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## EDITORIAL

We are delighted to hear that 1st Battalion 2nd East Anglian Regiment was chosen out of all the Regiments in B.A.O.R. to represent the British Army in the "Prix Le Clerc" shooting competition. This competition is named after General Le Clerc, the famous Free French commander of the last war, and was instituted in 1951. It is competed for annually between teams of 24 firers from the N.A.T.O. nations, and, as can be expected, an extremely high standard is required to win the competition.

It is most gratifying that 2nd East Anglian Regiment was selected, because the Northamptonshire Regiment was, for many years, one of the best shooting Regiments in the British Army. On nine occasions the Regiment won the Queen Victoria Trophy, the premier shooting award in the British Army, a record only surpassed by the Rifle Brigade and the 60th. It is to be hoped that 2nd East Anglian Regiment will soon start to emulate the achievements of their predecessors, and we hear that in 1964 they will be competing at the Bisley meeting. It will indeed be a proud day when they win "The Northamptonshire" Cup at Bisley. This

cup was presented to the Army Rifle Association in 1950 and is competed for annually at the central meeting at Bisley and awarded to the Infantry, Guards or Airborne Unit making the highest aggregate score in Stage I of the Army Championship.

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We welcome the Royal Leicestershire Regiment who have just joined the East Anglian Brigade. The 2nd East Anglian Regiment has a number of links with Leicestershire, mainly through their Northamptonshire connection. One such link is through the County of Rutland. The 58th Rutlandshire Regiment became 2nd Battalion the Northamptonshire Regiment in 1881, and Rutland, though still independent and fighting to "keep local government local", shares a number of services with Leicestershire, such as police and education. Another common interest is rugby football, where the Leicestershire "Tigers" and the Northampton "Saints" are keen rivals. Last, but not least, Northamptonshire, Leicestershire and Rutland provide some of the finest hunting country and some of the most famous packs of hounds in England.

### ***The Church on the Beach***

*The following is an extract from "The Brighton and Hove Gazette" of 24th May, 1963. Anyone who has any information as to which Battalion of the Northamptonshire Regiment the men belonged to is requested to inform the Editor of THE POACHER.*

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Soldiers at prayer saved the Church of the Good Shepherd on Shoreham Beach from demolition by the War Office in the dark days of 1940.

The Commanding Officer of the artillery battery on the Downs above the town was preparing for the job of repelling a possible invasion as the old dwellings of "Bungalow Town" were removed, and he discovered that the church interrupted the line of vision.

He requested that the church should be demolished and two senior officers from the War Office came to investigate.

The first thing they did was to enter the church and there they found 14 men of the Northamptonshire Regiment kneeling at prayer.

Their reaction was immediate. "The Army are obviously using this church so it must be saved", they said.

So the church was spared and because of the presence of those soldiers, members are this year able to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the building of the "Church on the Beach".

### ***"Friends of the Museum"***

#### ***Northamptonshire Regiment***

In response to the appeal for "Friends of the Museum" published in the March, 1963, edition of THE POACHER, the following new members have enrolled since 23rd May.

Mr. C. Wilson, Mr. E. E. Howard, Major J. A. F. Barthorp, Mr. G. H. McReady, Col. J. D. Wyatt, Mr. E. J. Coleman, Mr. C. A. Rowlett, Mr. G. H. Tindall, Mr. R. G. Tristram and Lt.-Col. G. A. C. Danby.

The total number of enrolled "Friends" is now 39, and the amount subscribed is £34 2s. 6d. The Trustees are most grateful to all who have enrolled, and hope that more past and present members of the Northamptonshire Regiment will join the Society. Full particulars may be obtained from The Curator, Museum of the Northamptonshire Regiment, Gibraltar Barracks, Barrack Road, Northampton.

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## Deaths

### CHURCH

On 15th December, 1962, R.S.M. William Church, late The Northamptonshire Regiment.

### RICE

On 21st May, 1963, Lt.-Col. Arthur Henry Rice, O.B.E., D.L., late The Northamptonshire Regiment.

### ROWE

On 13th June, 1963, at Burnham, 2/Lt. L. C. (Georgie) Rowe, formerly of The Lincolnshire Regiment. After joining the 1st Battalion of the Regiment in Tipperary in 1921 he was in command of a Curfew Patrol at Mullinhome on 10th July, 1921, when it was ambushed by Sien Fieners. 2/Lt. Rowe was severely wounded, necessitating the amputation of his leg, and early release from the Army.

### MARSHALL

On 15th June, 1963, after a long illness, at Grimsby, aged 48 years, Cpl. H. Marshall, formerly of the 1st Battalion The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment, and former member of the Regimental Association.

### FRASER

On 16th June, 1963, at Freedom Fields Hospital, Plymouth, Major G. M. Fraser, late The Northamptonshire Regiment.

### STROULGER

On 20th July, 1963, at Ipswich, Pte. E. J. (Hoppy) Stroulger, D.C.M., M.M., formerly of the 1st Battalion The Lincolnshire Regiment. His funeral took place at Ipswich on 24th July, 1963.

### SUTTON-NELTHORPE

Col. Oliver Sutton-Nelthorpe, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., D.L., J.P., at Scawby, Brigg, Lincolnshire, who commanded the 5th Battalion The Lincolnshire Regiment (T.A.) from 1929 to 1933.

### GREEN

On 15th July, at Lincoln, at the age of 52 years, Joe Green, late 1st Battalion The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment, who, on leaving the Regiment in 1957, was employed as a civilian clerk in the Q.M.'s office of the 4/6th Battalion The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (T.A.).

## Obituary

### COL. H. N. DRAKE

The news, early in May, of the death of "Rosy" Drake in an air crash in Africa, where his duties as a member of the Corps of Queen's Messengers had taken him, was to me both a great shock and a great personal loss.

I had first met him, as a very young officer, in the 48th Mess in Jerusalem in 1930 on my arrival there with a draft from the 58th. "Rosy" was just leaving the Battalion for a tour of duty with the King's African Rifles. He was kindness itself to me and did much to make a new arrival feel at home. I have always remembered that meeting.

Educated at Aldenham, "Rosy" was commissioned into the Regiment in December, 1920, and joined the 48th at Templemore in Ireland. With the exception of a tour of duty at the Depot from 1924-27 he served with the 48th in Shorncliffe, China, Malta and Palestine until his secondment to the King's African Rifles.

On his return from Africa he served for a short time with the 58th before rejoining the 48th in Jullundar. He accompanied the Battalion to Razmak in 1936 and took an active part in the Waziristan operations in which the 48th were involved throughout their period on the frontier.

Some months after the arrival of the Battalion in Dinapore he took over command of "C" Company, at that time on detachment in the Andaman Islands, the penal settlement in the Indian Ocean. This command he enjoyed enormously.

The outbreak of war found him still with the 48th, but in 1942 he was posted to East Africa to join the East African Division then mobilising for service in Burma. As a Battalion commander he moved with the East African Division to Ceylon for jungle training. There he was able to see his friends in the 48th which was at that time engaged in similar activities. To his great disappointment, he was told that he was too old to command a Battalion in the jungle. He was, however, promoted Colonel and commanded the East African Divisional Reinforcement Unit.

After "VJ" Day "Rosy" moved to North-West Europe where he was attached to the Control Commission and served in its security and immigration branches in Germany, Denmark, Norway and Sweden. He retired from the Army in 1951 but his days of service to the Crown were by no means over. Two years later he became a Queen's Messenger and so remained until his tragic death.

"Rosy" was always a gay and cheerful companion with a great zest for life. Besides being a keen golfer and cricketer he was a good horseman and was a member of the victorious 48th polo team in Malta in 1929. Always a great supporter of Regimental sporting activities, I recollect many evenings spent in the Mess with him discussing the relative merits of the Battalion boxing team. Pte. Hazell, the

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### Found

Under the Central Pier, Blackpool, an Indian General Service Medal with bars for Tirah 1897-98, Samana 1897 and Punjab Frontier 1897-98, awarded to No. 3721 Pte. J. Mercer, 1st Battalion The Northamptonshire Regiment.

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middleweight, was a great favourite of his. Needless to say, Hazell was in his Company!

As a soldier "Rosy" was the best type of Regimental officer. His pride in, and love for, his Regiment was intense and his gifts for man management made him admired and respected by his men. An example of the high regard in which he was held occurred when he returned to Ceylon with the East African Division. "Rosy" had a spell in hospital—some of the men of the 48th who had served under him in the Andaman Islands heard of this and made a special point of visiting him there. Needless to say, he was delighted and thrilled to see them.

To his service as a Queen's Messenger, "Rosy" brought the same qualities which he had displayed in the Army, and he was held in the highest esteem by his colleagues. He, for his part, was immensely proud to be a member of the Corps.

A memorial service to him was held at Hawkhurst Parish Church on 23rd May at which both the Regiment and the Corps of Queen's Messengers were well represented.

His friends mourn a gay companion. To his widow, Betty, his son, John, and his daughter, Anne, go our deepest sympathy.

R.E.O-S.

## Personalia

Capt. M. A. ARIS has been appointed Staff Captain "A", 7 Armoured Brigade, and takes up the appointment this month.

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We congratulate Capt. W. H. BAXTER on his promotion.

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We congratulate Lt. and Mrs. T. C. G. BRANCH on their marriage which took place on 18th May, 1963.

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We congratulate Lt.-Col. W. R. CHAMBERS on his promotion.

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Very many congratulations to Major P. R. CHESTON on his success in B.A.O.R. Lawn Tennis Championships, when he won the Men's Singles, the Men's Doubles, and the Mixed Doubles.

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Major (Q.M.) W. T. G. CLARKE, M.B.E., retires this month.

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Lt.-Col. G. J. S. COTTON retired on 4th April, 1963.

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We congratulate Capt. C. J. DALE on being nominated to attend the 1964 Staff College Course at Camberley.

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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 congratulate Col. R. P. S. ERSKINE-TULLOCH on his promotion.

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Capt. A. G. P. EVANS-EVANS is due to take up an appointment as Methods Officer at the School of Infantry, Warminster, in December.

The new Secretary of State for War is Mr Joseph GODBER, the Member of Parliament for Grantham and Sleaford. He expressed great interest in the Regiment when he attended the Freedom of Grantham ceremony and it is hoped that in his new office he will be able to visit the 1st Battalion. Mr. Godber's son served as a National Service officer with the 10th Foot in Malaya.

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Capt. J. P. GROWSE has rejoined the 1st Battalion after a staff appointment in Cyrenaica.

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Lt. H. M. P. HALCROW returns to Regimental duty with the 1st Battalion this month. We congratulate him on being granted a Regular commission.

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We congratulate Lt. (Q.M.) E. P. KELLY, D.C.M., on being granted a short service commission. He has been appointed M.T.O. of 1st Battalion The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

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Major T. C. S. KNOX rejoins the 1st Battalion in November, from a staff appointment in Singapore. Whilst on leave in New Zealand he met Col. J. H. GARLAND, Colonel of the Northland Regiment.

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We congratulate Capt. and Mrs. C. W. T. LUMBY on their marriage which took place on 7th August, 1963.

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2/Lt. N. T. P. MAYHEW has been granted a Regular commission in the Regiment and is serving with the 1st Battalion.

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We congratulate Lt.-Col. A. G. R. NOBLE, M.C., and Brigadier R. E. OSBORNE-SMITH, D.S.O., O.B.E., on finishing 7th and 13th respectively in the Army Golf Championship, played

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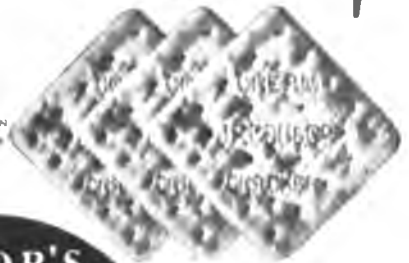
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 Capt. J. K. PARKER has rejoined the 1st Battalion after a tour of duty with 4/5th Battalion The Northamptonshire Regiment (T.A.).

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 We congratulate Major and Mrs. L. C. J. PAUL on the birth of a daughter on 15th May, 1963.

\* \* \*  
 We congratulate Major and Mrs. H. PAYNE on celebrating their golden wedding on 4th June, 1963.

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 We congratulate 2/Lt. A. W. M. PETCH on being commissioned. He is serving with 4/5th Northampton (T.A.).

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 Congratulations to Capt. and Mrs. J. PORTER-WRIGHT on the birth of a daughter on 25th July, 1963.

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 Capt. and Mrs. P. D. TAUNTON would like to thank the officers who kindly contributed to the lovely salver presented to him on the occasion of his marriage.

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 Capt. G. P. TEMPLE retires from the Army next month.

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 Capt. B. C. THOMAS has joined 11 Signals Regiment for a tour of duty.

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 Major E. TURNILL has rejoined the 1st Battalion after attending a course at the German Staff College.

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 Major P. F. WALTER, M.B.E., M.C., is now serving with 3rd Battalion the Parachute Regiment.

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 Capt. J. P. WETHERALL became G.S.O.3 (Int.) H.Q. Berlin last month.

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 Major R. W. WHITNEY has rejoined the 1st Battalion after a staff appointment in Canberra.

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 Major A. L. WILLRIDGE takes up an appointment at the Army School of Recruiting this month.

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 We congratulate Lts. F. J. T. YOUNG and D.M.F. GOODALE on their promotion.

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**5th OCTOBER, 1963**

**Annual Reunion of the Lincolnshire Wing of Regimental Association at Skegness**

*See page 19*

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What improvements in organisation and administration jointly affecting all three Services do you consider could and should be made during the next five years?

or

(b) The United Kingdom defence budgets severely limit production of the costly weapon systems under development. Should less sophisticated weapon systems be accepted with a view to quicker and greater quantity production to meet the demands of the cold war and possible limited wars against enemies unlikely to have sophisticated weapons?

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 General conditions for this essay competition are contained in A.C.I. 74 of 1963.

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## *The Borough of Grantham Honours The 2nd East Anglian Regiment*

On 12th July, 1963, the Borough of Grantham conferred on the 2nd East Anglian Regiment the privilege of marching through the streets of the borough with bayonets fixed, Colours flying, drums beating and bands playing. Only a small party from the 1st Battalion, consisting of the C.O., Lt.-Col. W. R. Chambers, the R.S.M., W.O.1 J. W. Denny, and eight O.R.s, were able to come over from Germany for the occasion, and the guard of honour was found from the 4.6th Battalion Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (T.A.), who also lent their Band.

The Colonel-in-Chief attended, and received the scroll on behalf of the Regiment. She arrived by helicopter at Barkston Airfield, where she was met by the Lord Lieutenant of Lincolnshire, the High Sheriff, the Colonel of the Regiment, the Chief Constable of Lincolnshire, the Commandant R.A.F. College Cranwell, and Major J. M. Barstow, Field Officer in Waiting, and then proceeded by car to

the George Hotel, Grantham, where she was met by the Mayor, Councillor R. Briggs, who presented the Secretary of State for War, the Rt. Honourable J. B. Godber, P.C., M.P., Member of Parliament for Grantham and Sleaford. After further presentations Her Royal Highness and invited guests were entertained to luncheon by the Mayor.

At 3 p.m. Her Royal Highness drove to the Guildhall, where she was greeted by the Mayor and the Colonel of the Regiment. A royal salute was given by the guard of honour and Band of the 4.6th Battalion The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment, and after the Duchess had inspected the guard she entered the Guildhall and proceeded to the Sessions Hall where the full Borough Council and many guests were assembled. A formal meeting of the Council was then held, and the resolution conferring the privileges on the Regiment was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously.



*Photo: Chris Windows, Grantham*

R.S.M. J. Denny of the 1st Battalion, receives the Title Deed from Her Royal Highness



THE BOROUGH OF GRANTHAM HONOURS THE 2nd EAST ANGLIAN REGIMENT



Top left: Her Royal Highness inspects the Guard of Honour, 4th & 6th Bn. The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (T.A.)

Top right: The Mayor of Grantham putting the Resolution to Members of the Council in the Session Hall

Bottom left: Her Royal Highness with the Rt. Hon. J. E. Godber, P.C., M.P., Secretary of State for War and Member of Parliament for Grantham

Bottom right: The Title Dead being carried to the Public Library by the Detachment from 1st Bn. 2nd East Anglian Regiment

*Photos: Chris Windows, Grantham*

In proposing the resolution, Councillor A. L. Ramsden said:—

“In 1946 at the end of the Second World War the Town Council wished to honour men of this borough and neighbourhood who had served in the local Territorial Battalion of the County Regiment, the 6th Battalion of the Lincolnshire Regiment, as it then was. They accordingly conferred on that Battalion the privilege of marching through the streets of the borough on all ceremonial occasions with bayonets fixed, Colours flying, drums beating and bands playing.

“Under peace-time conditions the 6th Battalion did not have a long period of separate existence. It was soon merged with other Territorial Battalions in the 4/6th Battalion. The Regiment itself was specially honoured by the Sovereign and granted the privilege of assuming the name ‘Royal’ and becoming the ‘Royal Lincolnshire Regiment’.

“In 1960 the requirements of the service necessitated the amalgamation of that Regiment with the Northamptonshire Regiment as one of three Regiments in the East Anglian Brigade. To mark the continuation and identity of the former Regiment, and the honour which the new Regiment received of having Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Gloucester as Colonel-in-Chief, the new County Regiment was given the primary title of the ‘2nd East Anglian Regiment’ and for its secondary title ‘Duchess of Gloucester’s Own Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire’.

“The Town Council wish to make it clear to the new Regiment that they accept it in the fullest sense as their County Regiment, that they would like to cement and strengthen the close friendship which has hitherto existed between the old County Regiment and the borough, and assure the new County Regiment that they hold an equally warm place in the affection of the Council and of the town. In order to carry this intention into effect I move that:—

“It be RESOLVED and ORDERED that we, the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Grantham, acting by the Council of the Borough, do confer in perpetuity upon the 2nd East Anglian Regiment (Duchess of Gloucester’s Own Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire) as such, or under any other designation which it may subsequently be authorised to assume, the privilege, honour and distinction of marching through the streets of Grantham on all ceremonial occasions with bayonets fixed, Colours flying, drums beating and bands playing’.”

Alderman S. Foster seconded the proposition and said:—

“It is indeed a very great privilege to be able to second so important a resolution and it is given added lustre by the fact that your Royal Highness is Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment. We all know our Royal Lincolnshire Regiment with its fine tradition and record so very well and we welcome the recent amalgamation with the Northamptonshire Regiment, with its equally fine record, to

complete the 2nd East Anglian Regiment—so important a part of our Army today.

“Doubts were expressed at the apparent severing of county connections but the amalgamation has proved to be a very happy one.

“I can think of no better way—as part of our quincenary celebrations—than to be privileged to confer the Freedom of Entry to our borough on this amalgamated Regiment whose components have such distinguished records. We look back to the days of the last war when its members endured much hardship and faced grave perils with courage and loyalty to bring peace and to preserve our homes, family life and freedom. And now we look back on their achievements with the utmost pride and we rejoice in the opportunity to honour them as we do today.

“Both the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment and the Northamptonshire Regiment have very long records of service. The Lincolnshire Regiment was first raised in 1685 and, to show his appreciation of such distinguished service, H.M. King George VI granted to the Regiment the title of Royal in 1946. The Northamptonshire Regiment also has a long record of service dating back to 1741. To the glory of both Regiments, their members have been awarded no fewer than 14 Victoria Crosses. We could, therefore, have no two finer Regiments collated together to form what is now our County Regiment.

“It is indeed a proud day for me to have the privilege of seeing my son, Brian, in command of the guard of honour, he having been first commissioned into our glorious Royal Lincolnshire Regiment. I, therefore, feel that my family and I have a very close link with the 2nd East Anglian Regiment.

“May I conclude by expressing the hope that we may see a lot more of our new Regiment and that they will remember with pride their new association with our ancient Borough”.

Everyone then left the Sessions Hall, and went to seats provided in front of the Guildhall. The Town Clerk read out the Resolution, and the Mayor, handed the scroll to the Colonel-in-Chief, and said:

“The Borough of Grantham has for many years had close links with the County Regiment and particularly with the Territorial Battalion of the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment whose members have, since the end of the last war, had the privilege of marching through the streets of the town with fixed bayonets.

“We are pleased to see members of that Battalion present here today forming the guard of honour for your Royal Highness and ready to exercise the privilege which they hold.

“When the regular Battalions of the Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire Regiments were amalgamated in 1960 the Town Council felt that it would be fitting and proper to forge new links of friendship between the Borough and the new



*Photo: Chris Windows, Grantham*

**Her Royal Highness thanking the Council and citizens of Grantham for having conferred the Freedom upon her Regiment**

County Regiment, which, in part of its' secondary title, carries the names of the counties of Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire. We are proud that upon the new colours presented to the Regiment in 1962 by your Royal Highness there are emblazoned the battle honours of the two former Regiments. It affords us great pride and satisfaction that among those battle honours are many which men from the Borough of Grantham helped to attain.

"We are sorry that the present service of the Regiment, as part of the N.A.T.O. forces in Europe, has meant that the Regiment could not be here in force today, but we are delighted to see it represented by the Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion, Lt.-Col. W. R. Chambers, and other officers with a detachment comprising the Regimental Sergeant Major and other ranks.

"We are delighted and honoured by the presence here today of your Royal Highness as Colonel-in-Chief of the County Regiment, whose secondary title is 'Duchess of Gloucester's Own Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire'. We look forward eagerly to the day when the Regiment, once more at home in this country, will be able to parade in Grantham in strength and to exercise the freedom privilege which the Borough today has conferred upon it.

"I ask your Royal Highness to accept on behalf of the Regiment this title deed which confers upon it the privilege of marching through the Borough on all ceremonial occasions with bayonets fixed,

Colours flying, drums beating and bands playing. On behalf of the Corporation I assure the Regiment of our admiration and affection for all who serve in it and our best wishes for their future well-being."

Her Royal Highness then thanked the Borough for the honour they had bestowed on the Regiment. She said:

"Mr. Mayor, Alderman and Councillors of Grantham,

"It gives me great pleasure to be here in Grantham, and I appreciate deeply the distinction and privilege that has been conferred on my Regiment today.

"This year in Grantham you celebrate the five-hundredth anniversary of your first Royal Charter. The 2nd East Anglian Regiment is a new Regiment, but it springs from two great ancestors, one of which, the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment has been connected with Grantham for many years, and there is one interesting bond, for it was in 1685 that the Lincolnshire Regiment was raised, and it was in the same year that a Mayor was first appointed for Grantham.

"Now, in 1963, you have paid my Regiment the highest compliment in the Borough's power, a compliment that is greatly appreciated and esteemed by everyone in the Regiment, and to make it more noteworthy you have chosen this memorable year for the Ceremony.

"It is a matter of regret to us all that so few of the

1st Battalion can be here today, but as you know, they serve in Germany, but I know that when the Battalion returns to England they will not be slow in coming to visit Grantham and availing themselves of the privileges so graciously conferred upon them today.

"Mr. Mayor, on behalf of my Regiment I accept with pleasure this title deed, and thank you for the honour that you have conferred on us today."

The 1st Battalion detachment, lead by the R.S.M. then marched up to the dais, halted and faced Her Royal Highness who handed the framed scroll to the R.S.M. With the Band playing a slow march, the detachment moved off to the Public Library, where the scroll was placed, to be viewed later by the general public.

It was an impressive ceremony, marred only by a short and sharp shower of rain, which providentially ceased as soon as the Duchess's car arrived at the Guildhall.

After the Colonel-in-Chief had departed, the detachment and Guard of Honour marched past the Mayor, who took the Salute standing on the steps of the Guildhall, and then marched off to their Drill Hall, whilst the guests entered the Guildhall where they were entertained to tea by the Mayor.

To mark the occasion, the Regiment presented to the Borough a Silver Salver with the following inscription engraved on it.

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BY  
THE 2ND EAST ANGLIAN REGIMENT  
(DUCHESS OF GLOUCESTER'S OWN ROYAL  
LINCOLNSHIRE AND NORTHAMPTONSHIRE)  
TO COMMEMORATE  
12TH JULY, 1963.

Amongst others present at the Ceremony were the following members of the Regiment: Brigadier R. H. L. Oulton, Brigadier and Mrs. D. E. Taunton, Col. and Mrs. R. P. Baily, Col. and Mrs. J. C. Denny, Col. Sir High Cholmley Bt., Lt.-Col. and Mrs. W. R. Chambers, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. A. J. Bennett, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. O. K. Parker, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. F. W. Young, Lt.-Col. C. J. M. Watts, Major and Mrs. J. M. Barstow, Major and Mrs. D. Baxter, Major and Mrs. B. S. Foster, Major and Mrs. P. H. Segon, Capt. E. A. Malpas and Lt. H. M. P. Halcrow.

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## ***1st Bn. 2nd East Anglian Regt.***

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"Join the Army and see the world" has long been the cry. For our own part, the last few months have certainly entitled us to say "Join the Duchess of Gloucester's Own and see Europe". During the period covered by these notes the Battalion has visited Denmark, shooting teams have been to Belgium and to Munich, the rifle companies have been off to Haltern and Sennelager and the Support and Signal Platoons have been to various parts of North Germany. Just as we go to press, a party from the Battalion is setting off for a trip across France and Spain for a commemorative visit to the site of the Battle of Talavera, where we hope they will be on the anniversary of the battle.

The three-week trip to Denmark, which is covered in the next article, was followed almost immediately by the 12 Infantry Brigade Group Rifle Meeting. At this Meeting the Battalion team "swept the board" with a vengeance, winning the Major Units Championships, the rifle, L.M.G., S.M.G. and pistol matches. Among the individual prize-winners, C.S.M. Dixon was the Champion Shot on the rifle, Pte. Dumford 2nd and C.S.M. Duke 3rd. Pte. Dumford also won the award for the Best Young Soldier. The L.M.G. Pairs Competition was won by Sgt. Knight and Pte. Lock, followed by L/Cpl. Simpson and Pte. Stewart and in third place, Sgt. Evans and Pte. Sparrow. To complete our successes, C.S.M. Dixon won the S.M.G. Best Individual and Major Hughes and Capt. Drummond were first and second in the Individual Pistol Competition. (See also the report on the training for the Prix le Clerc Competition.)

On 15th June, Lt.-Col. W. R. Chambers took over command of the Battalion from Lt.-Col. R. P. S. Erskine-Tulloch, who has been posted to War Office, on promotion, as Deputy Director of Plans.

On June 23, the rifle companies and the Reconnaissance Platoon move to Haltern, a training area about 60 miles from Osnabruck. In the fortnight that was spent at Haltern a considerable amount of valuable training was accomplished, including quite a lot of night work. They then returned to barracks for something less than 48 hours and then set off again for Sennelager, to spend the rest of July on the field firing ranges there.

With the advent of summer, we have been able

to play more games, although the activities described above have meant that in the main these have been at platoon and company level. The exception to this has been that we have managed to play two Battalion cricket matches in the last month, one against the Worcestershire Regiment, which is described in a later article, and one in the first round in the Army Cup against 25 Engineer Regiment. This resulted in a good win for the Battalion, due largely to a useful 33 by Major Miller and some fine bowling by Pts. Taylor and Gooday who took 4 for 42 and 4 for 41 respectively. In the next round we are to play 1 K.S.L.I. and only hope that the demands of the B.A.O.R. training season will allow us time to practise.

### THE 1ST BATTALION VISITS DENMARK

In accordance with the C.-in-C.'s policy of encouraging forces assigned to N.A.T.O. to get to know each other, the 1st Battalion was one of the Battalions selected to visit Denmark as the guest of a Danish Infantry Battalion. This visit took place in May and in August we return the hospitality.

The regiment to which we were affiliated was the 1st Battalion Dronningens Livregiment, The Queen's Life Regiment.

The Battalion, unfortunately reduced to some 350 all ranks by other commitments, together with "C" Company 1 P.W.O. and 52 (Niagara) Battery R.A., left Osnabruck on 13th May, arriving at our first training area Holsterbro, on 15th May. Holsterbro is a small tank training area near the west coast of Jutland. Here we carried out two exercises against 1 Queen's Life Regiment and, despite being heavily outnumbered, acquitted ourselves to our satisfaction. The weather at this stage was not being very kind to us and we spent one or two cold and wet nights in the open. Fortunately before leaving the sun shone for long enough to dry out.

These two exercises over, the Battalion group headed North for Aalborg where we were to spend a week "liaising" with our Danish hosts and the local population.

The Queen's Life arranged several interesting trips for us which were greatly enjoyed and various entertainments were arranged. We are most grateful to Col. Jessen and Lt.-Col. Lind for their kindness to us while in Aalborg.

Although the soldiers arrived in Denmark with three weeks' pay in their pockets most were broke before the visit was at the half-way mark.

The final week was reserved for a large exercise "Golden Lion". In this exercise we were set the task of advancing some 50 miles against what appeared to be most of the Danish Army. We were supported in this by a *recce* squadron of the Jutland Dragoons, a splendid squadron with whom we had formed a very close liaison whilst in Holsterbro. In this exercise, Col. Erskine-Tulloch caused some confusion in control H.Q. and amongst the "enemy" by bypassing all enemy defended positions. In doing this we held the advantage in that we were A.P.C. mounted whereas the "enemy" for the most part of on foot or transported in lorries. The result of these tactics was to get the two sides fairly mixed up and a large number of prisoners taken by both sides, the 2i/c, with A.S.M. Ambler spending several hours in the Battalion H.Q. of 1 Queen's Life before being liberated by the Exercise Director. The less said about the hair-raising cross-country ride in the back of a Danish jeep the better!

After a day in Denmark for cleaning up the Battalion group set off on the three-day return journey to Osnabruck. All ranks much refreshed and in good heart after three weeks away.

Mention must be made of the splendid effort of the M.T. and Company drivers. Ninety-seven vehicles of the Battalion covered 95,377 miles and consumed 50,000 litres of petrol without a single blameworthy traffic accident. Well done the drivers.

#### OFFICERS' MESS

Since the last POACHER, there have been several changes in the Officers' Mess. The hectic pace of life in B.A.O.R. remains the same but Sgt. Towers and a diminishing Mess staff have gallantly held their own. This in spite of the continued absence of the Mess P.M.C., Major Norman Miller and Mess Secretary Capt. John Tadman.

The living-in total of officers now stands at ten, and so the problem of adequate messing, that has been caused by the very small numbers in Mess is less acute.

Apart from three very successful dinner nights, we have had several very enjoyable curry luncheons on Sundays. The first of these, held on 5th May, 1963, was for the Regiment alone, but the subsequent parties have been open to officers' guests and have proved most popular.

Our first big function of the year was a cocktail party after a ceremonial Beating of Retreat by the Band and Drums on 21st August, 1963.

During the visit of the Battalion to the Queen's Life Regiment of the Danish Army at Aalborg, we were royally entertained by the Danish officers. Among the functions we all attended were a buffet supper and a visit to a wine cellar in the city of Aalborg. In return for their unflagging hospitality, we gave a cocktail party for the Danes who kindly lent us their splendid Mess for the occasion.

Since last March we have said goodbye to the following officers and our best wishes go with them

all. Lt.-Col. Erskine-Tulloch who relinquished command of the Battalion on 14th June, 1963, Major Rodney Greener who handed over as 2IC on 7th April, 1963, Major Colin Gardiner who is to attend the U.S. Army Staff College, Capt. (Q.M.) Charles Culbert who is to become Q.M. of H.Q. 4 Division still in B.A.O.R., and Padre John Williams who has gone to Tidworth Garrison.

The following officers have returned to the Battalion since March. Major Wake Clark from H.Q. 7 Armoured Brigade, Major Ray Whitney recently returned from Australia, Capt. John Growse from a staff appointment in the Middle East, Capt. John Parker from 4/5 Northampton's T.A., and Capt. John Edwards who handed over as (Q.M.) H.Q. 3 Division to Lt. (Q.M.) A. R. Russell, ex-R.S.M. of the 1st Battalion 10th Foot.

#### SERGEANTS' MESS

Summer has sneaked upon us, but the long-awaited hot weather has not yet materialised. The training season timed, we believe, to coincide with the better weather, is also to hand and therefore the Mess is scattered over the training areas. We do however, manage to get together for short periods to compare notes, etc.

In May the ladies ran their social evening (which was a great success), the only disappointment being that the males, who had expected not to have to pay, found the evening was inclined to be expensive (the various ways of extracting money are left to the imagination!). Needless to say, a profit was recorded.

The Battalion visited Denmark for a fortnight in the latter half of May, and stayed with 1st Battalion Dronningen Livregiment at Aalborg. A combination of exercises and day trips enabled a large part of Jutland to be seen, although it is rumoured that some Mess members saw very little as it was dark during their excursions abroad. The Danish Sergeants' Mess entertained us to dinner and an excellent meal was served. The following evening the Mess entertained the Danes to a drinks party and plaques of the Regiments were exchanged. The 1st Battalion Dronningen Livregiment are paying a return visit to us in Osnabruck in August.

The best wishes and congratulations of the Mess were extended to Sgt. and Mrs. "Doc" Coyne on their silver wedding anniversary on 25th June, a rare occurrence in the Mess, but all knowing "Doc" expect him to still be with us to celebrate his "Golden".

"C" Company members ran a successful social evening during June, although the Ladies v. Gents idea backfired when the ladies won the tug-of-war and the boat race. C/Sgt. "Dolly" Gray's mind reading act was going great guns when Sgt. Thompson developed cramp (?) under the table and upset the apple cart.


The result of the A.C.E. 1st Class March exam resulted in C/Sgt. Bird, Sgts. Fenton, Bullock, Platts and Ashworth getting closer to their goal. The latter has been very silent about his meeting with R.S.M. Denny on the badminton court; is someone being tactful?



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thick and 3" in diameter).  
Trim rounds of bread and cut a  
circle from the centre of each.  
Fry rounds of bread in hot fat  
(370 deg. F.) until golden  
brown. Drain well and fill with  
MINCED BEEF WITH ONION.  
Serve hot with vegetables.



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The few confirmed (?) bachelors left in the Mess were visibly shaken by the news of C.S.M. Thompson's marriage, we wish him and Mrs. Thompson the best of luck for the future.

We are becoming accustomed to the rapid change of faces within the Mess and the period since the last notes has been no exception. Sgt. Robinson has gone to the 4/5 Royal Leicesters (T.A.), Sgt. Gould to promotion and the Trucial Oman Scouts, Sgt. Leatherland to the Depot, Sgt. Fenton has joined A.A.S. Aborfield and Sgt. Shailes departed home to do some recruiting; our best wishes go with them and we hope they will rejoin us in due course.

We have welcomed into the Mess C.S.M. Russell from 4/5 Essex (T.A.), S.Q.M.S. Royce (A.C.C.) Sgts. Rogers, Naylor, Poole and Sgt. Graves from the Depot, S.S.I. Edwards (A.P.T.C.) has joined us and disappears at intervals, to return having won a golf competition. We hope to see him in action in the Mess hockey team shortly.

In conclusion, congratulations to Drum-Major and Mrs. Scotney on the birth of a daughter. Judging by remarks made by S/Sgt. Peacock (M.T.) on the number of wives requiring transport to B.M.H., we shall be offering more in the next issue.

### THE ASHES—1933

"The Glorious First of June", the Regimental anniversary of the Worcestershire Regiment (and incidentally the anniversary of the formation of the Duchess of Gloucester's Own), was also marked this year by the resumption of the struggle for the "Ashes" trophy. Up to 1960 this trophy had been the object of an annual cricket match between the 10th Foot and their "cousins", the Worcestershire Regiment. With 1 Worcesters stationed only 40 miles away in Minden, an excellent opportunity presented itself for the Duchess of Gloucester's Own to continue the fixture. Accordingly, a challenge was issued, and gladly accepted, together with an invitation to join in the celebrations of the Worcesters' anniversary.

This invitation met with a warm response on the part of the Duchess of Gloucester's Own and the convoy of cars which set off from Osnabruck on the morning of 1st June probably contained as many lovers of the grape as it did lovers of the willow! Despite certain unwelcome attentions from the German police and the unreliability of the car of our opening bat, John Houchin, the party arrived in Minden without serious mishap.

The day was fine, though windy, and the setting ideal for the occasion. Gamesmanship was used from the start. Wetherall, our captain, himself no mean exponent of Potterism, quickly realised that he had met a worthy opponent in his opposite number in the Worcesters', Gibb. As they walked to the wicket, both captains admitted, with suitable diffidence, that their teams were in extremely good form this season. Winning the toss, Wetherall elected to bat. Gibb congratulated him on his decision although went on to point out that the

pitch *had* only been laid the day before: 15—love to Gibb.

Nevertheless, Miller and Houchin, opening for the Duchess of Gloucester's Own, played themselves in quite steadily to the bowling of Owens and Cpl. Wilson. Owens, with the help of a strong fellowing wind, was fast and dangerous and difficult to get away although Wilson was rather more erratic. In the pavilion, the Worcesters' Commanding Officer, Col. Peter Hall, did his best to assist his team's attack by dispensing lavish hospitality. On the whole, our batsmen withstood the temptation most commendably, although the same could not be said of our scorer.

After four overs, Wilson was replaced by Leslie-Jones, bowling leg spinners. Miller despatched the second delivery to the boundary but to the next he used his pad instead of his bat and paid the penalty: 23 for one. Akehurst, temporarily descended from his Olympian heights as Brigade Major to play for the Battalion, joined Houchin. The scoring rate increased as they took advantage of some loose bowling by Leslie-Jones. With the total at 54, Houchin was lbw to Capt. Wilson who had taken over from Owens. Akehurst followed him soon after, when he was beautifully caught by Palmer off his own bowling. Wetherall's stay at the crease was regrettably short and lunch was taken with the score at 75 for four. After the interval Murphy was soon out and then Smith, who had played a restrained innings, fell victim to Cpl. Wilson who had returned from lunch well refreshed. Clark struck one or two good blows before being bowled, but Leslie-Jones quickly finished off the innings and the Duchess of Gloucester's were left with the rather meagre total of 124. Cpl. Wilson and Leslie-Jones were the most successful bowlers with 3 for 23 and 3 for 33 respectively.

There was a sensational opening to the Worcesters' innings, when an extremely fast over from Murphy had the batsmen completely at sea. It was only after the fourth ball that the umpire realised that Murphy was throwing and called the no-balls. In the next over Aris caught Brazier behind the wicket off Skayman, and Taylor, who had relieved Murphy, then proceeded to bowl Martin, leaving the Worcesters in the unhappy position of seven for two. However, Owens and Excell came together and set about improving the situation. Owens struck the ball lustily and hit a beautiful six off Skayman. With the score at 43 the partnership was broken when Clark took a magnificent low, one-handed catch at extra-cover to dismiss Excell. Leslie-Jones followed without addition to the score when he was lbw to Houchin. Owens departed with the score at 62, being stumped off the bowling of Smith. Gibb then joined Capt. Wilson and we saw the best batting of the match. Gibb struck the ball very firmly, including a six over mid-wicket off Smith. At 96, much to our relief, Gibb was bowled by Taylor with one that came back off the seam and Wilson's solid innings was brought to an end soon afterwards: 100 for seven, and it was anyone's

game. However, Taylor broke through again and the Worcesters ended nine runs short.

So the "Ashes" were regained after six years, being presented by Sir Leonard Stone, O.B.E., Q.C. the presentation being followed by a most enjoyable buffet supper. The return to Osnabruck was somewhat more irregular than the morning's journey, but it appeared that the German police had either gone off duty or were also lovers of cricket!

#### Scores

Duchess of Gloucester's Own, 124 (Houchin 22, Akehurst 20, Cpl. Wilson 3 for 23).

The Worcestershire Regiment, 115 (Capt. Wilson 29, Owens 25, Taylor 5 for 24).

*Duchess of Gloucester's Own team:* Capt. J. P. Wetherall (captain), Major N. J. Miller, Capt. M. A. Aris, Major J. B. Akehurst, Lt. J. S. Houchin, Major H. W. Clark, S/Sgt. Smith (R.A.P.C.), Sgt. Ashworth, Pte. Taylor, Pte. Murphy, Pte. Skayman.

#### THE LAST N.S. MAN

Cpl. Burnett, R.A.P.C., was attached to the 1st Battalion and was the last National Serviceman to leave. In order to commemorate this, a Regimental plaque suitably inscribed was sent to him by the Commanding Officer. The following letter of thanks has been received from Cpl. Burnett:—

"I should like to say a big thank you for the gift of the plaque commemorating my being the last N.S. man in the Regiment. I shall always treasure it and regard it as being my privilege to have served with the Duchess of Gloucester's Own Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire Regiment. Please convey my thanks and best wishes to all officers and men!"

#### VISITORS TO OSNABRUCK

We were delighted to receive a visit from three overseas visitors.

They were Major H. Babar of the Baluch Regiment of the Pakistan Army, W.O.2 G. A. Smith of the Bermuda Militia Artillery, and Mr. H. G. Field, a member of the Northland Regiment, a unit of the New Zealand Territorial Forces. Major Babar and W.O.2 Smith spent several weeks with the Battalion in order to gain experience in the latest methods of infantry training and administration. Mr. Field, who is a journalist by profession, was on holiday in Europe and brought a goodwill message from the Northland Regiment, which from 1913 has had an affiliation with the 2nd Battalion The Northamptonshire Regiment.

Of particular interest to all the visitors was the Ruapekapeka tablet. This is a piece of "puriri" timber cut from the base of a flagpole which stood at Ruapekapeka in the Bay of Islands, New Zealand, when British troops fought the last battle there against the Maoris in 1846. The 58th Regiment (later the Northamptonshire Regiment) led the British Forces in this attack. Mr. Field was one of those who actually cut the tablet from

the remains of the flagpole in 1953. The other was Major Crawford, who personally presented it to the Northamptonshire Regiment at the Regimental Dinner in London that year.



Pte. Fairey (Officers Mess), Mr. Field, Major Babar, W.O.2 G. A. Smith, Bermuda Militia Artillery, L/Cpl. Sharpe (Officers Mess)



Mr. H. G. Field of the Northland Regiment of New Zealand discussing the Ruapekapeka tablet with Major H. Babar of the Baluch Regiment, Pakistan Army

**DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD  
WINNER**

On 14th June this year L/Cpl. T. P. Doyle, now serving with the 1st Battalion in Germany, attended a reception at Buckingham Palace where he was presented with the Duke of Edinburgh's Golden Award by H.R.H. himself.

This presentation was the climax of three years of effort by L/Cpl. Doyle, begun at the Junior Leaders' Battalion, where he gained the Bronze and Silver Medals. To qualify for the Golden Award he attained a high standard in a number of varied activities, including mountaineering, first-aid, fencing and gymnastics.

L/Cpl. Doyle's home is at 7 Drift Gardens, Stamford.

**CORPORAL'S CLUB**

With the training season upon us Club activities have been mainly restricted to Saturday evening socials. One notable event, however, was the June Ball. Among our guests we were pleased to renew a welcome to Lt.-Col. and Mrs. W. R. Chambers. An excellent buffet was arranged by

L/Cpl. Perrin and Pte. Earl. That the whole evening was so successful reflects great credit on the committee members and all who assisted in the preparation.

Our first cricket match of the season was against our old rivals from the Sgts.' Mess—the game was to be of one innings only but as we won very quickly we were induced to play another innings and were beaten. The cry still echoes, "We were robbed".

Table tennis is proving a popular game. A billiards table at long last has arrived, much to the relief of the R.S.M.

Newcomers to the Brigade, the Corporals of The Royal Fusiliers, invited us to a game of football. The kick-off with a "rugger" ball was made by Cpl. Waite who promptly scored a try. This was then replaced by a football, but the opposition continued to field 15 players and at half-time we were losing 1—4. However, we managed to even to 4—4 when the second half was played according to rules. A games night with the same opponents resulted in a most enjoyable evening.

**The East Anglian Brigade  
Golf Meeting**

The third annual Golf Meeting was held at the Flempton Golf Club, near Bury St. Edmunds, on 19th July, and on the following day representatives of this Brigade played a match against the Flempton Club.

The following officers competed: Brigadier R. H. L. Oulton, C.B.E. (Colonel, 2nd East Anglian), Cols. J. F. Carroll, C.B.E., R. P. Freeman-Taylor, and R. H. Senior, Lt.-Cols. P. G. Upcher, D.S.O., D.L., J. H. Marriott, M.C., D. F. Coburn, B. J. Palmer, M.B.E., H. M. Boxer, M.C., and C. R. Murray-Brown, D.S.O., Majors R. M. Williams, M.C., T. E. Robinson, G. S. Jasper, and J. C. Richardson, Capt. W. A. C. Smelt, O.B.E., and H. D. Lucas, and Lt. H. T. Hutley.

**Results**

Inter-Regimental Cup: Poachers; runners-up, Vikings.

Pompadour Cup: Major Jasper; runner-up, Col. Carroll.

Suffolk Cup: Major Jasper; runner-up, Brigadier Oulton.

Stableford: Lt.-Col. Coburn and Lt.-Col. Boxer; runners-up, Col. Freeman Taylor and Lt.-Col. Murray-Brown.

The Match versus the Flempton Golf Club resulted in a win for East Anglian Brigade. The Royal Leicestershire Regiment was well represented on this their first occasion, and we look forward to seeing them again next year.

The meeting was a great success and was blessed with lovely weather.

**Army Golf  
Championships**

The Regiment again entered a team in the Argyll and Sutherland Bowl, played at Prestwick in May. The rules of the competition stipulate that two members of the team must be serving officers, and, as Lt.-Col. Noble and Major Fennell, of last year's team had retired, the team was a little weaker on paper. However, Major Sergeant, who came over from the 1st Battalion in Germany, played excellently and was a good substitute for Major Fennell.

Having drawn a bye in the first round, the Regiment won their second-round tie, beating the Grenadier Guards easily, only to lose in the semi-final to the Scots Guards, the eventual winners of the bowl.

	v.	v.
	<i>Grenadier Guards</i>	<i>Scots Guards</i>
	<i>Results (holes up)</i>	
Brigadier R. E. Osborne-Smith .. .. .	0	0
Lt.-Col. A. G. R. Noble	1	—2
Lt. J. B. Winckley ..	7	0
Lt.-Col. E. C. Easter ..	3	1
Major R. Sergeant ..	10	—4
	—	—
Total .. .. .	+21	—5
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## The "Prix Le Clerc" International Shooting Match

The Battalion was selected to represent B.A.O.R. in the 1963 Prix Le Clerc last autumn. The competition was the idea of Sir Eugen Millington Drake and was first fired in 1951. The object in naming it after Marshall of France Le Clerc was to perpetuate the memory and example of an outstanding leader. The competition is held annually and is competed for by teams from regiments of the Allied Armies in Germany. There are three matches, one for a rifle team of twelve, one for a L.M.G. team of five pairs, and one for a pistol team of two. Teams competing in 1963 are from the British, U.S., Canadian, Belgian, Dutch, French, and West German Armies.

The following were chosen to train for the Battalion Team and training started in April:—

*Rifle:* C.S.M. Duke, C.S.M. Dixon, Sgt. Rogers, L/Cpls. Boothby, Gomersall, Norton, Saunders, Pts. Bolsover, Boothright, Cross, Domford, Gooday, Larham, Morris, Wright.

*L.M.G. Pairs:* C./Sgt. McColgan and Pte. Scar-

ratt, Sgt. Knight and Pte. Lock, Sgt. Evans and Pte. Sparrow, L/Cpl. Baines and Pte. Close, L/Cpl. Warrington and Pte. Wall, L/Cpl. Simpson and Pte. Stewart, L/Cpl. Goodman and L/Cpl. Platts.

*Pistol:* Major Hughes, Capt. Drummond and Capt. Tadman.

The Battalion was lucky to have the assistance of Q.M.S.I. Gillam and S.I. Addy, S.A.S.C. from Hythe for the last month of training. Match firing started in mid-May in preparation for the Bde. Rifle Meeting, which was based largely on Prix Le Clerc conditions, and which, not unnaturally, was won by the battalion, although the scores were lower than expected.

Training continued at Vorden Ranges until the second week of July, when the team moved to Sennelager, the range chosen for the match. This period was broken by visits to Leopoldburg in Belgium and to Munich. In Belgium the team fired against the Belgian and Canadian Teams, and in Munich against the U.S. Army Team.

### THE DETAILED RESULTS OF THE MATCHES:

Date	Location	Team	Rifle	L.M.G.	Pistol	Total
			H.P.S. 1920	H.P.S. 1800	H.P.S. 244	H.P.S. 4004
12 July	Leopoldburg	1st Bn. Carabiners Cyclists (B.E.)	1442	1125	233	2800
		2 E. Anglian (B.R.)	1289	1218	193	2700
		Queen's Own Rifles of Canada	1286	1058	210	2554
19 July	Munich	1st Bn. 21 Inf., U.S. Army "The Gimlets"	1618	1167	233	3038
		2 E. Anglian	1421	1308	210	2939

The top scorers in the Battalion in Leopoldburg were L/Cpl. Saunders with 126 and C.S.M. Dixon with 124 on the rifle, and Sgt. Knight and Pte. Lock with 281, and C./Sgt. McColgan and Pte. Scarratt with 278 on the L.M.G. In Munich the two top rifle scorers were C.S.M.s Duke and Dixon each with 134; the best L.M.G. pairs were the same as in Belgium with scores of 294 and 265 respectively.

The actual competition was fired on 2nd August and the result was a great disappointment for the 1st Bn., whose scores were very much lower than they had made in practice.

Full details have not been received at the time of going to press. It is hoped to include an account of the match in the December POACHER.

### RESULT OF "PRIX LE CLERC" COMPETITION

					Score
1st.	NETHERLANDS	...	...	...	3000
2nd.	CANADA	...	...	...	2870
3rd.	BELGIUM	...	...	...	2795
4th.	WEST GERMANY	...	...	...	2713
5th.	U.K. (2nd East Anglian Regt.)	...	...	...	2576
6th.	U.S.A.	...	...	...	2366
7th.	FRANCE	...	...	...	2337

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## Lincolnshire Wing

### ANNUAL REUNION, 1963

The annual reunion and dinner will be held on Saturday, 5th October, 1963, at the Derbyshire Miners' Welfare Holiday Centre, Winthorpe Avenue, Skegness, Lincolnshire.

Divine service will be held in Skegness Parish Church on Sunday, 6th October, 1963, which it is hoped members and their ladies will attend.

#### 1. Accommodation

*Chalet*—both double or single, for those desirous of staying overnight at Skegness—can be provided at the Derbyshire Miners' Welfare Holiday Centre. Charges: 15s. per person for bed and breakfast.

*Reservations.* Branch secretaries are asked to communicate *direct* with Capt. J. D. Williamson, M.C., J.P., Derbyshire Miners' Welfare Holiday Centre, stating the exact accommodation they require to be reserved for members and ladies of their branch, viz. double or single chalets, giving him a list of names and addresses of those for whom accommodation is required.

*Note:* Accommodation can also be provided for the drivers of motor coaches remaining in Skegness overnight, and must be reserved and paid for.

*Cars and Motor Coaches.* There is ample free parking space for cars and motor coaches at the Derbyshire Miners' Welfare Holiday Centre.

*Early Arrivals—5th October, 1963.* Lunch will be provided from 1 p.m. onwards, at 5s. 6d. per head, for those arriving early at the Holiday Centre. Branch secretaries are asked to advise Capt. Williamson (in advance) the names of those requiring lunch on arrival.

*Snack bar* will be open at the Holiday Centre from 5 p.m. onwards.

#### 2. Meetings

The Annual General Committee Meeting will commence at 3.30 p.m., this will be followed by the Annual General Meeting at approximately 4.30 p.m.

#### 3. Reunion Dinner, 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.

Tickets 15s. (each person), which includes cost of two drinks supplied during the meal. The tickets can be obtained by branch secretaries for their branch from: Mr. C. W. M. Sylvester, 53 New Cross Road, Stamford, Lincoln. Individuals can obtain their tickets from the hon. general secretary, Sobraon Barracks, Lincoln.

#### 4. Bars

Three bars are available: (a) draught-beer bar, (b) cocktail bar, and (c) ballroom bar (all drinks available except draught beer). Open from 6.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m.

#### 5. Entertainment

At the conclusion of the dinner music for dancing will be provided in the ballroom from approximately 8.45 p.m.

#### 6. Special Notes

(a) There is ample cloakroom and other facilities available at the Holiday Centre. In fact, everything in connection with our meetings, dinner and entertainment will take place in the same building.

(b) Lunch on Sunday, 6th October, at 5s. 6d. per head, for those who will be remaining in Skegness after attending the service at the Parish Church, can be provided at the Holiday Centre.

Branch secretaries are asked to advise Capt. Williamson the names of those of their branch who will require this meal to be provided for them.

Information concerning the church service in Skegness will be sent you by the hon. general secretary prior to the date of the annual reunion.

Officers are requested to advise Major P. H. Segon (early) at Sobraon Barracks, Lincoln, if they desire hotel accommodation reserved at a hotel in Skegness for the night of 5th/6th October, 1963.

## LINCOLN BRANCH

Since our last report the activities of the Branch have been few owing to the fact that we are still awaiting "movement orders" to transfer the Club to the top floor of the Keep which is being modernised and we hope will be completed by the autumn, meanwhile this has not stopped our members from making improvements to the existing Club room, the whole of the place has been decorated and the bar altered.

This has been carried out entirely by members who volunteered, the alteration has made a great improvement in accommodation and space.

#### ENTERTAINMENT

On 29th June, 1963, the Entertainment Committee engaged the Edendales Vocal Group, this Group of young performers gave two hours of

excellent entertainment with their rendering of "Folk Songs", this was their first appearance in public, and we understand they are heading for bigger things in the future. We wish them the best of luck. This function was very well attended.

#### HOLIDAY DRAW—ASSOCIATION BENEVOLENT FUND

The summer holiday draw was made at 9 a.m. on Saturday, 20th July, 1963, in the Club and was attended by over 70 members and their wives.

Major P. H. Segon, M.B.E., who organised the draw read out the proceedings from the sale of tickets and thanked Lincoln members for their effort in being second place in the number of ticket sales which was just over £40, about £7 short of Stamford's effort.

#### MEMBERSHIP

Membership is again extended to any member of the 4/6th Royal Lincolns (T.A.) who wish to become a full member of the Lincoln Branch. Application should be made to Capt. W. H. Lewin, Secretary, or through any of our regular members.

#### BOSTON BRANCH

The Secretary had much pleasure in taking the first prize summer draw cheque for £50 to a lady 70 years of age, and to overwhelm her with her good fortune. He reports "I must admit that it was a very pleasant experience giving money away and one which I would like to repeat in the future.

He with two other members of the Branch, F. Peberdy and W. Grant, attended as guests, the annual rifle meeting of the 4/6th Battalion Royal Lincolnshire Regiment T.A., held at Beckingham in excellent weather, on Sunday, 21st July.

For the past three years members have been attending such meetings and participating in the Past Members match, and the "Invitation Falling Plate" competition, with some successes in the former match, but not the latter, the 100 yards sprint is too much for the "old 'uns". F. Myatt winner of the event for "Past Members" in 1962, had to be content with third place this year, the reason, competition was stronger, his companions from Boston were regrettably not well placed—better luck next year.

The 4/6th Battalion gave to our members a very good day on the range and their kindness is much appreciated.

#### GRANTHAM BRANCH

Under the Chairmanship of Col. G. M. Sanders, D.L., J.P., the Branch meets with regularity and discusses the Branch and Association business.

The social as well as business affairs have equal prominence, and it is with pleasure, rather belatedly, we report upon a visit paid by members and their ladies to the Station Hotel at Wisbech, where a pleasant time was spent with Mrs. Best and her family.

Our Branch Annual Dinner this year was held on 14th June at The Chequers, Woolsthorpe and at-

tended by 60 members and their wives. Another excellent meal was provided and as usual an evening we thoroughly enjoy. Col. Sanders presided, and following the usual toasts—gave us the up to date news of the Regiment. Naturally we are distinctly proud that our Borough has conferred it's Freedom Privilege upon the Regiment. Above all, we were honoured, proud and delighted the occasion would afford us the privilege of having Her Royal Highness present in Grantham to receive, as Colonel-in-Chief, the Title Deed for her Regiment.

We wait patiently for the visit of the Battalion to Grantham to exercise their Freedom Right, this will also be a great day for all citizens of the Borough.

We hope that we shall meet many old friends at the Association Reunion at Skegness on 5th October, 1963.

#### THE SUMMER DRAW, 1963

Sincere thanks to all those who sold and to those who bought tickets in the summer draw which after the payment of the registration fee, printing of tickets, postage and £100 prize money enriched our Benevolent Fund of the Association by £75 14s. 8d.—this amount being £50 8s. 2d. more than was realised in the Christmas draw.

Thanks also to the six ladies of the Lincoln Branch who drew out the tickets of the six lucky prize winners.

#### Prize Winners

£50 prize, Mrs. C. McGranachan, 82 Willoughby Road, Boston; £25 prize, Mrs. A. J. Williams, 40 New Cross Road, Stamford, Lincs.; £10 prize, Mr. G. Beeton, 2 The Vinefields, Eastgate Street, Bury St. Edmunds. Three Prizes of £5 each: Mr. R. N. Ellis, 2 Hope Street, Lincoln; Mr. D. Hocking, 42 Waterloo Street, Lincoln; Mr. M. Haynes, 92 Tinwell Road, Stamford, Lincs.

Those who were not fortunate in having drawn a prize will be gratified to learn the first prize of £50 went to a widow aged 70 years, the second prize of £25 to a widow of 82 years of age, both these ladies were overwhelmed by their good fortune. One of those who received a prize of £5 is one who several years ago had reason to be grateful for help received from our Association by way of a loan, when it was badly needed, and which when fortune smiled upon him, he quickly repaid. Another winner of a £5 prize was an old age pensioner.

As promoter of the draws to raise money for the Benevolent Fund I solicit help in the sale of tickets for the next summer draw. Tickets will be ready for issue in September 1963—if you are not a member of a Branch of the Association and are willing to sell 5s. books of tickets, please write to me. I will gladly send you books of tickets.

Remember the more £ s. d. we get into our Benevolent Fund, the more generously we can help those who are genuinely in need.

P.H.S.



## GRIMSBY BRANCH

Mr. B. Brittain, who for the past seven years has been the Secretary of the Branch, in civil life is a member of the ambulance service, and as a result of reorganisation in that service in which his spare time has now been restricted, he has found it necessary to resign from the office of Branch Secretary.

Members of the Branch and the Association are indebted to Mr. Brittain for his most unstinting service during the past seven years, and hope that he may be able to work for the Branch and serve as a member of one of the Branch committees, in a post that will not clash with his civilian employment.

At the Annual Meeting of the Branch on 3rd July, the following were elected as Branch officers for 1963-64.

Chairman: Lt.-Col. S. C. W. Disney, O.B.E., M.C., T.D., 216 Grimsby Road, Cleethorpes. Vice-Chairman: Major J. Ottley, 27 Worcester Avenue, Grimsby. Secretary: Mr. F. Cressey, 113 Granville Street, Grimsby. Treasurer: Mr. R. W. Bradley, 33 Lime Street, Grimsby.

Mr. F. Cressey, who succeeds Mr. Brittain in the office of Secretary, is well known to members who served in the 1st Battalion 10th Foot, and particularly those, who in recent years, have served in the 4/6th Battalion Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (T.A.), for it was as the Regimental Sergeant Major of the T.A. Battalion, he completed his period of Army service.

He has not severed his connection with the T.A., for although he is now a civilian, he has joined the 4/6th Battalion Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (T.A.), and is the C.S.M. of "C" Company, and was seen recently on parade at Grantham, as a member of the Colour Party of the Guard of Honour provided for Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Gloucester.

We wish him well and hope that he, as Secretary, will strive to increase the membership of the Grimsby Branch.

Meetings of the Branch are now held on the first Wednesday of each month at the Westward Ho Drill Hall, Grimsby, to which all former members of the 10th Foot or 2nd East Anglian Regiment, resident in the Grimsby Area are most cordially invited.

ITEMS OF INTEREST  
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## Patsy Tynan

Extracts from a letter received from Patsy Tynan, formerly of the 2nd Battalion, 10th Foot, by the secretary of the London Branch, are published so that all those of his "vintage" who remember him will write to him—his address is 130 Old Road West, Gravesend, Kent.

"I have not—repeat not—been too well lately. Confined to barracks and taken out occasionally by an escort. My son or my dear patient wife—it makes me feel ashamed of myself to think that me—Patsy Tynan—was not afraid to go anywhere at any time and meet anybody. But still, there it is—I suppose it's 'time' that takes its toll of all of us, and I'll be 87 next birthday. I was born in Dublin

on 14th February, 1877—Valentine's Day—hence the 'V' I've got stuck in my initials. I get awfully giddy—but my appetite is normal and I've got to cut down my smoking to 1 oz. per week, which is all I require, and, as tobacco is 5s. 10½d. per ounce, it's all I want. Fancy, tobacco at 5s. 10½d. per ounce—I knew the time when good tobacco was 4d. per ounce, and shag—Navy's Mark I—was 3d. per ounce. Of course, things and times have changed.

"They tell me I have not altered. Poor old Brigadier-General Lloyd said to me a few months before he died: 'Do you know, Tynan, you have never altered. How nice to see you, and how kind of you to come and see an old man'. He was just the same neat little man—the man who gave me five days' C.B. for insolence, which is akin to insubordination for which you can be damned well shot. I well remember the words and the occasion. But he called me up to him six months later and said: 'You will be in orders as Lance-Corporal tonight—cultivate the society of N.C.O.s, disassociate yourself from the company of Privates and, above all mend your language'. Dear old 'Fanny' Lloyd—just before he died he said to me: 'Tynan—you have never altered', and I returned the compliment, for he was just the same neat little man. I know it was he who brought me some milk when I was lying amid a heap of sick and wounded men at Paardeburg—how he found me among the helpless mob I do not know, but he did, and I never knew how or where he got the milk. So much for old memories.

"It's a long time since I attended any of the reunions and, as I left the Regiment in 1916—that is 47 years ago—I don't suppose there are many who remember me, but those of my time will remember me because I was for most of my time in the gym or on the barrack square. I wonder how many I would know if I went to any of the functions that take place now. Is General Spring still alive? He was always the same. I remember him well. He came to the Regiment in Sheffield and, strange to say, he appeared in orders with two other Second-Lieutenants, Spring, Dyke and Waterhouse. Spring remained—the other two disappeared in due course. I wonder how many of my 1895 class are still alive".

Readers please note:—

Patsy Tynan as a young soldier, should, wearing his bowler hat and carrying his umbrella, attend the reunion at Skegness with the London Branch, he will there meet, we hope, Louis Smith, of Scunthorpe, aged 92 years.

## Station Commander R.A.F. Waddington

Group Captain J. Finch, C.B.E., D.F.C., A.F.C., R.A.F., relinquished command of the station on 1st August, 1963, and is succeeded by Group Captain C. B. Brown, A.F.C., R.A.F.

To Group Captain Finch, on his departure from Waddington, the Regiment tenders sincere thanks for the many occasions on which he has afforded accommodation at his station to members of the Regiment on duty in the county from Germany. We wish for him and Mrs. Finch in the future the same success as they have enjoyed during their stay in Lincolnshire.

*Gifts to 10th Foot Museum*

The trustees gratefully acknowledge the gift of a silver circular tobacco box by Col. B. Middleton, late Royal Lincolnshire Regiment. This tobacco box bears on the lid an engraving of the Arms of the City and County of the City of Lincoln and the following inscription:—

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**The Northamptonshire Wing****ANNUAL REUNION**

The Annual Reunion of the Northamptonshire Wing of the Duchess of Gloucester's Own Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire Regimental Association took place at Northampton on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 5th, 6th and 7th July, 1963.

On the Friday, the golf match was played against the County Golf Club and the Regiment was badly beaten. We hope to have a stronger team next year. In the evening an officers' dance was held in the Peacock Room of the Grand Hotel and 77 people enjoyed themselves dancing to the dance band of the 4/5th Battalion.

On the Saturday, the Wing Committee met at 10.30 a.m. and this was followed at 12 noon by the annual general meeting. Twenty-seven members attended the A.G.M. and it was decided at the meeting that the reunion of 1964 would take place on the 3rd, 4th and 5th July, provided it did not clash with the dates of camp of the 4/5th Battalion.

In the evening the all ranks' reunion dinner was held at Clare Street Drill Hall. Three hundred and five people sat down for the meal during which the Band of 4/5th Battalion played (did someone say "too loudly"?).

We were very pleased to have as a guest Mr. H. G. Field, who was visiting the U.K. from New Zealand. He has close connections with the Northland Regiment, our Allied Regiment of the New Zealand Military Forces, and we were delighted to be able to obtain their news at first hand.

After dinner the ladies came in, in increased numbers this year, and there was dancing to the dance band of the 4/5th Regiment.

It rained all the afternoon and evening, and this probably kept some away, but all who did come had a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

On Sunday the rain had ceased and we had the usual Church Parade and laying of the wreath on the Northampton Borough War Memorial by the Chairman of the Wing of the Association, Brigadier D. E. Taunton, C.B., D.S.O., in nice sunny weather. This was followed by the service in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

**Christmas Cards****The Northamptonshire Wing**

The Northamptonshire Wing of the Regimental Association will be having its own Christmas Card again this year.

It will be a card 7 in. by 4 in. with the crest and Regimental ribbon of the Northamptonshire Regiment on the outside and inside a greeting and coloured illustrations of both the 4th Battalion and the 5th Battalion colours.

The cost will be 13s. 9d. a dozen, postage paid, and cards may be ordered from the Wing Secretary, Major D. Baxter, Gibraltar Barracks, Barrack Road, Northampton.

After church, Brigadier D. E. Taunton took the salute at the March Past and the parade of 33 officers and 72 O.R. Comrades with the Band and Drums of 4/5th Northampton proceeded to Gibraltar Barracks to be dismissed.

There was then the usual "get together" at the Northampton Branch Club with music by the Band and the officers entertained their guests to sherry and luncheon on the Officers' Mess lawn.

Our thanks are due to the Commanding Officer of 4/5th Battalion The Northamptonshire Regiment (T.A.), Lt.-Col. F. G. Barber, for allowing such free use of the resources of his Battalion, to Lt.-Col. F. A. Cozens, Regimental Paymaster, R.P.O. (Inf.) Northern Command, for allowing us the run of Gibraltar Barracks, and to Lt.-Col. C. F. Walker, Commanding the Depot and Training Establishment of the Royal Pioneer Corps, for accommodating the Band and Drums of the 4/5th Battalion.

The following were, amongst others, present during the Reunion: Brigadiers D. E. Taunton, R. H. L. Oulton, N. J. Dickson, P. W. P. Green, J. W. Hinchcliffe, D. J. B. Houghin and J. I. Ingham; Col. J. C. Denny, E. M. Goodale, J. T. Lewis, G. V. Martin, R. K. McMichael; Lt.-Cols. F. G. Barber, F. R. Berridge, J. R. Britten, G. A. C. Danby, J. T. Ennals, J. W. H. Green, G. A. Hill-Walker, O. K. Parker, Rev. W. B. Spencer, C. J. M. Watts and J. R. Wetherall; Majors D. G. M. Anstee, J. A. F. Barthorp, T. A. Basson, D. Baxter, F. R. Carrington, W. G. Dipper, A. C. B. Forge, L. Groundsell, V. A. Harding, D. F. Hooton, R. C. Jeffery, P. Keily, W. V. Marshall, F. S. Mumford, H. Payne, A. A. Pilgrim, D. P. Scopes, P. Strickland, R. F. Sykes, A. C. Webb and J. Young; Capt. T. Agutter, R. E. Barthorp, W. H. Baxter, J. F. Ganley, H. C. G. Harding, N. Jonas, N. Longmore, C. W. T. Lumby, J. Parker, F. D. Syson, P. D. Taunton, R. O. Tear, F. W. Turnbull, and J. H. York; Lts. T. C. G. Branch and G. C. Willey and the Rev. G. P. H. Rowson; Messrs. J. M. Anderson, R. W. Arnold, G. J. Atkins, D. Bailey, F. Bayes, F. L. Bedells, H. W. Bird, J. H. Blott, A. E. Briggs, B. Brown, H. Buck, S. P. Burrows, P. B. Cashmore, A. Carter, A. G.

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Major W. G. Dipper, retiring, retiring President of the Northampton Branch of the R of the Regimental Association, receives a parting gift of a teat of a tea making machine from Mr. J. Roberts, Chairman of Chairman of the Northamptonshire Regiment C Regiment Club

### NORTHAMPTON BRANCH

#### *The Northamptonshire Regiment Club*

All who know Major W. G. Dipper will want to wish him good luck and good health in his retirement, which takes place in August. A farewell party was held at the Club on 28th June, during which Major Dipper was presented with an automatic tea-maker, and Mrs. Dipper with a bouquet. A collection of rose-trees will also be sent to Major Dipper in due season, which he said will take pride of place in his garden as "The Northamptonshire Regiment Club Corner". His new home will be in Saltash, Cornwall. After the presentation an excellent buffet supper was enjoyed, followed by dancing. We also welcomed Major D. Baxter as our new President.

The Club was visited by Comrades from all parts of the country during Reunion weekend, one member travelling all the way from Glasgow. It was noticed that some of the regular visitors were absent, and it is hoped that next Reunion will see them all in Northampton again.

#### *Welfare Work*

Welfare work has continued, several sums from raffles and collecting boxes being turned over to the Northampton Wing, and the Club itself has made grants to members who were ill or otherwise in need. Mr. P. Todd has also visited sick members.

Serving members of the 1st Battalion The 2nd East Anglian Regiment have been with us recently, and we would like to stress that any member of the Regiment is always welcome at the Club when in Northampton.

### PETERBOROUGH BRANCH

Once again the Annual Reunion has come and gone and we were delighted to see again a good attendance. The dinner was good, the parade seemed even better than ever, and the weather was kind to us for the parade. Our thanks are due to all concerned with the arrangements for the week-end, and to the Northampton Branch for entertaining us in their club.

The 4/5th Battalion Regimental Band put in some hard work throughout the week-end. The concert on the market square was very much enjoyed by the "early risers" and it put us in good form for the parade.

Capt. J. K. Parker has left the 4/5th Battalion for overseas. We thank him sincerely for his loyal support and assistance to the branch during his term of office. Best wishes and a happy future to both Capt. and Mrs. Parker. An appropriate presentation of a "Parker" pen was made by the deputy chairman on behalf of the Branch.

We welcome to the 4/5th Battalion and to the Branch Capt. (Q.M.) F. W. Gasgoyne, we hope his stay with us will be a happy one.

The Peterborough Branch of the British Legion are organizing a Festival of Remembrance at the London Road Drill Hall on 10th November. The Branch are being represented by six members.

Many thanks to all persons concerned who have so kindly assisted by permitting the use of club

rooms and lounges, for the purpose of our monthly meetings at various places.

It is hoped to hold our next meeting at Crowland in September, as a number of serving and ex-serving members are resident there.

Best wishes to all branches and members.

## **Sobraon Barracks Lincoln**

The blow has fallen—the Corporation of the City and County of the City of Lincoln on the 25th July, 1963, took possession of that part of the barracks which it has acquired from the War Department, 66 acres in all.

It had to happen—"Burton Park" was quite inadequate for the training of the modern equipped infantryman of today. Hence, Bury St. Edmunds, selected as the Depot for the training of Regular soldiers destined for the Regiments which comprise the East Anglian Brigade, was obviously a more suitable place to train soldiers.

The carve-up of Sobraon Barracks will soon be complete, a portion of the south camp destined for the Air Ministry will be taken over by the time this article appears in print.

The Museum of the former Royal Lincolnshire Regiment housed on the ground floor at the north end of the Keep will remain, the eventual R.H.Q. (Lincolnshire) of 2nd East Anglian Regiment will have its offices on the ground floor of the Keep, next to the Museum near the south end. On the first and second floors will be part of the set-up of the new headquarters of the 4/6th Battalion Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (T.A.) which, on the second floor, will (we hope) provide a permanent home for the Lincoln Branch of the Regimental Association.

The east side of the Keep will have built on to it the new H.Q. of the 4/6th Battalion. This will necessitate the new part of the building extending on to the cricket ground, for about 30 to 35 yards, and occupying the same frontage. Former cricketers of the 10th Foot please note that where once they hit a century or scored a "duck" is no longer War Department property. All except that part on which the H.Q. of the 4/6th Battalion will stand, now belongs to the City of Lincoln, and in future

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IN  
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**SOBRAON BARRACKS**

will be the sports ground for children who will eventually attend a school destined to be built upon the site of the N.A.A.F.I. grocery shop.

For those who have served at Lincoln it may interest them to know the enclosed area allocated to the Lincolnshire T. and A.F. Association extends from the south gate entrance down past the small copse near the entrance to the far end of the drill shed—turning left (north) to the main drive cross-roads, then left, up the main drive on the north side for 80 yards, thence right on to the cricket field for 40 yards, and from that point west, to the north end of the Keep, fortunately the football ground is T.A. property. Eventually those working in the T.A. area may give voice to the song "Don't Fence Me In". But, whether they like it or not, their area will be fenced in.

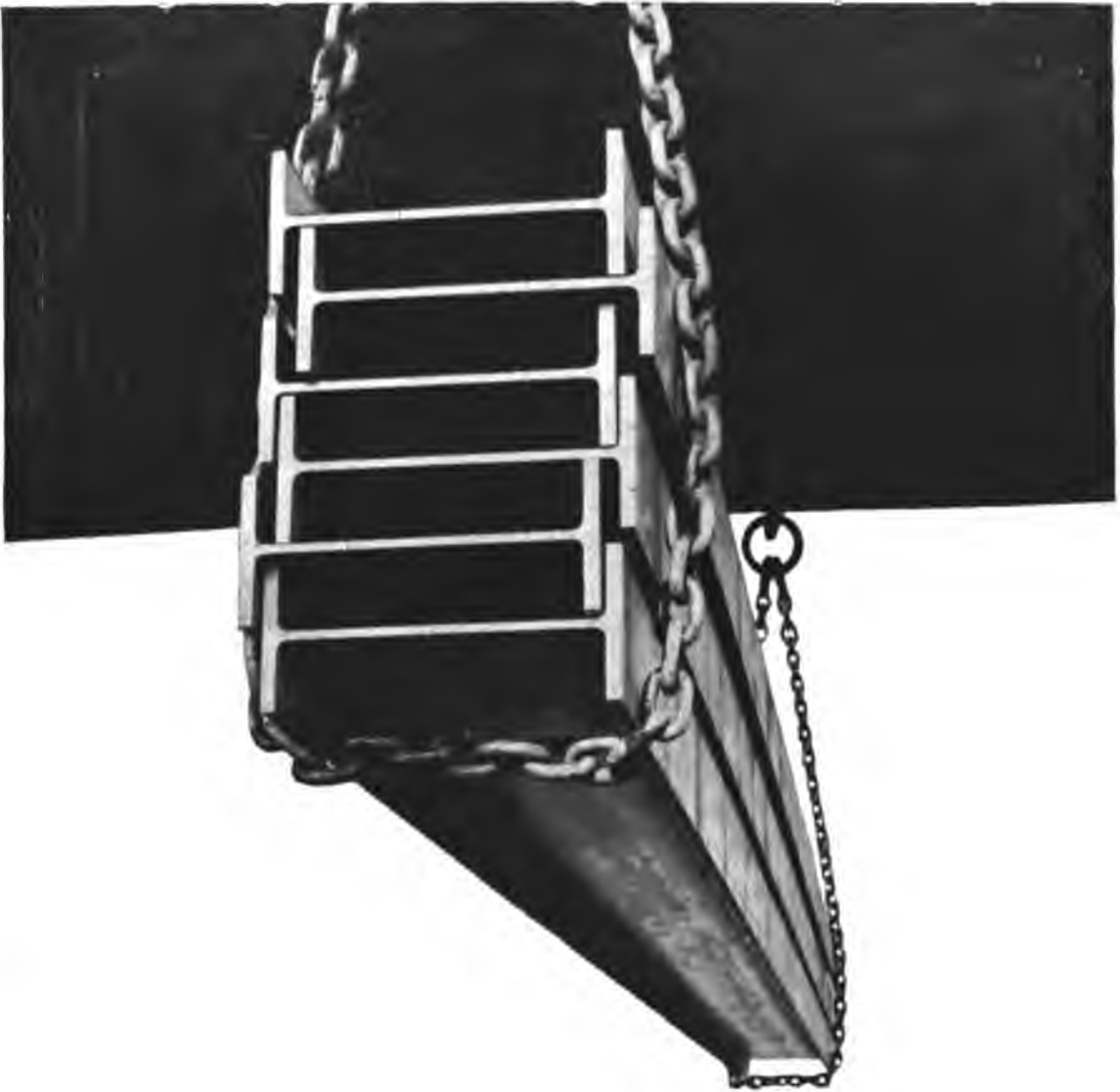
North camp area, in which it is expected the Corporation will raze all buildings to the ground other than the gymnasium and gun sheds, and where once huts for troops stood, there will be built more council houses, an open-air swimming bath, and another school, which the city requires urgently.

R.H.Q. Lincolnshire has moved from offices above the old Depot Orderly Room, into building No. 41, where the Q.M. 10th Foot formerly had his office, and it is now that R.H.Q. staff can honestly say "they have never had it so good", until eventually moving to a permanent home in the Keep.

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

The past quarter has been one of the busiest in recent years, involving exercises, shooting, annual camp, ceremonial and social events.

In April the Battalion went to our Brigade Group Exercise "Spring Fever II" at Proteus. We acted as enemy and as such were split into three guerilla groups, each operating in its own area. The exercise was very similar to the one of the previous year. First defensive positions were dug, then there was a period of patrolling by each side, after which the Brigade Group mounted an attack. Finally the whole Brigade Group concentrated in one area for demonstrations by the supporting arms.

On 18th and 19th May Battalion H.Q. carried out a most useful exercise, "May Fly II," in South Lincolnshire. This started on a disused airfield at Folkingham, continued in Grimsthorpe Park and ended on Capt. Stanton's farm at Witham. By Sunday afternoon the movement and deployment drill had reached quite a high standard and the H.Q. was functioning efficiently.

We moved down to Stanford P.T.A. in Norfolk for Annual Camp on 8th June. For many of us life under canvas was novel experience, and whilst it was appreciated during the first week of brilliant sunshine, there were some doubts during the second week which was cold and wet. The fact

that Stanford is so close to Lincolnshire proved a great advantage and we were able to get well settled in on the Saturday, so that the whole of Sunday could be devoted to preparations for training. The first week was given up to individual, Section and Platoon training. The second week was devoted to Company training. It included two exercises. The first, "Springer One", a Company group exercise, organised by Battalion H.Q., was somewhat marred by heavy rain, but some valuable lessons were learnt. The second, "Raiders", an excellent exercise organised by Brigade H.Q., was much enjoyed and our composite Company under the command of Capt. J. C. Graham acquitted itself well, capturing the enemy suprema, Briansky Emsdenovitch, in an hour under par for the course, and destroying his communications so effectively that there was little left for the following Companies to demolish.

We were greatly honoured to receive a visit during camp by H.R.H. The Duchess of Gloucester. The visit was conducted on informal lines. Her Royal Highness first inspected the Quarter Guard and was later driven round to see training in a Landrover specially prepared by Sgt. Scotney and the M.T. The Battalion was concentrated in a small area around the site of Buckenham Tofts



**The Colonel-in-Chief  
watching a river crossing  
by 4th/6th Bt. The Royal  
Lincolnshire Regt. (T.A.)**

*Photo: Studio Khyber*

Hall, and many aspects of Battalion activities were on view, even including the cooks' "brewing-up" in the field and the M.T. in a "line up". Of particular note were a very slick demonstration of M.M.G.s coming into action by the Recce Platoon, an energetic river crossing demonstration by No. 2 Training Company, battle Platoon by the recruit cadre, and mortar drill by the 3-inch mortar detachments. The visit ended with three cheers led by the R.S.M. as Her Royal Highness drove off to her helicopter.

The social side of life also received its due share of attention. The Officers' Mess ran a very successful Guest Night and Cocktail Party. The W.O.s' and Sergeants' Mess had a Dinner, after which they entertained the officers. For the rank and file there were recreational visits to Norwich and much enjoyed trips by bus at the weekend to Yarmouth and the Royal Tournament, Earl's Court.

Four days after return from camp on 26th June the Battalion had the honour of providing a Guard of Honour for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, on the occasion of the quincentenary celebrations of the Borough of Grantham. The first hour each morning at camp had been given up to rehearsals and the last two days complete. The weather on 25th June was atrocious and it looked doubtful whether the final rehearsal on the ground could be held that evening, but in the event it cleared up and stayed fine until just after the parade next day. The Guard was commanded by Major B. S. Foster, and was drawn from all Companies of the Battalion.

The Guard paraded again on 12th July for the granting of the Freedom of the Borough of Grantham to 2 East Anglian Regiment. Afterwards we exercised the privilege of marching through the town "with colours flying, bayonets fixed, drums beating and bands playing", which was conferred upon this Battalion in 1946.

On Sunday, 30th June, the massed Bands of 148 (N.M.) Infantry Brigade (T.A.) met in Lincoln for a concert and beating Retreat. Practice had taken place at camp. The concert, which was to have taken place outside in the Arboretum, had to be switched to Broadgate T.A. Centre due to rain. The weather cleared by evening and the Retreat ceremony was able to take place on the Tentercroft Car Park as planned. It was a very impressive performance, over 150 men taking part. The salute was taken by the Right Honourable The Earl of Ancaster, L.L., T.D., J.P., Lord Lieutenant of Lincolnshire. In addition to a large number of invited guests, the ceremony was watched by several thousand spectators.

The Battalion Rifle Meeting was held at Beckingham on 20th and 21st July. There was a good attendance, including a number of families.

Our congratulations to the following prize-winners:

**Match 1.**—Spalding Detachment Shooting Cup: "B" Company.

**Match 2.**—L.M.G. Pairs, Adjutant's Cup: "B" Company. Highest Score Pair: "A" Company.



*Photo: Studio Khyber*

**The Colonel-in-Chief and Lt.-Col. A. J. Bennett, M.B.E., inspecting a wireless set**

**Match 3.**—Falling Plate, Spalding Detachment Shooting Cup (T. O. Mawby, Esq.): "B" Company.

**Match 4.**—Individual Rifle Championship: Highest individual score in Class "A", Lt. Dawson ("B" Company); highest individual score in Class "B", Pte. McKenzie ("B" Company); highest score by member of Permanent Staff, R.S.M. Blood.

**Match 5.**—Inter-Company S.M.G. Match, The Ladies' Cup: "B" Company.

**Match 6.**—Invitation Falling Plate: Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry.

**Match 7.**—A.C.F. and C.C.F. Match: 1st, Cpl. Kirkham; 2nd, F/Sgt. Gilbert and Cpl. Allison (tie); 3rd, Sgt. Greenwood and F/Sgt. Heldane (tie).

**Match 8.**—Ladies' .22 Match: 1st, Mrs. Davies and Miss Clarke (tie); 2nd, Mrs. Etchell and Miss Winfield (tie); 3rd, Mrs. Ingall.

**Match 9.**—Ex-Members' Match: 1st, Ex-Cpl. Bailly; 2nd, Major Marshall; 3rd, Mr. Myatt.

**Match 10.**—Inter-Company Shooting Cup: "B" Company.

The Grinling Cup has been won this year by "A" Company and we offer them our heartiest congratulations on their success.





  
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We also congratulate Major B. S. Foster on his appointment as 2/ic and Capt. M. H. L. Farrant as O.C. "B" Company and wish them both every success in their new appointments.

We are extremely sorry to hear that our Honorary Colonel, Sir Hugh Cholmeley, BT., C.B., D.S.O., D.L., J.P., is relinquishing his appointment shortly. We would like to place on record our thanks for all that he has done for the Battalion during the past ten years.

The Battalion is also sorry to lose W.O.2 G. Johnson, T.E.M. He first joined the 4th Battalion in 1934 and served throughout the last war. He rejoined the 4th Battalion when it was formed in 1948 as C.S.M. of "C" Company, later to become "B" Company on amalgamation, and has held that appointment ever since. We thank him for his many years of devoted service to the Regiment and wish him the best of luck in the future.

#### "A" COMPANY

We shall start this edition of THE POACHER notes with the hail and farewell paragraph which is usually kept till the end. Firstly we welcome three new recruits in Ptes. Morris, Brindle and Wilson and trust that their stay with the Company will be long and enjoyable. To our great regret, however, we must say in these notes a reluctant farewell to C.S.M. Coates who has been such a popular and efficient P.S.I. We wish him all success in the future.

It is largely due to the efforts of C.S.M. Coates that our recruiting figures went such a long way towards our recent success in the Grinling Cup. It is now six years since the Company held this trophy and reflects the present all-round strength within the Company.

Our efforts in the Battalion Rifle Meeting met with less success and we finished in third place, our only success being in the Bren pairs.

Camp this year was considered by all to be an outstanding success and most of the time we were blessed with good weather, and we eagerly look forward to similar conditions next year.

#### "B" COMPANY

We welcome to the Company Ptes. Andrew, Elsom, Goy, Shaw and Ward, and hope that their stay will be a happy and successful one. In the period since Easter, the Company has been very busy in catching up with training in preparation for annual camp, and taking part in the Battalion skill-at-arms competition as well as firing the range course, both at Horncastle.

On Mayoral Sunday, the Company took part in the parade, and attended the service at Boston Parish Church, when the Mayor took the salute in the Market Place afterwards. We had a very successful and enjoyable time at annual camp. The Company in the main went by train, but as it was only a short journey, some brushed up on their map reading notes and travelled by car. No one got lost as far as is known, but one or two had difficulty in packing all their kit, and even the Company Commander was talking of getting estimates from local removal firms to move all his



Recruits training at Camp

From left to right: Sgt. Allen, Pte. Pattell, Pte. Todd, C. Pte. Davis, Pte. Dunnell, Pte. Jubbs, Pte. Jepson, Pte. Bull, C.A.

belongings there and back. We joined up with "C" Company to form a composite Company for training on the first week, which was a great success, and many new friendships were made in the field then. We took part in the demonstration of training when Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Gloucester came to visit us on the first Wednesday of camp. Our particular feature was the crossing of a river by paddling over in assault boats and putting in an attack the other side on a small wood, which went very well indeed. In fact, we had a very kind compliment given to us in that our assault boats crossed over faster than the one further upstream which was power driven.

In the second week of camp, we took part in Exercise "Springer One" and Exercise "Raiders" both of which went very well indeed and many useful lessons were learnt. We would like to take this opportunity of congratulating C.S.M. G. Johnson and Cpl. J. French on their awards of the Lord Lieutenant's Certificate, which were both presented at camp, as well as to Cpl. G. Bell on his award of the Territorial Efficiency Medal, presented at the same time.

As mentioned in the last edition, C.S.M. Johnson has now retired from the T.A. due to age, and the Company is proposing to hold a social evening on 27th July, when we will be presenting him with his retirement presents from the whole Company.

#### "C" COMPANY

The period covered by these notes is, of course, the peak of the T.A. training year and the amount of activity is such that each event can be touched upon only superficially.

The first noteworthy occasion was on Sunday, 5th May, when "C" Company took part in the Battalion "Skill at Arms" competition at Horncastle. After a circuit from point to point inter-

spersed with questions on map reading and weapons, each team completed a forced march by firing bren and rifle at the range. The competition was fierce, particularly from "H.Q." Company, but in the end we ran out narrow winners. Congratulations are due to all team members, particularly some of our older N.C.O.s who made excellent time in the forced march.

The real highlight of the period was, of course, annual camp. Our trained soldiers combined with those of "B" Company to form No. 2 training company; and enjoyed the whole range of weapon firing which is available at Stanford P.T.A. The field exercises afforded an opportunity for the "rust" to be shaken off our tactical efficiency and culminated in Exercise "Raiders" which gave us considerable satisfaction.

Shortly after returning from camp we moved our offices, stores, etc., from Doughty Road Drill Hall to the T.A. Centre in Westward Ho. Here we have renewed our links with old friends in the Grimsby Detachment of the 16th Independent Company, Parachute Regiment (T.A.), and are fast making friends with the other unit sharing the T.A. Centre—"Q" Battery of 440 L.A.A. Regiment, R.A. (T.A.). With the full facilities of Messes for all ranks and a newish drill hall, we look forward to a useful training year and an active social life.

Due to the seasonal nature of local industry the Company was not able to support as strongly as we wished the guards of honour at Grantham for H.M. the Queen Mother and H.R.H. the Duchess of Gloucester. Nevertheless, Capt. Dixon, C.S.M. Cressey, Sgt. Evans, Cpls. Hardy and Brett, and Ptes. McGarry, A. Salah, J. Salah, Bramley and Wainwright represented the Company on one or both occasions.

In the Battalion rifle meetings, although we did not win any of the competitions, the standard of performance of the Company teams was an improvement on previous years and we were runners-up in both the rifle and sten matches. Teams were: Rifle—Capt. Dixon, Sgt. Couldstone, Sgt. Cross, Cpl. Hardy, Cpl. Bradbury, Officer Cadet Phillips, Pte. Oglesby and Pte. McGarry; Sten—Capt. Dixon, C.S.M. Cressey, L/Cpl. Ritchie and Pte. Ritchie; Bren—Cpl. Hardy, Pte. McGarry, Officer Cadet Phillips and Pte. Oglesby.

It was a pleasure to have the support on the Sunday of the meeting of a number of wives and families.

#### "D" COMPANY

The last few months have embraced most of the activities the T.A. soldier is ever likely to experience and consequently they have been very worth while as well as enjoyable. Whilst annual camp took up much of our thoughts and time, we had to consider as well the Battalion rifle meeting, two Royal guards of honour, the Battalion competitions for the Grinling Cup plus the usual Company activities.

To take annual camp first. Camp started with the visit from H.R.H. the Duchess of Gloucester.

Many members of the Company had the honour of talking to or being photographed with Her Royal Highness when she visited the Company on training. The first week's training was given over to basic infantry work with the emphasis on making every man fire every weapon. This raised the general level of training and was most popular and interesting.

The middle weekend—by tradition an off-duty period—saw many of the Company hot foot en route for London. First stop was the Royal Tournament at Earls Court and this was followed by evening shows and a night out on the town! Others who preferred the leisures of the seaside to the hurly burly of London went to Great Yarmouth whilst others went sailing on the Broads.

The second week was devoted to two main exercises, the first of which involved a night out on patrols followed by a daylight attack. The second exercise involved an eight-mile cross-country march, wood- and house-clearing operations, the snatching of an enemy supreme, and, finally, the demolition of the enemy H.Q. This was a timed exercise and proved a most popular and worthwhile piece of training.

It was an excellent camp made better by good weather and the right sort of spirit among the members of the Company.

The guards of honour followed quickly after camp, and this meant that many members of the Company could not attend due to more commitments and family holidays. Even so, the Company was well represented on these historic occasions.

The inter-Company .22 Shoot was won by our Company and we congratulate all who fired on behalf of the Company. One person we feel should be mentioned, and that is Cpl. Walmsley who has fired most consistently this year.

Our thanks to Sgt.-Major Ingall and the other members of the Sergeants' Mess who gave us a very enjoyable party in their Mess. Mrs. Ingall, as helpful as ever, provided some splendid food, and all enjoyed the beer and games which followed.

Finally we say good-bye to Pte. D. Kennington who is leaving after a very short stay. However, our loss is the gain of the 2nd East Anglian Regiment and we don't mind losing people to the Regular Army. We wish him every success.

#### H.Q. COMPANY

Annual camp has, of course, been our main concern over the past two months and the Company was approximately 150 strong during the fortnight. It did not, however, deter us from further recruiting and we welcome to the Company Ptes. Christopher, Davenport, Gardner, Goodyear, McSweeney, Reynolds, Radford, Toyne and Whelbourn.

Sgt. J. Tanser, who has been Provost Sergeant for three years, has found his civilian commitment too strong for the T.A. and he has retired, we welcome in his place Sgt. Gray and congratulate him on his promotion.

Camp, as usual, found all members of the Company fully occupied—even more so than usual with the visit of our Colonel-in-Chief and rehearsal for the guards of honour in addition to the normal duties. It would be very difficult to single out any particular department for special mention, but perhaps the M.T. Section should be mentioned, for the Landrover they produced to convey the Duchess of Gloucester would do great credit at any occasion. The Band and Drums, after hardly two days' rehearsal, produced a first-class Brigade Retreat ceremony in Cambridge under Bandmaster J. E. Ingall, and in between rehearsals found time to practice with the Band of 4/5th Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment and to play during the lunch of the Royal visit. The Officers' Mess staff also did sterling work. With the Mess staff of the Northampton they served luncheon in a Nissen hut for Her Royal Highness and 60 officers.

In the recruit Company we could not have done better in Pte. D. Healey winning the prize for the best recruit and Pte. D. R. Perry being runner-up. The Company was beaten very narrowly in the final of the tug-of-war by "B" Company.

On the social side, the M.T. Section held their first dinner in Swaffham which was a great success. They had as their guests Col. Bennett, Capt. Beard, Capt. Clarke and Lt. Mundy.

The final two days at camp were spent in rehearsing the Guards of Honour at Grantham and the Company produced approximately 50 per cent. of those on parade. In addition to the Band and Drums all departments of the Company were represented including batmen, drivers and Company H.Q. For H.M. The Queen Mother's visit all the officers on parade were members of the Company. Major B. S. Foster commanded with Capt. Clarke and Lt. Mundy with the following members of the Company: W.O.2 K. Morriss, Sgts. W. Grocock, B. Streather, E. Marshall, Cpls. Goodband, P. Williamson, J. A. Broddle, L/Cpls. E. M. Wrenn, R. Bogg, K. Harry, B. M. Thorpe, E. Maxted, Ptes. G. S. Ingall, B. Hill, L. P. Close, H. F. Marshall, T. P. Clements, R. E. Kettle, R. Slater, D. Garner Jones, S. Garner Jones, M. R. Proctor, M. Fields, C. W. Pearson, C. S. Brown, T. E. Barter, J. A. Chantry, E. A. Brooks and H. C. Carruthers.

Almost without exception the same appeared for the Guard for the Duchess of Gloucester on Friday, 12th July. The Company was responsible for the administration for the Massed Bands, Concert and Retreat on Sunday, 30th June, moving chairs, and providing various other duties.

#### OFFICERS' MESS

A Mess gathering was held at the end of April which was attended by 30 members and friends, thereafter our attention was turned to preparation for annual camp.

We were once again under canvas, after the luxury of a building last year. We had perhaps the largest social programme for many years, and nearly all officers attended at least one social event of another unit whilst in camp. Due to the visit of H.R.H.

The Duchess of Gloucester we held our own guest night on the first Tuesday. We were pleased to have as our guests Sir Hugh Cholmeley, Brigadier R. H. L. Oulton, Brigadier M. J. D'A. Blackman, Col. G. M. Sanders, Lt.-Col. F. C. L. Bell and also Col. A. H. Knight and Capt. P. Wade, visitors from 49 Division H.Q. The following day we lunched with the 4/5th Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment on the occasion of H.R.H.'s visit.

The middle Sunday evening we held a very successful cocktail party. We had guests from all Units in camp, and in addition we were delighted to have Col. and Mrs. Denny and Capt and Mrs. Malpas from the East Anglian Brigade Depot, Brigadier Oulton, Major Peter Strickland, now serving with the Northampton, Brigadier Blackman and Col. Forman Hardy. Also for the first time for some years we allowed some "camp followers" and we were delighted to have with us Wynn Bennett, Judith Foster, Susan Graham, Elizabeth Clarke and Joan Merrikin—who were responsible for the magnificent floral decorations, and also added much to the drab decor of a W.D. Marquee. We welcome back to the Mess after an absence of three years Bob Stanton, who was immediately appointed Assistant P.M.C., and also Stuart Friskney as an Officer Cadet.

On our return from camp we held a cocktail party following the Beating Retreat by the Massed Bands. Our guests included The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Ancaster who was paying his first visit to the Mess, The Mayor and Mayoress of Lincoln, the City Sheriff and Mrs. Hill and also a number of others who had watched the Retreat. We are again greatly indebted to our ladies, who in addition to the floral arrangements were also responsible for some excellent "small eats" which proved very popular.

#### MEMORIAL SERVICE

*Address by Canon H. P. Laurence at the Memorial Service in St. Wulfram's Church, Grantham, for Col. Sydney Brewster Harrison, D.S.O., T.D., D.L., on Sunday, 5th May, 1963.*

The patterns of human relationships are largely not of our making. They often begin before we are conscious of them. Now they are clear and recognisable, now they are indistinct and blurred by other interwoven patterns. The colours are now bright and clear and exciting, now apparently dull and even ugly. It is often not until we can stand back and view the whole pattern in its light and shade that we can recognise its rewarding whole.

In 1919 two boys met as opponents from rival schools on the rugby field. They did not know each other and 20 years was to pass before they first spoke to each other. Then it was an army chaplain reporting for duty to his Commanding Officer at the beginning of the war, in the George Hotel in this town.

Another 24 years has passed and we are met again in this ancient town, which one of them so loved and to which he brought great honour, to honour the memory of a great leader of men and a humble

and Christian gentlemen, Sydney Brewster Harrison.

During that 24 years and particularly during the first three years of the war a strong bond of friendship was forged between the two boys who once, unknown to each other opposed each other on the Denstone rigger field . . . and such is the vividness of the character of Jumbo Harrison that it is impossible not to hear him interjecting at this point "Go on Peter, tell them who won !"

Indeed it was a devastating win for Sydney's side. Sydney was in the habit of winning because he knew what he wanted and brought all his singleness of mind, his great efficiency and his capacity to inspire confidence and respect in others to bear to that end. Nowhere was this courage and determination more shown than in the last years of his life when he fought off illness and disability which would long ago have conquered lesser men. Here again it is impossible not to hear him interject "Tell them it was Jean who did it, Peter".

No one can speak adequately, even of his best friend when that friendship begins in middle life and when even after that there are many lost years.

There will be many things that those who knew Jumbo Harrison at different periods of his life would want to have said. Rather, however, than present a documentary I prefer to speak of the man I knew and particularly of those years after, the stuff of which men are made was revealed with little chance of concealment against the merciless background of the war and the war when it was a losing war.

In a very real sense the 6th Battalion, the Lincolnshire Regiment, as it then was, for it was yet to be made Royal, and not least by his contribution to it, was his life. He made it what it was. He nursed it through the great test of the retreat to Dunkirk, when ill equipped and not yet trained as it was, it might never have recovered from the shock and strain of those weeks but from which it emerged as a band of brothers with a spirit which carried it through to the end of the war winning it a name in history ever to be recognised in the Battle Honours of the 10th Foot, a spirit which nearly 20 years after the war ended draws together annually at their reunion between 200 and 300 of its scattered members . . . and brings so many of them here today.

This was Colonel Harrison's achievement, but as one who was constantly with him during those weeks I believe few knew how much it cost him.

He had under his command only a partially trained Battalion with no equipment other than small arms. Most of the time he was without the normal support of other military units or superior command. Again and again crucial decisions rested solely with him. Decisions which involved the lives and honour of the Battalion, which he regarded much as a family and most of whom he knew by their Christian names. It was in those days that a bond of affection and honour was built up between all ranks and their Commanding Officer and which has never been broken.

When three years later the time came for him to relinquish his command, I remember well how he stood at the gates of the hatted camp at Hythe and watched the Battalion march out, no longer under his command, his face expressing the deep sense of loss that he felt.

The Battalion went on to North Africa winning many honours and much deserved praise. Though he was no longer with them in person, his spirit was, in a real sense, it was still his Battalion and those honours and that praise were also his.

I have left until last that which is most important of all and that which I believe explains all that has already been said. What a Chaplain can or cannot do in a Service Unit depends very much on his Commanding Officer. Never was a Chaplain so warmly and thoroughly supported as was I. By example, by understanding, by encouragement and when necessary by Command.

However, few there might be at those services of Holy Communion held in so many and such odd places, however heavy his duties, the Commanding Officer would be there and it is typical of his humble and simple Christian faith that he gladly and prayerfully received Holy Communion from his parish priest in his home this Easter, a day or two before he died.

An occasion such as this cannot be without sadness, but it is even more an occasion for thanksgiving for a life well lived, for pride in a man we knew, a leader we loved and a friend we shall never forget.



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#### CAMP. STAMFORD P.T.A., JUNE

The highlight of camp this year was the visit of the Colonel-in-Chief on 12th June. She arrived by helicopter and, having been greeted by Col. the Earl Spencer, Brigadier R. H. L. Oulton, Brigadier D. E. Taunton and Brigadier M. J. D'A. Blackman, she went at once to the training area where the C.O. and Major D. G. M. Anstee were awaiting her with a Landrover. The first stop was at the recruits' cadre, where camouflage and concealment were being taught. Next came a demonstration shoot by the 3-in. mortar cadre, and a visit to the assault pioneers who exploded a very spectacular ripple charge as the Landrover approached. Then to the Trained Soldier Company who happened to be carrying out a realistic mock battle. Visits to the M.M.G. and anti-tank cadres followed, and the

Duchess then arrived at an operational command post. There she saw the Intelligence Section marking the battle map, signallers operating a Battalion "net", and the Recce Platoon with their vehicles. The Duchess went inside the command post and was extremely interested in all she saw. As she left the training ground, she drove past the M.T. who were all lined up on parade.

On arrival back in camp, Lt.-Col. F. G. Barber escorted her to the cookhouse to see the Regimental cooks, under Sgt. Clarke, preparing the mid-day meal. After this the party walked back towards the Officers' Mess where the combined Bands of the 4/6th Royal Lincolns (Bandmaster E. Inglis) and 4/5th Northamptons (Bandmaster C. F. Holland) were playing on the grass outside. There she was met by Lt.-Col. A. J. Bennett, C.O. 4/6th Royal



**The Colonel-in-Chief with Officers of 4th/5th Bn. The Northamptonshire Regiment (T.A.)**



The Colonel-in-Chief with Lt.-Col. F. G. Barber, in the Land Rover driven by Sgt. Sutherland

Lincolns. In the ante-room of the Mess, where many officers of both Regiments were presented, were the Colours of the 4/6th Royal Lincolns and the 5th Northhamptons. Piled between the Colours were the silver drums of the Royal Lincolns and the Drum Major's mace of the Northhamptons.

All praise should be given to Major J. W. H. Green and Sgt. Segasby, in co-operation with Capt. A. Clarke (P.M.C., Royal Lincolns), for all the hard work that was put into organising the Mess and putting on such a good show and excellent meal.

After the luncheon Her Royal Highness was photographed with the officers of the 4/5th Northhamptons and was then left with Lt.-Col. A. J. Bennett to see the 4/6th Royal Lincolns doing field training.

#### OFFICERS' MESS

##### *Beating Retreat (Northampton)*

On the 28th April the Band and Drums performed the ceremony of beating Retreat in Northampton in the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress, Alderman and Mrs. F. Tomkins. Over 3,000 watched the ceremony performed under the direction of Mr. C. Holland. Sgt. Allen stood in for the usual Drum Major at a moment's notice, and very creditably he performed.

Among the guests were: Col. and Mrs. R. K. McMichael, Col. and Mrs. M. Goodale, Major and Mrs. H. A. Lees, Col. and Mrs. J. T. Lewis, Col. and Mrs. J. C. Denny, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Howe, Major and Mrs. V. A. Harding, Col. and Mrs. T. H. Dockrell, Brigadier R. H. L. Oulton, Major and Mrs. D. Baxter, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. J. H. Johnson, Major and Mrs. P. Keily, Major and Mrs. R. Sykes, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. A. A. Allibone, Brigadier and Mrs. D. E. Taunton, Col. the Earl and Countess

Spencer, and Brigadier M. J. D'A. Blackman. Afterwards a cocktail party was held in the Officers' Mess, Clare Street. It is hoped this will become an annual affair.

We are very pleased to acknowledge a very fine Gunner print donated by Col. J. T. Lewis, T.D., D.L., to the Northampton Mess. This is a print of the Four Mortar Battery in action and we are very grateful to Col. Lewis for this magnificent gift.

#### SERGEANTS' MESS

These notes are being written amidst the continued noise and disorder due to the alterations and improvements being carried out at London Road Drill Hall, but, with the new Sergeants' Mess rapidly taking shape, we try to carry on in spite of many distractions.

Because of the alterations, our social life before camp was limited, but this was certainly not the case at annual camp at Stanford, where we made ourselves known to Brigade H.Q. and the other Battalions in camp with us.

A very successful evening was held with our opposite numbers in the Brigade Sergeants' Messes. The R.Q.M.S. was in great form and kept the fun going until the small hours. The haggard expressions seen at breakfast the next day bore tribute to a good party the previous evening.

As is the custom, the officers entertained us in the Officers' Mess after the C.O.'s parade on the middle Saturday of camp, which set the pace for the remainder of the weekend when our members ventured to the extremities of East Anglia to renew old acquaintances and make new ones.

There was one recently-joined member who was surprised to see so many senior ranks up and



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dressed taking in the bracing Thetford air before Reveille, but could not understand why they dressed in civilian clothes before breakfast. The system has since been explained to him.

In "retaliation" the officers visited us on the second Wednesday of camp when once again a very good evening was had by all. Even at this late stage of camp the R.Q.M.S. was still full of "vitality" and kept the party moving with his "song and dance" routines.

During camp the Bandmaster showed a sudden interest in fat stock prices and would often be heard at breakfast calling over the latest quotation for "Essex Baconers", etc. The R.S.M.'s radio time check was effective it seems, at least in one quarter. The O.R.Q.M.S., however, after toiling till the early hours trying to improve or reform anyone who would enter into a verbal joist with him, and stimulated at frequent intervals by the cup that cheers, arranged to remain recumbent in the arms of Morpheus despite the combined efforts of the Bandmaster and the waiter bringing the morning tea.

Since our last notes we welcome Sgt. Watts (Intelligence Section) to the Mess and have said good-bye to C.S.M. Lamb of "C" Company.

In the promotions field we have to congratulate S/Sgt. Ellis and Sgt. Southerland on obtaining their substantive ranks and, in a similar field of achievement, must also congratulate them and Sgt. Featherstonhaugh on passing the map-reading examination. There is now no excuse for them missing their way on return to camp.

#### H.Q. COMPANY (PETERBOROUGH)

The past months have been full of action and all platoons have been able to get down to some good, hard training in their specialist roles. There have been a good number of recruits and interest is running high, being stimulated by fresh activities.

The M.T. Section entered a team in the 49th Infantry Division (T.A.) Safe Driving Competition, held on the 4th-5th May, and, had it not been for the unfortunate breakdown of L/Cpl. Underwood's vehicle, they would have stood to win the team prize. A team has been entered in the Command championships which include Regular Army units, thus heightening the interest. Pte. Davis is to be congratulated on his passing of the recruits' training and Cpl. Wyllie for his grenade throwing.

The Recce Platoon continued to work in close co-operation with the Signals Platoon and Intelligence Section. The old gang of Sgt. Kavanagh, Cpls. Deacon, Freeman and Springthorpe still provide the backbone of the platoon and are all now highly proficient in the arts of recce. The new recruits are very keen, too, and promise well for the future. The platoon was fortunate in having with it Capt. Dowdy for the first week of camp in the absence of Lt. Hargreaves, and also for having Sgt. Wilkinson, whose breakfasts will long be remembered. During the second week of camp the platoon played the part of the enemy with the "I" Section, putting up a spirited defence of Stanford Village and, later, of a crate of beer at Waterloo

Farm. They will not forget in a hurry their shooting of five umpires who failed to give the correct answer, "Trueman", to the challenging password, "Christine", nor their counter-attack nicely timed to coincide with the G.O.C.'s visit which found the M.O. lying right in its path. The poor doctor was trying to have a quiet kip when all hell broke loose about him and he was obliged to suffer the indignity of running half a mile at gun-point with his hands up.

The Intelligence Section is once more functioning nicely after its recent depletion and Lt. Pearce, with the newly-promoted Sgt. Watts, has made valuable additions to the facilities with their talented carpentry. The command post at camp earned the special praise of H.R.H. the Duchess of Gloucester during her visit.

The Signals Platoon at Oundle continues to give very valuable training services to the Company and maintain their high standard of proficiency which is an example to the Battalion. This year has been of particular interest, for once having learnt the new radio procedures themselves they have had the task of getting everyone else to forget the old ones.

#### "A" COMPANY (NORTHAMPTON)

##### *Annual Camp*

The majority of volunteers were able to attend annual camp, although it was somewhat disappointing that a considerable number were only able to persuade their employers to allow them one week for camp.

Training cadres were formed on a Battalion basis and the majority of "A" Company were either in the recruits cadre or members of the trained soldiers' cadre, which was at platoon strength. The training areas were most satisfactory, and, in spite of the difficulties encountered in attempting to co-ordinate the requirements of four Battalions, in the main everything went well.

The trained soldiers concentrated on the tactical side of platoon work, but also fired the rocket launcher and Energa grenade. The P.S.I., C.S.M. George, was fortunate in only being called upon once to show his skill with the demolition kit, and that was to blow an Energa grenade overlooked by some other cadre!

The platoon night exercise was very carefully planned by Capt. N. Ayrton, with Lts. Williams and Ford as most unorthodox platoon commanders. One of the amusing incidents arising from this exercise convinced one platoon commander of the sound principle that, having once captured the enemy V.I.P. (Capt. Dowdy, hideously disguised), it is quite wrong to leave him talking to the umpires whilst reorganising—he is liable to wander off, and needs recapturing. The latter movement, mark you, being carried out with great verve and determination. The final ambush was very well planned by Lt. Williams and executed by both platoons, who, in the opinion of the umpire, were both wiped out, leaving Capt. Dowdy the sole victor.

The Company administration was left in the capable hands of C.S.M. Syc, ably assisted by Cpl.

Billingham and L/Cpl. Roberts (we hope he has now recovered his £5 deposit) and Sgt. Luck was "posted" to Battalion H.Q. as Pay Clerk.

We were very pleased to see Capt. K. L. Parry at the Officers' Mess guest night, and only hope that he was able to keep his appointment in Kettering the following morning.

Although "A" Company were not the winners of the assault course competition, full marks should go to Pte. Meredith, who, although severely injuring himself on the first obstacle, completed the course in great pain—this was intended as a team race, and this excellent and self-less example of Meredith's should be noted by all.

One "A" Company Sergeant, who wishes to remain nameless, now knows that even padres sometimes wear civvies—even if one meets a padre in the most unusual place. Always discreetly enquire as to his Battalion—or, better still, get to know your own padre!

We welcome several recruits to the Company and especially those from the 1st Battalion A.C.F. We need many more recruits if we are to function as an efficient Company. Congratulations to the following on their promotions: L/Cpls. C. A. Roberts, T. J. Robinson and D. R. Shortland.

#### "B" COMPANY (CORBY)

Construction work in the Drill Hall at Corby is going on fast, and has certainly brought it's problems. At the moment we have only a space 40 ft. by 20 ft. in the main hall available for training. The miniature range is choc-a-bloc with stores—official issue, and items collected over the years. Our old storeroom and lecture room are out of commission. On a wet evening when confronted with a squad of 50-60 men, one's ingenuity is taxed to the utmost.

It is hoped that these conditions will only last for about a month, after which a gradual improvement should take place. Co-operation from the weather gods will certainly make things easier for the staff.

Annual camp is now a thing of the past. Apart from the difficulty of transport to the distant "flesh pots", all other reports have been very favourable. Good food and accommodation—well organised training programmes and good training areas made it all worth while.

Our congratulations go to the company six-a-side soccer team for winning the Brigade Competition; the tug-of-war team for being selected to represent the Battalion, and becoming runners-up in the Brigade competition; to the 3-in. mortar team for winning the Battalion assault course competition, and to the recruits team on the good show they put up in the same competition.

On the training side it was extremely gratifying to read the cadre reports and see the number of men of this Company who qualified in their respective training. We feel that "Bill's Brigands", the majority of whom came from this Company, made their mark with Brigade.

There have been two major training items since

camp. The Nijmegen marchers have been pounding the roads almost non-stop, culminating in a test march with the Royal Leicesters on the weekend 13th and 14th July.

On Sunday, 14th July, the Battalion skill at arms competition was held. Our congratulations go to the 3-in. mortar team on their success. It is extremely gratifying to find that specialists can more then hold their own in normal infantry skills. We also offer our heartiest congratulations to Cpl. Murray who, with his mixed team of two trained soldiers and five recruits, gave the 3-in. mortar team a very hard race, and succeeded in becoming runners-up, losing by only a small margin.

On the social side, we have had to forego any large functions because of the reconstruction work going on. For the same reason we have had to cancel the Saturday night "free and easys"! However, the normal club attendance has remained high—even during the period when we were roofless and rain was collected in buckets *inside* the club. The spirit and enthusiasm shown during these rather difficult days, augurs well for the future.

#### "C" COMPANY (WELLINGBOROUGH)

How quickly these Journal notes seem to come around—indeed as soon as these I am writing now are in print, Battalion H.Q. will be calling for the next lot; it doesn't seem all that different from a daily publication, and now a glance through the diary to recap just what has happened in "C" Company since April.

First of all of course there was our adventure training in the "Forest of Bowland" some 20 miles east of Blackpool, which we appropriately called Exercise "Cross Bowland". After an evening meal of piping hot good "old English stew" provided by C/Sgt. Jellis in the pouring rain we set off to drop four syndicates at pre-arranged points to cross by night the Trough of Bowland and as if to wish us luck as we dropped off the last syndicate the rain stopped and the moon had appeared before midnight. The going was very rough and rugged and we were quite surprised by 4 o'clock to see the first detachment led by Sgt. Sambrookes check in to the pre-determined hide-out of "Her Von Wolfe"—to extract certain vital information. Only one member of the Detachment continued and completed the course and got into Blackpool by 0630 hrs. to immobilise the vital "Atom Bomb" and indeed collect the £5 reward. This was Lt. G. C. Willey and we hereby congratulate him on his achievement. The second detachment led by Sgt. Featherstonehaugh arrived about 0430 hrs. and then at about 7.30 "A" Company detachment led by C/Sgt. Syc came in and finally the last detachment to check in to the hide-out on the farside of the Trough of Bowland weary but nevertheless still smiling at 0830 hrs. led by Cpl. Walker. It was generally agreed that this was an excellent scheme and that we must do another next year.

We congratulate C/Sgt. Jellis and Sgt. Featherstonehaugh on passing the N.C.O.'s Map Reading Test Class II on 26th May. The Company enjoyed a good camp with the Battalion at Stamford

and derived maximum benefit from the excellent facilities in the area. Practically the whole Company have now fired the 3.5 rocket launcher, 94 Energa grenade as well as firing all of the other Company weapons.

We congratulate Sgt. R. Sambrooks on his promotion to C.S.M. in time for camp and Lt. W. H. Baxter, Company 2i/c, on his promotion to Captain just after camp.

#### "D" COMPANY (HUNTINGDON)

There was a time when the T.A. closed down for a week or two after annual camp, presumably to give all concerned a chance to recuperate after their efforts both on and off duty. However, this year we had no sooner unpacked the stores than we had to turn our minds to the Battalion Skill at Arms Competition, from the rigours of which the writer is still suffering. What a problem it is in a Company of small numbers to scrape a team together for such occasions—everyone suddenly seems to be working overtime, to be going on holiday or to have developed some other suitable excuse—but fresh from proudly coming second in the assault course competition at camp we thought that we stood a fair chance on the skill at arms. Such, however, was not to be our luck, and we finished up at the foot of the competition table despite having held our own in most of the events. There are those who hold that the team would have done better had it not been weighted down with too much "top brass" in the forms of the Company Commander, Major Strickland, and 2/Lt. Bailey, but without them there would have been no team and they were not observed to be lagging on many occasions, although there was a slight attack of fingers and thumbs on the L.M.G. relay!

Harking back to annual camp, we had a moderate attendance but, once again, despite small numbers, we managed to cover a lot of ground with personnel on the recruits', mortar, M.M.G. and assault pioneer cadres, not to mention L/Cpl. Curson, who proved himself to be a very competent pay clerk, and Pte. Breach, who found a useful post in the Sergeants' Mess. Whilst at camp we were honoured by a visit from H.R.H. the Duchess of Gloucester. There was massive Press coverage and we were very fortunate to receive an extremely full "write-up" in the *Hunts Post*. One "Sooty", whilst being interviewed, was responsible for letting a nickname "leak out" so that our label as "Cromwell's Dragoons" has now become public knowledge—in competition with the "Corbei Highlanders" we would now like to see a Regimental flag flying over Ermine Street, but there lies before us another year or two of hard recruiting before we can really expect to achieve this.

#### BAND

Our first beating of Retreat of the year was performed at Northampton on 26th May. We were without our usual Drum Major who had fractured his shoulder at rugby just 24 hours before—but were fortunate to have the services of Sgt. Allen, who stepped into the breach only four hours before and

carried out his duties as if he had been doing the job for years. The following Sunday was the same at Crowland—once again a first-class show.

On arrival at camp we were given the task of preparing a Brigade beating of Retreat at Cambridge on the first Friday. This, we thought, was beyond us in such a short time—but, after four days of really hard work, we managed to put on a first-class Retreat at Cambridge in front of a very large audience.

Our first engagement after camp was beating Retreat at Hotpoint Sports Day followed on the Sunday by the Brigade Massed Band concert and beating of Retreat at Lincoln. Next came the engagement we so look forward to doing each year, the annual reunion dinner and parade at Northampton. This year we were engaged to play at the Officers' Ball on Friday night, also for the dance after the dinner, and by all reports our efforts were enjoyed.

We welcome Bds. Stamper, ex-58th Band, to the Band and hope he will be with us for many years.

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# Army Cadet Force

## Lincolnshire

### WALTHAM NIGHT "BATTLE" AGAINST LONDON

There was a very exciting night for the boys of Waltham Detachment, No. 1 Battalion R.A.S.C., Lincolnshire Army Cadet Force, and the boys of "Q" Cadet Battery, 300 Regiment, R.A., of the County of London Army Cadet Force, for the Waltham unit, under R.S.M. W. H. Stamford, carried out a tactical scheme of defence against the London unit, who were under the command of Capt. N. A. Powley, a B.B.C. commentator and northern news reader.

The Waltham unit had to defend the beach at Anderby Creek, where a ruined house contained secret documents. Waltham arrived on Saturday afternoon and R.S.M. Stamford, with Sgt.-Major Instructor I. Boyle, reconnoitred and planned the defence. In the evening the cadets laid booby traps, trip wires and dug themselves in. At 1 a.m. they took up their positions and "the battle commenced". After three hours of stealth and cunning, the London commandos broke through.

At the morning's coffee session, Capt. Powley said: "It was splendid training in hard living, night tactics and endurance". He congratulated the 11 Waltham boys and invited two senior cadets from the village unit to endeavour to break "Q" Battery's London to Anderby hitch-hiking record, and it was arranged that the Waltham boys should start from their own headquarters and hitch-hike to the London headquarters, with only 2s. 6d. in their pockets.

### NORTHERN COMMAND ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS, 16TH JUNE, 1963

The Army Cadet Committee wish to congratulate the Lincolnshire athletic team in being placed so well in the above championships. In the Junior Trophy they were first, and in the Senior Trophy they were second. In the Championship Shield they were second to West Riding.

Special congratulations go to Cdt. Gardiner, of the Boston Detachment, who was placed first in the discus, and to Cdt. Danes, of Carre's Grammar School Detachment, who was first in the 100 yards.

### A.C.F. NATIONAL ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS, 6TH JULY, 1963

At the A.C.F. National Athletic Championships, held at the Junior Leaders' Depot, Bramcote, Warwickshire, on Saturday, 6th July, special congratulations go to the following who gained certificates for standard performances: Cdt. L. J. Allison, Carre's School, 120 yards hurdles; Cdt. R. F. Gibson, Carre's School, 880 yards (under 16); Cpl. J. Gardner, Boston Detachment, first in the



Reconnaissance prior to night patrol, Lincolnshire A.C.F.

javelin; and Cpl. I. R. Wilson (under 16), putting the shot.

County Cadet Commandant wishes to congratulate the A.C.F. athletic team on their first-class performance in the National Athletic Championships, 1963.

### Awards

Sgt. Kent and Cpl. J. Salmon, Carre's Grammar School, A.C.F. Detachment, awarded the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award on 13th June, 1963. These awards were made at Buckingham Palace by the Duke of Edinburgh.

The County Cadet Commandant and members of the A.C.F. Committee wish to congratulate these cadets on their splendid achievement.

### Commissions, Promotions, Resignations and Transfers

Mr. A. J. Wenham (P/No. 474191) appointed to a commission in the T.A. General List Section B (ii) in the rank T.A. of 2nd-Lieutenant w.e.f. 6th May, 1963.

2/Lt. B. R. Downes (468857) promoted to Lieutenant w.e.f. 10th April, 1963.

2/Lt. E. J. H. Baker (468858) promoted to Lieutenant w.e.f. 19th May, 1963.

Lt. J. Mowat (224824) relinquished his T.A. General List B (i) commission in the A.C.F. w.e.f. 13th May, 1963, on transfer to R.A./T.A.R.O. being restored to the rank of Captain.

Lt. B. E. Cawshaw (464578) relinquished his T.A. General List B (ii) commission w.e.f. 31st July, 1963.



**VISIT OF H.M. THE QUEEN MOTHER TO GRANTHAM ON 26TH JUNE, 1963, ON THE OCCASION OF THE QUINCENTENARY OF THE BOROUGH**

On Wednesday, 26th June, 1963, 340 officers, S.M.I.s/S.I.s and cadets of Lincolnshire commenced converging to the town of Grantham to carry out route lining for the visit of H.M. The Queen Mother.

The turn-out, smartness and steadiness on parade were the outstanding feature, and many were the congratulations bestowed upon the cadets.

In the evening at the grand gala, the ceremony of changing the guard was performed by two full guards—one from Grimsby and one from Lincoln—and this was performed in perfect military fashion and the applause from the spectators at the end of the display was well deserved.

Many Old Soldiers at the gala spoke to the County Cadet Commandant, Col. G. M. Sanders, and Major Clayton, who had been responsible for the training of the guards, stating that they had not seen better changing of the guard even by the Guards themselves.

This ceremony was followed by a physical training display given by the Metheringham Detachment of the Lincolnshire A.C.F. under the command of Capt. E. Knowles, who had trained them. This was an excellent show and, again, credit was paid to the cadet movement by this fine display.

**ANNUAL RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The Lincolnshire Army Cadet Force held their rifle championships at Beckingham when some very good shooting was seen and the following are the results:—

*Individual Championships*

	Score
1 B.S.M. Bell (Grimsby Detachment), 4th Cadet Battalion . . . . .	63
2 Sgt. Flintoft (Grimsby Detachment), 4th Cadet Battalion . . . . .	59
3 Sgt. White (Grimsby Detachment), 4th Cadet Battalion . . . . .	56
4 Bdr. Page (Grimsby Detachment), 4th Cadet Battalion . . . . .	56
5 Cdt. Metheringham (Metheringham Detachment), 2nd Battalion . . . . .	55

*Team Championships*

1 Grimsby Detachment (4th Cadet Battalion A.C.F.) . . . . . Team: B.S.M. Bell, Sgt. Flintoft, Sgt. White and Bdr. Page	234
2 2nd Cadet Battalion A.C.F. . . . . Team: Cpl. Wright, Cpl. Allison, Cdt. Metheringham and Cdt. Stevenson	173
3 Grimsby Detachment (4th Cadet Battalion A.C.F.) . . . . . Team: L/Bde. Szaszkiwicz, L/Bdr. Goodwin, L/Cpl. Addison and L/Bdr. McCall	142

The first three places in each practice were taken by the following:—

*Application*

	Score
1 B.S.M. Bell (Grimsby Detachment) . .	29
2 Sgt. White (Grimsby Detachment) . .	26
3 Sgt. Flintoft (Grimsby Detachment) . .	26

*Snap Shooting*

1 B.S.M. Bell (Grimsby Detachment) . .	20
2 Cdt. Metheringham (Metheringham Detachment) . . . . .	19
3 Sgt. Flintoft (Grimsby Detachment) . .	18

*Rapid*

1 Bdr. Page (Grimsby Detachment) . .	20
2 Cdt. McGibbon (Scunthorpe Detachment) . . . . .	18
3 Cpl. Wright (Metheringham Detachment) . . . . .	16

It is the intention of taking eight of these cadets to proceed to Bisley in October for the National Rifle Championships.

**CADET TO THE SERVICES**

- C/Cpl. M. Hind (Sleaford Detachment) to Junior Leaders R.A. w.e.f. 30th April, 1963.
- Cdt. L/Bdr. R. Cooke (Scunthorpe Detachment) to Junior Leaders Infantry w.e.f. May, 1963.
- Cdt. A. Whillock (No. 2 Lincoln) to Junior Leaders Royal Signals w.e.f. 30th April, 1963.
- C/Cpl. S. Green (Grantham Detachment) joined Parachute Regiment (T.A.), 1st May, 1963.
- Cdt. J. Lines (Boston Detachment) joined 4/6th Royal Lincolns (T.A.), April, 1963.
- C/Sgt. K. Briggs and Cpl. D. Bunn (No. 2 Lincoln) joined 16th Independent Parachute Regiment (T.A.), May, 1963.
- C/Sgt. P. G. Maddison (Boston Detachment) to the Regular Army, Royal Signals, May, 1963.
- C Sgt. Reece (Boston Detachment) to the Regular Army, Royal Signals, July, 1963.

**Northamptonshire**

**3RD/4TH CADET BATTALION**

As an example of the enthusiasm at present within the Battalion, we are able to report that at their own expense the Corps of Drums and Buglers are now fitted out with No. 1 dress uniform. Better department and care of instruments became most apparent.

The first full dress parade was held on Wednesday, 24th April, on the occasion of the presentation by the donor of the Major D. J. Tansley Award to Cpl. D. Griffin, of Peterborough Detachment, at the Drill Hall, Lincoln Road.

The next major event was the June Dairy

Festival and Peterborough Chamber of Trade Fair, which were held concurrently during 9th to 18th May. Due to the excellent liaison between Peterborough Sea Cadet Corps and 115 Squadron Air Training Corps and ourselves, static displays depicting the activities of all three organisations were housed in a marquee, and as a result six recruits were enrolled in the Battalion. On Saturday, 11th May, the Corps of Drums led the procession of decorated vehicles taking part in the Dairy Festival from the Peterborough Showground to the River Embankment, and during the evening, and on three subsequent evenings, gave demonstrations of marching, countermarching and playing. Sunset ceremony was carried out on alternate nights by the Sea Cadet Corps and the Battalion.

Friday, 17th May, saw the occasion of the County Officers' Dinner at the Grand Hotel, Northampton. In his after-dinner speech Col. E. M. Goodale, D.S.O., County Commandant, welcomed the guests, who included Col. and Mrs. B. T. Tyrwhitt-Drake, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. F. G. Barber, and Lt.-Col. and Mrs. J. T. Ennals. During the evening it was learned that Col. B. T. Tyrwhitt-Drake, M.B.E., who is the Affiliated Formation Commander, would be relinquishing this position in August. It is fitting, therefore, that we take the opportunity of expressing, through the medium of the Journal, our sincere thanks to him for the interest he has shown in our activities, and the practical assistance afforded us during his tenure of office.

The next "highlight" on our calendar was the visit to Peterborough of H.R.H. Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, on the 31st May, to see the youth of the city and district participating in activities connected with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. Twelve Cadets of the Battalion arrived on the River Embankment at a pre-arranged time, after completing a 25-mile march, and were complimented on their performance.

What transpired to be a most enjoyable and exciting event took place on Saturday, 15th June, when 30 Cadets, drawn from all five Departments, participated in the arena spectacle at the Huntingdonshire County Show, held in the grounds of Hinchinbrooke Hall. Acting as a British Army contingent called upon to quell an uprising in a Middle East State, the Cadets, under the command of Lt. M. Clements, acted their part magnificently. We are indebted to Major J. R. Britten, M.C., County Executive Officer, for his help in obtaining parts of equipment so necessary for the Cadets to appear as serving soldiers.

Thanks to the good offices of Major P. F. Keily, M.C., Army Information Office, Northampton, an excellent static display was arranged and housed in the 2nd East Anglian Brigade information vehicle. With a large oil painting of Frimley Hall, the National Cadet Training Centre as a centrepiece, C.S.M. W. Thomson, Army Recruiter of Peterborough, prepared the display, with emphasis on the Army Cadet Force and Boys' Service in the Regular Army.

An eagerly awaited day arrived on Saturday,

15th June, for it was then that the Corps of Drums travelled to Sandy to participate in the Bedfordshire County Youth Band Contest. Eight bands competed and S.M.I. J. Firth, who trains the Band, and Drum-Major D. Hardiment under whom they parade, are to be congratulated on their efforts, for they won the Jack Phipps Memorial Cup for the best drill performance, care of instruments, and deportment, the H. Braybrooke Cup for the best bugle or trumpet section, and the Lennox-Boyd Cup for the third best band instrumentally.

The annual County Church Parade was held at Huntingdon on Sunday, 25th June, and with contingents from the 1st and 2nd Battalions about 150 Cadets took part. Headed by the Corps of Drums, the parade, under the command of O.C. 3rd/4th Battalion, marched from the Huntingdon T.A. Centre to the Parish Church, where a most excellent service had been arranged by the County Chaplain, Capt. The Rev. W. A. Jones. The address was given by Rev. R. O. Jennings, B.A., B.D., C.F., who is to become our own Battalion Padre. A World War II veteran and formerly Archdeacon of Ghana, he has also seen service with the Warwickshire A.C.F. After the service the parade marched via St. Peter's Road and the High Street, past the Market Square, where the salute was taken by Col. E. M. Goodale, D.S.O. On arrival at the T.A. Centre the Colonel Commandant congratulated all ranks on their turn-out and marching, and presented R.S.M. Bacon with the Cadet Forces Medal. Capt. P. Watson, O.C. Corby Grammar School Independent Company, received the B.S.A. Cup for .22 shooting competition, and amongst the individual highest scorers to receive a personal trophy was Sgt. L. Lloyd, of Buckden Detachment. Immediately after dismissal everyone adjourned to the T.A. Centre for tea and biscuits, and we are indebted to Major P. Strickland, O.C. Support Company, 4th/5th Battalion (T.A.), for making additional premises available for the event.

We welcome Mr. P. A. Tighe to the Battalion, who has been commissioned 2/Lieutenant, and Mr. V. Kisby, who has joined as Sergeant-Instructor.

In conclusion, our thanks to the Parent Unit for their assistance with transport, and in saying farewell to Capt. J. Parker, Adjutant of the 4th/5th Battalion, to record our appreciation for his efforts on our behalf. He will be succeeded by Major A. A. Pilgrim, M.B.E., M.M., formerly Quartermaster of 4th/5th Battalion. A real friend to the Battalion for many years, we wish him well in his new environment.

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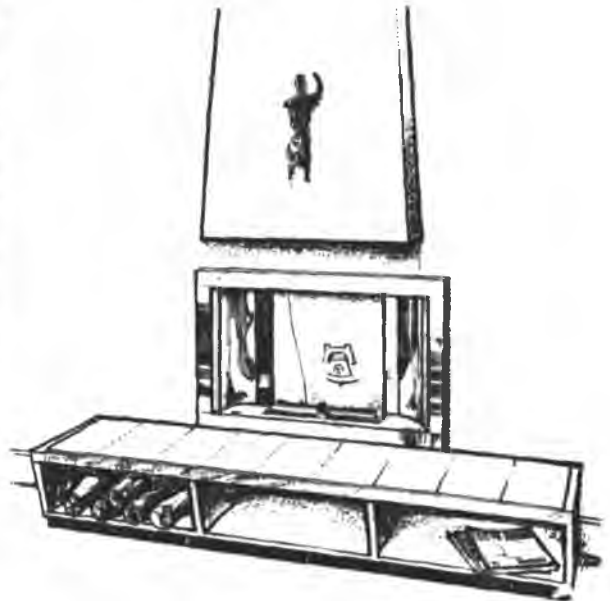
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