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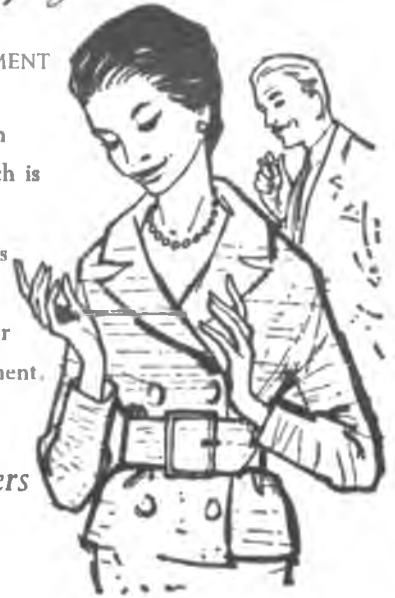


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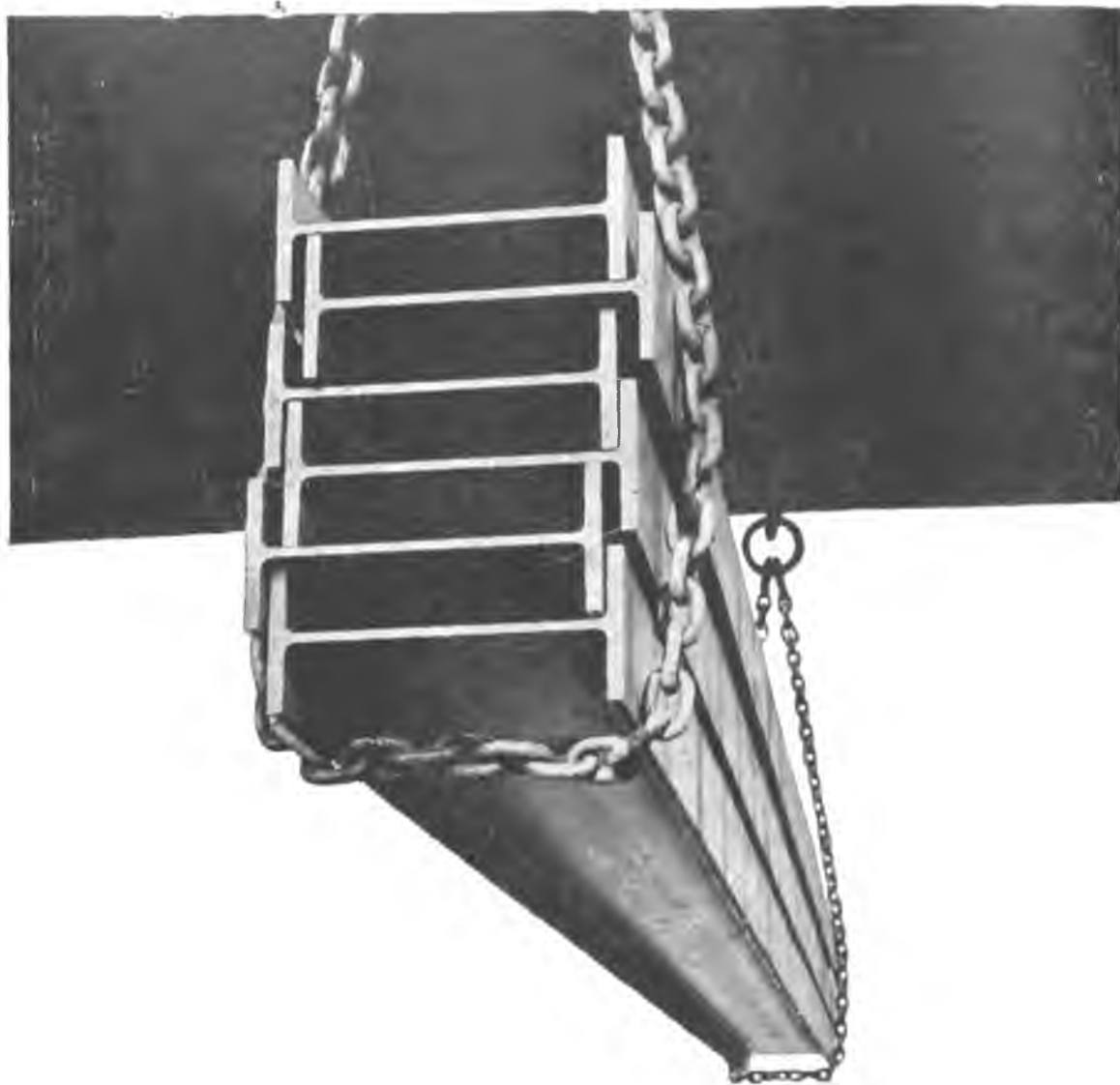
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EDITORIAL

We had hoped to publish in this issue an account of what led up to the decision to form the Royal Anglian Regiment, but we have been informed that at this stage the matter is still confidential. We hope that at a later date the facts may become known. We feel that it is important to record, whilst the memory is still fresh exactly how and why the decision was taken. A smaller though similar type of reorganisation was imposed on the Infantry in 1881 (though the Cardwell reforms were by no means voluntary), but no record is left to us of what were the reactions of the Regiments concerned or if consultations took place. All that we find in the Digest of Service of the 48th in 1881 is:—

“By G.O. 86 of 1881 the title of the Regiment was changed to 1st Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment and the Battalion amalgamated with the 58th Foot and the Northamptonshire and Rutland Militia, the titles of which were also changed to 2nd, 3rd and 4th Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment respectively.”

The entry in the 58th Digest of Service is even shorter:—

“In accordance with local General Order 493 dated 15th June, 1881, the new title of the Regiment will be ‘2nd Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment’. Here end the records of the 58th Regiment.”

It would appear that the 58th were not too pleased, and we are left wondering what discussions or negotiations, if any, went on between the 48th and 58th prior to the amalgamation. We should very much like to know, and it is for the information of future generations and historians that we hope to publish one day, “The Reasons Why” in respect of the formation of the Royal Anglian Regiment.

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This is the last issue of THE POACHER with which the present Editor will be concerned, as he vacates the Editorial chair, and his position of Regimental Secretary, on 31st August next after thirteen years. Some of our subscribers may say “thank goodness”. Others will say: “I couldn’t care less. I never read THE POACHER.” But some do read it, and to them we apologise for our shortcomings in the past, and to all we offer our sincere thanks for their support in subscribing regularly. Without subscribers there could be no Journal and a Regimental Journal is a necessity even though it may be read by few, for it records the activities of the Regiment over the years, and can be a valuable diary to future historians.

We have said that the Journal could not exist without subscribers. The same is true of our Advertisers. Their support is very genuinely needed and very genuinely appreciated, and to all our Advertisers, and particularly to those firms in Northamptonshire and Lincolnshire who have sup-

ported us so regularly, we offer our heartfelt thanks and pray that they will continue their support.

A new Journal will one day take the place of THE POACHER, but the present Journal will continue to be published at least for the time being.

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Officers who served in the 48th at Templemore in 1919-1922 may remember Canon White and his brother. Both were good friends of the Regiment and were well liked. They will also remember that Canon White owned three beautiful ivories—tips of elephant tusks, about six inches high and elaborately engraved. One has the crest and name of the 58th Rutlandshire Regiment, and on the other two are engraved figures of a sailor and a soldier in uniform of about 1850. These ivories are now in the possession of Captain J. G. P. White, 1st Bn., 2nd East Anglian Regiment, who is a nephew of Canon White.

Dates for your Diary

3rd, 4th, 5th July

Annual Reunion, Northamptonshire Wing,
at Northampton.

17th, 18th July

Brigade Depot Week-end.

28th July

Annual Regimental Dinner and Luncheon,
in London.

26th September

6th (S.) Battalion, The Northamptonshire
Regiment, Annual Reunion and Dinner,
at Kettering.

3rd October

Annual Reunion, Lincolnshire Wing, at
Skegness.

9th October

4th Battalion (1939-45), The Northamp-
tonshire Regiment, Annual Reunion and
Dinner, at Rushden.

17th October

4th/5th Battalion, The Northamptonshire
Regiment (T.A.), Annual Reunion and
Dinner, at Peterborough.

October

1st Battalion leave England for Cyprus.

Personalia

Capt. W. J. B. ANNEAR has taken up the appointment of G.III Ops. & Trg. H.Q., 24 Infantry Brigade Group.

We welcome 2/Lt. G. K. ARMSTRONG to the Regiment on commissioning from Mons O.C.S. He is serving with the 1st Battalion.

Major J. M. BARSTOW will in August rejoin 1st Battalion, 2nd East Anglian Regiment, at the conclusion of his tour of duty as Training Major, 4th/6th Bn., Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (T.A.).

Capt. T. C. G. BRANCH was promoted Captain on 1st March, 1964.

Lt.-Col. M. A. CHAMBERLAIN, M.B.E., has been appointed G.S.O.1 Air H.Q., Malta, and took up the appointment last month.

Capt. P. R. CHESTON has returned to U.K. pending retirement.

Congratulations to David and Joy COLEY on the birth of a son on 14th March, 1964.

Capt. C. P. DOLLERY was promoted substantive Captain on 7th February, 1964. We congratulate him and Mrs. C. P. DOLLERY on the birth of a daughter on 27th March, 1964.

Capt. R. J. M. DRUMMOND has been selected for service with the newly-formed Sarawak Regt. of the Armed Forces of the Federation of Malaysia. He proceeded to Malaysia last month.

Capt. M. H. L. FARRANT has been awarded the Territorial Efficiency Decoration

Major A. D. FRANCIS at present attending German Staff College Course at Hamburg is to rejoin 1st Battalion, 2nd East Anglian Regiment, on 1st September, 1964.

Major and Mrs. R. E. J. GERRARD-WRIGHT with their family have moved to Nairobi, and their address is now: P.O. Box 30503, Nairobi.

Lt.-Col. E. M. GOODALE, D.S.O., has relinquished the appointment of County Cadet Commandant, Huntingdon and Northampton.

Lieut. R. F. GOULSON was promoted substantive Lieutenant on 4th February, 1964.

Major M. R. HASELHURST is now working in London with the Continental Oil Company and is living in Camberley. His address is Wild Acre, Old Green Lane, Camberley, Surrey.

Brian HENDERSON regained his place in the Scottish Rugby Football team and was capped against Ireland and England.

Major E. A. E. HOWELL is now living at 9 Royal Mansions, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon.

Major B. S. LEE has completed his tour of duty with H.Q. Federal Army, Aden, and is now D.A.Q.M.G. Northern Command.

Major (Q.M.) J. H. F. LEESON took up the appointment of Q.M. 4th/5th Royal Leicesters (T.A.) on 28th February, 1964.

Major C. H. MACKLAM is now serving at the School of Civil Defence, Devizes, Wilts.

Major N. MILLER was promoted to the substantive rank of Major on 9th February, 1964.

Lieut. R. F. PICKARD has completed his Short Service engagement and has returned to civilian life.

R.S.M. R. POND has taken over the duties of R.S.M. of the 4th/5th Bn., The Northamptonshire Regiment (T.A.) *vice* R.S.M. C. BATES, who has been granted a Q.M.'s Commission.

Lt.-Col. and Mrs. D. P. St. C. ROISSIFR left B.A.O.R. on 1st May and are temporarily residing at: The Flat, The Grange, East Bergholt, Nr. Colchester.

We welcome 2/Lt. G. M. SCHLESINGER on commissioning. He is serving with 4th/5th Northampton (T.A.).

We welcome 2/Lt. M. SHAW on being commissioned. He is serving with 4th/5th Bn., The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (T.A.).

We congratulate Major K. SPACIE, The Parachute Regiment, on having been appointed to command the 16 (Lincoln) Indep. Coy., The Parachute Regiment (T.A.). He and his wife are living at 251 Burton Road, Lincoln.

Capt. J. TADMAN has become a Staff Captain at 11 Bde. H.Q. Congratulations to him on passing the Staff College Exam and also to him and Mrs. TADMAN on the birth of a daughter on 3rd March, 1964.

We congratulate Major and Mrs. P. F. WALTER on the birth of a son on 29th March, 1964.

Capt. D. J. WILFORD has ceased to be attached to 22 S.A.S. and has rejoined 1st Bn., 2nd East Anglian Regiment.

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Lieut. R. L. G. WILLIAMS has transferred from 4th/5th Northamptons (T.A.) to 4th/6th Royal Lincolns (T.A.).

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Lieut. G. C. WILLEY has transferred from 4th/5th Northamptons (T.A.) to 305 Signal Sqn. (Para.).

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Congratulations to C.S.M. VEITCH on being selected as R.Q.M.S. 1st Bn., The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

Deaths

LOVELAND

On 3rd February, 1964, at his home in Corby, Thomas William (Bill) Loveland, late C.S.M. The Northamptonshire Regiment.

PRIESTMAN

On 22nd February, 1964, at his home in Benego, Hertford, Major-General J. H. T. Priestman, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., late Colonel, The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment.

FITT

On 28th February, 1964, at his home in Reepham, Norfolk, Alfred James Fitt, late The Northamptonshire Regiment.

BROWN

On 2nd March, 1964, at Edgware Hospital, London, Frederick J. Brown, late 6th (S.) Bn., The Northamptonshire Regiment.

CHAPMAN

On 20th March, 1964, Arthur Chapman (8599), at his home in Leyton, E.10, late 1st Bn., The Northamptonshire Regiment.

Obituary

MAJOR-GENERAL J. H. T. PRIESTMAN, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C.

COLONEL E. P. LLOYD WRITES:—

"The sudden death of Maj.-Gen. J. H. T. Priestman will have come as a great shock to many of his old friends.

"He joined the 2nd Battalion, 10th Foot, at Tidworth some 59 years ago when the lessons learnt from the war in South Africa required new ideas

and more modern thinking. His energy and initiative were given full scope and soon made their mark in raising the efficiency of the unit.

"He was a natural leader and easy to approach. In consequence his men were always willing and ready to support him wholeheartedly in any calls made by him. His work soon marked him out for more responsibilities and his appointment as Adjutant was the beginning of more rapid advancement.

"During the 1914-18 War he served on the Staff in France, being awarded the D.S.O. and M.C. and French Croix de Guerre. For his services he was promoted Brevet-Major and also received many Mentions in Dispatches.

"In later years he commanded the 13th Infantry Brigade in Palestine and for his services there was created a Commander of the Order of the British Empire. His last active appointment was G.O.C. 54 (East Anglian) Division whose badge was a circle with the monogram "JP" in the centre.

"Before retiring in 1941 he was honoured with the award of a Commander of the Order of the Bath.

"General Priestman was Colonel of The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment from 1938 to 1948, when his tenure covered the difficult period of World War II.

"The loss of his only son, who died of wounds in North Africa in 1943 while serving in the Regiment, was a cruel blow which saddened his years of retirement.

"He was a keen supporter of all Regimental activities but it was cricket which occupied much of his spare time. There will still be some who will recall his enthusiasm for the game and his kindly contempt for less demanding forms of sport."

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MAJ.-GEN. G. MCI. S. BRUCE WRITES:—

"Those of us who knew General John Priestman will mourn him deeply, for, in him, one felt, was a wise and common sense personality, kindly and considerate, to whom one could appeal for help and advice under any circumstances. He was my Instructor at the R.M.C. in 1914 and it was through him that I was lucky enough to enter the Regiment.

"Throughout the years we had always kept in touch and, both being keen cricketers and with a similar sense of humour, we had much to write about.

"His only son John died of wounds during World War II whilst serving with the 6 Bn. The Lincolnshire Regiment, in North Africa and this was a great blow to his father from which, I felt, he never fully recovered.

"One cannot write about such a man as the General without mentioning his great devotion to cricket. He was a firm believer in the value of cricket as a game and as a builder of character. I know that his contemporaries of all ranks will sadly mourn the passing of this great character and fine soldier. I feel he would have liked me to say he kept 'a fine length' all his life."

Museums

The Northamptonshire Regiment

The Victoria Cross and War Medals awarded to the late Capt. C. R. Colyer-Fergusson, 2nd Bn., The Northamptonshire Regiment, have been presented to the Museum by his sister Lady Mary Monckton. She has also presented a portrait of her brother to the 1st Bn. to add to the gallery of winners of the V.C. that they have in the Officers' Mess.

Another acquisition is a Drum-Major's Mace used by the 58th in about 1890. This was found in a sales room in London, and promptly bought by Lt.-Col. C. J. M. Watts, who presented it to the Museum.

We are very grateful to Lt.-Col. O. K. Parker, M.C., D.L., who has presented five medals from his collection.

A recent innovation is the opening of a new showcase called "International Rugby Footballers who have served in the Northamptonshire Regiment". They include Edgar Mobbs, Eric Coley, Don White, John Hyde and Brian Henderson, who is currently playing for Scotland. Don White has presented an England Jersey, Mrs. Mary Coley has lent her late husband's England Cap, Brigadier Glyn Hughes, D.S.O., M.C., President of the Barbarians, has given a Barbarian Jersey and Badge, and Brian Henderson has promised a Scottish Jersey when his collection of other countries jerseys has been completed by swops on the field. There are a number of excellent rucker photos, and a copy of the programme of the first Mobbs Memorial Match played in 1921 between the Barbarians and the East Midlands. It is interesting to see that the East Midlands hooker in this match was "H. K. F. Nailor".

Friends of the Museum

The Northamptonshire Regiment

Since 19th February, 1964, the following have enrolled as "Friends": Lt.-Col. J. V. Brewin, M.C.; Colonel R. P. S. Erskine-Tulloch; Major C. L. Wauchope and Brigadier R. E. Osborne-Smith, O.B.E., D.S.O.

We are most grateful to them.

The Lincolnshire Regiment

(1) The Trust gratefully acknowledge the gifts to the Museum by Mrs. F. G. Spring, of the orders and medals of her husband, Brigadier-General F. G. Spring, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., who died on 24th September, 1963, and those of his grandfather, Surgeon-General James Gordon Inglis, who served with the 10th Foot 1843-52, and who died on 6th September, 1879. Histories of the Regiment which have had inserted in them by General Springs maps and more useful information relating to battles in

which the Regiment took part, and his own account of events of the South Africa War are of particular and absorbing interest and a most welcome acquisition to the Museum archives.

(ii) By W. D. Woodward of Leytonstone, the gift of his uncle's medals, Pte. A. Woodward, gained in the 1914-18 War whilst serving in the Regiment, and of other interesting documents.

(iii) By Mrs. Manterfield, the gift of her late husband's full dress tunic, medalion and photograph albums.

The 1st Battalion Gallery of Portraits

Winners of the Victoria Cross

The Officers' Mess of the 1st Battalion possesses a unique collection of oil paintings of Winners of the Victoria Cross. They are painted on 24-in. by 18-in. canvas, and are all by the same artist, Mr. L. H. Wells, of Woldingham, Surrey. Eight of the portraits are of those who won the award whilst serving in the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment, and were painted before amalgamation. They are:—

Pte J. Kirk, Lieut. H. M. Havelock Allen, Pte. D. Dempsey, Sgt. C. Sharpe, Capt. P. H. Hanson, Sgt. A. Evans, Major C. F. Hoev, Capt. J. Brunt

Since amalgamation the battalion has been endeavouring to obtain portraits of the Northamptonshire Regiment V.C.s.

The following have been presented, and now hang in the Mess:—

Pte. J. Osborne. Presented by The Trustees of Funded Charities.

Lieut. A. R. Hill. Presented by 4/5th Bn., Northamptonshire Regiment (T.A.).

Capt. A. Moutrav Read. Presented by Lt.-Col. C. J. M. Watts.

The following paintings are now being done and will be handed to the 1st Battalion when they are at Felixstowe:—

Sgt. W. E. Boulter. Presented by 6th Battalion (1914-18).

Capt. T. R. Colyer-Fergusson. Presented by his sister, Lady Monckton.

Lieut. A. C. Herring. Presented by himself.

Lieut. A. G. Horwood. Presented by Officers of 48th who fought in Burma.

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Battalion Review

By the time these notes are published the Battalion will have left the British Army of the Rhine after a 3-year tour and moved to Felixstowe for a stay of three months prior to moving to Cyprus. The present unhappy state of affairs on that sunny Island has inevitably clouded some of our ideas about our future. Nevertheless, we believe the plan to send us there still stands. This seems logical; we are destined to relieve one of the original Garrison battalions, and there appears no reason to suppose we shall still not be required for duty in the Sovereign base area. At any rate we still look forward to going and continue to plan for that end.

An outline of the main events during August appear elsewhere in this issue and we look forward, during our visit to our Counties, to meeting ex-service officers and men who served in this or either of the two former regiments from whom we are descended.

During July over one hundred officers and men of the Battalion will be on duty at the Royal Tournament performing many essential backroom tasks necessary for this magnificent annual event.

We are delighted that our Colonel-in-Chief is to find time to visit us whilst we are in Felixstowe and we hope that ex-servicemen of the Regiments will find it possible to visit us to watch the parade.

The last three months in Osnabruck have been devoted to the completion of individual training culminating in two weeks' field firing on the excellent ranges at Sennelager. Many will have visited Sennelager for the fourth successive year, but the value of these ranges never diminishes. Many soldiers are classifying for the first time on the electrically controlled target range. Gone are the soul-destroying butt-party chores, although some skill is required by the officer in charge of targets in ensuring that the right switches are pressed to bring up the targets at the right time.

Our congratulations go to our cooking team: Sgt. Hodgson, A.C.C., Pte. Buxton and Pte. Redding, both Regimental cooks, on winning the Divisional Cookery Competition and being placed

second in the Rhine Army Competition. Our Battalion soccer team is a finalist in the 2nd Division Knockout Competition and well on the way to winning the Garrison League. The semi-final, against our cousins the Worcestershire Regiment, we won by 6 goals to 1.

During March we were visited by our new Corps Commander, Lt.-Gen. Sir Richard Goodwin, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., and our new Divisional Commander, Maj.-Gen. T. N. S. Wheeler, O.B.E. They both took the opportunity to meet as many officers, N.C.O.s and men as possible during their short visits.

1st BATTALION STAGES IN ENGLAND JUNE-OCTOBER, 1964

GENERAL

The 1st Battalion will leave B.A.O.R. 15th-19th June by air to stage in England before going to Cyprus in October.

In England the Battalion will be stationed at Normandy Barracks, Felixstowe.

An outline of the Battalion activities is given below.

OUTLINE OF EVENTS

15th June-15th July
Leave.

10th August
Visit by H.R.H. the Duchess of Gloucester to Felixstowe.

18th August
Band and Drums and 140 all ranks move to Northamptonshire.

19th August
Parties from the Battalion will visit Wellingborough, Corby, Kettering and Peterborough.

20th August
Battalion exercises Freedom Privilege of Northampton followed by Beating of Retreat.

21st August
Party moves to Lincolnshire.

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22nd August

Battalion exercises Freedom Privilege of Cleethorpes and Grimsby.

23rd August

Battalion exercises Freedom Privilege of Grantham and Stamford. Band and Drums Beat Retreat.

24th August

Battalion exercises Freedom Privilege of Boston and Lincoln. Band and Drums Beat Retreat in Lincoln.

25th August

Battalion returns to Felixstowe.

September

Battalion on Block Leave.

October

Battalion leaves for Cyprus.

*C.-in-C.'s GUARD OF HONOUR—
RHEINDAHLEN*

The C.-in-C. Northag, General Stirling, honoured the Battalion in March by choosing us to provide a Guard of Honour for the C.-in-C. French Forces in Germany, General de Brevisson, who was visiting him on 19th March.

With only a fortnight's notice the R.S.M., Mr. Franks, and C.S.M. Dixon of "A" Company, started daily drills and inspections. The Guard was provided mainly by "A" Company, but all the other Companies were represented. The spur of three days in the delights of Rheindahlen Garrison (we were told that W.R.A.C.S. and W.R.A.F. outnumbered the men) created a good spirit of competition to get onto the guard, and despite the short notice it was a very well drilled guard that set off from Mercer Barracks at 0700 hours 17th March, 1964.

The 19th March was a windy, bitter cold day. The only good thing that could be said was that it didn't actually snow. Because of the bad weather the French General's plane was delayed, but the first intimation we had of anything amiss was when General Stirling leaned from his upstairs office window, called a Colonel over and told him to get the soldiers inside the holy-of-holies, the main building of Joint H.Q., out of the cold. An unprecedented step, but most welcome to the soldiers of the guard who had been numbed by the icy wind.

Eventually word was received that the General was coming. The parade formed up and shortly afterwards the General arrived to be greeted by a crashing "present" and a discourse in French by Capt. Drummond, the Guard Commander (carefully rehearsed in his bath the night before!). The inspection was very brief, and after a final "present" the parade marched off to the "Poacher".

OFFICERS' MESS

We were delighted to see and entertain in the Mess Lt.-Col. Charles Watts and Lt.-Col. Walter Young, who paid short visits to the Battalion during

March. It was an excellent opportunity to hold Regimental Guest Nights at which each was Guest of Honour.

We would like to thank Lt.-Col. Watts for the gift of a portrait of Capt. A. Moutray Read, V.C., to add to our collection of V.C. portraits.

We would also like to thank Major Jack Bickford for the gift of a clock to mark a three-year friendship with the Battalion. Major Bickford is a double honorary member, firstly because he served many years with our cousins, The Worcestershire Regiment, and also because of his appointment as S.S.O. in Osnabruck.

John Everitt and John Houchin both celebrated their birthdays by giving an amusing and hilarious party in the Mess. Dancing to The Four Deuces and decorations by courtesy of the local department stores were some of the features of this party, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all those who attended.

We were sorry to say *au revoir* to Bill and Diana Annear, who will be greatly missed by everyone.

Also departed for a warmer climate: Robin and Monica Drummond have left for Malaysia. We wish all these the best of luck in their new jobs.

It was very nice to see Jane and Ken Ford on leave from Bermuda, and we were very sorry it was such a short visit.

We congratulate Jimmy Hughes on his appointment as Second-in-Command of the 1st East Anglian and hope we shall see them on leave from Aden in Cyprus.

Finally, we are glad to see Ian Spacie back again and we welcome Giles Armstrong, recently commissioned from Mons.

SERGEANTS' MESS

The first function of the quarter was an invitation to our neighbours, the 9/12th Royal Lancers, who were entertained at a Dance and Social. It was a most enjoyable evening and many friendships were further sealed.

We have had two dinner nights recently; the first, in February, was attended by the Company Commanders, and the second was a Ladies Guest Night. On this occasion a presentation was made to S/Sgt. and Mrs. Greenstreet on their departure from B.A.O.R.

We have had to say *au revoir* to C.S.M. and Mrs. Pond and C.S.M. George Veitch. C.S.M. Pond has been promoted to R.S.M. and posted to 4th/5th Northampton (T.A.), C.S.M. Veitch becomes R.Q.M.S. to 1 Royal Leicesters. He will be missed on the ski slopes of course. Rumour has it that he will be opening a ski centre on the Quantocks next winter. Sgt. Vic Sylvester's retirement means that car owners have to pay for their own repairs now, which may account in part for the departure of S/Sgt. Cheshire, Sgt. Knight and Sgt. Evans to other jobs.

Arrivals and promotions are also numerous; congratulations to C.S.M.s Rogers and McColgan, C/Sgts. Kirk and Naylor, Sgts. Benner, Knowles, Edwards, Vines, McKenzie and Watkins. We welcome Sgt. Dicketts, R.E.M.E., and Sgt. Cross,

R. Sigs. Sgt. "Stanley" Shailes has returned from his tour of duty as a recruiter and is now spending his time in the Weapon Training Stores.

In the sporting line Sgt. "Cushy Ken" Ashworth has become Battalion chief organiser. It is said, unkindly, that he is now so old he wouldn't otherwise get his place in the many teams for which he plays. That's nonsense, of course.

The bachelors of the Mess have been somewhat upset by the large influx of married men lodging in the Mess, but rejoice to have the R.S.M. and Bandmaster on their side to provide heavy support in the continuing battle against the "married pads".

CORPORALS' MESS

We have only had a few social events since the last notes, owing to many training events.

A "Grand Easter Ball" was held on 25th March with the Regimental Band in attendance. A good time was had by all guests and members.

On 18th April one of our members, Cpl. Bradtke, took the decisive step by getting married in the Regimental Church to Miss D. Hempstead, with the reception being held in the Mess, at which over 180 guests were present to wish them happiness. The mothers of the bride and groom arrived from the U.K. for the wedding.

On Wednesday, 29th April, we said good-bye to the Corporals' Messes of the Garrison. They were entertained by the Regimental Band and Drums at the "Ceremony of Beating Retreat", followed by a buffet and drinks in the Mess. (The drinks were on the house for this occasion.)

"A" COMPANY

Looking back on the last quarter is rather like looking back on one's leave—it went too quickly, and the things that took place were mostly of interest to the individuals.

Many of us were really disappointed when we were stood down from our fourteen days' notice, not the least our Company Clerk, who had to sort out all the leave applications and prepare the hundreds of leave documents again. However, from our tented camp on the Ranges of Sennelager, that seems ages ago and with most of "A" Company back from leave we are almost up to full strength again.

Sennelager has not changed, nor has the weather that goes with it, but the Company spirit, always high, has been given that extra filip that really interesting field firing brings. The Company 2 1/c, Capt. Kitchin, is already dreaming of the things that he can buy for the Company from our canteen profits. Rumour has it that a luxury cabin cruiser for trips round Cyprus might come within our budget.

In the world of sport we were all disappointed that our football team, which had done so well, was knocked out of the Brigade Minor Units Competition by a Squadron from 25 Corps Engr. Regt. in the semi-finals.

To finish our notes we include a short round-up of news from the platoons; needless to say written by the platoons!

1 PLATOON

The platoon has spent most of the winter season ski-ing. Almost every member of the platoon has spent two weeks in Bavaria. One or two members also indulged in mountaineering, but after Pte. Boulter's 50-ft. vertical descent this sport lost some of its popularity. Pte. Boulter was, incidentally, unhurt.

At Easter a party consisting of 2/Lt. English, I./Cpl. Rose, Ptes. Moulding, Chapman, Dumford and Norris ventured to the old city of Heidelberg and found that the Americans were the predominant force in the city. However, Anglo-American relations thrived and the G.I.s introduced our men to some of the more interesting sights in the city.

Four days after the Easter break the platoon was attached to "C" Company and we moved to the island of Langeoog off the North German coast for exercise "Hot Water". The exercise was a great success, as was the break at the end of the exercise.

The Platoon Commander, 2/Lt. English, has left for a course at Hythe, and will rejoin us in England in August. Until then we have 2/Lt. Thomson to look after us. Our congratulations to Ptes. Buckfield and Cooke on the result of their N.C.O.s' Cadre; they both did very well.

We are now at Sennelager, and although the weather is "as per usual", the training is not wasted and everyone is having a grand time.

2 PLATOON

2 Platoon continues to maintain its very high standard. Ten men from the platoon and the Platoon Commander, Lt. Young, went ski-ing in February on the Zugspitze. They had a great time without mishap, except for McLean, who slipped and hurt his leg coming out of the local Gasthaus, and Parkinson, who had a nasty crash—falling over his hair.

In March six men from the platoon went on a potential N.C.O.s' Cadre. All did very well and congratulations to L/Cpls. Burton 83, Parkinson and Higgins on their promotion as a result of this cadre; congratulations also to Cpl. Jennings on his promotion.

Now at Sennelager the platoon is in great form—but how they hate those runs at 0600 hours and how they miss the "Over 35s"!

4 PLATOON

During the period covered by this edition of THE POACHER, members of the Support Platoon have either been employed in other parts of the Company, on leave, or ski-ing. We congratulate Ptes Garside and Green in their efforts to represent the Regiment at ski-ing.

Now with the Battalion at Sennelager, this is the first time we have been together since last October, and we are looking forward to firing our weapons.

Ptes. Lawless and Nicholls are to be congratulated on their promotion to Lance-Corporal—at last we have some N.C.O.s.

LATE EXTRA

We have had three of the hottest days since last summer, and we hope it lasts.

"B" COMPANY

The Company "hub" continues to revolve at a speed which some may well consider to be alarming. In recent weeks we have said farewell to Major W. J. B. Annear, who has gone to Kenya to take up a staff appointment. He has been succeeded by Major R. W. Whitney. We wish them both the best of luck in their new jobs.

All too soon after the change of command the Company suffered loss of the services of C.S.M. Pond. In his short stay in Osnabruck he had made a great impact on "B" Company and we are very sorry to see him go. However, we naturally extend to him our warmest congratulations on his promotion to R.S.M.

Further congratulations to W.O.2 McColgan on his promotion. After only a short tenure as Colour Sergeant he handed over to C.Q.M.S. Kirk, whom we welcome to the Company, and became our new C.S.M. C.Q.M.S. Smith has left us for the, perhaps, calmer waters of H.Q. Admin.

Still more congratulations are in order to Sgt. Vines and L/Cpl. Peplow on their promotions, and to Cpl. Missen and Pte. Gooday on their selection for the training squad of the B.A.O.R. football team. Unfortunately they just missed final selection. In the Garrison final Cpl. Missen scored a hat-trick for the victorious Battalion team.

Training continues apace and most of the Company seems to spend little time in barracks. Life is never dull.

5 PLATOON

Like the rest of the Company, 5 Platoon has been doing its fair share of travelling round Europe, including ski-ing in Bavaria, and an Easter visit to Heidelberg.

We also provided a border patrol along the East German Frontier, which was both extremely interesting and good training value. Led by the Platoon Commander it consisted of Ptes. Bloor, Emerson, Good, Hitch and Jolley. Perhaps the one distressing feature of the patrol was the rumour spread by a certain Platoon Sergeant. At 0830 hours on the morning we were due to return, he announced in the Company Office that he had heard on the radio that a party of British soldiers had been arrested by the East German Border Guards. By noon this was right round the Battalion and it was accepted as fact, that 5 Platoon had lost its way—a thing which never happens! As for the originator of this rumour—doesn't he LOVE us any more?

6 PLATOON

6 Platoon took a leading part in exercise "Fanny Hill", a patrolling and internal security operation held in the area of the Mohne See. We were "dropped" by that old reliable 3-ton Bedford helicopter and operated on foot for a week against an

enemy mounted in vehicles. The exercise proved that we can still use our feet and also that the British Army is still warmly welcomed in many parts of Germany. The hospitality we received was overwhelming.

Our Easter venture took the form of a trip down the River Weser in recce boats, staging each night in camps laid on by Sgt. Hewitt. This was an enjoyable and relatively uneventful week-end, although we understand it may be difficult to persuade Sgt. Platt of the Assault Pioneers to lend us his boats to play with again.

We have said farewell to 2/Lt. Mayhew, at least for a time, and welcome 2/Lt. Armstrong, who has taken over as Platoon Commander.

8 PLATOON

During exercise "Fanny Hill", 10th-15th February, 1964, the platoon acted as enemy to 6 Platoon. We also took the opportunity of practising signals and voice procedure in difficult conditions, with great success. The villagers, particularly those in Helminghausen, were very hospitable. Pte. Atkin 48 voted Rosen Montag the best festival of the year! Cpl. Brown's knowledge of German stood the platoon in good stead, although it was noted that Ptes. Wakefield and Peplow 38 did not seem at all bothered by any language difficulties.

During the week-end of 20th March we paid a highly enjoyable visit to Amsterdam soon after Easter which, by popular request, was spent in a return visit to Helminghausen. We were entertained royally by "Joseph", the owner of the local Gasthaus, who was presented with a plaque by the platoon during yet another visit at the end of April.

Training as a Support Platoon continues, despite all the usual difficulties, and the results achieved during live firing at Sennelager were considered to be a credit to all. Morale continues to be high, and the Company Commander was particularly amused by a wisecracking dialogue that he overheard between Cpl. Rodgers, Ptes. Wakefield and Smith 47 whilst they were standing in the middle of a bog during an anti-terrorist sweep on a Battalion exercise. Anyone who can laugh in these conditions at five o'clock in the morning when they have had about five hours' sleep in the last fifty can call himself a Soldier.

"C" COMPANY

It was the platoons which did most things during this quarter; they have therefore been rewarded with the space to record their doings.

11 PLATOON

From Christmas to Easter, those of us who were here were reduced to carrying out the routine tasks of the barracks, occasionally plaintively echoing the words of the well known song: "Where have all the soldiers gone?" Most of the platoon was in fact away ski-ing or on courses. Nearly everybody had a go at the ski-ing, particularly Donaldson, who skied for the Battalion and came second in the novices' Slalom—a very good effort indeed. Life for the five or six men left in barracks consisted for

the most part of a dull grind of fatigues, interior economy and some shooting. This monotony was however broken by a platoon initiative exercise in the lovely Sauerland, which was enjoyed by all who took part, including the Platoon Commander, who got very sore feet!

The platoon took a leading part in the memorable "Hot Water" campaign held in the Friesian Islands, which was an unforgettable experience for all of us.

We welcome Ptes. Tracy and Carter to the platoon and we say good-bye to Ptes. Barnes, Major and Woodward, who have joined the Signal Platoon, and also to Cpl. Watkins, who leaves us to go to the Regimental Police. We wish them all success in their new jobs.

9 PLATOON

Between the departure of Mr. Goodale for England and the arrival of Mr. Goulson, the platoon was commanded by Sgt. Everitt. He then disappeared to train a very successful Gunga Din team, which included Henson and Glynn. Sgt. Edwards, whom we congratulate on promotion, took over. L/Cpl. Ogle, also recently promoted, is now more often under the Company vehicles than with us.

Until March we were widely dispersed on area cleaning, weapon training and ski courses. After Easter we were required to quell an uprising in the Friesian Islands. We descended on the rebels, complete with Bundeswehr helicopters, for three exhausting days of exercises over enormous sand dunes. Even the weather was against us, with two inches of snow in one night—in April!

12 PLATOON

Throughout the last three months the platoon has been constantly split up and engaged on widely differing activities, but this is no bad thing at this time of the year. We welcome back Sgt. Thomson from his spell with the Brigade of Guards, and congratulate him on doing so well. Our three stalwarts, Ptes. Larkin, Stewart and Pryke, who performed so creditably on exercise "Gunga Din" deserve a special congratulation as they came within an ace of being the outright winners.

February saw the introduction of a new type of confidence training for most, namely abseiling. This unusual pastime, so awe-inspiring to the uninitiated, soon had its addicts, who are to be complimented on reaching a remarkable degree of proficiency by any standards; and, what is more important, even those claiming to have the worst heads for heights gamely went over the edge. Those wishing to graduate to bigger and better things had the opportunity of doing so over Easter, when a party of six camped near Hameln, making the most of the steep limestone cliffs which are available to those who want to climb, abseil, jump, or enjoy the fabulous view. Our party took part in the first two and the last of these activities, succeeding in obtaining a 130-ft. abseil over an overhang, the maximum our rope would allow.

After Easter we busily prepared for the long



Cpl. Bond and Pte. Gray on an 80 foot Abseil.

awaited exercise "Hot Water", which more than fulfilled our expectations in every way; an opinion was expressed, however, in a light blizzard at 0600 hours on the second morning that the exercise was perhaps a little optimistically named.

We found working with the German helicopters enormous fun and were amazed how quickly we could hop between islands and were very appreciative of the enthusiasm of the pilots to follow our most detailed instructions.

The weather looks like being less Arctic at last, much to the relief of Pte. Slater. Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May, so they say, but not like they shook poor old Slater on the Friesian Islands. Oh, where are you, my island in the sun?

H.Q. (OPS) COMPANY

H.Q. (Ops) Company notes are being written in the field under a pine tree in the "Sennelager" holiday camp. For the first time this year the whole of H.Q. (Ops) less some M.T. (preparing for the C.I.V.) are out of Osnabruck. The typewriters, files and all correspondence have been left behind, much to the relief of the Company Commander, who is unable to write because his right arm is in plaster. The Company Clerk (L/Cpl. Irons) is also overjoyed at the thought of leaving work behind.

We congratulate Sgt. Rogers on his promotion to W.O.2 in place of C.S.M. Vietch, who has left us to take up the appointment of R.Q.M.S. in the 1st Bn., The Royal Leicestershire Regiment. We wish him the very best of luck. The staff of Company H.Q. are doubly disappointed because he has taken his radiogram, which he had entrusted to them while he was ski-ing. The H.Q. is now sadly devoid of pop music.



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FRENCH BRANDY

We also congratulate C/Sgt. Millhouse on his appointment to the Infantry Junior Leaders' Battalion at Oswestry; we are sorry to lose him. In an unobtrusive way he has served the Company very well since his arrival in Germany. His wife's presence will also be missed by all in the Battalion Ladies' Shooting Team.

The following were heard on B.F.S. while we were at Sennelager:—

News Flash

Sennelager, 2020 hours, 11.4.64.—Medical Champ heard disappearing in direction of Padderborn—Driver wearing civilian pullover—destination unknown. Anyone having information as to its whereabouts please contact the R.A.P. tent.

Odd Add

Advertiser would like to contact anyone having good second-hand medical champ for sale reasonable. Fair price offered, or part exchange for job lot of forceps, callipers, sphygmometers, shuftiscopes, etc., etc. (all as new). Contact Sgt. Coyne in the field.

BATTALION ORDERLY ROOM

We welcome Pte. Rigby from "C" Company, who has come in place of Pte. Parker. The latter hasn't been seen for some little time; rumour has it that he has slipped a disc, and we hope he recovers in time to go to the Depot in June.

Cpl. Willoughby is now counting the days and will be our advance party to England on 1st May. He has promised to take us on a conducted tour of the highlights of Felixstowe on our arrival in June.

During the Easter break Cpl. Pete Rawding and L/Cpl. Colin Briggs visited Venice. They travelled down via Munich and Innsbruck arriving in Venice only 24 hours after their departure from Osnabruck. The return trip, with the help of leave warrants,



Cpl. Rawding gets the bird.

cost only £4 10s. 0d. Because they had not booked accommodation prior to departure they were slightly apprehensive, but on arrival their fears vanished, since there were several porters, all of whom spoke English, at the station from the various hotels to assist persons requiring accommodation.

During their three-day stay in Venice they visited most of the tourist attractions, including St. Mark's Square, The Lido, The Grand Canal, The Casino (from the outside only), and a glass-making factory. Although their time (and money) went far too quickly they had acquired a taste for the Italian wines and food before they returned to Osnabruck with souvenirs.

INTELLIGENCE SECTION

Stop Press

Ref. last issue. Great news: PAMPHLETS! Amendment—Your S.L.R. and Bayonet, Vol. 1, No. 3, has now reached Amendment No. 8.

A cadre lasting four weeks has taken up most of the Section's time since the last issue. We had four candidates from the Companies: Pte. Burn "A" Company, Pte. Josey "B" Company, Pte. Donaldson "C" Company and the Batman Pte. Burrows, three Ptes. from 1st Bn., Duke of Wellington's Regt. and two from the 1st Bn., Royal Fusiliers. The Section took on Pte. Hard, fresh from the outback of Germany's ski-ing paradise, the Schneefenne Platte. He had been away from the Battalion since last October and Cpl. Bruce Bemrose soon showed him how to tie his boots, and blanco his belt.

Last month Cpl. Bemrose was promoted from L/Cpl. We have noticed that Cpl. Roy Stratford



Lance-Corporal Briggs and the Piazza San Marco

has been pulling his rank on his fellow Corporals. Pte. "Rick" Allen was promoted L/Cpl. recently for long and loyal service in the map room. He is the only man to give 2/Lt. Mayhew maps of Hameln when he wanted to go to Minden, and still remain L/Cpl.!

ASSAULT PIONEER PLATOON

Since our last notes the platoon has completed its annual training with 7 Fd. Sqn., R.E., who once again ran a special course for the Assault Pioneers of the Brigade Group. The training was hard and including bridge and raft building, demolitions, mine warfare and watermanship. Part of the course was spent under canvas on the banks of the Weser at Petershagen. This should have been safe from visitors as it was necessary to cross by ferry to reach the camp. However, the Company Commander and Lieut. Houchin paid us a visit and we had the pleasure of transporting Lieut. Houchin's car up and down the river on our home-made raft. A very perilous operation which was fraught with a certain amount of difficulty when it came to unloading! Before leaving Petershagen the platoon took part in a Regatta and did very well to come second out of six teams, two of which were R.E.

Sgt. Platt has been taking his 1st Class Certificate of Education and Cpl. Kettle is studying for his 2nd Class. We hope to hear good results from both of them in the near future.

RECCE PLATOON

Since the last edition of THE POACHER the platoon has been strengthened by the addition of two qualified signallers. The first was Pte. Craig, who joined from the Junior Tradesmen's Regiment at Rhyl, and the second, Pte. Emerson, who rejoined the Regiment after doing a tour with the 3rd Bn., The Parachute Regiment. The latter no sooner joined the platoon than he, in company with Pte. Garforth, disappeared to join the successful Battalion football team. It has been rumoured that they may return to normal duties in time to go on leave when the Battalion returns to England.

Ski-ing has taken a heavy toll through injuries over the last few months. L/Cpl. Short, who is to be congratulated on his recent promotion, dislocated his shoulder in a fall at Garmisch and managed to get himself transferred to the local American Military Hospital. Having received such favourable reports of American hospitality, L/Cpl. Boothby followed him several weeks later with a sprained ankle. Pte. Codd distinguished himself by falling over so often that even the German instructor, normally so patient, gave up in despair. Codd eventually ended up in hospital with a spine injury from which he has still not fully recovered.

Several members of the platoon have recently gone on short pot-holing expeditions, and as a result of the interest shown, the Battalion has purchased some proper caving equipment. It is hoped that we can extend our activities on return to England under the guidance of Capt. Kitchin.

Several members of the platoon spent a week at

Easter on a visit to battlefields and war graves in Northern France and Belgium.

M.T. SECTION

After the feverish preparations to move as part of the Strategic Reserve were over, the M.T. Section settled down to a quiet first quarter of 1964.

The driving results for 1963 arrived and were very good. We are delighted to report that 58 of our full time drivers are eligible for the annual award of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, by having had twelve months free from a blameworthy accident. A creditable performance as, until the recent arrival of the left hand drive Land Rovers, all the vehicles had right hand drive.

The M.T. Section have made friends with all the M.T. Sections of other units in the Garrison to our mutual advantage. We appear to be indispensable to one another. One suggestion, from all three Battalions, is to prepare a set of vehicles for the Annual Technical Inspection and then simply to move the vehicles over to the next barracks when their turn arrives and change the number plates.

Departures of late have seen some long standing M.T. personnel take their leave, namely Ptes. Barker, Davies, Bewick, Goodwin and Cpl. Purnell, R.E.M.E. All were soldiers whose experience we will find hard to replace.

We welcome Sgt. Dicketts, R.E.M.E., who is making his presence felt and is assisted by Cpl. Stokes. Ptes. Jones, Asbrev and Stamps have joined the M.T. as drivers though we fear that because of his huge dimensions Stamps might become the permanent Battalion Right Marker!

SIGNAL PLATOON

The ten weeks Signallers' Cadre was a success. All, instructors and students alike, heaved a great sigh of relief on 20th March when the R.S.O. gave the closing address. It had been very hard work, but lavishly interspersed with exercises, which were a welcome respite to the necessary but tedious classroom slog.

We congratulate Ptes. Lloyd, Varney, Wilson and Searle who classified as Standard II Regimental Signallers.

We welcome Ptes. Woodward, Major and Barnes who were posted into the platoon at the end of the cadre.

At Easter every man was out of camp on some activity, much to the chagrin of the C.S.M. who found that H.Q. (Ops) Company was duty company. Seven men under L/Cpl. Newbitt went canoeing down the River Lahn accompanied by Pte. Burns of "A" Company, a trained canoeist. The weather was quite ghastly and spoiled what would have been a most enjoyable three days' canoeing. Even so, everyone was glad to have gone and seen some other parts of the country, but were glad on return of a warm dry bed in Mercer Barracks.

Much the same applied to the ten members of the platoon under Cpl. English and L/Cpl. Jolley

who provided communications for "C" Company's ambitious exercise "Hot Water". Communications were maintained over distances in excess of 40 kms. despite the hazards of fine-blown sand to charging engines and the bitter winds.

This month sees a number of changes in the platoon. Capt. Drummond leaves us for the Malaysia Rangers and in his place we welcome Capt. I. Spacie, who has returned to the Regiment from the Parachute Brigade. We congratulate S/Sgt. Cheshire on his promotion to A/W.O.2 on posting to the T.A. We wish him and his family the best in their new job.

Cpl. English (Bunny) leaves us for civilian life, where he tells us he is going to make a fortune in America—the Brain Drain? The very best of luck to him anyway.

H.Q. (ADMIN.) COMPANY

On the face of it nothing seems to have happened during the period under review; but if one hard enough into the various files all the achievements claimed by other Companies have only been possible with the help and co-operation of members of this Company. On the Orderly Room distribution list more copies of their letters come our way than elsewhere. The result is that we are so busy helping others that we have no time to do spectacular things ourselves.

We would liked to have gone to the Friesian Islands, the C.S.M. would like a Company Drill Parade, but alas (or hooray) it cannot be; our satisfaction is to see others depart with food, equipment and money to their satisfaction.

On the credit side we managed to send 37 members of the Company ski-ing, and a panicky Athletics Officer tried to eliminate an obviously unbeatable team by ordering the Band to play during the still awaited meeting.

COMPANY H.Q. AND SMALLER DEPTS.

L./Cpl. Hall has come back from hospital at last and is to be congratulated on his promotion to Corporal, as is Cpl. Perrin (Regimental Cooks), who managed to survive 14 weeks at the ski hut. Cpl. Galpin, R.A.P.C., is to be congratulated on his excellent results in the 2 Div. ski-ing, after only a quarter of the training that the others had.

The only noticeable changes in faces recently are the departure of S/Sgt. Smith, R.A.P.C., and the arrival of S/Sgt. Selwood as a replacement. Also to keep the Smith Clan up to strength, C/Sgt. Smith has come over from "B" Company and will be leading the advance party to Felixstowe.

BAND

The first two weeks of the quarter saw the single members of the Band at the Battalion ski hut at Rettenburg in Bavaria. A strenuous time was had by all. Of course, "Steptoe" (Bdsm. Colin), managed to ski into the hut—the only building for miles around!

We were duty Band during the month of March; this led to us going to H.Q. Rhine Army, along with the Corps of Drums and a guard from the

Battalion to form a guard of honour for the C.-in-C. of the French Forces in Germany.

We are now busy preparing for our farewell retreat beating and participating in the 2 Div. Massed Bands Display, a spectacular musical occasion in which 15 Bands are taking part.

Congratulations to Sgt. Baker and Bds. Crowley on being selected to play in 2 Div. hockey team, I./Cpl. Miller on playing for the Osnabruck Garrison hockey team, and Cpl. Stacey on passing his Referees Certificate.

I./Cpl. M. Jackson has left us for civilian life; we wish him every success. We welcome Bds. Girling (Grimsby) and Bds. Thompson (Kettering), new arrivals from the Brigade Junior School.

B.A.O.R. COOKERY COMPETITION

We entered a team for the Brigade heat of the 2 Div. Cookery Competition, the team being Sgt. Hodgson, A.C.C. and Ptes. Buxton and Redding, both Regimental Cooks. When we won the Brigade round everyone congratulated us and so off we went to Division; when we won that there were some red faces amongst the various A.C.C. teams we had beaten. Then we sailed on through the B.A.O.R. semi-final to the final. This was held at H.Q. Rhine Army, with a great many senior officers around and was a very prolonged affair; after much tasting and prodding of the entries we were judged to be second.

QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT

During the last period we have said good-bye to four of our staff. Cpls. Lambert and Clements have



Sergeant Hodgson, A.C.C., captain of the Battalion Cookery team, discusses the competition with the Corps Commander, Lieutenant-General Sir Richard Goodwin.

returned to Rifle Companies in order to further their careers, L/Cpl. Marsden and Pte. Heath have left us on Regular Release. In the same period we have welcomed Cpl. Chambers, L/Cpl. Hill, Ptes. Caley and Morris.

Our congratulations go to Pte. Agg on being promoted Lance-Corporal; he is taking the place of L/Cpl. Marsden on our Married Quarters Staff.

We have held two successful parties in our Club Room to one of which we invited the Company C.Q.M.S.s and their Storemen. The night developed into a very serious darts match at which the Quartermaster's Staff were victors, the match being clinched by an excellent double two by L/Cpl. Gammon. The night ended with a fish and chip supper, excellently prepared by the cooks.

At the beginning of April the Staff moved *en bloc* to Sennelager to prepare for the arrival of the Battalion for training. A hectic four days were spent unloading tentage and ammunition from the railway station; when all was issued to Companies the Staff returned to Mercer Barracks to prepare for the move to U.K. and to carry on with the keep fit campaign.

BATTALION SPORT

RUGBY FOOTBALL

The second half of the rugby season was a great disappointment as we managed to play only four of the many fixtures that had been arranged. The reasons for the cancellations were varied and numerous—but all were such as are encountered only too frequently in Germany. Several opponents had to cry off because of training commitments; we ourselves hampered by our stand-by for the Strategic Reserve and, above all, the German winter took its toll.

However, the fixtures that were played were extremely enjoyable and a number of creditable performances were seen. We lost rather heavily to the Lancashire Fusiliers, when we were forced to field a much weakened side, but only just went under by 3 points to nil to the Osnabruck Occasionals. The Occasionals, composed of teachers, doctors and dentists in the Garrison, just deserved their victory in a hard and well-fought match. It was played in very heavy conditions which suited the weight and experience of our opponents, amongst whose ranks it was interesting to note that our own Sgt. Crawshaw gave a most useful performance. The star of the Battalion team on this occasion was undoubtedly Pte. Smith 93, who gave a classic exhibition of hard, straight running.

The season ended with two victories, against the Royal Hampshires and the 9/12 Lancers. Both were achieved by good team work under the energetic captaincy of Lieut. Young, who played well in an unaccustomed position at fly-half.

Throughout the season we have had call on a useful set of forwards, amongst whom Capt. Drummond, Sgt. Prime, Lieut. Halcrow and Pte. Hampton were particularly prominent. We have had much more difficulty with the backs, particularly after the regrettable injury to Capt. Parker.

In this department some good performances have been seen from Pte. Stoten, Cpl. Galpin and 2/Lt. Hipkin.

SKI-ING

Due to the forthcoming move it was not considered worth taking up Langlauf ski-ing, so we were only able to enter for the Alpine combination events at the 2 Div. meeting at Hindelang/Oberjoch. However, our team arrived remarkably fit and free from injury after three months' training at Garmisch. We were disappointed to find that, as we were the only entrants, they had cancelled the novices' team competition, of which we were the holders, and instead all novices were to compete as individuals over the open course.

We co-opted Cpl. Galpin, R.A.P.C., into the team on account of his previous experience and thus had enough for two open teams as well as five novice individuals.

Due to the lack of snow the downhill was run as a Giant Slalom and our best results were as follows: Burns 21st, Cpl. Galpin 27th, Green 29th and Spring 51st got the runner-up novices' prize. Our star, Hardy, tried to go too fast and therefore made a bad fault and lost a lot of time; Donaldson was unlucky to break a ski when going very well.

In the Slalom Hardy was 20th, Burns 22nd, Cpl. Galpin 24th, L/Cpl. Jones 27th, Garside 28th and Donaldson 36th got the runner-up novices' prize. Hardy was badly obstructed by a fallen body and probably lost 10 places thereby. There were 102 entrants in each event.

Though those results were far from spectacular,



Pte. Burns, "A" Coy, in the 2 Div. Downhill Competition.

our strength lay not in good individuals (our neighbours, the 9/12 Lancers, had two Olympic reserves), but in our steady consistency; in each event we had 8 men in the first half and this was reflected in the team results which were:—

	"A" Team	"B" Team	Number of Teams Competing
Downhill	7th	12th	20
Slalom	5th	10th	17
Alpine Combination	5th	10th	20

Both teams beat all other infantry and ours was the best "B" team.

The "A" team was Ptes. Burns, Hardy, Garside and Cpl. Galpin, and the "B" team was Green, Burgess and L/Cpl. Jones, with Garritt, Spring, Donaldson, Heffernan and L/Cpl. Boothby as novices. C.S.M. Vietch was again team manager and trainer and must be thanked for his hard work. Hardy is to be congratulated on qualifying as a member of the United States National Ski Patrol System.

On the other side the non-gliadiators were not forgotten and the fortnightly courses at Rettenberg carried on and became a very popular diversion from routine training; many soldiers went twice, and Pte. Atkin managed to fit in three courses. A total of 240 members of the Battalion attended courses and in addition 42 members of other units attend our courses.

That they were enjoyed is proved by the happy, trouble-free atmosphere which prevailed throughout.

FOOTBALL

The Battalion 1st XI has continued its run of success in the Garrison League, having won the last five matches and having scored a lot of goals in the process. With only one more match to play, and that against our own 2nd XI, it now seems certain to win the League.

The 2nd XI, playing in the same League, is not doing so well but holds its own and is a source of strength as it produces players for the 1st XI.

The Battalion has also entered the 2 Division Knockout Challenge Cup. It was fortunate in getting a bye in the first round, and then had a trip to Munsterlager to play 18 Regt., R.A. This was a very exciting match and at full time the score was 1-1. In extra time Pte. Gooday was switched to centre-forward and this upset the Gunners enough to allow Cpl. Missen to score the winning goal three minutes from the final whistle. Our close neighbours, 25 C.E.R., were the next opponents and they were beaten 4-2. In the semi-final we beat our cousins, the Worcesters, 6-1. We are now eagerly awaiting to hear who our opponents will be in the final.

A lot of our run of success has been due to Pte. Gooday, who broke his ankle earlier in the season but is now fit again and is cracking goals in regularly. He and Cpl. Missen recently had a trial for the B.A.O.R. team. Pte. Emerson has been posted back from the Parachute Regt. and has taken over in goal where he is proving to be a great asset. We were sorry to see Pte. Elms, the team captain, leave



Pte. Donaldson, "C" Coy, in the 2 Div, Slalom Competition.

the Army, but not before he received his football Colours. Cfn. Cranmer has taken his place.

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THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE WING

THE ANNUAL REUNION

of the Northamptonshire Wing
of the Regimental Association
WILL BE HELD IN NORTHAMPTON
on

3rd, 4th and 5th, JULY, 1964

The programme will be

FRIDAY, 3rd JULY, 1964—
Officers' Reunion Dance

SATURDAY, 4th JULY, 1964—
a.m., Annual General Meeting
p.m. Annual Reunion Dinner followed
by a Dance

SUNDAY, 5th JULY, 1964—
Church Parade
Officers' Sherry Party and Buffet Luncheon

A Tour of War Graves

By LIEUTENANT J. S. HOUCHIN

*"At the going down of the sun, And in the morning,
We will remember them."*

As 1963 drew to a close it was decided that before the Battalion took its leave of Germany a tour should be made of some of the War Cemeteries in Belgium and Northern France, where many former members of the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment and the Northamptonshire Regiment are buried. Letters were written to the branches of the two Regimental Comrades' Associations to find out if members would like any particular graves visited. Several replies were received and it was decided to go ahead with the tour over Easter this year, using the names received as a basis for the itinerary.

The tour was made by eight members of Recce Platoon in the mini-bus and started on 25th March. It was decided to include visits to several battle sites in order to give a background to the tour. The first day was taken up by a visit to Arnhem and Nijmegen, and in particular the Arnhem War Cemetery, where several members of the two Regiments are buried.

On the second day we followed the line of the 1914-18 War entrenchments starting at Ypres and going through Armentieres and Arras and Albert. At Ypres we visited the impressive Menin Gate Memorial, on which are inscribed the names of some 56,000 officers and men who fell in the battles of Ypres and who have no known graves. The long list of names of soldiers from Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire bears witness to the part played by both regiments in these battles.

On this day the weather closed in, the black clouds opened and the rain poured down in a symbolic storm. As we drove down the wet road, looking at the open, slightly rolling countryside, with its large ploughed fields slowly being turned into mud baths by the rain, it was not difficult to picture the scenes of fifty years ago. The whole area is dotted with Commonwealth War Cemeteries. It doesn't seem possible to drive for more than a



The Menin Gate, Ypres

mile without seeing one or two. It is a very sobering sight.

The first impression of the graveyards is of the beautiful condition in which they are kept, with their white headstones, mown lawns and trimmed hedges. This, however, is a very superficial reaction. It is impossible to see so many graves, in their row after row, plot after plot and memorial after memorial without some deeper inner feelings. Everyone has their different impressions and thoughts, but these are individual and personal. It is better that they should be left as such than that one person should try to analyse them in writing.



British Cemetery, Menin Road South.

On 27th we visited the Etaples Military Cemetery, which is in a beautiful setting on the coast near Le Touquet, and then turned south towards the beaches of Normandy. These we toured on the 28th, and apart from seeing many of the old German emplacements on the beaches, and the remnants of the Mulberry Harbour at Arromanches, we visited the War Cemeteries at Hermanville Beach and Bayeux.

As promised, a wreath was laid on all the graves of those who wrote asking for individual sites to be visited, and photographs were taken. On 29th and 30th we made our way back to Osnabruck to rejoin the Battalion.

Adventure Training

The Possibilities

BY LIEUTENANT R. C. HASTIE

Adventure training in the Army has become a very loosely used term. Although it is now widely accepted as a desirable form of training it is rare that there is sufficient knowledge and equipment available to a unit to enable the various activities to be exploited to the full. A permanent establishment such as a Junior Leaders' Battalion is obviously at an advantage when it comes to setting up an Adventure Training organisation. In these units special emphasis is placed on the importance of this type of training and it is not surprising that one can look, for instance, to the Infantry Junior Leaders' Battalion for an example of what can be done and how.

This of course does not mean that in the Infantry Battalion it is impossible or impracticable to develop adventure training activities in a variety of directions. Those who have seen soldiers taking part in any genuine form of adventure training must agree that many previously dormant qualities are brought to the surface, and that there is a

general air of surprise at the adventurous spirit that begins to emerge. The exact benefits of adventure training can be summarised as follows:—

1. Self-confidence and self-reliance is developed.
2. Valuable skills are learned.
3. Interest and outlook is broadened.
4. Fitness is encouraged.
5. A complete change from normal training is achieved.

It is emphasised that this is not a list of theories; these results are very real and lie well within the reach of those who are prepared to give it a go. The activities which can be used to this end are numerous, most requiring a high degree of skill and experience from an instructor. Some activities for which the facilities are seldom far from hand are now listed, starting with those requiring least knowledge from the instructor.

1. Camping.
2. Mountain walking.
3. Potholing (known systems).
4. Obstacle crossing (rope bridges, rope slides, etc.).
5. Canoeing.
6. Abseiling.
7. Rock-climbing and mountaineering.

These activities give almost unlimited scope for exploration and an outlet for an adventurous instinct. The question now arises of how special a type of terrain must be available for these types of training to be carried out. The answer is that the sort of country needed is surprisingly easy to find. North Germany may not seem to be a very exciting part of the world, but without going farther than 75 miles from Osnabruck ample scope can be found for all but the second of these pursuits.

"C" Company have recently shown in a small way how a start can be made. Without going farther than five miles from the barracks and at minimal expense every man in the Company is



Sgt. Barker at speed on the "Hastie Slide."

now capable of abseiling, and at least half of these have reached a really high standard of skill at a "sport" which was entirely new to them. This particular form of adventure training has proved extremely popular in this case, and it is incredible how the most unlikely individuals have shone and become genuinely interested.

Once instructors are available with the required amount of knowledge and experience, the sky is the limit. Expense is a minor difficulty; canoes and ropes are costly items, but in the Army this should be no more than an administrative detail. The one big snag to all proper forms of adventure training, and it is a big one, is that all these pursuits are potentially dangerous. The constant presence of danger in every one of these activities is something

of which all taking part must be permanently aware. Numerous accidents have already occurred as a direct result of ignorance or carelessness, canoeing, potholing and abseiling spring to mind, and it is quite impossible to undertake any real form of adventure training unless there are enough instructors who know exactly what they are doing. Knowledge and experience can of course be passed on, but must always originate from some accepted source such as the Army Outward Bound School or some Junior Leaders' Adventure Training Wings.

In a peacetime Army there is endless scope for developing adventure training in all its forms. Given the instructors and the initiative a new field of training lies open.

Warm Memories of "Hot Water"

An Exercise that was different.

BY "CHARLIE"

Exercise "Hot Water" took place from 1st-6th April. It was designed to give "C" Company adventurous training in a police role, and was set in the Friesian Islands.

Transport (S58 "Wessex" helicopters) was provided by the 6th Air Transport Battalion of the German Army, and "B" Company and the Signal Platoon provided enemy and communications.

All who took part learned a great deal about mobility and self-reliance. The most lasting impression though was of the supreme flexibility of our helicopter support. We were able simply to ignore the sea; when bad weather made it difficult to use our airfield, the main assault was launched from a farmyard on the north German coast; and on the last morning the four platoons which had been scattered at 0830 hours over forty miles of islands were able at 1000 hours to attack together on the single island of Langeoog.

It was nothing short of fabulous.

This is how Army Public Relations saw part of the operation.

EAST ANGLIAN SOLDIERS EXERCISE IN THE FRIESIAN ISLANDS

Giant S58 helicopters bearing the black cross insignia of the German Army skimmed across the waves and reared high above the string of sandy islands that stretch along Germany's North Sea coast. Circling the neat red-bricked houses clustered in the centre of the East Friesian Island of Baltrum the "choppers" began their ponderous descent. Soon their rotor blades were beating patterns into the coarse grass skirting the village. Slowly the big machines settled onto the ground and the sliding side door opened. For a brief second a soldier stood

poised in the opening, his rifle at the ready, his eyes scouring the surrounding sand dunes. With a shrug he leapt out and swiftly ran thirty yards before taking up a firing position.

Nearly a group of local people, nearly half of the island's 400 population, watched intently, for this was the first British soldier they had seen since the end of the war.

Men continued to spring from the aircraft and in seconds eight members of the 1st Battalion, The 2nd East Anglian Regiment, stood guard on the bleak island. Exercise "Hot Water", a name that brought a cynical smile to the faces of the men who spent five days surrounded by the icy sea, had begun.

Altogether 140 men, mainly from "C" Company of the Battalion, took part in the training, which was designed to practice their internal security drills. Four islands were used—Juist, Norderney, Baltrum and Langeoog, lying three to ten miles off the mainland.

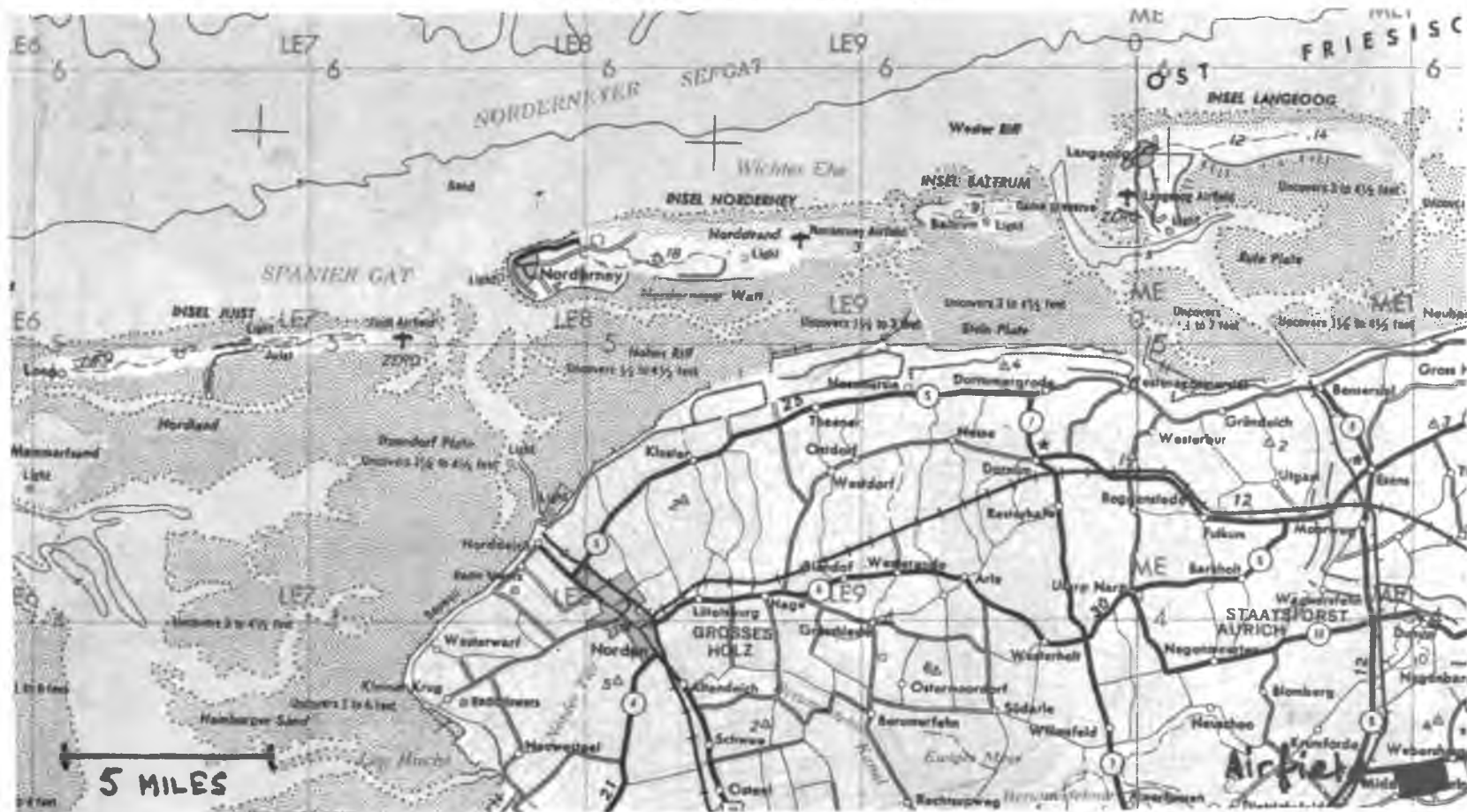
First men to arrive were parties of ten to each island, who acted as "enemy". They represented bands of armed insurgents who were supposedly terrorising the local inhabitants.

Among these was 18-year-old L/Cpl. Michael Nugent of 29 Holmfirth Walk, Corby, Northants, who landed on Baltrum and was surprised to find that the island had no roads and no traffic. All motor vehicles are banned. His first job was to establish a base camp and, together with 18-year-old Pte. Alan Riley of 67 Tetney Road, Humberstone, near Grimsby, he was soon erecting a number of two-man bivouacs.

True to tradition a kettle was soon bubbling merrily on a small primus stove. Watched by a curious bunch of children the men sat down to a welcome cup of tea. Later they discovered that they

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EXERCISE "HOT WATER"



EXERCISE "HOT WATER"



1—Emplaning
3—Assault

2—Airborne
4—Patrol

were among some of the biggest tea-drinkers in the world. The Friesian islanders, unlike their fellow Germans on the mainland, are noted for the vast quantities of tea they consume. Some of the East Anglian soldiers who tried the local brew found it strong and sweet, and, "just like the N.A.A.F.I."

The "enemy" had 24 hours to settle in and select their points of resistance before the helicopter-borne force landed on the sandy beaches. Out-numbering the "enemy" by three to one the main force immediately began scouring the copses and sand dunes in search of their elusive foe. For 48 hours the game of cat and mouse continued. Enemy snipers using blank ammunition harassed the advancing force. Ambushes were set and sprung. Cordons were placed and slowly the enemy were driven out into the open. On the island of Baltrum fierce fighting forced the depleted enemy to shelter in the town. Hot on their heels the main force

began a street-clearing operation which nearly came to grief when the local householders opened their doors and offered steaming cups of tea to the battling troops.

Thus the exercise ended with the security forces, enemy, and local inhabitants united over a boiling kettle. "A thoroughly worthwhile and enjoyable exercise," was how "C" Company Commander, Major Teddy Turnill, described "Hot Water". Paying tribute to the hardy Friesian islanders, he said: "Never have we been made so welcome and met such genuinely friendly people."

After a short rest period the troops returned to Mercer Barracks, Osnabruck, where they are stationed. But even before they left camp some were making plans to return during the summer when, as one man put it: "Perhaps then the Friesian Islands won't be quite so freezin'."

Depot East Anglian Brigade

The Depot has been kept busy during the last six months and the improvement in recruiting, which began in January, has allowed us to start a recruit platoon training every two weeks instead of waiting for three weeks; we hope this will continue. The figures show that we have now 130 recruits on training of which 59 joined in February.

Maj.-Gen. R. A. Fyffe, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., did his annual inspection of the Depot on 10th December and we again received a very satisfactory report. Passing out parades have taken place as usual and some of the inspecting officers were: The Mayor of Southend, the Mayor of Ipswich, Lt-Gen. Sir Reginald Denning, K.B.E., C.B., D.L., Brigadier E. W. H. Backhouse, C.B.E., D.L., Brigadier R. H. L. Oulton, C.B.E. and Lt.-Col. J. M. Petit, M.B.E.

Brigadier Backhouse presented the M.S.M. and I.S.M. to R.S.M. Duffy, later Regimental Sgt.-Maj. of the Depot Suffolk Regiment, and Mr. P. Watts respectively. Mr. P. Watts has now retired from being the Officers' Mess Steward after 35 years' splendid service, and his place has been taken by Mr. Calver, late R.Q.M.S. of the Suffolk Regiment. Brigadier R. H. L. Oulton presented the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal to C/Sgt. G. R. Wood, of the 2nd East Anglian Regiment.

Of the many changes in staff, Major P. P. Young, Royal Leicesters, has taken over Trg. Coy. from Major P. C. Philcox, M.C., 3rd East Anglian Regiment; Major W. K. Pool, 2nd East Anglian Regiment took over D.A.A.G. from Major F. R. Fleming, 1st East Anglian Regiment; Capt. A. R. A.

Veitch, 3rd East Anglian Regiment has just relieved Capt. J. E. Hutchings, 3rd East Anglian Regiment as Adjutant; and R.Q.M.S. Duke, 2nd East Anglian Regiment has replaced R.Q.M.S. Pond.

Sporting activities have not been neglected. The Depot football team entered the Ipswich and District Wednesday League for the first time and so far have won eight of their football games. Unfortunately they were beaten early in the Minor Unit Cup. At hockey we reached the semi-final of the District Minor Units Competition. Under the encouragement of R.S.M. Jenks, Royal Leicesters, the Depot basketball team has worked wonders, being still unbeaten in the District League, and at cross-country we again won the District Championship in the Minor Units Competition. We have also had a rugger team which has played games with local clubs most weeks. This is largely due to the Leicestershire element of the Depot.

Talking of the future, we are training up a Junior Soldiers' Acrobatic Display with trampolines which will be performing in a number of shows throughout the area, and the Bury St. Edmunds Tattoo. The Junior Soldiers' Band and Drums are also likely to do some outside engagements during the summer. We are now scratching our heads on how we will accommodate the Bands and Drums of 2nd and 3rd East Anglian Regiments and 1 Royal Leicesters over the Brigade Week-end.

We are looking forward to the autumn when the new organisation will become effective for many reasons, one of which is that at last we shall all have the same coloured hats on parade.

Regimental Association

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

Lincolnshire Wing

BOSTON BRANCH

F. Myatt, Secretary of the Branch, sends the following report of the Annual Meeting of his Branch held on Friday, 24th April, 1964:—

Boston Branch's annual attempt at formality took place on Friday, 24th April, at the New Drill Hall, Boston. This was our eighth Annual General Meeting. Hopes ran high in the breasts of the various officers of the Branch, only to be dashed when they found themselves re-elected for a further year of office. Our Chairman, Mr. Cyril Morley, on being re-elected for the sixth successive year, decided to drown his sorrows and invited all present to shed a tear or two with him (he had carefully counted the numbers present beforehand) and thus ensured that he would be re-elected again next year. Our Vice-Chairman, also for the sixth successive year, Mr. Peter Newton, maintained a dignified silence as befits his office, especially when the Chairman is in the chair. One of these years we will elect him Deputy Chairman, as the members of this Branch have no vices—not that you'd notice, anyway!

The joint Treasurers, Mr. Tom (Tuffy) Hunter and Mr. E. Malone, were re-elected without any hesitation whatsoever, the possible reason being that one being employed by one of the wealthier banks and the other being employed (?) by THAT branch of the Inland Revenue they might between them get the various accounts mixed up somewhat to the benefit of Branch funds. The Treasurer incidentally reported that we had the highest credit balance ever, so there may be something in it. The terror of Treasurers the world over, the Auditor, was re-elected for a third term of office; he is Mr. Fred Peberdy and the less I say about him the better, otherwise he might investigate the Secretary's expense account a little too closely for my comfort.

The Secretary was once more press-ganged into the job despite the fact that the refreshments he had offered as an inducement to members to attend had not materialised.

Having read all the reports, or listened to them, as the case may be, and having elected, or worse still, been elected, proposed, seconded and generally carried on in the manner one usually carries on at an Annual General Meeting, the Chairman mercifully called the meeting closed at an early hour (I think he had a bus to catch), and the company settled down to the serious business of the evening.

LINCOLN BRANCH

The past months have been crowded with social events commencing with Sobraon Day celebrations

on 8th February, which took the form of a social evening in our Club, and attended by many of our members, their relatives and guests.

To warm the "cockles of the heart" a glass of hot punch was served immediately on arrival, and it was not long before the tables in the Club were pushed back and dancing enjoyed to the music of a small dance band which was in attendance. It was an occasion which afforded Mr. Fred Lovesey the opportunity to thank and to present bouquets to the ladies who so kindly each Saturday evening provide sandwiches and other refreshments for our members and their guests.

SOCIAL VISITS

The Branch has been pleased to welcome members of the Sergeants' Mess of our 4/6th Bn., The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (T.A.), the Ivy Club, Wragby, and the Lincoln Fish Friars Association, all the occasions being well attended, and in keeping our Secretary, Capt. W. H. Lewin, and his wife particularly busy at the bar.

ANNUAL BRANCH DINNER

This was held at the Queen's Hotel on 14th March, and was attended by 60 members and friends who enjoyed an excellent meal. Guests included Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Bennett, Major and Mrs. Segon and six widows of our former members.

Our principal guest was to have been Brigadier Oulton, but he unfortunately was unable to be with us owing to a prior engagement. Lt.-Col. Bennett very kindly at short notice proposed the toast to the Regiment, and gave a brief account of its doings and of his own T.A. Battalion, in addition to details relating to the reorganisation of the Regular Army, in particular how our own Regiment is affected.

Major Segon in humorous vein replied to the toast of the Guests, relating amusing Regimental stories of the past.

After dinner members and their guests spent the rest of the evening at the Club.

TRAMPS' SUPPER

On 4th April a "nosh up" in the form of a Tramps' Supper was held in the Club, which was lit by candles held in bottles. Members and their ladies wholeheartedly joined together to make this a most successful evening. A competition was held to decide which of the males and females were truly represented as being "tramps". Major Segon, who carried out the judging and presented the prizes, awarded them to Mrs. F. Berry and Mr. Stan Wheeler, whom he considered among the huge party of tramps as being the most "disreputable and as having the most fleas".

REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION, LINCOLNSHIRE WING



1—Louth Branch Dinner. 2—Tramp Supper, Lincolnshire Branch. Prize winners, Mr. S. Wheeler and Mrs. F. Berry. 3—Sobraon Day Celebrations at Lincoln Branch. Presentation of bouquets. The Chairman, Mr. F. Lovesay and wife of Vice-Chairman, Mrs. R. Woodthorpe. 4—Saturday night at the Lincoln Branch Club.

This was one of, if not the most, successful of the social evenings the Club has had, and it is hoped when we occupy our new Club premises, similar evenings may be enjoyed. Tramps' evenings do assist members financially as their ladies do not require new frocks and the money thus saved can be put to Benevolent purposes.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

These continue to be lively in discussion, but the Committee would like to see more members attending so that they have a say in the activities of the Branch. Members are reminded that these meetings are still held on the last Monday in the month.

The Branch has now formed an Angling Club section, which has at present about 20 members, so if any member interested in angling cares to join, he may find an interest in this side of the Branch.

GRIMSBY BRANCH

The Grimsby and District Branch held a most successful Annual Dinner at the Winter Gardens, Cleethorpes, on Saturday, 1st February, 1964. Following his letter in the local press the Chairman, Lt.-Col. S. C. W. Disney, was pleased to welcome 120 members and friends.

The guests included the Colonel of the Regiment, the Mayor and Mayoress of Cleethorpes, Major Alderman Cox, Major Segon, Lt.-Col. Bennett and all the officers commanding the local T.A. units with their wives. A most enjoyable evening was spent with dancing and a successful Tombola.

We were very glad to welcome our friends from the Louth Branch.

Our next event is a jumble sale in May to raise funds, and other social activities are planned during the summer.

LONDON AND HOME COUNTIES BRANCH

The Annual General Meeting followed by the Branch Dinner was held at the Union Tavern, 11 Pimlico Road, London, S.W.1 on Saturday, 4th April.

Lt.-Col. F. W. Young, M.B.E., who for many years has been Chairman of the Branch, was holidaying in B.A.O.R. and unable to be present. He expressed in a letter his desire to resign as Chairman of the Branch, and his resignation has reluctantly been accepted by the Branch who desire to thank the Colonel for all the work, advice and encouragement he has given the Branch. His resignation as Chairman fortunately does not mean he leaves the Branch, and we look forward to his continued support.

Capt. W. H. Scarr has been elected Chairman in his stead, and J. W. Densham *vice* Major E. D. Malpas, who now resides in Harrogate.

The attendance at the dinner was the smallest for many years, only 35 sat down to an excellent dinner. Many members were suffering from severe colds which meant last minute cancellations. We were delighted to have Brigadier R. H. L. Oulton, C.B.E., President of our Regimental Association, with us and from him received the latest informa-

tion about the Regiment, which was of considerable interest to all Branch members.

We are hoping that a considerable number of our members will attend the Annual Reunion at Skegness on the 3rd October, 1964.

LOUTH BRANCH

A big step towards a revival of the Louth Branch of the 10th Foot, Royal Lincolnshire Regimental Association was a dinner in the T.A. Centre, Louth, on Saturday, 29th February, 1964, when guests included the Colonel of the Regiment, Brigadier R. H. L. Oulton, and the Mayor and Mayoress of Louth, Councillor and Mrs. N. J. Nicholson.

Councillor Nicholson, proposing a toast to the Regiment, spoke of the Regiment's long and devoted service to the Crown, and its battle honours, which were second to none. He believed that the regular battalion would return home before going to Cyprus and, if so, he would like to see them in Louth. "I would also like to see them bring the band with them," he added. He recalled that the Borough Council possessed a loving cup which was presented to them when the Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire Regiments combined.

Brigadier Oulton urged them never to give up holding an annual dinner. "Always hold it, so that people can reunite," he said. Speaking of the reorganisation which would result in the new Royal Anglian Regiment, Brigadier Oulton said the new title especially with the prefix Royal, was a big honour. Turning to the Association, he said: "Everything remains as it was, especially in the Lincolnshire wing."

"The Guests" was proposed by Lt.-Col. A. J. Bennett, Louth, Commanding Officer, 4/6th Battalion, Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (T.A.), who welcomed Brigadier Oulton to his first Branch function in Louth.

Responding, Major P. H. Segon, Lincoln, spoke of the Brigadier's interest and work for the Regiment and Association. Annual dinners, he said, were not only an opportunity for them to "get their feet under the table", but also a chance to look after those who were not so well off as they might be. He asked them to support welfare appeals.

Chairman of the Louth Branch, Major J. E. Odlin, proposed the Loyal Toast.

Among the company were members of the Grimsby Branch, headed by their Chairman, Lt.-Col. S. C. W. Disney.

Mr. G. H. Horstead, 20 Monks Dyke Road, Louth, at the Branch Annual Meeting, was appointed Secretary in place of F. C. Stainton, 19 Wallis Road, Louth, and Mr. R. Dann, 16 Thames Street, Louth, was appointed as Treasurer.

SPALDING BRANCH

The Annual Dinner and Social of the Spalding Branch was held at the White Hart Hotel, Spalding, and attended by 60 members, their ladies and guests, and included Councillor E. Fisher (Chairman, Spalding U.D.C.), and Canon P. H. Laurence,

former Padre, 6th Bn., now Vicar of Bourne Abbey Church.

Councillor E. Fisher, proposing the toast of "The 2nd East Anglian Regiment (The Duchess of Gloucester's Own Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire Regiment)" said he was proud to have once again been invited to attend their dinner, and thought although the title of the Regiment had changed, he felt certain from the reports in the Press he had read from time to time, that the great traditions of both Regiments would always live on, but we lived in times of great changes which we must accept.

Canon P. H. Laurence, in reply, thanked Mr. Fisher for his remarks, and, like him, said he was always delighted to attend their Annual Dinner and meet the boys with whom he served in the 6th Bn. during the good times and the not so good. He noticed as each year went by the boys began to get thinner and thinner on top (laughter) but he was proud to have been associated with them.

At the conclusion of the Dinner Ron Diggins took over and social activities, games and dances were enjoyed until almost midnight.

The Northamptonshire Wing

NORTHAMPTON BRANCH

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting was held on Friday, 27th March. Attendance was very poor, and it is hoped that more members will turn up at future meetings. A reading of the accounts showed that owing to increased expenses and adverse conditions during the winter of 1962-63 the Club had a poor year financially, but it was noted that in the first few months of the present financial year takings had increased considerably and everything pointed to an improvement in the position.

Messrs. J. O. Roberts (Chairman), J. R. Matthews (Secretary) and Mr. W. McNicol (Treasurer) continue in office; the Committee was re-elected *en bloc* with the addition of Mr. L. Tebbutt.

VISIT TO LONDON BRANCH

On Easter Saturday, twenty members and wives visited our London comrades on the occasion of their Annual Dance. Everyone enjoyed the trip, and it is hoped to arrange a return visit in the near future.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership figures continue to improve and we have recently welcomed the Northampton Branch of the Burma Star Association as honorary members, to our mutual advantage.

J. R. MATTHEWS,
Hon. Secretary.

PETERBOROUGH BRANCH

The Branch Annual General Meeting was held on 25th March. The following Officers and Committee

were elected: President, Lt.-Col. F. G. Barber; Deputy President, Capt. A. A. Pilgrim, M.B.E., M.M.; Chairman, N. W. Hutchings, J.P.; Deputy Chairman, R. Catling, M.M.; Secretary, R.Q.M.S. H. Tompkins; Treasurer, R.S.M. C. Bates; Welfare Officer, J. Landin. Committee: Major D. G. M. Anstee, Bandmaster C. Holland, W. Cannon, M.B.E., J.P., F. Baker, G. Whittington, Cpl. G. Gowler, Sgt. C. Holmes, R. Merrington, C. Loftus.

We welcome R.S.M. Ray Pond to Peterborough and the Branch. R.S.M. Bates is shortly leaving the 4th/5th Bn. and we thank him most sincerely for all the assistance he has given to the Branch during his office as Treasurer. We send our best wishes to both R.S.M. and Mrs. Bates. The Branch is holding a Social Evening on 17th April. We hope to make this an annual get-together and look forward to a most enjoyable evening. (Details will be given in the next publication) Our next meeting is to be held at the T.A. Social Club, Lincoln Road, on 22nd April. This coincides with a farewell party to Lincoln Road Club, closing down on 26th April. Many pleasant meetings and happy social events have been held there in the past. We shall certainly miss this as one of our meeting places. We welcome the following new Life and Branch members: Cpl. A. Lane, C. Stocks, R. Oliver, G. Fincham, R. Merrington.

"Kaffir" Simpson is still indisposed; we miss him performing on the drums. Here's hoping he will soon be around again as spritely as ever for a Boer War veteran. A member of the 4th/5th Bn, C.S.M. Beales, is a keen collector of Regimental badges of all types. Any comrade wishing to dispose of badges please contact C.S.M. F. Beales, T.A. Centre, London Road, Peterborough.

We regret to record the death of a Branch member, Mr. J. Jordan. Our sympathy is extended to his relatives. The Branch was represented at the funeral and a floral tribute was sent.

H. G. TOMPKINS,
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Not only will there be the marching contingent, but also display teams will put on static displays of weapons and other items of Regimental interest at various sites in the towns of both counties. There will also be band concerts.

It is hoped that members of the Wings of the Regimental Association will visit these displays and make a special effort to be present at places which the Battalion contingent is to visit in their area.

The programme is as follows:—

Northamptonshire

19th August

Displays of Weapons and Band Concerts at Kettering, Corby, Wellingborough and Peterborough.

20th August

Displays of Weapons at Rushden and High Ferrers, and on the Market Square and Race Course at Northampton. Band Concerts on Market Square (morning) and Race Course (afternoon) at Northampton. Ceremonial Beating of Retreat on Market Square, Northampton, at 6.35 p.m.

Lincolnshire

23rd August (Morning)

Visit Cleethorpes to exercise Freedom Privilege.

23rd August (Afternoon)

Visit Grimsby to exercise Freedom Privilege.

24th August (Morning)

Visit Grantham to attend Service of Matins at St. Wulfram's Church, and afterwards exercise Freedom Privilege.

24th August (Afternoon)

Visit Stamford to attend Civic Reception, and carry out the Ceremony of Beating the Retreat.

25th August (Morning)

Visit Boston to attend Civic Reception.

25th August (Evening)

Visit Lincoln to attend Civic Reception, and carry out the Ceremony of Beating the Retreat and exercise Freedom Privilege.

Details of the Battalion's tour will be published in the local press during August, but please make a note of these dates now.

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The past quarter has been one of steady activity, but there is really nothing spectacular to report. March was a particularly busy month, and many officers turned out every week-end. All Companies carried out their annual classification on the rifle and L.M.G. and have each carried out a couple of training week-ends, field firing at Theddlethorpe, exercising on land kindly loaned by local farmers, or improving on weapon handling in Drill Halls. In addition there have been two Battalion week-ends at the Beckingham Week-end Training Centre.

There was a well-attended T.E.W.T. for Officers and Sergeants on 23rd February at Hagworthingham in the Wolds. The subject for study was the Company group in the advance to contact, but we managed to find time to visit Colonel Field at the Red Lion at Raithby and have a "taste" with our sandwiches.

Our new Drill Hall at Sobraon Barracks is gradually taking shape and we look forward to moving in there some time in the late autumn.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to record the death of Colonel Sir Hugh Cholmeley Bart, C.B., D.S.O., D.L., J.P. Sir Hugh had a long and happy association with the Regiment. After commanding the 6th Battalion from May, 1947, and subsequently the 4th/6th until November, 1950, he was Honorary Colonel from 1952 until 1963. He took a very active interest in all our activities, and we shall long remember his infectious zest for living, which endeared him to all ranks.

OFFICERS' MESS

We welcome to the Mess Major C. F. G. White, M.C., R.A.P.C., Lieut. J. Potter, Lieut. R. L. G. Williams, Lieut. R. H. Jacques, 2/Lt. J. N. Rhodes, 2/Lt. R. E. B. Phillips and 2/Lt. M. Shaw. We hope their stay with us will be a long and happy one, and that this very useful addition to our officer strength will have a very beneficial effect on all Battalion activities in the future.

At the same time we are very sorry to say good-bye to Major G. S. Gammage. We wish him and his family every success in South Africa. He will be sorely missed by us all, but especially S. Wpns. Wing, where his maroon hosetops have always added a touch of colour to their activities in the field.

Mess activities have been rather curtailed of late because of the winter, and it now looks as though we may have to move out of the Mess completely in the near future, Lincoln Corporation having acquired it. Negotiations are afoot to retain the limited use of it until the new one is ready, but in case these should fall through, we took the opportunity of holding a Mess Gathering on 11th April. It was very well attended and we were glad to see several of the new officers there. It may well be that this is the last time the Mess can be used as such. Rumours are that it may be turned into an old people's home!

SERGEANTS' MESS

It is with deep regret that we commence this edition with the passing of ex-W.O.2 (Clem) Potter, who was our R.Q.M.S. for many years. We offer our condolences to Mrs. Potter and to his son Cpl. Potter, who serves with us in the Battalion Band. The P.S.I.s under the R.S.M. formed the Bearer Party at the funeral service held at All Saints Church and followed by interment at Canwick Cemetery.

Celebrating the 118th Anniversary of the Battle of Sobraon, the Mess held its Ball at the Newport T.A. Centre by kind permission of Major C. L. B. Beardmore, M.B.E., R.E., who also produced two Searchlights which were operated by his N.C.O.s and men of 863 Mov. Lt. Sqn., R.E. Our many thanks go to all ranks for their help and co-operation. Dancing was to Les Emerson and his Band, and among the many guests we were pleased to welcome the Commanding Officer, the Officers and their Ladies, Brigadier Oulton and Colonel and Mrs. Bell. We feel a very special mention should be made of the following whose hard and important work went to make it such a splendid evening which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Our thanks to all our P.S.I.s who were responsible for the general preparation of the Hall; to Mrs. Blood, and to Mesdames Toyne, Beresford and Miss Toyne, who prepared such an excellent supper; to the General Committee and especially S/Sgt. Sharpe who maintained such a keen efficient eye financially at, and for days following, the Ball. We have our fingers crossed in the hope of holding the Ball next year in our new Drill Hall which is taking shape at the

old Keep, and all of us are delighted with the prospects of a Sergeants' Mess, the first we have ever had in the 4/6th. To conclude this edition, we do so look forward to our Annual Camp which this year will be at Otterburn, when we intend to increase our abilities as T.A. Soldiers in the field of training, and to join Brigade units socially in order to foster much better relations.

"A" COMPANY

The last two months has seen the outcome of two highly successful and encouraging operations on the part of members of the Company. A team of six marchers consisting of Sgt. Edgeley, Cpl. Bannister, L/Cpl. Edgeley and Ptes Brindle, Griffiths and Morris entered for the March from Louth to Skegness and back to Louth again—in all a distance of 50 miles. Due to the arrangement of the training programme and various other reasons very little training was possible before the event, and it was decided to have a go this year with a view to mounting a real assault next year. The first leg from Louth to Skegness was completed in under six hours and it was decided to call a halt there. However, in view of the lack of training over distances of more than 15 miles this was a very courageous effort, and judging by the odd limp at the last Company Drill Night it was not achieved without one or two blisters.

Our other recent success has been the winning of the Inter-Company .22 shoot by a handsome margin. This accompanied by some good recruiting figures will go a long way to help us retain the Grinling Cup, and it is also very heartening to see such good scores from some of the younger soldiers. In addition we have shot at Oundle in the wet and Wittering in the snow—perhaps there is a sporting chance that one day we may shoot at Beckingham in the sunshine.

Finally, a warm welcome to our new recruits, not least to Mr. Shaw, and congratulations to Officer Cadet Halliday and L/Cpl. Edgeley on their recent promotions.

"B" COMPANY

We welcome to the Company Ptes. S. Bell, N. A. Peacock and J. Vines, and hope that their stay in the Company will be a happy and successful one. We would like to take this opportunity of congratulating C.S.M. M. Graves, C.Q.M.S. B. Wolterton, Cpls. J. Ward and H. Wright and L/Cpl. C. R. Rennie on their recent promotions within the Company.

The highlights of our activities since Christmas have been the attending on 11th-12th January of the Training Week-end at Beckingham where, despite the cold, Officers, W.O.s, Sergeants and recruits training was carried out. On Sunday, 26th January, and 15th February, the Company went over to Horncastle Range to classify for bounty on shooting. Despite a cold day in each case, we had a good attendance on both days, and some good scores were made. On 23rd February a very successful Officers', W.O.s' and Sergeants' training day was held at Hagworthingham, and despite the rain and its effects, many useful lessons were learnt.

On 14th March the Company went to the Louth area to take part in a "Platoon and Section Attack" exercise. We spent the night at the Victoria Road T.A. Centre, but due to the very inclement weather, with snow and ice, we had to curtail our programme somewhat.

On the first week-end in April we went up into the Theddlethorpe area to fire weapons and carry out tactical training, at which we were challenged by H.Q. Company. We were very lucky in the weather on the Sunday being a nice sunny day, which added greatly to numbers and the enjoyment. It is not yet certain who won—the verdict is still being worked out by the two P.S.I.s!

As we go to Press we have just held an "Open Day" at Boston to recruit new members and bring the T.A. before the public. We were very pleased to welcome the Mayor of Boston, who paid us a visit and took a very lively interest in our activities, congratulating us on our very detailed display, and Great credit goes to our P.S.I., Sgt. R. Gordon, handling a number of our weapons and equipment. on all his hard work to put this display on, as well as to the members of the Company who helped him in the setting up of the display.

"C" COMPANY

Since our last report the background to our training has been a steady build-up towards Annual Camp. Against this background a number of events are prominent, the first being the "At Home" held at our T.A. Centre, when we had the pleasure of being visited by the Mayor of Grimsby and many citizens during Friday evening, 31st January, and Saturday afternoon, 1st February. Our P.S.I., S/Sgt. Hill, produced an excellent display of small arms and ammunition and, in realistic emplacements, a 3-in. mortar and 120mm. BAT. In addition, a field kitchen provided by our attached A.C.C. personnel produced tea for visitors; and to complete the picture of the unit's activities, our friends of the Army Recruiting Office loaned three static displays and provided a number of films which were shown at intervals.

The "At Home" certainly achieved its purpose of drawing attention to our presence at Westward Ho and, indirectly, may have contributed to the steady recruiting we have enjoyed recently. Unit members are playing a major part in increasing our strength and we now are in the encouraging position of being the strongest Rifle Company in the Battalion.

Another local link was forged when the Company entertained a .22 shooting team from the Grimsby Borough Engineer's Department; this proved such a successful evening that we plan a repeat performance in the near future. Two Company Training Week-ends have been held during the period. The first was marred by torrential rain from start to finish of a gruelling map-reading and patrolling exercise carried out in the North of Louth. Although harried by a very efficient "enemy" provided by the 16th (Lincoln) Independent Parachute Company (T.A.), each patrol made its contacts, carried out its tasks and reached the final objective

despite being soaked to the skin for virtually the whole of the exercise and, in many cases, with blistered feet. The spirit of all taking part was excellent, and reflects the keenness and enthusiasm which the Company shows in its general approach to training. The second week-end included an inter-section weapon training and .22 shooting competition, a patrolling exercise, bayonet practice and—looking ahead to camp—revision on drill with particular reference to guard-mounting procedure.

We close with high hopes of a good performance in the Battalion Rifle Meeting following excellent Classification results from some of our recruits; and with congratulations to 2/Lt. R. E. B. Phillips on being commissioned.

H.Q. COMPANY

This quarter THE Company have once again maintained the high standard of activities, the platoons accepted a challenge from "B" Company for a training week-end at Theddlethorpe on the East Coast, the challenge consisted of three weapons being assembled and fired at three different firing points; H.Q. Company had the best time for team working, but the overall timing was a close-kept secret at "B" Company.

The Band, too, have been working hard and have recently played at a concert in Louth for the Louth Musicians' and Dancers' Festival; they have also played in the Lincoln Cathedral for the St. George's Day Service.

Range classifications have taken much time owing to our ability to choose days when the weather has

been most inclement to say the least; however, the turnout has been good and the standard of firing most satisfactory.

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H.Q. COMPANY

Having settled in well at London Road, all sections have been able to get their training programme in order.

The M.T. Section have been hard at work with preparations for the Divisional Driving Competition for which two teams have been entered this year. S/Sgt. Ellis and Cpl. Gulson took part in the Westmorland Car Club Rally, gaining valuable experience under tough R.A.C. Competition conditions.

A warm welcome is extended to Sgt. Wagstaff, who recently transferred from the R.A.S.C., and L/Cpl. McElroy is to be congratulated on his promotion.

Innovations in training have been a series of first aid lectures for the Recce Platoon, and "Unarmed Combat" under the gentle ministrations of Capt. Pearce, who revealed to several people that they possessed hitherto undiscovered muscles.

Although Easter fell early this year, the Company was undaunted by thoughts of the cold and was very strongly represented on the Pennine March by a large marching contingent headed by the Company Commander and including Capt. Dowdy, Cpls. Freeman and Deacon, L/Cpl. McElroy and Ptes. Smith, Holdsworth, O'Neill, Davis and Bull and a highly efficient admin. party which fulfilled its task to the satisfaction of all the participants.

In order to prove their preparedness for any circumstances some stalwarts fired their Annual Range Course in a snowstorm—to the astonishment of the Company Commander. Nevertheless remarkable results were achieved, though it is rumoured that the visibility was so low that a number of personnel did not realise they were firing the S.L.R.

"A" COMPANY

Since the last journal notes, training has been concentrated on weapons and tactics in preparation for the Annual Camp. In addition certain cadres have been held on a Battalion basis.

The Company now has a BAT gun and two detachments have been formed under the direction of the Company Commander and Sgt. Westley. These two detachments had to start from scratch and one detachment is now almost fully trained and it is hoped that live firing will be available for these men at camp. This weapon has proved to be

PETERBOROUGH

BATTALION H.Q.	
Commanding Officer	Lt.-Col. F. G. Barber.
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I.O.	Lieut. H. N. Hargreaves
R.S.M.	W.O.1 R. J. Pond (Reg.).
O.R.Q.M.S.	W.O.2 A. J. Wilbourn.
Bandmaster	Bandmaster C. Holland,
	B.E.M.

NORTHAMPTON

"A" COMPANY	
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	Lieut. J. L. Ford
	2/Lt. P. R. Rainger.
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"B" COMPANY	
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	2/Lt. G. M. Schlesinger.
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WELLINGBOROUGH AND RUSHDEN

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	O/Cadet P. J. Nutt
	W.O.2 R. H. Sambrookes.

HUNTINGDON

"D" COMPANY	
Company Commander	Major P. Strickland.
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	2/Lt. A. C. Bailey.
	O/Cadet C. A. Bull.
	W.O.2 J. Kelly.

PETERBOROUGH

H.Q. COMPANY	
Company Commander	Major J. L. Boe, T.D.
	Capt. D. H. B. Dowdy.
	Capt. R. Pearce.
	Capt. T. Agutter, T.D.
	Capt. J. G. Hogg.
	2/Lt. P. W. Johnson.
	R.Q.M.S. H. G. Tompkins.
	W.O.2 F. Beales.

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of great interest, and although it cannot be used by recruits it is considered to be a good recruiting draw. This detachment has been trained on Thursday evenings and has attended the cadre class. Having completed the basic training and drills it is now hoped that the tactical side can be mastered, and a very interesting day's training was held at Tiffield when the difficulties of man-handling the weapon were explained and practised.

With the knowledge that this year's camp would be held at Otterburn and would consist of Platoon and Company exercises, training has been concentrated on this aspect and several worthwhile evenings have been held at Tiffield and Brington. Night patrols have been practised and a lamp stalk produced some very interesting results.

In February C.S.M. Sye and the Pennine Walk team carried out additional training in preparation for the walk which stood them in good stead over the Easter holidays.

We were pleased to know that the "A" Company team did reasonably well on the H.Q. Company Adventure Training exercise and was won by J/Bdsm. Marlow, who has since joined the Regular Army—our thanks to H.Q. Company.

Sgt. Masters, A.C.C., has now left the Battalion after many years of service to the T.A. We wish him every success in the future and hope to see him in the T.A. Club, Northampton.

Congratulations to Cpl. Warwick, Cpl. Robinson and I./Cpl. Felkins on their promotions.

Our P.S.I., C.S.M. George, is still labouring under some difficulty with his injured ankle. This

is improving slowly and we hope he will soon have fully recovered. It is quite surprising how fast he can move—180 hobbles to the minute!

"B" COMPANY

Making a report on the activities of this Company during the past three months is an extremely difficult task. There have been no highlights to record as such. On the other hand the record of the activities of a Company of our size and make-up would simply be a prosaic chronicling of happenings more concisely covered by the Battalion training programme. Practically every week-end has seen one or more of our sections out on some form of Battalion training.

Drill evenings have been entirely devoted to cadres training, with the exception that in mid-March a Company patrol exercise was held on the site of the old Islip furnaces, made available to us by courtesy of Messrs. Stewarts and Lloyds, through the promptings of Capt. Marriott.

This Company provided ten marching personnel for the Pennine Way, and they acquitted themselves as expected. On the second day they were not the first home, but they were certainly the happiest!

On the domestic side, during the past three months we have been feeling our feet and shaking ourselves down in our new environment. Attendances on drill evenings have been at a satisfactory level, and recruiting is going along quite steadily—keeping apace with discharges.

We congratulate Cpl. Fensome on his promotion to Sergeant.

Members of the Company and the Club, who have served in different regiments, have been invited to donate plaques to hang over the bar. The numbers are increasing rapidly, and at the present rate we shall soon have the problem of finding more space. Nevertheless, that will be a pleasant problem to solve.

"C" COMPANY

The first three months of the year are always the least eventful with Christmas behind us and funds low, inclement weather conditions and dark drill nights; however, even dark drill nights have their advantages, and on Thursday, 5th March, we were able to stage a night compass march in the area of Yelden Range. The three syndicates participating all rendered an excellent time and proved that we are able to march on a compass bearing on a very dark night without landmarks, and indeed, arrive at the right place. The evening concluded in the Chequers Arms, Yelden, with beer and sandwiches.

The highlight of this quarter was, of course, the Band Concert held at the New Drill Hall, Wellingborough, on Sunday, 23rd February, when Bandmaster C. F. Holland, B.E.M., brought over our own Band from Peterborough and gave the townsfolk of Wellingborough the opportunity of listening to a first-class musical evening—the selection was wide and catered for a variety of requirements from Sullivan to Heneker's "Half a Sixpence", and a most entertaining arrangement called the "Hunting Scene", by Moore. The concert was very well supported and the proceeds were given to the Wellingborough Chairman's Charity Fund. On 14th April the Company Commander, Major D. F. Hooton, T.D., presented a cheque for £25 in open Council to the Chairman, Councillor C. Robinson, J.P.

On 7th March a party of 41 set out by coach from Rushden T.A. Club to London for the day. Having stopped for lunch in Wembley, they went on to the Ice Show "Around the World in 80 Days" at the Wembley Stadium. After the show they returned to the Club at Rushden and concluded a most successful outing ably organised by C.S.M. Ferrel, the Club Steward.

Finally we say farewell and good luck to Rushden Detachment Commander, Lieut. G. C. Willey, who leaves us this month to join 305 Signal Squadron (Para). We also wish Pte. H. Warner *bon voyage* as he sails to Australia on 17th April on an emigration scheme, and we congratulate Sgt. Chapman on his promotion to C/Sgt.

"D" COMPANY

Before plunging into more up to date news we must correct the timing quoted in the March issue of the Journal when it was indicated that on our Company Exercise everyone was ready to set off downstream by 0800 hours; this should have read 0600 hours and was probably a typing mistake on the part of the writer, but even on exercises extending into Sundays we are not in the habit of allowing ourselves a "lie in".

Our activities since last writing have been confined in the main to weapon training on drill nights with a number of Specialist Cadres at the weekends, but with the advent of lighter nights we are building up to practical fieldcraft and section tactics under the guidance of 2/Lt. Alan Bailey and Officer Cadet Chris Bull, whom we are pleased to report has been restored to the fold once again after a period of doubt as to who really had the right to call on his services. These two stalwarts also organised a highly successful night compass march with all teams reaching the final check point in good order—apart from the Company Commander that is, whose boots and B.D. trousers still bear traces of the mud he encountered. On return to the Drill Hall we demolished some 60 sausages disguised as hot dogs, together with very acceptable coffee, all prepared by Cpl. Belton and I./Cpl. Reedman, and the evening was generally voted to be a success.

As part of our efforts to attract more recruits we have commenced a much closer liaison with the Army Cadet Force locally, and in addition to giving them regular instruction on Specialist Weapons we are also very pleased to find that, thanks to the encouragement of their local O.C., Capt. Eric Pallash, a number of the older boys are joining in our normal periods of instruction on drill nights.

To close, we wish to place on record our admiration of the conduct of one of our more recently joined members, Pte. Joseph Kirton. Last July Kirton saw a man in difficulties in the water at Chivers Pit, Huntingdon, and he immediately dived in himself, grabbed the man and swam with him to the shore where he applied artificial respiration. It is of interest to note that the person he rescued was none other than his friend, Albert Frome, one time a member of this Company, and whom, we are pleased to say, suffered no ill effects from his immersion. In March this year it was most appropriate that Kirton was presented with the Royal Humane Society's Award for Life Saving.

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SPORT

The Army Cadet Force National Boxing Championships were held at the Drill Hall, Newport, Lincoln, on Saturday, 15th February, 1964. This was the first time that this important event has been held in Lincolnshire.

Teams from 43 counties were welcomed by the Lord Lieutenant of Lincolnshire, The Right Honourable The Earl of Ancaster, LL., T.D., J.P. Amongst the many senior officers present were Maj.-Gen. The Viscount Bridgeman, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.C. (Lord Lieutenant of Shropshire) and the Director of the Territorial Army and Cadets, Maj.-Gen. T. H. Birkbeck, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.

Once again the winning county was Glamorgan, who have an astonishing record of success during the past 15 years. Cadet K. Lawson from Lincolnshire is to be congratulated upon winning his way through to the final.

The Northern Command Cross-Country Championships, 1964, were held at the Queen Elizabeth Barracks, Strensall, Yorkshire, on Saturday, 15th March, by kind permission of the Officer Commanding the Yorkshire Brigade.

Both the senior and junior events were won by the West Riding teams; however, we finished 3rd in the juniors and 4th in the seniors. Cadet Barnes of Lincolnshire is to be congratulated upon being the individual winner of the junior event.

As a prelude to the Command Championships, we held our own County Championships on the

8th March at Metheringham and more than 60 competitors from the four Battalions took part. Competition for the Inter-Battalion trophies was very keen. The 1st Bn. won the "Royal Lincolnshire Cup" and the runners-up, No. 2 Bn., won the "Clayton Cup".

The cups and individual medals were presented by the County Commandant, Colonel G. M. Sanders, T.D., D.L., who congratulated all who had taken part in a very exciting competition. The placings were as follows:—

Juniors

1.	Cadet Wilburn	Lincoln 3
2.	" Tollerton	Lincoln 2
3.	" Bodkin	Grantham
4.	" Fenn	Lincoln 3
5.	" Boyle	Stamford
6.	" Clarke	Grantham
7.	" Bean	Lincoln 1
8.	" Houlden	Lincoln 2
9.	" Twist	Lincoln 3
10.	" Challoner	Metheringham
11.	" Saddington	Grantham
12.	" Wilson	Scunthorpe

Seniors

1.	Cadet Barnes	Sleaford
2.	" Clarke	Metheringham
3.	" Copland	Lincoln 2
4.	" Goddard	Stamford

Due to the hard work and enthusiasm of Lieut. Britton and Sgt.-Inst. E. Dawson, the Grantham Detachment have had a most successful sporting season, being the winners of two cups, two shields and five silver medals of Boxing and Cross-Country running. Congratulations to all those Unit mem-



Cpl. M. Sleight and Cdt. W. Blackburn of the Horncastle Det. Lincs. A.C.F. receiving congratulations and presentation of a camera each, from the Mayor and Mayoress of Cleethorpes at the end of their Adventure, part of the Silver Award of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

Photo by "Grimsby Evening Telegraph"

bers who took part in these events, and especially to the individual award winners, Cadets W. Clarke, P. Needham, C. Hodgkin and M. Saddington.

SHOOTING

Congratulations to the Grimsby Detachment team upon coming 2nd out of 24 competing teams in Northern Command, in the final stage of the *News of the World* Challenge Cup, 1963-64.

During the first quarter of this year no less than 68 Cadets have passed their .22 Empire Test, and of these 20 became Marksmen. In addition to this, 12 Cadets of the Horncastle Detachment qualified on the .303 Classification Range, and five of these also became Marksmen.

TACTICAL TRAINING

Since the last issue of *THE POACHER* we have held four week-end courses at our County Week-end Training Centre at Beckingham. These have been well supported by 6 Officers, 10 S.M.I.s and 157 Cadets. The courses covered such subjects as Section and Platoon Tactics, Patrolling and Fieldcraft.

On 5th April an exercise involving Cadets from Lincoln, Branston and Metheringham took place in the Branston area. The Branston Cadets took up an all-round defence of their Headquarters, and were attacked by three waves of enemy from different directions, after a long cross-country approach march made by map and compass. The first assault penetrated the defences but the second and third attacks were repulsed with "heavy casualties".

COMMISSIONS, PROMOTIONS, RESIGNATIONS AND TRANSFERS

Congratulations to Lieut. R. E. McKay upon his promotion to Captain, and also to 2/Lts. C. W. Mackinder and M. J. Allard upon their promotion to Lieutenant.

We extend a warm welcome to 2/Lt. G. R. Reeves upon his transfer from the Surrey A.C.F. and also to F. G. P. Bentley, A. O'Brien and A. M. Paddison upon their appointment as Sgt.-Instrs.

Our good wishes and thanks are extended to Capt. W. Edwards, who has had to retire after many years of valuable service to the A.C.F. We hope to see him from time to time.

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PROGRAMME

FRIDAY, 17th JULY

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Brigade Golf Meeting

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SATURDAY, 18th JULY

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Golf Match v. Flempton Golf Club.

SUNDAY, 19th JULY

Cricket v. Ampton.

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Golf is run by Major T. E. A. Robinson (Ret.)

Details of Ball and Cocktail Party including price of tickets will be circulated to Serving and Retired Officers later.

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