterns. At one time we had as few as 15 Regimental officers available including only two subalterns. Our average strength of subalterns has only been six. With several Warrant Officers and Sergeants away as well, on recruiting, courses and other duties, the organising of training has been difficult. We seem to be round the corner now, fortunately, and also we hear that we are to receive three young officers from Sandhurst in the summer.

The Easter break, from 12th to the 16th April brought reasonably good weather and many people were able to take advantage of it.

Finally, preparations for our visit to Denmark from 13th to 31st May are already going ahead. The scope of the work involved may be gathered from the fact that it will take three ten-ton lorries (which we find more convenient than ten three-tonners) to carry the petrol which we shall need to get there and back, and for the exercises there.

At the same time, practice for the Prix Le Clerc competition, to be held on 2nd August at Senne-lager ranges continues. As some of our readers may know, the Le Clerc trophy was presented in memory of General Le Clerc, the famous Free French Commander of the last war, and has been competed for annually by teams from the N.A.T.O. nations since 1951. It has once been won by the British team—on the first occasion when the competition was held. The team consists of a non-firing captain and 24 firers, 12 riflemen, 5 L.M.G. pairs and 2 firing the pistol.

At the moment we are fortunate in having Q.M.S. Gilliam of the Small Arms School Corps, last year's Queen's Medal winner at Bisley, here from Hythe to coach the team. We know that the opposition, particularly that from the U.S.A., will be stiff; nevertheless we hope they will meet with success worthy of their predecessors in the Regiment.

OFFICERS' MESS

The Mess has now reached an irreducible minimum of living-in members; we are now eight, two

of whom are away on long courses. In spite of this, however, we still function, though dinner is apt to be a lonely meal for the unfortunate Orderly Officer.

To celebrate Sobraon Day we gave two cocktail parties. One was for members of Osnabruck Garrison and to the other we invited the members of the W.O.s' and Sgts.' Mess and their wives. It was the first time this has been done in the Battalion and it proved to be a great success—certainly much enjoyed by the hosts.

Since the last issue of THE POACHER we have had two Regimental guest nights. At the first we dined-in Lts. Baylis, Houchin and Goulston and, sad to say, dined-out our last surviving National Service Officer, 2/Lt. Mayhew. The second guest night was the occasion of dining-out Major Greener, who, because of the insistant calls of the Military Secretary's Branch will not again serve with a Battalion of the Regiment. This last guest night was marked by the Band playing a musical resumé of Major Greener's career, an unusual and, we feel, a much appreciated gesture.

In March we gave a Sunday curry lunch for ourselves, families and friends. It is hoped that we will continue doing this once a month during the summer training commitments permitting.

Apart from the departure of 2/Lt. Mayhew and Major Greener, we have also had to say "Goodbye" to Capt. Surtees on his departure to that vast and mysterious place, H.Q., B.A.O.R. New arrivals have included Major Hughes and Major Clark. Major Clark is now Second-in-Command and Major Hughes has taken over "A" Company from Major Gardiner who even now is on his way to America. Last, but by no means least, we have now lost our two last National Service Mess Staff—L/Cpl. Walker and Pte. Goldspink who, will be sadly missed.

SERGEANTS' MESS

Snow melted, summer is on the way and here is a chronicle of events large and small, since our last notes.

During the icy spell, C/Sgt. Bird and Sgts. Platts and Ashworth, taking advantage of the R.A.E.C., disappeared daily for 1st Class A.C.E. and successfully sidestepped R.S.M.'s parades by utilising Saturday mornings for private study. The latter candidate neatly bracketed education with two spells of leave and returning refreshed, purchased a new badminton racquet and is now all set to beat R.S.M. Denny (when he can be cornered) at the game.

Two excellent and well attended curry tiffins have been held. On the social side S/Sgt. Peacock and his helpers have kept us well entertained. Latterly "A" Company members ran an original social, centrepiece being "Lofty's Bazaar", wherein C/Sgt. McColgan gave away money faster than it was coming in. Fortunately C.S.M. Dixon, running a crooked coconut shy with weighted tins balanced the deficiency. The expertise displayed by the R.S.M. in covering a coin in a bucket of water

for D.M. 5, greatly saddened Lofty Knight whose brainchild this was. The ladies are running the next social—which we poor males nervously await.

Between official functions a couple of Saturday evenings were gladdened by Sgt. and Mrs. Simmons' dancing class enthusiasts. C/Sgt. Smith, taking readily to the Casanova (or something), and S/Sgt. Smith, R.A.P.C. (excused drill) executed a number of neat turns.

Sgt. Gould organised a darts ladder of which our lightning conductor—B/M. Blackburn—is striving to attain the pinnacle. Very noticeable that in the manner that firemen are generally expert at billiards so the Band (possibly ex-B/M.) shine at darts.

Many ladies have taken seriously to .22 shooting and are carefully supervised by C.S.M. McCarthy. A number of Mess members have been co-opted for the Prix le Clerc team—the Holy of Holies at this juncture. A welcome is extended to Q.M.S.I. Don Gilliam, S.A.S.C., a Queen's Medallist, who has come to assist in this.

Those that could best be spared went off to Arnhem to tour the battlefield and very interesting it was for those who had not heard the story before. The Mess was honoured when "Robbo" Roberts was detached to join the staff of lecturers in the "I Was There" series.

Major Greener was dined-out as O/I.C. Mess in company with Major Gardiner and Capt. (Q.M.) Culbert. Our very best wishes go with them. As the new O/I.C. Mess we welcome Major H. W. Clark.

C/Sgt. Smith and Sgt. Keal marched smartly back from Pirbright, Sgt. Leatherland returned well-versed in small arms from Hythe and C/Sgt. Gray and Sgt. Richardson have both gone on a German language course (sprechen sie deutsch?) which makes one wonder what language it is that Dolly has been talking all these years!

R.Q.M.S. Smith paid a visit to us from his lair in the mountains. From similar remote regions we welcome the return of a very much slimmed C.S.M. Veitch. Sgt. Dunn has joined us from Hong Kong.

All were deeply grieved to learn of the death of Mrs. E. Taylor and of "Shadder" Sharpe, V.C., who made so many friends among us in June, '62. Les Guest and Bessie and C/Sgt. Roberts have departed to spend the last few months at the Depot. S.Q.M.S. Stubbs has been drawn to the delights of Berlin and Sgts. Parkin and Hobson to the T.A. We send best wishes with a reminder that they are always welcome when able to visit us.

To conclude, congratulations to C/Sgt. and Mrs. Harrold and S/Sgt. and Mrs. Springhall on the birth respectively of a son and daughter.

CORPORALS' MESS

Thanks to the hard work of the entertainment's committee there have been a number of most enjoyable socials and dances in the last month or so. On a games evening to which the Sgts.' Mess were challenged we were narrowly beaten. Neverthe-

Look Before You Leap

BY ONLOOKER

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Most folk know that Eldorado is the name of a popular brand of ice-cream. Few people know it is also the name of a mythical city of fabulous riches, the road to which is reputed to be strewn with the whitened bones of those who searched for it. Far too many servicemen think that Civvy Street is another Eldorado with easy money, lush living and none of the things they dislike in Service life. If you are the sort of person who daren't look facts in the face, read no further, because only painful and bitter experience will convince you. On the other hand, if you can stand a few hard home truths, I hope this article will help you to overcome the pitfalls and harsh realities of civilian life; it may even convince you that life in the Services is far more attractive than you thought.

The first point you've got to realise is that after even a year's service you will have begun to take for granted all that the Navy, the Army, or the Air Force does for you. Laugh at this if you like, and then ask yourself who in civilian life takes on the responsibility for feeding, clothing and housing you and provides the "perks" like free leave-travel and reduced fares for your family. Once you've signed on they become a Service responsibility, but when you sign off they are your headache and yours alone. So in looking at civilian life under the headings that follow, it is important that you compare it honestly with life in the Services. To ensure that you still don't take too much for granted and risk too big a disappointment I have made some of the more important comparisons for you.

EMPLOYMENT

You should not find it difficult to get a civilian job, certainly so long as the present conditions of full employment last. Statistics over the past few years show that over 99 per cent of ex-regulars are in civilian employment within twelve weeks of their discharge. But it isn't so much getting a job that counts as to what sort of job it is. Has it got prospects of promotion, increased earnings, and what security does it give, or is it just a dead-end job? Is it an interesting job with plenty of variety, or one that will drive you round the bend after you've been pulling the same set of levers for the next five years? Believe it or not, Service life offers you the very best of all these considerations and you will rarely find a civilian job that provides them to the same degree—and if you do, the competition in getting and keeping the job will be very severe. I know one man who was lucky enough to get one of these jobs but unfortunately he's now suffering from gastric ulcers as a result.

Has it ever occurred to you that the most difficult thing to get in the Services is the sack?

You sign on for a Service engagement for 6, 9, 12 or perhaps 22 years and like the marriage vows "for better or worse", but when you join a firm you will normally be liable to 7 days' notice only. It works both ways of course as you can give the employer 7 days' notice, too, but you'll be expected to work to the bitter end and may finish up in Queer Street if you try to flit from one job to another too much. The point here is that you

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less the evening was most enjoyable. Our first dinner night was a great success. As guests we invited R.S.M. Denny and C.S.M. McCarthy. Cpl. Hutchins delivered an apt after dinner speech. Unfortunately the thought of having it to do took much of the enjoyment from his meal.

Cpl. Bradtke, as Mess caterer, deserves credit for improving the Mess through organised hard work. Equally, much time has been devoted by the house committee under Cpl. Jeary, while Cpl. Benner as vice-P.M.C. had his finger's in most things.

The Mess has been completely redecorated and a new bar installed. Cpl. Wigfall has done many jobs with the hammer.

We now own a table tennis table, and a billiards table we are assured is on the way.

The Mess said farewell to the Battalion's last E. Anglian National Servicemen in a suitable manner. We played them twice at football winning the first game 3-2 and losing the second one 0-3. After the second match they were our guests for drinks for an hour or so.

The Mess has entered a team in the Garrison Corporals' Darts League and so far they have done very well.

It was a blow when we had to begin paying for our mid-morning tea but happily we are reconciled to it now.

should not expect, and will be very lucky to get, the same security of employment, whatever the economic situation, as you have while serving.

WAGES

I've heard a lot of loose and silly talk about an average weekly wage of £15 for manual workers these days. If you think that cushy jobs at £15 a week are there for the asking I must disillusion you and I'll tell you why. In the first place manual workers include highly skilled men like newspaper printers, some 42 per cent of whom get over £20 a week and nearly 21 per cent over £25 a week. It is the comparatively few men like these printers and skilled mine workers at the coal face who earn high wages and raise the average wage to the £15 a week mark. In actual fact about half of all men workers earn between £15 and £9 a week and many earn less than this. When you allow for the fact that this includes overtime as well, the picture looks very different, doesn't it?

Another point you mustn't forget is that these earnings tend to vary from week to week depending on how much overtime you can do, or whether you are put on short time and so on. If you are out on strike or one of the men laid off by the firm due to lack of components or orders, the £15 or even £20 you earned in one week a few weeks ago begins to look very inadequate. It is the weekly earnings over the full year that matter. While you are serving in the Armed Forces your weekly pay is not subject to violent fluctuations and is there whether it rains or pours. You don't have to worry so much about putting something aside for the rainy days, but you must remember as a civilian that a strike, sickness or unemployment is always a possibility, and when it occurs your savings can vanish very quickly. It is at these times that the long-service ex-regular with a pension will realise that it really is worth its weight in gold.

Remember, too, that your weekly pay packet has to cover many things which are not provided for you as they were in the Services. Fares to and from work and having to buy your own overalls or tools for example can make a nasty hole in your earnings.

If you look at things as they really are, like this, you won't any longer fool yourself that when you take your discharge you'll be headed for another Eldorado and streets paved with gold. More important, though, by facing the hard facts, you will spare yourself a lot of disappointment and your family a lot of hardship.

DISCIPLINE

It is a popular fallacy that once you get back to civilian life you won't have anyone in authority breathing down your neck. Just think of it, no more parades, no one to chase you from pillar to post, no night exercises and so on. If that's the way you think, take a closer look and see how wrong you are. Instead of being on parade you'll find you have to clock on and off—and incur penalties if you're late. If you think no one will chase you at a civilian job you've obviously never heard of production

schedules and progress chasers. And this sort of discipline doesn't come only from the employer's side; you also have pressure from your mates to keep the flow going and from the shop steward to toe the line. As for night exercises, you've surely heard of shift work. So don't expect a life of complete freedom; this on the job discipline can hit you where it hurts—your pocket and your pride.

HEALTH

In their own interests as well as yours, the Services do their utmost to keep you fit and well. I suppose that is why it's said that "old soldiers never die". As a civilian this will be entirely your responsibility and such an important one that on no account should you neglect it. While serving, your pay and allowances have been paid regularly in sickness as in health and with no deduction because you were ill. You must expect a drop of income as a civilian during periods when you are sick and off work—so especially if you are the breadwinner for a family you should do all you can to keep fit. It isn't always easy after a day's work and without the mid-week sports afternoon. Incidentally, when you're off work because of illness, do remember to inform your local National Insurance Office and send them a medical certificate within three days—otherwise you may lose sickness benefit altogether.

LEAVE

Thinking about the importance of good health leads me to raise the question of leave as a civilian. Everyone needs a rest and change in the interests of continued efficiency and health. While serving, your annual entitlement has been 30-42 days plus public holidays and on full pay and allowances. You will not be doing badly if you get 14 days' paid holiday a year as a civilian, and you will usually have to take it when the firm wants, instead of when it suits you. Make the best of it and remember that if you've spent your fortnight shivering in a shelter on an empty promenade you can't shrug it off as you could while serving because you still had plenty of leave to come.

HOUSING

I've just been reading a letter from an Army wife to a national newspaper in which she asks where, except in H.M. Forces, could one live in a fully furnished three-bedroomed house for 30s. a week with linen, curtains and carpets exchanged as they wear out. You would do well to ask yourself the same question. I'm sure some of you will try to wriggle round this one by pointing out that married quarters aren't always available while serving, and this sometimes involves family separation. I agree, but which do you prefer, the comparatively short separation or difficulty involved in the Services (which grows less the longer you serve) or the unfortunate lot of so many civilians who have to share cramped accommodation with their "in-laws" or pay out the bulk of their earnings in rent. However, that's beside the point as what we are concerned with here is your housing as a civilian on discharge.

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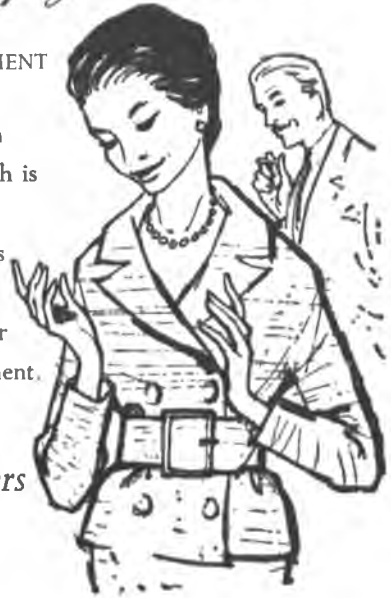


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Frankly, this is one of the most formidable of all problems that face you on return to civilian life. It is one to which there is no quick and easy solution; but if you don't find the solution you will certainly be involving yourself and your family in acute hardship. I cannot do better than refer you to Services Resettlement Bulletin No. 2 of 1962 which deals fully and simply with this important problem of housing. However, there are one or two points I do want to stress. The first of these is that house purchase is the best and often the only solution. Secondly, this is a solution which has now been put within the reach of all regulars if only they will do something to help themselves. I refer to this excellent new "Save while you serve" Scheme which has been negotiated with the Building Societies, and which one of the men who've joined it told me was the best thing that had happened to him in a coon's age. He now feels free of worry. Do you?

I said earlier that there is no quick and easy solution to this problem of housing, and it's also true that there's not much left out of even a fat wage packet after most of it has had to be paid out for furnished accommodation. Think very hard, and then think again before you take the plunge into civilian life if you haven't got reasonable and satisfactory accommodation to go to. If you and your wife are honest with yourselves you'll admit that you could do a lot worse than extend your Service engagement, if this is possible, rather than

find yourselves and your children homeless in Civvy Street. And if you do extend your engagement, I don't mean that you should regard this as a means of putting off the evil day. It will give you a breathing space, if you use it sensibly, to put something aside steadily under the "Save while you serve" Scheme and, depending on your length of service, a gratuity or a pension and terminal grant which will go a long way towards ending your housing problem for ever.

I could tell you some heart-breaking stories about homeless families which would make any temporary family separation you've known in the Forces seem of no consequence whatever. However, I'll end up by quoting an extract from a national daily newspaper: "The Marriage Guidance Council attribute 25 per cent of broken marriages to housing problems. Overcrowding, living with relations, rows over money because high rents strain household budgets—these are the heartbreaks." If you've been inclined to scoff at what I've said, perhaps you'll believe this. If you don't heed it, you've only yourself to blame.

I hope this article will make you realise that Civvy Street is not Easy Street and will put you wise to some of the pitfalls that can make it Queer Street. One of these days, perhaps I'll find time to write an article clearing up some of the strange ideas your wives seem to get about the attractions of civilian life—but in the meantime, the best of luck to you.

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LINCOLN BRANCH

Branch activities since the publication of our last report have been rather of a social nature, starting in the New Year by a visit of all our members' children to the Theatre Royal, Lincoln, to see a pantomime. This outing was a new venture in that it took the place of the Annual Children's Christmas Party, and proved most popular. The children were accompanied by a large number of parents, who seemed to enjoy themselves equally as much as the children. Only the children, however, were guests of the branch.

SOBRAON DAY

This year the anniversary of the Battle of Sobraon happened to fall on a Sunday, hence it was decided our Sobraon Ball should be held on Saturday, 9th February, in the Newport T.A. Centre. Much hard work by the social committee transformed the appearance of the hall, where dancing was thoroughly enjoyed.

The branch was honoured on this occasion by the visit of Brigadier R. H. L. Oulton, C.B.E., Colonel of the Regiment and President of the Regimental Association. This annual event was as usual well attended by members of the branch and their guests. It is an occasion of a real "get-together" and we were able to meet those of our branch who cannot attend all the business or social functions that we hold.

ANNUAL DINNER

Following close on the heels of the Sobraon Ball was the Branch Annual Dinner, held at the Grand Hotel, Lincoln. Sixty members and guests, which included six widows of former members, sat down to an excellent dinner. The principal guests were the Colonel of the Regiment and Major and Mrs. Segon. F. C. Lovesey, our Chairman, presided, and before the commencement of the meal, as is customary, recited the "Ode to the Fallen".

Following the Loyal Toast, the toast to "The Regiment" was proposed and honoured. The Colonel of the Regiment responded, but before doing so paid a compliment to the ladies present by saying: "They appeared to get prettier each time he attended the Annual Branch Dinner." News he gave of the Battalion was of considerable interest, and was received with the greatest pleasure. He mentioned the sale of THE POACHER, although financially it was just about holding its own, it still needed support from many more members, also it would help considerably if the ladies, when shopping, visited and traded with the shops of

advertisers in THE POACHER, and would mention having seen their advertisement in THE POACHER.

The toast to "Our Guests" was proposed by Capt. W. H. Lewin, our Branch Secretary, to which Major Segon was pleased to respond. His speech showed that he had not lost any gifts making speeches; his main theme, as always, is the raising of money for the Benevolent Fund, money "always needed" and so hard to come by.

His latest venture is a "Summer Holiday Draw" to take place next July, with a first prize of £50. The draw will have the full support of our Branch as we feel sure it will have of all our Branches. Anyone interested, requiring tickets, drop us a line, and we will be pleased to send and sell you a book or two.

Bill Davenport, a member of our Branch, has had a rough time in hospital for many months, but we are pleased to report he is about again "on sticks", and hope he will continue to make progress to full health and vigour.

POLLY PERKINS

(Ex-Recruiting Sergeant in Lincoln).—A very popular member of our Branch left Lincoln recently to take up a civvy job in Felixstowe; we all wish him and his family "all the best" in their new environment.

The attendance of members visiting our Club has slackened off just lately; the Committee hope that this is only temporary due to adverse weather conditions, and trust that with the coming of fine weather the Lincoln members and any other old comrades passing this way will look us up; a welcome always awaits you.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mrs. Lilian Mary Ringham, who died intestate on the 18th June, 1961, without any known kin, did however leave a testamentary document which although it could not be proved as a Will, the Lord Commissioners of H.M. Treasury decided as an act of grace to give effect to the "invalid" Will which bequeathed the sum of £50 to the "Old Comrades' Association The Second Battalion The Lincoln Regiment in memory of my dear husband, Lieut. James R. C. Ringham."

The Association has gratefully acknowledged receipt of this legacy.

THE MUSEUM OF THE ROYAL LINCOLNSHIRE REGIMENT

The Trustees of the Regimental Museum of the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment gratefully acknowledge receipt of the following gifts:—

From Mrs. Claud Barton, medals which were

NORTHAMPTON BRANCH CLUB



Left to right: Mr. J. Roberts, Mrs. Roberts, Mr. J. Matthews.



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Annual Dinner of the Northampton Branch of the Comrades Association, held at Northampton, 29th March, 1963. (Left to right): J. Matthews (Secretary), Lieut.-Colonel C. J. M. Watts, Major D. Baxter, W. McNicol (Treasurer), Major F. R. Carrington, J. Roberts (Chairman).

awarded to her late husband's uncle, the late Colonel James Forrest, who served with the 10th Foot.

From J. E. Lang, Esq., a photograph album containing photographs of officers of the 1st 10th Foot taken when the Regiment was stationed in Yokohama, Japan, and other stations in the Far East. This album is of considerable interest in that names of officers have been placed below the photograph of the person portrayed; it also gives an idea of the living conditions of those serving in the Far East in the mid-19th century.

WAR DIARIES 1914-18 WAR

In the December, 1962, issue of THE POACHER brief mention was made of the receipt from the Stamford Public Library of three shorthand diaries of the late Cpl. Ralph Clark of Stamford, who was killed in action during the 1914-18 War whilst serving with the 4th Battalion The Lincolnshire Regiment.

Through the good offices of the Press, the Trustees of the Museum were able to obtain the services, free gratis, of a lady, Miss M. Richardson of Scunthorpe, to transcribe these diaries, which are of tremendous human and historical interest. Lt.-Col. H. M. Raymond, O.B.E., T.D., M.A.(Cantab) of Grantham, has kindly offered to edit the transcript copies of the diaries, and Miss Richardson has again generously offered to re-type, for subsequent binding of the script before placing it in the Museum. To them both our generous thanks are conveyed.

The diaries reveal the character and nature of a Christian soldier of the 10th Foot.

Northamptonshire Wing

The Annual Reunion of the Wing will take place in Northampton on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 5th, 6th and 7th July, 1963.

The programme will be:—

FRIDAY, 5TH JULY

- Officers' Dance in the Peacock Room of the Grand Hotel, Gold Street, Northampton, commencing at 8.30 p.m.

SATURDAY, 6TH JULY

- The Wing Committee will meet at the Regimental Headquarters, Northampton, at 10.30 a.m.
- The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Regimental Headquarters, Northampton, at 12 noon.
- The Annual Reunion Dinner will be held at the Drill Hall, Clare Street, Northampton, at 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. This will be followed by an All Ranks' Dance.

SUNDAY, 7TH JULY

- The Church Parade will assemble on the Market Square, Northampton, at 10 a.m. The Service will be held in the Church of

the Holy Sepulchre at 11 a.m. This will be followed by the march past.

- There will be a Sherry Party and Buffet Luncheon for officers and guests on the Officers' Mess lawn, Gibraltar Barracks, after the Church Parade.
- The Northampton Branch Club in Gibraltar Barracks will be open after the Church Parade. All members of the Association will be welcome.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY, 14TH JULY, 1962

- The minutes of the meeting held on Saturday, 15th July, 1961, were passed.
- The General Fund Account was explained by the Secretary, and on the year a small profit of £8 5s. 5d. had been made.
- The Benevolent Fund Account was explained by the Secretary. Although Relief granted had increased to £923 7s. 7d. in the year and the Army Benevolent Fund grant had decreased by £200, we had managed to show an excess of Income and Expenditure of £10 17s. 0d. This had resulted from a big increase in self-help.

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34 Cases £332 8 7

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2 Cases £8 0 0

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those in hospital £41 17 7

- (a) Major F. S. Mumford presented the report of the London Branch. Active steps were being taken to obtain a permanent meeting place. There was a credit balance of £20 13s. 8d. in the Branch funds.
- (b) Mr. J. R. Matthews presented the report on the Northampton Branch. They now had 278 members and were financially sound.
- (c) Mr. H. G. Tompkins presented the report on the Peterborough Branch. The Branch was active with 53 members and the fund had a credit balance of £91 1s. 0d. They were benevolent-minded and had awarded £20 in relief.
- The meeting closed at 12.45 p.m.



1—Northampton Branch. 2—London Branch (left to right): Major F. S. Mumford, Messrs. Lacy, Hurwood and Tindall (junior). 3—London Branch (left to right): Messrs. Tindall (junior), G. H. Tindall (Hon. Sec.), Richardson and Bell. 4—Northampton Branch Committee and Members Social Evening.

REPORT OF THE WING SECRETARY

The three Branches of the Wing are all firmly established and continue to give pleasure and comfort to a number of people. The essence of a Comrades' Association is to foster the spirit of friendship and to ensure that others more unfortunate than ourselves are not forgotten.

The Wing Benevolent Fund does an increasing amount of good each year. Income for the Fund is obtained chiefly from Self Help, Regimental resources and individual donations. The Army Benevolent Fund supports the Fund and will undertake to assist cases that require major rehabilitation.

It is essential that Branches are fully aware of the need to support the Wing Benevolent Fund. Please continue to donate proceeds from raffles, jumble sales, collecting tins, etc., as has been done in the past.

D. BAXTER, Major.

LONDON BRANCH

Major F. S. Mumford, President London Branch, writes:—

Our meetings are now being very well attended, the numbers on the 16th of March were the largest we have had for years. I would like to place on record at this stage our thanks to Headquarters for their help to the branch at all times during this difficult period. We have been able to hold our meetings at the Victory Club for the past six months; these were very expensive, but due to the negotiations of the Secretary with the Victory Club the fees have been substantially cut and financially we can breathe again. This enables us to meet in much better surroundings than we have had before. The wives of members are very well catered for and are most welcome, and we should like to see more of you with your wives and friends on our meeting night. We have averaged four ladies a night for the past four months; you the members must keep it up and make the numbers much higher.

I would like to thank our Hon. Secretary for the untiring efforts he has made during the past year to get the Branch flourishing again. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank his son for the assistance given in coping with the paper work. I have a hunch that Mr. Tindall (Junior) does quite a lot for the Branch behind the scenes.

A word or two about our oldest member, in attendance at least. Mr. Jones, our Vice-President, has been a member of the Branch since its formation, and it had to be something of a very serious nature for him to miss a meeting or a function, and we always had the support of his family and friends. We have heard that the vile weather has not been too kind to him of late, but we are hoping that he will soon be back at the bar with us. Many of the early members after the war have reason to be very grateful to Joney for the help he was able to give during a major crisis in our lives, *i.e.* the cigarette shortage. He had a shop and was able to keep us all well supplied at the current price, and unlike some shopkeepers, he never once made a

penny extra for himself. The Secretary has stated that given 50 members like Jones with his keenness and interest he would have no worries at all.

Now to all the members living in and around the London district. We would like to see you on the third Saturday of each month. This invitation is also extended to any ex-member who is passing through on that date. Will you get in touch with the Secretary, who will be pleased to give you any information you require? We had hoped to put on a dance in May, but the Secretary informs me it is not possible so it will now be in the autumn. In conclusion, the London Branch send best wishes to all Branches.

F. S. MUMFORD, *President.*

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The Secretary, Mr. G. H. Tindall, writes:—

The London Branch is back in circulation again. We had a rough time after leaving Elverton Street, Westminster. We are now settled at the Victory Club, Marble Arch, W.1, and we meet on the third Saturday of the month. We extend a warm welcome to all members of the Northampton and Peterborough Branches who happen to be in London on that Saturday, so don't forget the date, it is always the third Saturday of each month.

Now for a word to those members of the London Branch who have not visited us for some time, no doubt for various reasons. We would like to see you at any time and I am sure that when you have visited the Victory Club you will come again and again, thus helping in the revival of the Branch. We are hoping to carry on the traditions of one of the finest of the County Regiments, maybe there were times when we didn't think so, but I am sure you will all agree with me that the one way to keep the name of the Regiment going is to make sure that the Comrades' Association do not die out. I attended the dinner of the Lincolns' London Branch; whilst there I met the Colonel of the Regiment, who was very interested in the fact that the London Branch is going strong again, and he wished us the best of luck in our efforts; but comrades, we can only do better with your help, so that is why I am appealing to you to continue your membership of the London Branch. The Victory Club is full of amenities which should appeal to all of you, especially those of you who put up with Penton Street and other places. There is a first-class lounge and bar, restaurant and games rooms; you can invite your friends to visit the Club if you are a member, and the ladies who have already visited us have expressed their approval.

The following information may be of help to you and I hope you will take a note of it.

G. H. TINDALL, *Secretary.*

The Secretary's name and address is:—

G. H. Tindall, 15 Micawber House, Llewellyn Street, Bermondsey, S.E.16.

Headquarters of the London Branch:—

Victory Club Ex-Services Club, Seymour St., Marble Arch, W.1.

PETERBOROUGH BRANCH



1—Another winner at a Bingo Session. 2—A winner at one of the Bingo Sessions. 3—R.S.M. Driscoll's Farewell Party. 4—R.S.M, Driscoll's Farewell Party. The President and members admire the present.

NORTHAMPTON BRANCH

The Annual General Meeting of the Branch was held in the Club Room on Friday, 8th March, 1963, at 8 a.m. Forty members attended.

At the meeting the minutes of the A.G.M. held on Friday, 23rd February, 1962, were read and passed.

The Treasurer's report was accepted and the accounts and Audited Balance Sheet were passed.

Major W. G. Dipper then stated that in August he was going to be forced to resign as President of the Branch as he was moving from Northampton. He would therefore not be able to remain in office and an election of a President to succeed him would have to take place. Major D. Baxter was then elected to succeed Major W. G. Dipper as President.

The principal officers elected for the coming year are as follows:—

Chairman, Mr. J. Roberts; Secretary, Mr. J. Matthews; Treasurer, Mr. W. McNicol.

The Annual Dinner and Dance was once again held at The Wedgewood Chambers, Abington Street, on Friday, 29th March. Ninety-three members, wives and friends attended, amongst whom were the President, Major W. G. Dipper, and Mrs. Dipper, Lt.-Col. C. J. M. Watts, Major and Mrs. D. Baxter, Major P. F. Keily and Major F. R. Carrington. Chairman for the evening was Mr. J. Roberts, ably supported by Mr. Joe Woodhouse as Toastmaster.

In his remarks as outgoing President, Major W. G. Dipper touched upon several of the Club's activities, their social evenings and excursions to various resorts. He stressed the necessity of all local ex-members of the Regiment to support the Branch. A lot of hard work was done by the Committee and a very creditable Club existed, and those sleeping members of the Regiment in the area who took little or no interest would be surprised in what they found if they would only summon the necessary amount of energy to visit St. George's Street.

Lt.-Col. C. J. M. Watts proposed the toast of "The Regiment" and associated himself with the remarks of Major Dipper, and laid particular emphasis on the merits of having a flourishing Comrades' Association.

The evening's entertainment was arranged by Mr. J. Roberts and Mr. J. Matthews. The Hi-Five Band played for the dancing that followed and a most enjoyable evening was spent by all.

In conclusion I would like to underline what Major Dipper and Lt.-Col. Watts said. Do please give us a visit. We are open on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings and also on a Sunday morning from 12 noon to 2 p.m. A very cordial welcome will be extended to all.

The Sunday mornings are extremely well attended by old and young members of the Regiment. Cribbage and skittle schools are well to the fore and much reminiscing takes place. Make one special effort to come and visit us.

L. G. TEBBUTT.

PETERBOROUGH BRANCH

As was reported in the last issue, a visit was paid to the Ex-Services Club at Thorney. We thank the Committee and Steward, Mr. G. Whittington, for an enjoyable evening. Mrs. Shaw again kindly obliged at the piano with Freddie Baker on the drums. Freddie's nose appeared to take on a brilliant hue, in spite of moderate drinking, but on closer inspection the nose was found to be false. Mr. "Jock" Hanlon was a guest with the bagpipes, and some new Scottish reels were introduced that evening. There are various reports circulating in respect of the Secretary's delay on returning, one being that he was "fishing in a dyke".

Bingo has become a popular feature with the Branch and a great asset to our fund. In order to raise further money we held a Jumble Sale on 6th April with a raffle in the evening. The sum of £12 16s. 0d. was realised.

R.S.M. D. Driscoll has now left the 4th/5th Bn. He was our Treasurer for the past four years. We thank both him and Mrs. Driscoll for their co-operation in Branch activities. A farewell party was held at which a combined presentation of a picnic set was made on behalf of the Branch and the Old Contemptibles Association by our Chairman, Mr. N. W. Hutchings, J.P. R.S.M. G. Bates has now taken over the office of Treasurer.

Our most recent meeting was held at the T.A. Social Club, Oundle. This was well attended, and amongst the members present were Lt.-Col. F. G. Barber, Major D. G. M. Anstee, Major A. A. Pilgrim and Capt. J. K. Parker. It was pleasing to see our Oundle members, one in particular was "Poacher" Briggs, whose rendering of The Lincolnshire Poacher was assisted by the production of rabbits from his rather large holdall. We must thank all who entertained and made the evening such a success, the Steward and Stewardess for the excellent refreshments, Mrs. Shaw on the piano, "Kaffir" Simpson and Freddie Baker on the drums and "Jock" Hanlon with his bagpipes.

Our next meeting will be held at Yaxley in the hopes of reviving the interest of the many ex-members of the Regiment in that area.

The possibility of holding a Church Parade and Rally at Barnack has been discussed. A further report will be made if the event is due to take place. It is intended for the Branch, the Old Contemptibles and possibly the Stamford Branch of the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (10th Foot) Comrades' Association.

We were pleased to see in and around Peterborough "Rufus" Adams, a former R.S.M. of the 5th Bn. He has already taken up his interest in the Old Contemptibles and the Branch.

We are sorry to have a report that Joe Landin is once again indisposed, again in connection with his unfortunate accident which caused his ankle injury. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Joe Stimson. Our sympathy is extended to his widow and family.

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The Northamptonshire Regt. (T.A.)

"A" COMPANY

Since January a new cycle of training has been started, based on general initial preparation for Annual Camp. Weapon Training received much attention for the first month, and it was found necessary to run two classes, one for recruits and the other for trained soldiers. Two days have been spent on the rifle range, but much of the time was devoted to zeroing weapons. The ultimate results with one or two exceptions were only satisfactory and it is clear that much more practice is required. One or two recruits achieved very good scores and it is to be hoped that they will maintain this standard later in the year at Grafham.

Several evenings have been usefully spent at Tiffield Training Area on night patrols and field craft. The weather was not always kind to us but several good lessons were learnt.

A very enjoyable and worthwhile week-end was spent on "adventure" training. We were very fortunate in obtaining the good services of Capt. K. L. Parry, who provided some excellent instruction on canoeing on the Saturday afternoon followed by a canoeing exercise on the Sunday. A stretch of the River Nene starting at Grendon was chosen and the exercise consisted of a platoon march across country to intercept the canoe party. The Platoon Commander, Lieut. R. L. G. Williams, adopted certain rather ingenious methods of his own to reduce the time factor, but the platoon mission was achieved. One or two interesting incidents took place with the canoeists. Two members now know that it is unwise to attempt to change positions in the canoe by standing up in midstream, but in spite of a complete soaking they did at least complete the course, lashed we are told, by Capt. Parry's tongue. In spite of a very strong head wind and very low water in the river, the canoe party reached the objective in time but were at this point captured by the platoon. Our grateful thanks for this very pleasant week-end are entirely due to Capt. Parry, not only for his guidance and help but also for supplying all the necessary equipment.

A small party, led by C/Sgt. Sye, joined the Pennine Walk exercise over Easter. In spite of atrocious weather resulting in the curtailment of the exercise, the majority seem to have enjoyed themselves.

The P.E. Tests have been started and it is hoped will be completed by Camp. Through the good sources of Capt. Parry again we have been able to acquire certain P.E. equipment which is proving most useful.

We are very pleased to see that Sgts. Luck and Masters are still progressing well after their recent illnesses, and we wish them a speedy recovery (in time for Camp!).

"B" COMPANY

The major item of news from Corby is that at last reconstruction of the Drill Hall has commenced. At first the bad weather delayed operations, but during the past three weeks work has speeded up immensely and contours are altering in 24 hours. Reconstruction has already brought its admin. problems, and these will become greater as time goes on. However, the knowledge that in the near future we will have more "Lebenstraum" will make these additional burdens bearable.

The first quarter of 1963 has been one of steady progress. During the past six weeks there has been a burst of recruiting, which will cover the numbers of "dead wood" due for discharge.

Training during this period has been mainly cadre training, though there were a few nights of Company training in the middle of March, which led up to a Coy. week-end at Tiffield on the 23rd of March. This was run by Lieuts. Barthorpe and Marriott, with Sgt. Winkle as "military adviser". The weather gods were kind, and produced a glorious day; this, coupled with the excellent food produced by "Arthur Caley's Commandos", made it a most enjoyable and successful week-end.

We congratulate Sgt. Petch on obtaining his commission, and wish him well in his new sphere.

Although social life has not been quite so hectic as the Christmas and Hogmanay period, nevertheless the Club has been well patronised, especially by Territorial members. Early in March we held a full social, at which we said good-bye to W.O.1 and Mrs. Driscoll. We would like to record our thanks to Mr. Driscoll for the help he gave to this Company during his tenure as R.S.M. and wish him and his wife a happy and successful time at their new station. They will always be assured of



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Towards the end of March a small social evening was held by the cooks, for themselves and their wives. It is a measure of the competence of the cooks that from their wives (the severest of critics) no serious complaints were made of the food which the cooks prepared. It is hoped to make this a regular function—some small return for the work they put in behind the scenes.

"C" COMPANY

During the long cold spell this winter we have been obliged to concentrate our training largely indoors—not that it was much warmer in the Drill Hall! However, we have not lost the opportunity of getting a lot of basic knowledge firmly embedded ready for putting into practice outdoors now that lighter and more pleasant evenings are on the way. The most important event this quarter was the Brigade Commander's inspection, and thanks are due to all members of the Company for the hard effort that was put in to bring the equipment and turnout to the high standard that was attained.

On 7th March we returned the visit to H.Q. Coy. Oundle Detachment where we managed, in spite of their battalion shooting team members, to win the .22 Shooting Competition. Many thanks are due to Capt. Hogg and Oundle Detachment for entertaining us so cordially afterwards in their Club. Our .22 shooting has indeed shown marked signs of improvement and the Company team are to be congratulated on getting through to the final of the N.S.B. T.A. R.A. Shooting Competition.

On Thursday, 21st March, we had a night's cross-country move by syndicates in the Doddington and Wollaston area. Cpl. Walker's syndicate passed through the check point early on and Sgt. Sambrooks' syndicate somewhat later, but the third (who shall be nameless) mysteriously missed the check point, but miraculously arrived at the final check point ahead of schedule. Perhaps it is of interest to mention that the final check point was in The Stag, Great Doddington, where we enjoyed beer and sandwiches.

On Thursday, 11th April, our P.S.I., C.S.M. Tappin (or Mr. Tappin as he now insists on being called), brought a large party from his public house, "The Oakley Arms", Rushden, to visit us in the Club. A most convivial evening ensued.

Although we are some 30 miles from Bn. H.Q., we could never complain that we do not see anyone from Peterborough. Indeed on one evening in March we were honoured by a visit of no less than the Commanding Officer, the Second-in-Command, the Training Major, the new Regimental Sergeant-Major, R.S.M. Bates (whom we welcome), and also the Bn. Padre, Capt. the Rev. F. Adams, all in one drill night.

Recruiting has not been as rapid as we had hoped but a Recruiting Display in the Lyric Cinema, Wellingborough, in conjunction with the film "Bridge over the River Kwai", early in April, we hope will be productive.

Lt. Baxter and Sgt. Sambrooks have just returned from a course on the Bn. anti-tank gun, and being the only gun in the Battalion, we are training full steam ahead to produce at least one fully trained detachment by Camp. The gun has, of course, particularly attracted the old members of "R" Battery.

We are all looking forward with a certain amount of trepidation to our proposed Adventure Training early in May to take place in that expanse of barren country—the "Forest of Bowland", east of Blackpool. Major D. F. Hooton and our P.S.I., C.S.M. Wolfe, are sparring as to who is to recce the area and take the responsibility of the odd syndicate finishing up in Scotland (or Sharnbrook).

Rushden detachment report that training is progressing well and personnel are attending various Bn. cadres. Visiting lecturers at Rushden have included Major Cobb, the area Civil Defence Officer who showed various pieces of equipment for detecting radio-active fall-out. One of the survey meters which he demonstrated was so new that Rushden detachment were the first people in the Region to receive instruction on it.

Help has been given to the Cadets in their signal training.

Club activities included a trip to see Peter Pan on ice at Wembley. Some 40 people made up the party.

Rushden Detachment would like to record their appreciation of the active interest taken by the Mayor of Higham Ferrers, Mr. Colin Rockingham, in T.A. events during his year of office.

"D" COMPANY

Following the emergence of our land from the recent "Ice Age" many of our stalwarts from the corners of our far-flung Empire who had become accustomed to slithering through snow and ice as well as groping their way through fog, have found travelling somewhat easier with the result that drill night attendances have built up to a very agreeable figure. Unfortunately, however, the extra number did not help when it came to competing in the T.A. Decentralised National .22 Shoot and we failed to qualify for the next round. To make amends in other directions we have been pressing on with zeroing in preparation for Annual Classification, spending several busy if icy Sundays on Yeldon and Grafham Ranges for this purpose. At these times L/Cpl. Belton, our acquisition from "B" Company, has come into his own, being an expert cook and dispenser of hot stew and tea. With the brand new electric cooker at his disposal in the new Drill Hall, we wait with watering mouths for the delicacies he will undoubtedly turn out, and obviously the difficulty will be to persuade the Company to take an occasional Sunday lunch at home.

Training on drill nights has been, in the main, concentrated on Map Reading and Signals, the general idea presumably being that if one is unable to find one's way then one can at least call "help" over the air. Following the battalion principle of every man, at least in an emergency, being able to

fire/operate every weapon, we have also let the specialists take the platform and divulge trade secrets to the uninitiated—this has been a very successful move but we must find out what inducements C.S.M. Kelly and Sgt. Capstaff have been offering, for everyone is asking for a transfer to the Assault Pioneers.

Recruiting has been steady though not spectacular, but at the end of April we are participating in a four-day display by local Clubs and Organisations whilst in July the local Rotarians are laying on a very ambitious Gala when we have been invited to be represented on a battalion level along with the Royal Engineers, the R.A.F. and the U.S.A.A.F. to mention a few. Particularly on the recruiting side are we pleased to welcome back to the fold ex-Cpl. Peacock, and also at this stage we would all like to tell Sgt. Charles Ambrose of the pleasure his return to duty with the Company, after a long illness, has given us.

Finally but not least, our new Drill Hall, Club Room and military accommodation has been completed and was handed over by Brigadier D. E. Taunton, Secretary T. & A.F. Association, on the 19th March. The "official opening" has been fixed for Saturday, 24th August, when the Lord Lieutenant of Huntingdonshire, Lord de Ramsey, has kindly consented to perform the ceremony. On this notable occasion there will be a full Regimental Guard of Honour with the Regimental Band in attendance and later Beating Retreat, in addition to which the Drill Hall will be open for inspection whilst training is in progress. As this date had perforce to be fixed rather a long way ahead, we got quickly off the mark by holding in the new Drill Hall and Club on the 30th March our long delayed Company "Christmas Dinner", which was a great success and was followed by a lively social and dance for both T.A. and Club Members—with 120 people present it is reported that the Club Steward actually looked happy.

SERGEANTS' MESS

At the time of these notes going to press major changes are taking place at our Bn. H.Q., and this involves losing our Mess for a few months. All is well as a new Mess is in the course of construction and we look forward to the completion and opening date.

The highlight of the past few months was the farewell party for R.S.M. Driscoll. The evening was well attended by almost all our members, wives and friends. The R.Q.M.S. on behalf of all Members made a presentation to R.S.M. and Mrs. Driscoll of a set of travel cases. This was also an occasion to welcome R.S.M. C. Bates to the Mess and wish him a very happy stay with the battalion. Dancing followed to the music of the Regimental Dance Band, and an excellent buffet was provided by Mr. L. Seago, ex-member of the battalion and a local inn proprietor. Guests included Col. and Mrs. F. G. Barber, Major and Mrs. D. G. M. Anstee, Major A. A. Pilgrim, M.B.E., M.M., Major and Mrs. R. C. Jeffery, Major J. W. H. Green,

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We are fortunate in having two Mess staff, Sgt. Boyer and L/Cpl. Pearson, and thank them for their assistance at all times.

C.S.M. Keith Lamb is leaving us. We thank him for his support and wish him well.

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The most noteworthy feature of the past quarter has been the appalling weather conditions. Snow and heavy frost throughout January and February made outdoor training extremely difficult and a number of events had to be cancelled or postponed. Nevertheless a great deal of useful training has been carried out on drill nights and at week-ends.

The battalion organised an escape and evasion exercise, "March Past", on 9th and 10th of March. Fifty selected officers, N.C.O.s and men acted as escapers, and the searchers were drawn from the rest of the battalion, 16 Independent Parachute Company, two Companies of 4/5 Royal Leicesters and Louth School C.C.F. They were assisted by the Lincolnshire Constabulary. Night illumination was provided by 863 Movement Light Squadron, R.E. The escapers were dropped off in pairs along the Wragby-Horncastle road at midnight on Friday, with orders to reach four RVs about 20 miles distant at midnight on Saturday. A small party of the Special Boat Service, R.M.F.V.R. set out from the coast at 1800 hours on Saturday evening with orders to reconnoitre the route to the RVs, contact the escapers and guide them back to the embarkation point on the coast. The going was very heavy due to the recent thaw and almost continual rain. This slowed up the progress of the escapers and drove some of them to seek refuge in farm buildings, where a few were handed over to the police by the farmers, who had been asked to report any whom they saw. Unfortunately one or two of the prisoners carried marked maps, and by tea time on Saturday two of the four RVs were known to the defenders and ambushed. In the northern sector the escapers had to cross the Louth Navigation Canal, which has few crossing points and is not fordable. In order to overcome this the S.B.S. carried inflatable rubber boats. Shortly after having crossed and hidden their boats on their way inland, this party bumped into a patrol of the Royal Leicesters and was captured. Although a large proportion of the escapers reached their RVs on time, few of them were able to get through to the coast. In the north they found all the bridges guarded, and in desperation, led by the C.O., one party of 10 rushed a bridge just before dawn hoping that some, at least, would get through, only to find a whole platoon of parachutists waiting for them. In the south, although most successfully avoiding

the ambushes at the RVs, nearly all walked into patrols or ambushes in the defended belt guarding the eastern edge of the Lincolnshire Wolds. Despite the weather the exercise seems to have been much enjoyed. Many useful lessons were learnt, particularly on cross-country navigation and map reading, and not least on the necessity for security. It was pleasing to see such a large proportion of those taking part getting to the right place at the right time. Our thanks are due to the Royal Marines, Royal Engineers, Parachute Regiment, Royal Leicesters, Louth School C.C.F. and the Police for helping us to make this a successful exercise.

Officers' training continued during the quarter. On 27th January we had a study period in the Mess at which we considered problems which we might have to face in the event of war. Nearly all the officers were able to attend and there was an interesting day's discussion. An excellent luncheon was organised by the P.M.C. On 3rd March there was a T.E.W.T. on the Company in defence at Mavis Enderby. We were extremely lucky to have a sunny day, and although the snow had not completely cleared, it was comparatively warm.

The N.C.O.s have had two training week-ends, one on methods of instruction, and one, which took the form of a T.E.W.T. on the defence at platoon level.

Recruit training has continued on one or two week-ends each month, depending upon other commitments. We had hoped to use Beckingham Camp, but due to the fact that it was completely frozen up until mid-March, this was not possible, and most of the instruction had to be given by P.S.I.s at their own T.A. Centres.

Company Commanders have just completed their recess for Annual Camp and detailed planning is just beginning. We go to Stanford P.T.A. from 8th-22nd June. This year we are to be under canvas. Given reasonable weather it promises to be a most enjoyable camp.

At long last there are signs that our new T.A. Centre at Sobraon Barracks is about to be started. The Keep and the football pitch have now been handed over to us and final War Office approval has been given for building to commence. We hope, in about two years' time, to have a proper battalion headquarters.

We are extremely sorry to lose Major (Q.M.) C. H. Macklam, M.B.E., who has been our Quartermaster for the past two years, and is now posted to Aden. The efficient way he has handled our "Q" matters, his sound advice in all aspects of battalion activities, and his prominent part in Officers' Mess life will long be remembered by the T.A. That we shall miss him very much goes without saying, and we wish him the best of luck in his new appointment in Aden. In his place we welcome Capt. (Q.M.) T. W. Beard, and we hope that he will have an enjoyable tour with us.

Also we bid farewell to R.S.M. R. D. Swift, who has completed his service and is going on discharge as R.S.M. of the Bermuda Rifles. We would like to thank him for the tremendous amount of good work he has done in the past two years and wish him every success in his new appointment. We welcome in his place R.S.M. R. A. Blood.

Finally, it is with sincere regret that we have to record the death of Air Commodore N. A. P. Pritchett, D.L., Secretary, Lincoln Territorial and Auxiliary Forces Association. The great improvement made to our T.A. Centres in recent years is almost entirely due to his personal efforts. He was a honorary member of our Officers' Mess and a regular attender at all our social functions. His presence will be greatly missed. To Mrs. Pritchett and family we extend our deepest sympathy.

"A" COMPANY

The prolonged blanket of snow throughout the winter reduced the training programme somewhat during the last few months.

Shooting has provided most of the novelty recently with the coming of the self-loading rifle. Classification results have proved what your scribe has suspected for some time, that the new rifle gives better results for the average shot but tends to make the good shots less outstanding. From a purely practical point of view this can bring nothing but good, but surely just a little of the artistry of shooting will go with the passing of the No. 4 rifle!

Recruiting continues to make progress thanks to C.S.M. Coates, and new faces are appearing in quite encouraging numbers. The best method of recruiting must be by individual contact, and members of the Company can do an enormous amount of good by persuading their friends to come along and see what goes on.

"B" COMPANY

We welcome to the Company Ptes. Bacon, Davy, Dowse, Faunt, Mountain, Osborne, Robinson, Marsh, Line, Elsom and Robinson, and we hope that their stay in the Company will be a happy and successful one.

We would like to take this opportunity of congratulating Cpls. V. E. French and J. R. Teesdale and L/Cpl H. Wright on their respective promotions, and Cpl. G. Bell on his well-deserved award of the Territorial Efficiency Medal.

The inclement weather during the period since Christmas has made us very behindhand with our

training and we have twice had to cancel our range days due to flooding and danger of ricochets on frozen ground. However, some useful training days have been spent on weapon training and tactics and firing on the .22 range. The Company went to Beckingham Range on Sunday, 17th March, and Hallington Range on Sunday, 31st March, to fire their range course before Annual Camp.

During the month of April the Company has taken part in a Recruiting Exhibition in Boston Market Place, 6th April, when the Mayor paid us a visit, firing support weapons at Theddlethorpe and taking part in the Brigade exercise at Proteus Camp, Ollerton, Notts.

We have learnt with deep regret that C.S.M. George Johnson is having to leave the Territorial Army immediately after camp due to age. It will be the end of an era as he will have been in the battalion for over 25 years, always in the Boston Company, and will be the last of the pre-war Company. We owe him a deep debt of gratitude for all his unstinting work on our behalf, as he has been an invaluable help and a mainstay over all these years; he will be sadly missed when he leaves in June, and will be very hard to replace.

"C" COMPANY

During the quarter under review the main event was the battalion "Escape and Evasion" exercise, "March Past". "C" Company was well represented, putting the highest number of escapers from a rifle Company into the field. All acquitted themselves well and at one stage it appeared that Ptes. Meadley and Hensby had reached unprecedented heights by remaining uncaptured when the exercise ended, but at a subsequent drill night during a swap of "war stories" it emerged that this had been achieved by long periods of rest coupled with short periods of travel in the wrong direction! However, the exercise undoubtedly taught some useful lessons.

A very successful "Stag Night" was held on 28th March, when an excellent attendance of unit members saw films on camp for 1960, 1961 and 1962, together with shots of the 1962 Adventure Week-ends and exercise "Poachers Glory". Many of us brought along male friends, and it appears that we shall recruit five additional members as a result.

At last it appears that our long awaited move to the Drill Hall at Westward Ho, Grimsby, is really going to take place, and we anticipate leaving Doughty Road by the middle of May; although in many ways we shall be sorry to break our long association with Doughty Road, we shall hope that our sharing of the Westward Ho Drill Hall with two other units will bring benefits by way of training interest and social activity.

We take the opportunity of recording our gratitude to W.O.2 and Mrs. Reeve for their work as caretakers of Doughty Road over many years.

On closing, we congratulate Ptes. Roberts, Meadley and Ritchie on their promotion to Lance-Corporal.

"D" COMPANY

As usual we start by welcoming new members to the Company. Ptes. Brocklesby, Kennington, D., and Brough have recently joined us and we wish them a long and happy stay.

.22 shooting has occupied much of our time recently and under the expert control and guidance of S.M. Ingall the results have been very encouraging. The Company won the first round of the inter-Company competition and returned a very good score for the second round. In the N.S.R.A. competition we are through to the second round. Our thanks to Cpl. Walmsley, who shot well in both competitions.

Physical training evenings under Sgt. Rainsforth are still a feature of the training programme and are most popular. Badminton rackets and equipment have been purchased and the full basketball equipment should arrive within the next month.

On the social front we have been very active, and our darts team has emerged with full honours. In March we entertained a team plus supporters from the village of Corringham, and on the 11th April we had a return visit. Cpl. Holman organised these outings and led the team to victory—this despite scores of 3 and 1 by the Company Commander and the C/Sgt. respectively.

Lastly we must mention that C.S.M. and C/Sgt. Ingall have been awarded their Territorial Efficiency Medals. They have given very loyal and enthusiastic service to the Company over many years. We offer them our congratulations and hope that they stay with us for many more years.

H.Q. COMPANY

We welcome to the Company Ptes. Brader, Drury, Evans, Brown, Brooks, Readhead, Rogerson, Toulson, Ingall, Carruthers, Garner-Jones, D., Garner-Jones, S. C., Jones, Shields, O'Hara, Barter, Goss, Kiely, Wright, Perry, Paine, Portasman, Taylor, Wilmer and Mather. From this impressive list of newcomers it will be seen that despite the fact that we have not been able to do much training, we have been very active on recruiting. We have had the battalion recruiting stand twice on the Cornhill in Lincoln on a Saturday, and on the first occasion enlisted eight recruits. The weather has played a very large part in the amount of training we have been able to do, and two range days together with a battalion skeleton exercise had to be cancelled.

We congratulate Cpls. Squires and Beale on their promotions to Corporal, and Dmr. Hodson to Lance-Corporal. Ptes. Earl and Marshall, H. F., both attended a unit projectionist course and gained a "C" grading, and together with a new projector the battalion has obtained, we hope to vary the training programme still further by the inclusion of films.

The Band and Drums are about to start a full list of engagements. They have spent several days already practising these proposed programmes. Lincoln has been chosen this year for the Brigade Massed Band concert and the Beating of Retreat.

The Bandmasters of the four battalions spent a day in Lincoln looking at sites and discussing the programme.

We welcome Capt. (Q.M.) T. W. Beard, who has now taken over from Major (Q.M.) Macklam; we also welcome R.S.M. R. A. Blood, who has relieved R.S.M. R. D. Swift. We wish both a successful and happy tour with us. R.S.M. Swift was a frequent visitor to Broadgate, and we will all miss him, including the Sergeants' Club "one arm bandit". We congratulate Sgt. and Mrs. Hewitt on the arrival of a son.

Support Weapons

Specialists featured in the Escape and Evasion exercise held during March and three of the successful eight escapers were members of support platoon.

The recce platoon carried out a one-day reconnaissance exercise on, in, and near the River Trent, and numerous lessons were learnt for future occasions. Enemy were realistically provided by the mortar platoon.

We now hope to provide an active B.A.T. detachment for Company exercises at camp, and Sgt. Toyne has spent a profitable week at Netheravon learning how to handle this addition to our fire power.

On the mortar front I./Cpl. Goodband attended a 3-in. Mortar course at Netheravon and has brought back lots of new ideas.

I./Cpls. Wrenn and Close attended what was probably the last T.A. M.M.G. course also at Netheravon, and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

The signals platoon is now going from strength to strength and with the numbers increasing, more advanced training is possible.

Theddlethorpe on the coast, the specialist field firing week-end, was again successful—new ideas being the Sten Alley and weapon penetration demonstrations. The assault pioneers blooded some of their recruits on Ring Mains, etc., during the week-end.

Our thanks are extended to Sgts. Hewitt and Hornsby, our P.S.I.s, for their efforts to make our training the success it has been.

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1963**

Army Cadet Force

Northamptonshire

3RD/4TH CADET BATTALION, THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE REGIMENT

It is fitting that we commence our write-up with mention of the award of the Certificate of Good Service to R.S.M. Greig, who has been with the battalion since 1945, and is the longest serving W.O. in the county.

Our congratulations also to R.S.M. Bacon, of Huntingdon, who has merited the award of the Cadet Forces Medal after 12 years' exemplary service. The presentation of the medal will be made by the Colonel Commandant on the occasion of the County Church Parade to be held at Huntingdon on Sunday, 30th June.

A Mess party was held at Lincoln Road Drill Hall on Saturday, 12th January, and we were honoured with the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress of Peterborough (Councillor and Mrs. G. Govey), who have shown considerable interest in the battalion during their term of office.

Major R. M. Hobbs, our Commanding Officer, attended a Citizenship Training Course at the National A.C.F. Training Centre, Frimley Park, Surrey, from 25th to 27th January, and found that the opinions and ideas of other Battalion Commanders from all over the United Kingdom were as valuable and interesting as the course itself.

On 12th March the occasion of the Humphrey Presentation took place at Diddington, Huntingdonshire. The trophy, in the form of a magnificent silver cup, is awarded annually to the best all-round cadet of Buckden Detachment, commanded by Lieut. A. N. Dudley. Presented by Mrs. B. Humphrey in memory of her late husband, Capt. H. Humphrey, M.B.E., M.M., M.S.M., the cup was won by Cadet D. Peacock.

Tuesday, 19th March, saw the hand-over of new accommodation at the T.A. Centre, Huntingdon, for the Huntingdon Detachment by the County Secretary, Brigadier D. E. Taunton, C.B., D.S.O. The premises, consisting of an office, armoury, and lecture room, were further augmented by the allocation of the old T.A. Club which should enable the cadets to enjoy social amenities of their own.

We are indebted to Major P. Strickland, O.C. Support Coy., 4th/5th Bn. (T.A.), for his generosity in making certain items of furniture and equipment available for the use of the cadets.

On 23rd and 24th March the County Commandant, Colonel E. M. Goodale, D.S.O., held a Training Week-end at the County Training Centre, Northampton, for Officers, S.M.I.S. and Sergeant Instructors. So successful was the event that all were unanimous in the opinion that it should be repeated at least annually. An important matter

raised by the Colonel Commandant was that greater emphasis must be placed on Post Certificate A, Part II training, in order to maintain the interest of senior cadets, and by so doing, to eliminate the wastage of boys who leave before they have reached the age limit.

3rd/4th Battalion are alive to the necessity of such training, and to this end are starting Technical Training classes under 2/Lt. R. J. Baker, and it is our intention to ask for assistance from the Parent Unit in the matter of the new rifle drill which is due to come into operation in the near future. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme may also help in this direction, and Capt. E. B. H. Mansfield already has a sound nucleus of cadets receiving First Aid instruction under Sgt-Inst. D. Jacklin. Four cadets undertook their expedition part of the Scheme in the Warcop area on Sunday, 31st March, and were successful in carrying out their task.

We have been very concerned during the past few months about the proposed move of Peterborough and Walton Detachments from Lincoln Road Drill Hall, but hopes are high that we shall be successful in obtaining the use of an Air Ministry hut at Westwood, which would enable us to house the two Detachments, together with Cert. T. Class, and the Corps of Drums.

We are looking forward to Annual Camp, 1963, with especial interest as we shall be travelling approximately 200 miles to Warcop in Westmorland, which will be the furthestmost point from the County that the camp has been situated. Major J. R. Britten, M.C., County Executive Office, has already carried out a recon of the area and has reported favourably on the accommodation and the Training Areas.

It is with no small measure of pride that we are able to announce that Major-General Sir Evelyn Fanshawe, C.B., C.B.E., D.L., has agreed to become Hon. Colonel of the Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire A.C.F. His efforts on our behalf as Chairman of the Pre-Service Committee are well known to all, but it is most gratifying to see the tie strengthened by his acceptance of the appointment.

We welcome 2/Lt. C. B. Acton and Sgt-Inst. D. Jacklin on our strength, and trust that they will have a long and active association with us.

In conclusion, we are pleased to announce that 1963 sees the 21st anniversary of our formation, and that we have every confidence in the future of the battalion.

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NORTHERN COMMAND A.C.F. CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

In the Cross-Country held at Strensall, Lincolnshire were 5th in the junior event and 3rd in the senior. Cadet Martin of Lincolnshire was the individual winner of the junior event, whilst Cadets Lee and Barnes were 4th and 5th respectively in the senior race.

COURSE—OUTWARD BOUND

The County Cadet Commandant wishes to congratulate Cadet Sgt. N. Vardy of Horncastle Det. A.C.F. who has successfully passed Course No. C.N.U. 76—20/1/63 to 23/3/63—at the Ullswater Outward Bound (Mountains) School, and has been presented with his badge. Well done Sgt. Vardy.

CADETS TO THE SERVICES

The following cadets have joined the Services:—
Cdt. Barry D. Medd (No. 2 Lincoln Det.) to Junior Ldrs.' Regt., R.A., w.e.f. 8th January, 1963; C/Cpl. S. Stanley (Horncastle Det.) to 4/6 Royal Lincolns (T.A.) w.e.f. 21st January, 1963; Cdt. R. Eaglen (Boston Det.) to Army Apprentice School, Carlisle; Cdt. R. Mitchell (Boston Det.) to Army Apprentice School, R.E.M.E., Aborfield, w.e.f. 8th January, 1963; C/Cpl. M. Hind (Sleaford Det.) to Junior Ldrs., R.A., Rhyl, w.e.f. 30th April, 1963.

TRAINING COURSES

Capt. L. D. Dickinson attended Citizenship Training A.C.F. Officers' Course at Frimley Park Training Centre on the 25th-27th January, 1963. He also attended A.C.F. Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme Course 8th-10th February, 1963.

"NEWS OF THE WORLD" CHALLENGE CUP .22

SHOOTING

The County Cadet Commandant congratulates Grimsby Det. A.C.F. on the results of the .22 *News of the World* competition, who came 4th with

the score 730. He hopes that with a little more training they will reach the top of the competition in 1963-64.

COMMISSIONS, PROMOTIONS, RESIGNATIONS, ETC.

2/Lt. P. H. B. McLeavy

Relinquished his T.A. Gen. List B(ii) Commission w.e.f. 31st December, 1962.

2/Lt. M. J. Woodall

Relinquished his T.A. Gen. List B(ii) Commission w.e.f. 10th March, 1963.

2/Lt. O. L. Dennis

Relinquished his T.A. Gen. List B(ii) Commission w.e.f. 12th April, 1963.

2/Lt. W. Crone

Relinquished his T.A. Gen. List B(ii) Commission w.e.f. 31st March, 1963.

2/Lt. M. Shaw

Promoted to Lieutenant in the T.A. Gen. List B(ii) w.e.f. 29th May, 1963.

Lieut. J. D. Kay

To be A/Capt. in the T.A. Gen. List B(ii) Commission w.e.f. 1st January, 1963, on transfer from the Derbyshire A.C.F.

2/Lt. R. C. Reid

Promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in his T.A. Gen. List B(ii) Commission w.e.f. 18th January, 1963.

Mr. A. H. Britton

Has been appointed on probation to a Commission in the T.A. Gen. List B(ii) as 2/Lt. w.e.f. 16th December, 1963.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME

The County Cadet Commandant congratulates the following cadets on attaining the Bronze Award Standard:—

C/Sgt. Vardy, N., C/Cpl. Stanley, S., C/Cpl. Chester, M., C/Cpl. Marris, K., C/L/Cpl. Wilson, W., Cadet Chester, D., Cadet Sleight, M., Cadet Gregory, K., Cadet Smith, R., Cadet Sellars, R.



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Some of the Cadets of the
Horncastle Det., Lincolnshire
A.C.F., who won the 'Lucas
Tenth' Shield.

Photo: Lincolnshire Standard

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Colonel G. M. Sanders, T.D.,
County Cadet Commandant,
presenting the 'Lucas Tooth'
Shield to Capt. J. J. Rann,
O.C., Horncastle A.C.F. Det.

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All are reminded that the fund is still open for contributions.

ANNUAL CAMP A.C.F., 1963

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