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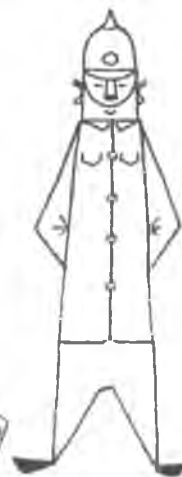
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HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH, THE QUEEN MOTHER

Colonel-in-Chief

The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot)

The Colonel-in-Chief

Extract from the Supplement to
The "London Gazette" dated June 24, 1958

The Queen has been graciously pleased to approve the appointment of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother as Colonel-in-Chief, The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16 44th Foot) on formation, June 2, 1958.

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The following gracious message from Her Majesty the Colonel-in-Chief was received by Lt.-Col. T. J. Barrow D.S.O., the Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion on Amalgamation.

"O.C. 1st Battalion, 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th 44th Foot), Dortmund.

On the formation of The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th 44th Foot) I send all ranks my warmest greetings. I know that in this Regiment will be combined in full measure those qualities of loyalty and valour that you have inherited from the famous Regiments which are to-day united.

I am indeed proud to be your Colonel-in-Chief and I assure you that the interests of the Regiment will ever be close to my heart."

ELIZABETH R.
Colonel-in-Chief.

* * *

On the occasion of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother's Birthday on August 4, the following message was sent, on behalf of the Regiment, by Lt.-Gen. Sir Reginald Denning, Colonel of the Regiment:

*"The Private Secretary,
To Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother,
Clarence House, S.W.1.*

All ranks of The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th 44th Foot) tender to their Colonel-in-Chief their respectful good wishes on the occasion of Her Majesty's Birthday."

REGINALD DENNING,
Lieutenant-General.

* * *

The following gracious message was received by the Colonel of the Regiment in reply:

*"Lt.-Gen. Sir Reginald Denning,
Colonel, The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th 44th Foot).*

I send my warm thanks to all ranks of The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th 44th Foot) for their kind message of loyal greetings on my birthday which I have received with much pleasure."

ELIZABETH R.
Colonel-in-Chief.



Lieutenant-General
SIR REGINALD F. S. DENNING,
K.B.E., C.B.

Colonel
The 3rd East Anglian Regiment
(16th 44th Foot)

Brigadier
C. M. PATON,
C.V.O., C.B.E., D.L.

Associate Colonel
The 3rd East Anglian Regiment
(16th/44th Foot)



Amalgamation of the Regiments

On the occasion of the Amalgamation of the Regiments the following message was sent to Her Majesty The Queen by the Colonels of the Regiments:

*“The Private Secretary,
To Her Majesty The Queen,
Buckingham Palace, S.W.1.*

“With humble duty General Denning and Brigadier Paton, formerly Colonels respectively of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment and The Essex Regiment have to report for the information of Her Majesty The Queen that the two Regiments have this day amalgamated to form The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th 44th Foot). All ranks of the new Regiment tender to Her Majesty their respectful greetings and devoted loyalty. They are determined to endeavour to serve the Queen in accordance with the high traditions and devotion with which their predecessors served the sovereign for so long a time.”

REGINALD DENNING (Lt.-General).

CHARLES PATON (Brigadier).

Warley Barracks.
Brentwood.

* * *

The following gracious reply was received from Her Majesty The Queen:

*“Lieutenant-General Sir Reginald Denning,
Warley Barracks,
Brentwood.*

Please convey to all ranks of The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th 44th Foot) my sincere thanks for the kind telegram they have sent me on the occasion of the amalgamation of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment and The Essex Regiment. I greatly value their loyal assurances and I send them my best wishes for the future of their new Regiment.”

ELIZABETH R.

* * *

The following message was sent by the two Colonels on June 2 to:

1st Battalion, The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th 44th Foot).
Depot, The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th 44th Foot).
Depot, The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment.
5th Battalion The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.).
4th Battalion The Essex Regiment (T.A.).
1st Battalion The Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.).

“On the occasion of the Amalgamation of our two Regiments we send our best wishes to The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot), in full confidence that it will worthily uphold the great traditions of the two Regiments from which it has been born.”

DENNING,

Colonel of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment.

PATON,

Colonel of The Essex Regiment.

1st BATTALION, THE 3rd EAST ANGLIAN REGIMENT

(16TH/44TH FOOT)

WHO'S WHO

Battalion Headquarters

C.O.	Lt.-Col. T. J. Barrow, D.S.O.
2IC	Major C. R. Hefford
Adjutant	Capt. J. V. Miseroy
A/Adjutant	Capt. A. F. F. H. Robertson
I.O.	Lt. A. B. Dennison
R.M.O.	Lt. B. Lewis
U.P.M.	Major J. D. Worne
Padre	Rev. (Capt.) J. F. W. Symon
R.S.M.	W.O.1 E. H. Hellicar
Bandmaster	W.O.1 R. Brown
O.R.C.S.	C/Sgt. J. Bowman

"H.Q." Company No. 1 Group

O.C.	Major L. W. Allan, M.B.E.
P.M.C.	Major H. R. Bestley
P.R.I.	Capt. J. H. R. McFadden
R.S.O.	Capt. R. L. Jackson
W.T.O.	Lt. D. F. W. Taylor
Messing Officer	Lt. J. E. Simmonds
Q.M.	Lt. D. V. Crosier
Q (Tech.)	Lt. D. J. Bebbington
C.S.M.	W.O.2 V. Herd
R.Q.M.S.	W.O.2 S. A. Burridge
C.Q.M.S.	C/Sgt. R. F. Russell
C.Q.M.S.	C/Sgt. A. J. Jerrom

"H.Q." Company No. 2 Group

O.C.	Major D. W. Browne, M.C.
Mortar Platoon	Lt. P. F. Chapman
M.M.G. Platoon	Lt. H. D. Lucas
Anti-Tank Platoon	2/Lt. W. T. Dodd
Continuation Training	Lt. P. S. Morton
C.S.M.	W.O.2 J. F. Parrott
C.Q.M.S.	C/Sgt. H. Hodgson

"A" Company

O.C.	Major H. W. Alden, M.C.
2IC	Capt. G. N. Dean
No. 1 Platoon	Lt. G. R. Barnett
	Lt. A. I. M. Smith
No. 2 Platoon	Lt. D. R. Palmer
No. 3 Platoon	2/Lt. M. G. Craddock
C.S.M.	W.O.2 L. Cotter
C.Q.M.S.	C/Sgt. L. V. Nichols

"B" Company

O.C.	Major J. C. Salazar, M.C.
2IC	Capt. J. R. Oldfield
	Lt. D. R. Wells
No. 4 Platoon	2/Lt. P. W. King
No. 5 Platoon	Lt. C. B. Scott
No. 6 Platoon	Lt. M. Adkin
C.S.M.	W.O.2 D. Driscoll
C.Q.M.S.	C/Sgt. A. M. Davidge

"C" Company

O.C.	Major R. J. Randall
2IC	Lt. S. A. Green

No. 7 Platoon	2/Lt. R. J. Bass
No. 8 Platoon	2/Lt. R. G. Bates
No. 9 Platoon	2/Lt. C. C. Baker
C.S.M.	W.O.2 A. F. Charlesworth
C.Q.M.S.	C/Sgt. J. R. N. Marlow

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O.C.	Lt. P. H. Gill
	Lt. C. R. Spong

GENERAL

The following notes cover the first three months of the existence of 1st Battalion The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot). They begin with the first hoisting of the new Regimental Flag on June 2 and end with details of a Regimental Weekend from September 5-7, our first ceremonial occasion. In between there has been a great deal of very hard work in training and administration.

At a Company Commanders' conference before amalgamation Lt.-Col. Waite simply said "Amalgamation—normal" and dismissed the subject before passing on to knottier problems such as forthcoming training, the number of men to be left in barracks during exercises, the size of "H.Q." Company or the availability of candidates for the next N.C.O.s Cadre. In practice amalgamation was a little more difficult than that, but not much. It was complicated by the absence of some outward and visible signs such as cap badges, which it had been planned to put up on amalgamation day. But thorough preparation by the amalgamation cadre, the liaison between the opposite numbers of the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment and the Essex Regiment, and the interchange of specialists which had been going on for some time, all smoothed the way for a very successful amalgamation. The specialist platoons and departments received a good sprinkling of men from both the former Battalions as every effort was made to fit everyone in where he would be most valuable and departments are naturally the better for this pooling of available talents. The same did not apply to rifle companies. It would have been possible to have mixed platoons or even individuals as much as possible to eliminate any Bedford or Essex bias there might be in a Company, but this would have broken up all the existing teams which had been built up during the previous months in the companies in both Battalions. Instead the bolder opposite course of keeping the former rifle companies as intact as possible was followed, relying on good sense to complete the process of amalgamation. This has undoubtedly paid.

The new Battalion was very soon in the thick of the summer training season, and this has done much to accelerate the amalgamation process. The Company notes which follow show that the Battalion has spent much of its time out of barracks and that as usual it has rained. Concentration on training has rather limited some of the normal summer activities, such as cricket



*BEATING RETREAT
The Band and Drums led by Drum-Major Simmonds*



The Regimental Colours of the 16th Foot and Pompadours

and athletics. However, the shooting team brought great credit to the Battalion, immediately after amalgamation by sweeping the board in the B.A.O.R. Championships, in particular by winning the Wavell Trophy. As a result they went forward to represent the British Army in the international Prix Leclerc competition in which they came fourth. An Indian Summer covering the last week of August and the first week of September provided gruelling conditions for the preparations and rehearsals for the Miniature Tattoo and Beating of Retreat which were the highlight of the Regimental Weekend. The football team who had an inconclusive draw with 45 Field Regiment (R.A.), probably found it a great deal too hot. However, it was worth while as it kept dry for the ceremony itself. The Continuation trainees under Sgt. Hiscock gave a smart exhibition of arms drill and "S" Company followed with a realistic demonstration of getting its weapons over an obstacle and into action—so realistic that afterwards one of our guests expressed surprise that live firing was permissible within such a restricted area. The Regimental Colours of the 16th and 56th of Foot were then paraded in slow time before the spectators and after the Beating of Retreat by the Band and Drums the Commanding Officer took the salute as the parade marched off. Guests included the Divisional Commander and representatives of all ranks of neighbouring and affiliated units. There was an entertainment in both Officers' and Sergeants' Messes after the parade. The Corporals' Mess adjourned to a nearby German hotel for dinner and the Band—assisted by the skiffle group—played in the canteen. A Battalion Church Service completed the weekend.



REVEILLE, JUNE 2, 1958

The new Regimental Flag is hoisted for the first time in front of Battalion Headquarters

"A" COMPANY

Three months have now gone by since we trundled down the Autobahn in 10-tonners to Dortmund. Though at first reluctant to forget our many happy memories of Goslar, we have now settled in and are working happily together. Summer is the season for schemes, and schemes are the best means for a newly-formed Company to get into working order. So fast on the heels of our move came two weeks at Soltau where we married up with our tank friends, the Hussars. Soon afterwards we spent a few days at Hamelin crossing and re-crossing the River Weser—which flows at 8 knots—by day and night. Unfortunately nobody was tempted by our elaborate precautions to fall in. After this, the three platoons went on their own for platoon training. No. 1 Platoon went off to Frondenburg. All went well until their vehicle, returning at 3 o'clock in the morning, accidentally went off the road. Only a few were hurt—Pte. Rogers and Cpl. Price seriously. No. 2 Platoon walked to Winterberg and learnt how to use a map. No. 3 Platoon pitched camp by the Mohnesee, where they enjoyed much boating and swimming. The food was excellent thanks to Pte. Rolfe and his helpers. All the local population, especially the farmers, and Gasthaus patrons, proved most co-operative. All three platoons look forward to the next venture of this kind.

Just now, we have finished two weeks of very instructive live firing at Sennelager, and a night assault river crossing of the Ruhr with a consequent advance to contact.

Major H. W. Alden, M.C., has taken the reins from Major Medley. Capt. G. C. Lucas is our 2IC, but he is soon off to Nigeria. Lts. A. I. M. Smith and D. R. Palmer have also joined us. Sgt. Baggaridge, cheerful as always, has recently arrived from the Depot. On a sadder note, many of our soldiers are about to leave us. The 5618s who comprise a large and cheerful part of our Company, leave us in September. We shall have to say goodbye to Cpl. Tewson, Ptes. Benning, Clark, Edwards, Cook, Cable, Seabrook, Linney and Jessop. Pte. Cain, who joined us from the Signals for his last months, has left for the U.K. already. Their loss will be sorely felt in our sporting activities, especially at football—nevertheless, we still hope to make up a good team. At cricket we have not been very successful. Our hockey and basketball teams fared much better—coming second in the recent Battalion competitions. Summer is almost over—not that it ever began—and "A" Company is looking forward to Brigade training, ski-ing, winter warfare, and a grey Christmas—there is no such thing as white snow in murky Dortmund.

"B" COMPANY

Since its formation on June 2, "B" Company's calendar has proved to be both full, strenuous and at times, enjoyable. Training got under way after only one week's administration. The Company started off with four day's pleasant but hard section training at Schwerte. The weather during this period was excellent and the countryside beautiful. Unfortunately

this period coincided with the hay crop and some townsmen were slow to learn that a field of grass is not just grass but something pretty valuable. On June 18, the Battalion went to Soltau where they spent ten days on Platoon and Company training and learning to co-operate with tanks. The latter appears to be a rather one-sided business; although we did at times ride on the tanks they must be about the most uncomfortable, dirty and dangerous taxis existent. On our return from Soltau we enjoyed a short period of quieter training including a little preparation in handling assault boats on the duck pond in Napier Barracks. This was a fairly light-hearted occupation in which practically everybody managed to get wet. It was during this time that Pte Clair startled and surprised everyone by going to sleep while swimming, fortunately this was noticed and he was pulled out by the combined efforts of Lt. Wells and Ptes. Serevena and Holliman. On July 11, we went to Hamelin to do the same thing on the River Weser which has a very much faster current, and was swollen by the successive cloud bursts which somewhat marred our stay there. Still the sun did come out long enough for a little essential washing in the local bathing lake. There was even a rumour that Sheehan was seen having his back scrubbed by one of the local lovelies. On July 21, platoons went out to camp under their own arrangements to the Mohne Dam. They were a little unfortunate with the weather but by now we are getting used to that. Very little can be told about this period; even under third degree interrogation they will only admit that they enjoyed themselves.

Our next big date was August 5, when we went to Sennelager for field firing and Battalion training. This period was extremely strenuous but of immense value both for the rifleman and particularly for the N.C.O.s and Platoon Commanders, teaching them to control their men with the added incentive of the danger to themselves produced by lack of control while firing live ammunition. We returned to Dortmund on August 23 and now feel confident in our ability as a Company in all forms of training, in fact we think we can show the rest a thing or two; certainly our shooting results during the inter-Company attack competition indicate this.

On the personal side much has happened during the last three months. C.S.M. Driscoll has taken the plunge by getting married on July 12. We wish them both the best of good fortune. Our good wishes also go to Cpl. Cragge who got married in Watford on July 5. We have welcomed many new faces to the Company and can only mention a few. Sgt. Pettitt and Sgt. Roberts have been two very welcome reinforcements. Lt. Wells has joined us from Battalion H.Q. but has since managed to break his leg while on leave: we hope he will make a speedy recovery. Also in hospital are Cpl. Barrick and L/Cpl. Tout. We are very sorry to hear of their illness and hope that they make a full and complete recovery. Notable among the departures was that of 2/Lt. David Carmalt who leaves us for the comfort of a university. Good luck to him and the professors. In the sporting world in the inter-Company hockey tournament an already strong team was strengthened by W.O.2 Jenns who

stood in for C.S.M. Driscoll during his leave, and we had no difficulty in winning. In the basketball we were knocked out by the eventual winners, "S" Company. In cricket we are doing quite well and already those track-suited characters the footballers are making their appearance. Major Salazar has been flattered to discover a reward of £500 pounds being offered for him, although the bit about dead or alive spoils it. Finally as we write these notes, leave seems to be the order of the day.

"C" COMPANY

Presumably the publication of *The Eagle* or *The Wasp* has always been preceded by someone going up to O.C. "C" Company or any other Company Commander for that matter, and saying "Where are your *Eagle* notes (or *Wasp* notes), they should have been in the day before yesterday." It is a sad thought that never again will future O.C.s have to explain why their notes for these particular journals are not ready and on such an occasion it would be nice to write something memorable, apt and wise. However, we cannot think of anything memorable, wise or apt to say. So we will content ourselves with recording that these are the last notes "C" Company will produce for *The Wasp* or *The Eagle* and that we look forward to producing notes for the new journal of the 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot).

We have been fortunate in "C" Company that the amalgamation probably disturbed us less than anyone else in either of the two Regiments. Few changes were made in the composition of the Company. We didn't even have to change our barrack block and indeed not one N.C.O. or soldier in the Company even had to change his bed space as a result of the amalgamation. Since we became "C" Company, 1st Battalion The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th 44th Foot) we have been kept busy. We have spent ten days in Soltau co-operating with "B" Squadron of the Hussars, two days "messaging about in boats" at Hamelin and, more recently, nearly two and a half weeks at Sennelager and Arnsberg. Most of this training has been made memorable by the quantity of rain which fell and the number and violence of the thunderstorms we have suffered. Pte. Jack Fone will no doubt remember for many a day a certain early morning at Sennelager when he appeared to consider that the end of the world had at last arrived. In the sporting world the Company has produced quite a successful cricket team and are still in the running for winning the Battalion Championship. Because of the amalgamation there has not been so much time as usual for other sporting activities such as swimming and athletics.

Since the last notes were published the 5607 Group left us and we have also said goodbye to such notable personalities as Cpl. Crowe, L Cpl. Chantree, Pte. Wakefield, Cpl. Nash and many others. We wish them every success and hope that they find Civvy Street as rosy as it probably appeared from the rear rank of the Company during an R.S.M's. parade.

M.M.G. PLATOON

The amalgamated Platoon settled down remarkably well, both during and after parade hours. Many



THE MARCH PAST

"S" Company Platoons followed by continuation trainees under Sgt. Hiscock

friendships had been made before at Goslar during a Battalion exercise and an N.C.O.'s cadre. Our first field training was held at Haltern, where we fired our first shoot in support of a Company attack—a very brave "D" Company. On return to barracks a lot of valuable ground was covered in the way of dry training which proved its worth throughout the remainder of the season. Then we tried our hand at river crossing at Hamelin and despite the heavy section stores and fast flowing river we found that we were able to cross in a reasonably straight line—even at night. Back again to Dortmund where the majority of the Platoon passed their TSOET—thanks to that dry training. Eventually we went to Sennelager and used up our annual allocation of ammunition in supporting all rifle companies in their various phases of attack. We felt rather outdone by being given such a large safety angle! Between ranges, our champs managed to find most of the unfilled pits in the area. An all-time record must have been put up by the Platoon who managed to take 11 hours to drive from Sennelager to Arnsberg (our next port of call), a distance of approximately 30 miles. During the Arnsberg exercise every rifleman must have muttered something about "petrol-feet." Whilst this training was in progress we said goodbye to Ptes. Turner, Rogers and Miller. L/Cpl. Arter disappeared to Netheravon on an M.M.G. course. We now look forward to firing the M.M.G. Cup later in the year.

MORTAR PLATOON

We have had a successful season so far as regards accuracy and speed, and with a little more practice we will be able to call ourselves a formidable team. The usual run of exercises have been undergone with good spirit and the cry is, "if the cat's aboard then let's go." We had the unusual experience of being struck by lightning at Sennelager in August which immediately made our current switch read a little more than zero! We are all sad to lose Pte. Denney who leaves us literally as these words are penned. Few mortar men are so accomplished as to be able to fire a bomb after a 20-degree switch within 20 seconds of it being called for. We wish him the best of luck in Civvy Street and look forward to seeing him back soon. It was unfortunate that we were looking for recruits for the Platoon when we experienced the ill-fated demonstration with "B" Company at Sennelager. It is hoped that the spectators thought that 12 feet was, in fact, the minimum range! After pulling them out of their holes we did our best to reassure them that it was so. It was here too that we heard a cry for carrier pigeons for the M.F.C. We knew the wirelesses were not working too well but we thought there was no need to be so bitter about it. Amalgamation has left us better off than we would have been otherwise and most of us have now forgotten it and have our eyes on the future.

ANTI-TANK PLATOON

The most notable achievement of the year has been the successful internal amalgamation. On April 28, the Platoon from Goslar joined forces with their Dortmund counterparts with considerable misgivings. However, after a three-week cadre, under the new Platoon Commander, 2/Lt. W. T. Dodd, we felt as if we had known each other all our lives. We now lay claim to being the most versatile platoon in the Battalion. Our cadre was followed by a live shoot at Fallingbostal which for most of us was the first time we had fired the guns. There were no casualties. The Platoon had considerable success as acting enemy rifle "Company" to the Battalion at Soltau. We are now constantly in demand for similar enterprises. In July, we became the Assault Pioneer Platoon in addition to our other roles, under Capt. Paxton. After a week at Hamelin on the River Weser with the Royal Engineers, we returned to another cadre. We meddled chiefly with explosives and 99 per cent. of what we accomplished was highly destructive. The cadre included a delightful ten days "guarding" Napier Barracks. We are now rehabilitating ourselves following two weeks in the field at Sennelager and Arnsberg which were by and large enjoyed by everyone. We are faced with a busy autumn, including more schemes, another live shoot and possibly some leave.

L/Cpl. Miers, J., who succeeded in convincing W.O.S.B. that he would be of more use to the Army as an officer!

Shortly we shall lose two old stagers, Pte. "Mac" Brundell and Pte. Walker, on demob. To these and to Cpl. "Mike" Higgins on his forthcoming marriage, the Platoon would like to extend their best wishes for the future.

SIGNAL PLATOON

The Signal Platoon had two amalgamations. The first took place at Goslar where Capt. Bacon ran a cadre for both Goslar and Dortmund elements; the second at Dortmund when the newly-initiated signalers from Goslar met the Dortmund "hard-core"—with some misgivings! Be it sufficient to say, however, that we pride ourselves that the amalgamation of the two signal platoons went smoothly, and a closely-knit team was produced even before our first Battalion exercise. Capt. Bacon left Goslar at the end of the cadre and we wish him all success in his new work. We also send him our heartiest congratulations on the birth of his son.

We have joined the Battalion on all exercises since June and have met with varying successes on each. We usually receive a "slight" rocket when wireless sets do not work, but after a thunder storm at Sennelager, when an Act of God nearly blew up the Command Post we managed to get a few thanks from minor casualties, for earthing out sets! Even our exchange operator suffered after the lightning struck the Command Post, it went to earth along the telephone cable, causing all the indicators on the exchange to drop and clouds of dust to pour from it. This would not have been so bad, but he was holding the telephone

"OUTWARD BOUND" ON THE RHINE



Left: Pte. Henderson, "C" Company; right: Pte. Beach, "A" Company

at the time . . . he will never touch a telephone in a thunder storm again.

To date our sporting activities have been limited owing to exercises and having "key sportsmen" on leave at the wrong time. We came second in the Battalion cricket competition, and were knocked out of the hockey competition in the second round by "A" Company, who went on to win against, what we think, was lighter opposition.

We hope to provide signallers for Battalion teams during the forthcoming football, hockey and boxing season—if only we can miss the occasional exercise.

Since amalgamation, L/Cpls. Raby and Lane have left the Platoon for Civvy Street. We wish them all success in the future. L/Cpl. Lane will be missed by many wireless operators. His cheerful voice coming over the air at 0530 hrs. in the morning made exercises almost worth while.

M.T. PLATOON

In this, our first report from the M.T. of the newly-amalgamated Battalion, we are pleased to say that everyone has settled down very well at work and play. We are sorry to have had to say goodbye to many old friends from both late regiments in our first three months as a new Line Regiment. During the past three months we have been heavily committed in field exercises at Soltau, Hamelin and Sennelager. The old maxim "Drivers sitting on their backsides all day with nothing to do," we hope has at last been disproved. The M.T., who have very little time indeed to spare for sport, managed to beat the Signal Platoon in a friendly football match at Sennelager, 6 goals to 5, in one of their very rare appearances.



ANGLO-GERMAN RELATIONS

Members of "C" Company lunching at a German Steel Factory

Left to right: Ptes. Demetriou, Harold, Pastfield, Mills, Green, Onslow, Page, Harris and Frost

"OUTWARD BOUND"

The system of "Outward Bound" training, designed to show the individual his physical and mental capabilities, has been used for some years in sections of British Industry and schools, as a means of character building in youth. More recently, Army Boys' Units have incorporated it as a regular part of their curricula, and, in June this year, the idea was introduced into the Battalion when the Commanding Officer decided to give it a place in the Unit's training, and Lt. Gill was appointed to arrange expeditions. The aim was to send out groups of about ten men for a week to do something unusual. To complete the task would require a definite effort. At the same time, it was required that each man should not only feel a real sense of achievement at the end of the week, but he should also have enjoyed it. An officer would go with each group, but the men would be left, as far as possible, to their own resources, and, once the expedition had been reconnoitred and planned, and the group briefed, the men would be responsible for how the expedition was conducted and for organising camps en route.

The idea was received in the Battalion with a mixture of bland curiosity and forthright enthusiasm. A week later, six men sceptically assembled and Expedition Mohne See set off. The plan was to march to the lake, and spend two days sailing in R.N.S.A.

dinghies. Apart from contravening practically every sailing rule, one incident of catching up half a dozen old mens' fishing lines off a bridge, and several narrow misses between dinghies, all members of the expedition were full of confidence, and certainly, at the end, looked quite competent. Perhaps one of the highlights was on the last day having lunch and a beer, under the cool chestnut trees outside a pub, and seeing the rest of the Battalion go by in convoy to Hamelin. Certainly, the first expedition had been a success.

At the time of writing, three further expeditions have gone down the Rhine. All following the same plan, they have left Dortmund by truck for Koblenz, and, after spending the first day there, have paddled an assault boat to Dusseldorf, a distance of almost exactly a hundred miles. From Koblenz to Bonn the river goes through typical Rhineland country—on one side terraced vineyards grow down to the water's edge and on the other trees cover the hills. Four other night camps were made. Three of them pleasant little villages, where local hospitality has always been extremely warm, and the last one just opposite the sophisticated city of Dusseldorf itself. The following morning, the truck has taken the groups back to Barracks again. All expeditions have been most successful, and the weather has been mainly glorious sunshine. The boat has proved itself quite unsinkable, and the only tense moments that possibly

have occurred were when it has been steered between a couple of tugs going in opposite directions, and the helmsman has temporarily forgotten which way he will move when he frantically pushes the oar a certain way.

Certainly, "Outward Bound" training has made a good beginning. The men of the expeditions have learnt to work dependably by themselves but for the benefit of the group as a whole. Its popularity may be gauged by a remark made by someone on the last day of an expedition—"that was the best week I've spent in the Army. When's the next one?"



BAD LIPPSPRINGE HUNTER TRIALS

Left to right: Lt. G. Barnett on "Heino," Cpl. A. Martin on "Pithien" and Lt. J. G. Green on "Lore"

SADDLE CLUB

Since amalgamation we have lost many old members. We were particularly sorry to say goodbye to Capt. Tony Ward-Booth. He was one of our founder members, and instrumental in many of our successes. Majors Robin Medley and John Kitto and Capt. Tony Makepeace are other stalwart supporters who have left us. Towards the end of June, the horses moved down to Dortmund. Much hard work was needed to convert an old piggery into a stables. In the late afternoons and evenings officers and grooms were to be seen building jumps, breaking up concrete, erecting paddocks, whitewashing and painting. Now after about two months of hard work the results of our labours are beginning to show. We are sorry to report a bad traffic accident on a wet and slippery road in

which most of our grooms were injured. Fortunately Cpl. Caves and Ptes. Hyde, Smith (606) and Elding have recovered from their injuries, but Pte. Barchelor is more seriously injured and being returned to England. To him we wish a speedy recovery. Despite all these happenings we have not missed a horse show; Lt. Graham Barnett on Pithein and Cpl. Martin on Lore were both placed in the show jumping at Bad Lipp-springe. Cpl. Martin on Lore in addition went on to win a silver tankard for the best other rank performance at the Hunter Trials. We were glad to see Lt. Stuart Green back again from Plymouth, he has been riding regularly for us since his arrival. Capt. Angus Robertson had an unfortunate fall at the Munster Horse show in July. Both he and his horse Sandra, were admitted to their respective hospitals slightly the worse for wear. However, they are both back with us now and completely recovered. Lt. David Taylor rides in his first horse show, a German one on September 7. Mrs. Robertson has bought a horse of her own and is riding in the same event. We wish them both good luck. Amongst the subalterns we have found a wealth of reluctant talent, Lts. Peter Chapman, Peter Morton, David Palmer and Henry Lucas show great promise. There will be plenty of opportunities for them with indoor German shows during the winter months.

REGIMENTAL BAND

Since the last publication, a great step toward the stabilising of the Army has been undertaken, namely, the amalgamation of the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment and the Essex Regiment, which took effect on June 2, 1958. Coupled with this, came the merging of the two Regimental Bands producing a total strength of 54. Mr. Pearson (Bandmaster, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment), left for "points east" to take up a similar appointment in Libya, leaving Mr. Brown (Bandmaster, Essex Regiment), the task of putting the two Bands and chattels together and making one. This in actual fact did not take place until the middle of July, when the ex-Essex Band arrived back in B.A.O.R. from England, where they had been fulfilling engagements since late May.

A few days before the Band departed for U.K., the Inspector of Army Bands' "official" report came through from Kneller Hall and it was far more gratifying than was reported in the last *Eagle*, then it was "very good," but the final grading was "outstanding." A very great achievement indeed for any Band, and one which will take a lot of living up to. Great credit reflects on all who took part in the inspection, and we would like to say "thank you" for all the hard work they put into it.

Whilst at home, the Band took part in the Essex Show, June 11 and 12, Passing-Out Parades at Bury St. Edmunds and Warley Barracks, and of course the Old Comrades' Reunion and Laying Up of "Colours" at the Regimental Chapel. Now a new era has started, and we look forward with confidence to the future of the Regimental Band.



THE BRITISH ARMY PRIX LECLERC TEAM

Kneeling (left to right): Drum-Major Simmonds, Ptes. Crawley, Taylor, Bentley, Williams, L/Cpls. Cayzor and Hall, and C.S.M. Herd

Standing (left to right): Lt. Taylor, 2/Lt. King, Sgt. Tucker, Pte. Bolton, Cpl. Hammerton, Pte. Wells, L/Cpl. Man, Pte. Rance, L/Cpl. Hellman, Ptes. Ford and Pettie, L/Cpl. Gill, Pte. Cable, Sgt. Law, C/Sgts. Phillips and Nicholls, Sgts. Collison and Dallimore, Major Lloyd and Lt. Pike

SHOOTING

After the Regiment's resounding success at the B.A.O.R. Rifle Meeting the team proceeding to Bisley had only four days in which to train. Of course this was not enough to produce any startling results. However, Pte. A. Ford made an outstanding achievement by coming second in the Young Soldiers' class.

On their return, the Prix Leclerc team gathered together and travelled to Sennelager for four weeks concentrated "lead pushing." On August 18, the team travelled to Grafenwohr in the U.S. Area, where the competition was being held. The competition was fired off on August 22 and the results were as follows: 1, United States; 2, France; 3, Netherlands; 4, United Kingdom; 5, Canada; 6, Belgium; 7, Germany. Although the placing of fourth does not look a particularly outstanding feat it is really quite commendable. Our team were under some severe limitations including that of being the only nation there with bolt action rifles. The standard of shooting is extremely high and the competition has been called "the N.A.T.O. Olympics." After the shoot was over the team had a most deserved and enjoyable time afforded to them by the very hospitable American hosts. The cuisine was excellent and the whole team came back looking a few pounds heavier. Although they won no shooting trophies they did however, come back with a large cup for winning the Grand Frog Jumping competition; Pte. D. Bentley receiving the

Cup for first place and 2/Lt. King a lighter for second place.

The Regiment is now looking towards the non-central matches and the .22 season hoping for a taste, or even a large bite, of last year's successes.

ATHLETICS

There has not been much to report since amalgamation. Following successes in the Second Divisional Athletics meeting, Capt. Lucas, 2/Lt. Craddock and Pte. Leavold all went to Berlin for the Army individual athletics; 2/Lt. Craddock made a very fast time in the 880 yards of 1 minute 59 seconds. He later went on to represent the Brigade in athletic matches against German clubs

CRICKET

Frequent absence from barracks on training has severely handicapped the cricketers and the games have tended to become an afternoon's recreation rather than a gladiatorial encounter. Perhaps this is as it should be.

In all, the Battalion team played seven matches, winning and losing three and drawing one. 2/Lt. Baker ("C" Company) and Pte. Phillips ("S" Company) were our best batsman and bowler respectively. They played a major part in all matches. An inter-Company knock-out competition, organised at Whitsun, was won by "S" Company. A league competition is still in progress at the time of writing.



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OFFICERS' MESS

The first three months of the Battalion's life have been busy ones in the Mess. The most immediate result of amalgamation was the concentration of an unprecedented number of officers within the Mess. Even now the Mess numbers are heartening and many more have been temporary members whilst waiting for their postings to take effect, or have been with us for a few days auditing or handing over after the final transactions at Goslar. Amongst these were Majors Ian Dyer, Thomas McMillen and Harrold Lloyd, and Capt. Tony Makepeace, Malcolm Smyth, Freddie Fox, Keith Hoile and Vernon French and Lt. Bob Pike. Some of those officers who were intended to form part of the amalgamated Battalion have also left as a result of release and the normal calls of Army life. We wish Capt. David Hillyard and Bob Milne and Lts. David Carmalt, Sam Luckin, Peter Tindale and David Herbert the best of luck in civilian life and our good wishes go also to Capt. Charles Lucas on his way to Nigeria and to David Brown in the rarified atmosphere of Divisional Headquarters. Little need be said of the officers now with the Battalion as the "Who's Who" gives a good idea of what they are doing. We must, however, congratulate Capt. Geoffrey Dean and Lt. Alan Dennison on their marriages and Major Harold Bestley on the birth of a second daughter. We sympathise with Lt. David Wells, who was languishing in hospital at Arnhem when he had planned to be getting married, but who now hopes to wed in October. We welcome Major David Smith of the Jamaican Regiment who is here on attachment; whatever else happens, he will be a very experienced umpire by the time he leaves.

The main Mess function has been the cocktail party following the Beating of Retreat on September 6. After the guests had left we had an informal party amongst ourselves with dance (?) music provided by record player. The subalterns choice in records brought home vividly to anyone of the rank of Captain or above just how old, or old-fashioned he was.

Behind the scenes much remains to be done in amalgamating on paper, properties, silver, pictures and insurance policies and the like. Completion of these administrative details is our next task.

SERGEANTS' MESS

May 31, 1958, and the Bedfords prepare to move on to Dortmund to complete the final stage of the amalgamation. After a long and uneventful journey, they arrive on the outskirts of Dortmund to be met by the advanced guard of their partners in amalgamation, the Essex Regiment, who conduct them swiftly, smoothly and efficiently to their new home. After the spaciousness of Goslar it is somewhat difficult to accustom one's self to being a little cramped, but within a week or so everyone is settled in and life again assumes a normal aspect.

The time since amalgamation has been spent largely in outdoor training. The training has been hard but varied and interesting, the days long but full, and everyone is convinced that more than anything else, this has been responsible for helping the Battalion to settle down quickly to becoming a good and efficient

unit. In spite of a heavy training programme we have not completely neglected the social side of life. Wherever possible, Saturday night has been set aside for our own social evening and we have been able to arrange a dinner night and occasional visits to the other Sergeants' Messes in the Garrison. Inevitably, there have been more than the usual number of comings and goings as a result of the amalgamation. We have said goodbye to R.S.M. Baldry, Bandmaster Pearson, C.S.M.s Cassidy, Bedford and Ingham, C.Sgts. Greenwood (Josh), Back and Phillips, Sgts. Hunt Drake, McNichol, Jones (Ted), Mayhew, Petherick, Rhodes, South, Cracknell and Hutchinson. Our best wishes and a "thank you for everything" go to all of them. In return we are pleased to welcome C.S.M. Bailey, C.S.M. and Mrs. Jenns, Sgt. and Mrs. Roberts Sgts. Pettitt and Baggardige. We trust their stay will be a long and happy one. Whisper it softly, at long last Jim Driscoll has got married. We have yet to make the acquaintance of Mrs. Driscoll but extend to both a hearty welcome to the "Army Game."

Once again we are glad to record that our Mess members continue to shine in the shooting world. C.S.M. Herd, Sgts. Nicholls and Phillips, Drum-Major Simmonds, Sgts. Dallimore, Collison, Tucker and Law are all to be congratulated on their fine shooting whilst representing the Battalion in the Prix Leclerc Trophy competition. We have yet to discover who will be our leading lights in the world of sport but already some members can be heard muttering about "the new 25-yard rule" and "Bully Off" whilst animated arguments on the respective merits of Arsenal, Spurs, West Ham and Blackburn can be heard most meal times. A sure sign that summer has almost gone. It is pleasing to think that all this indicates that the Mess is rapidly settling down, with all thoughts of amalgamation receding into the background. The months ahead promise to be busy ones, with Brigade training, administrative inspection and Christmas all due during the next three months.

CORPORALS' MESS

Sennelager training has come and gone once again and with it the memories of a great deal of mixed weather, mud, heat, sand and an abundance of flies. However, at least one N.C.O. must have enjoyed the open-air life: Cpl. Wardle re-engaged for a further period of service with the Colours, and at least one other Corporal is on the verge of a similar step. Strangely enough there have been few changes in the Corporals' Mess, but within the next four weeks we shall be losing a dozen or so on N.S. Release and at least one Regular soldier, Cpl. Bygraves.

We were well represented in every aspect of the parade on September 6, which brought to an end the new Battalion's first three months' existence. The highlight of the Regimental Week-end for the Mess was the dinner held at one of the principal local restaurants.

Our strength is now well over the hundred mark and consequently our voice in the Battalion is a mighty one, and we must be forgiven for using it now in good measure to say that with a good station such as Germany, amalgamation an all but established fact.



The Badges and Buttons of The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot)

As was reported in the message from the Colonel of the Regiment, published in the May number of this year, on the amalgamation of the Bedfordshire and



Hertfordshire Regiment with the Essex Regiment all regiments of the East Anglian Brigade took into use the East Anglian Brigade cap badge, which is illustrated here. It consists of the castle of Gibraltar and key surmounted on the star of the Garter, thus fully representing five regiments of the

Brigade. The star of the Garter is included from the former badges of the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment and the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment and the

castle of Gibraltar and key from the former badges of the Essex Regiment, the Suffolk Regiment and the Northamptonshire Regiment. It was not found possible to include in the badge any detail which would represent the Royal Norfolk Regiment and finally it was decided to adopt the badge of the Royal Norfolk Regiment, "Britannia," illustrated here, as the button to be worn by the Brigade.

Each amalgamated regiment is having its own collar badge and that chosen for the 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot) consists of the garter from the present badge of the 16th Foot and the eagle from the present badge of the 44th Foot, as shown in our illustration.



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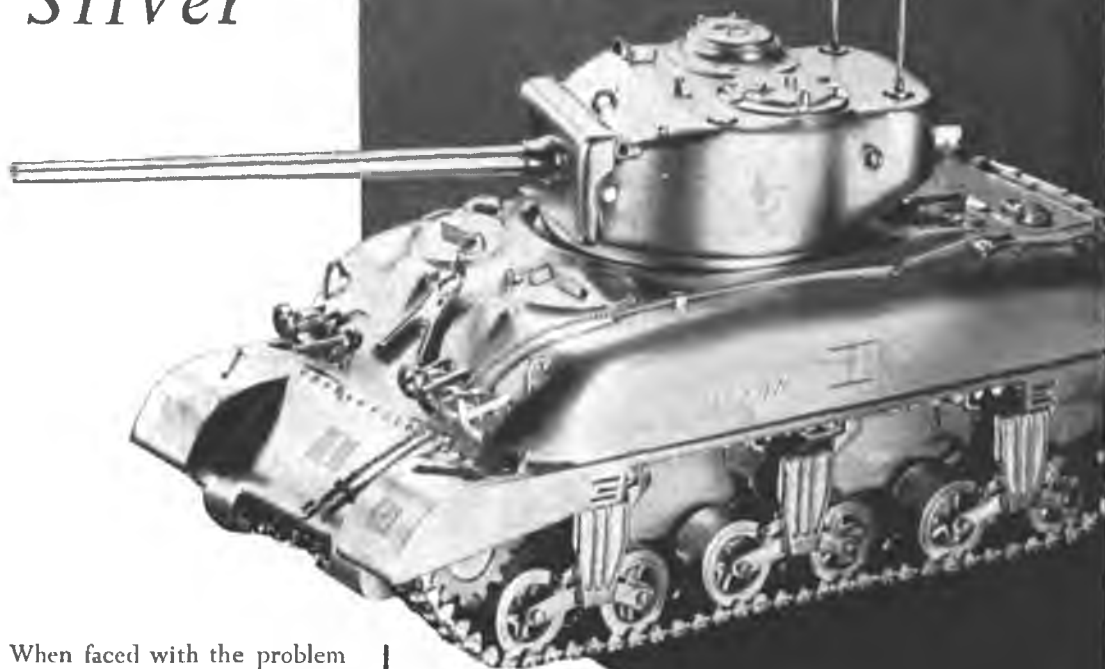


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Paxton, H. N. M.	1/3 E. Anglia. For 1 R. Lincolns.
Hancock, W. J. G.	Trg. Capt., Parachute Regiment (T.A.).
Lucas, G. C.	Nigeria Military Forces, West Africa.
Burch, K.	G.S.O. 3, East Africa Command.
Oldfield, J. R.	1/3 E. Anglia.
Dean, G. N.	1/3 E. Anglia.
Dinnin, R. H. H.	King's African Rifles, East Africa.
Parsons, B. M.	Depot (Adjt.).
Randall, C. M. F.	I.O., Infantry Division.

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Cridland, B. W.	Ghana Regiment, West Africa.
Chapman, P. F.	1/3 E. Anglia.
Green, S. A.	1/3 E. Anglia.
Gill, P. H.	1/3 E. Anglia.
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Rogers, A. F.	Federation Regiment, Malaya.
Wilson, M. D.	Depot (Holdee). For Nigeria Regiment, West Africa.
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Lucas, H. D.	1/3 E. Anglia.
Jones, M.	Depot (Holdee).
Thorogood, D. J.	Aden Protectorate Levies.
Wells, D. G.	1/3 E. Anglia.
Hutchings, J. E.	Depot (Holdee). For Para Course
Pike, W. R. W.	Depot.
Sibley, R. J.	King's African Rifles, East Africa.
Scott, C. B.	1/3 E. Anglia.
Morton, P. S.	1/3 E. Anglia.
Barnett, G. R.	1/3 E. Anglia.
Palmer, D. R.	1/3 E. Anglia.
Sincock, P. J.	Depot.
Adkin, M.	1/3 E. Anglia.
Taylor, D. W. F.	1/3 E. Anglia.

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Dodd, W. T.	1/3 E. Anglia.
Bates, R. G.	1/3 E. Anglia.

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Stewart, E. T.	(Capt.) Depot (Holdee). For Command Pay Office, B.A.O.R.
Moody, W. A.	(Lt.) 1 Herts. (T.A.).
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Bebington, D. J.	(Lt.) 1/3 E. Anglia.

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 Crouchman, F. H. 4 Essex (T.A.) (Adjt.).

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Smith, A. I. M. 1/3 E. Anglia.
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 Davies, R. O. N. Ghana Regiment, West Africa.
 Moon, D. A. L. Parachute Regiment.

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 Harrison, G. P. Parachute Regiment.
 Luckin, P. S. 1/3 E. Anglia. Para Course
 O'Sullivan, T. R. Sierra Leone Regiment, West Africa.
 Shaylor, M. F. Q.O., Nigeria Regiment, West Africa.
 Spong, C. R. 1/3 E. Anglia.
 Craddock, M. G. 1/3 E. Anglia.
 Neate, P. Ghana Regiment, West Africa.
 Spencer, R. J. G. 1/3 E. Anglia.
 Brown, D. C. 1/3 E. Anglia.
 Bass, R. G. 1/3 E. Anglia.
 Dalzell, W. R. Jamaica Regiment.
 George, A. C. Singapore Guard Regiment.
 Weiser, F. K. G. King's African Rifles, East Africa.
 Wallace, N. A. King's African Rifles, East Africa.
 Baker, C. C. 1/3 E. Anglia.
 Hill, M. E. C. Port and Travel Control, M.E.L.F.
 Robson, D. W. Port and Travel Control, M.E.L.F.
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22517316	W.O.1	S. Fincham	Record Office, Warwick	5949843	S/Sgt.	A. J. Jerrom	1/3 E Anglia
5773862	W.O.1 (R.S.M.)	J. H. W. Mann	4 R Norfolk (TA)	14185349	S/Sgt.	T. E. Taylor	Inf Clerks Trg Centre, Chiches- ter
5948521	W.O.1 (R.S.M.)	E. H. Hellicar	1/3 E Anglia	21011163	S/Sgt.	L. S. Milne	Inf Div
2062694	W.O.1 (R.S.M.)	L. C. V. McKean	1 Herts (TA)	5950157	S/Sgt.	T. W. Herring	Inf Junior Leader Bn
5772180	W.O.1 (R.S.M.)	R. H. E. Luscombe	4 Essex (TA)	14484865	S/Sgt.	R. F. Russell	1/3 E Anglia
2665712	W.O.1 (R.S.M.)	R. F. Baldry	Depot, 3 E Anglia	5949662	S/Sgt.	A. M. Davidge	1/3 E Anglia
4343213	W.O.1 (B.M.)	J. W. Pearson	BMM Libya	21014118	S/Sgt.	H. C. Boreham	Depot, 3 E Anglia
794352	W.O.1 (B.M.)	R. W. Brown	1/3 E Anglia	6032246	S/Sgt.	J. Kochanek	Inf Div
5046047	W.O.2	A. W. Evans	HQ Eastern Command	21063115	S/Sgt.	G. E. Veitch	1/3 E Anglia
5948937	W.O.2	J. E. Leech, M.M.	1/3 E Anglia	6030908	a/S/Sgt.	J. R. N. Marlow	1/3 E Anglia
6010839	W.O.2	H. R. Hall	Army Apprentice School	14918019	a/S/Sgt.	A. G. H. Appleton	1 R Norfolk
5772299	W.O.2	D. Driscoll	1/3 E Anglia	22549214	a/S/Sgt.	W. J. Phillips	5 Bedfs Herts (TA)
5932726	W.O.2	A. C. Chapman	1 Herts (TA)	21014228	a/S/Sgt.	E. J. Newitt	1 Suffolk
5947974	W.O.2	A. G. Cassidy	Depot, 3 E Anglia	14808534	a/S/Sgt.	L. V. Nicholls	1/3 E Anglia
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5989170	W.O.2	F. Palmer	Depot, Suffolk	6025306	Sgt.	P. V. Holtham	1 Northampton
6011123	W.O.2 (R.Q.M.S.)	F. W. Carey, B.E.M.	Depot, Suffolk	6010925	Sgt.	E. H. Chilvers	Depot, 3 E Anglia
14450102	W.O.2	M. G. Hogarty	9 Travelling Wing Regt	6012055	Sgt.	K. C. Hall	Depot, 3 E Anglia
5773560	W.O.2	V. Herd	1/3 E Anglia	22221987	Sgt.	J. W. K. Harris	1/3 E Anglia
5948799	W.O.2	F. R. Brinkley	5 Bedfs Herts (TA)	14497637	Sgt.	O. Smith	1/3 E Anglia
6016352	W.O.2	W. J. O. Hutchings	1 Herts (TA)	5951052	Sgt.	A. Pettitt	1/3 E Anglia
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6013512	W.O.2	D. J. Bailey	1/3 E Anglia	22524252	Sgt.	H. R. G. Drake	MCTC, Colches- ter
5958577	W.O.2	P. J. Strudwick (Northampton)	4 Essex (TA)	15002424	Sgt.	D. D. de Bretton Gordon	Depot, 3 E Anglia
21014170	W.O.2	H. Ingham	No. 6 Travelling Wing	14440235	Sgt.	B. T. Kiernan	Inf Bde GP
22221205	W.O.2	R. Jenns	1/3 E Anglia	2221209	Sgt.	J. R. Burchell	1/3 E Anglia
22549793	W.O.2	A. F. Charlesworth	1 Herts (TA)	22204634	Sgt.	H. J. George	1/3 E Anglia
5948990	W.O.2	T. Archer	Depot, 3 E Anglia	5949865	Sgt.	J. Vaughan	HQ, British Army Support Unit, SHAPE.
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22221002	W.O.2	L. F. Cotter	1/3 E Anglia	22290131	Sgt.	P. Watson	4 Essex (TA)
6032233	W.O.2	M. D. Franks	4 Essex (TA)	22560965	Sgt.	J. Rhodes	4 Essex (TA)
19054474	W.O.2	J. F. Parrott	1/3 E Anglia	6012034	Sgt.	J. D. Rochester	MCTC, Colches- ter
6011277	S/Sgt.	R. Back	Bulford & Tid- worth Garrison	6032226	Sgt.	A. E. Haley	1/3 E Anglia
3309965	S/Sgt.	J. Rintoul	Depot, R Norfolk	22221744	Sgt.	W. N. Braybrook	Inf Junior Leader Bn
6013432	S/Sgt.	W. T. Belcher	Depot, 3 E Anglia	22259900	Sgt.	J. McNamee	1/3 E Anglia
14787836	S/Sgt.	H. Hodgson	1/3 E Anglia	6012942	Sgt.	F. J. Dash	Royal Military College of Science
22803366	S/Sgt.	G. F. Balkham	Inf Junior Leader Bn	21044838	Sgt.	B. B. Day	1/3 E Anglia
6010284	S/Sgt.	P. D. Nightingale	1/3 E Anglia	22517361	Sgt.	L. J. de Bretton Gordon	Inf Bde (TA)
6012757	S/Sgt.	H. J. Parsons	1 Northampton	22259879	Sgt.	L. Petherick	1 Herts (TA)
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				22562004	Sgt.	A. J. Herron	1/3 E Anglia
				22240922	Sgt.	J. R. Tofield	Recruiting Staff
				19043742	Sgt.	M. H. High	HQ East Anglian District
				22248240	Sgt.	W. R. Mayne	1/3 E Anglia
				22559818	Sgt.	W. H. Tranham	4 Essex (TA)
				5951080	Sgt.	B. E. Simpson	Royal Military School of Music

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22503649	Sgt.	J. T. Dallimore	1/3 E Anglia	2620178	a/Sgt.	H. J. Fletcher	1/3 E Anglia
22806530	Sgt.	P. Conboy	1/3 E Anglia	<i>Orderly-Room Sergeants:</i>			
22980311	Sgt.	W. A. Potton	1 Herts (TA)	5948972	W.O.2	T. Fewster	Depot, Suffolk
22524763	Sgt.	W. J. Bates	HQ East Anglian Bde	6013195	W.O.2	J. C. Vince	Queens Own Nigeria Regt
14456668	Sgt.	I. Wilson	5th Northamptons (TA)	14948755	S/Sgt.	J. Bowman	1/3 E Anglia
22275882	Sgt.	M. G. Clifton	1 Herts (TA)	4206704	S/Sgt.	D. Gregg	Queens Own Nigeria Regt
6012130	Sgt.	T. G. Johns	1 R Norfolk	14461596	S/Sgt.	A. H. Leach	HQ East Anglian Bde
5885484	Sgt.	T. McNichol	Mons Offr Cadet School (Battle- camp) N. Wales	22221487	S/Sgt.	R. H. J. Hewitt (Suffolk)	Depot, 3 E Anglia
22952702	Sgt.	T. A. Hardy	1/3 E Anglia	<i>Drum Major:</i>			
5960749	Sgt.	L. A. Child	1 R Norfolk	2659791	S/Sgt.	R. W. Simmonds	1/3 E Anglia
14880636	Sgt.	B. J. F. Philip	1/3 E Anglia	<i>Band Sergeants:</i>			
22382754	Sgt.	R. F. Templeman	Inf Bde (TA)	5947158	S/Sgt.	P. G. King	Army Apprentice School
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22616801	Sgt.	R. A. Wright	Depot, 3 E Anglia	<i>Long-Service List:</i>			
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22550676	Sgt.	W. J. Baggaridge	1/3 E Anglia	5948322	S/Sgt.	P. Miles (loc. W.O.2)	Southern Comd PT Pool
22949248	Sgt.	D. B. Harris	1/3 E Anglia	2028600	S/Sgt.	F. Smith (loc. W.O.2)	Hong Kong Chinese Trg Centre
14449780	Sgt.	T. H. Bullock	4 Essex (TA)	3769322	S/Sgt.	R. E. Gee (loc. W.O.2)	24 Families Hostel
23218891	Sgt.	F. W. H. Cracknell	Depot, 3 E Anglia	606303	Sgt.	A. Skeet (loc. S/Sgt.)	Field Records HQ, BAOR
22896323	Sgt.	G. J. Faint	1/3 E Anglia	6010293	Sgt.	P. J. Francis	HQ Neesoon Gar- rison, Singapore
22517203	Sgt.	J. Killen	Depot, 3 E Anglia				
22936347	Sgt.	P. A. South	Depot, 3 E Anglia				
6088593	Sgt.	E. R. Ball	1/3 E Anglia				
22966730	Sgt.	D. S. Tucker	1/3 E Anglia				
22276047	Sgt.	G. T. Taylor	4 R Norfolk (TA)				
4928510	Sgt.	G. Bowen	Inf Bde (TA)				
6011020	Sgt.	M. L. D. Mayhew	MCTC, Colches- ter				
22896301	Sgt.	J. D. Evans	1 Northamptons				
23062201	Sgt.	J. A. Simmons	1/3 E Anglia				
22305848	Sgt.	E. Bennett	Depot, 3 E Anglia				
22791489	Sgt.	J. Fraser	1/3 E Anglia				
22305842	Sgt.	N. J. Cox	Special Recruiter				
6011129	Sgt.	R. G. Richardson	Depot, 3 E Anglia				
22221578	Sgt.	C. E. Dunn	1 Northamptons				

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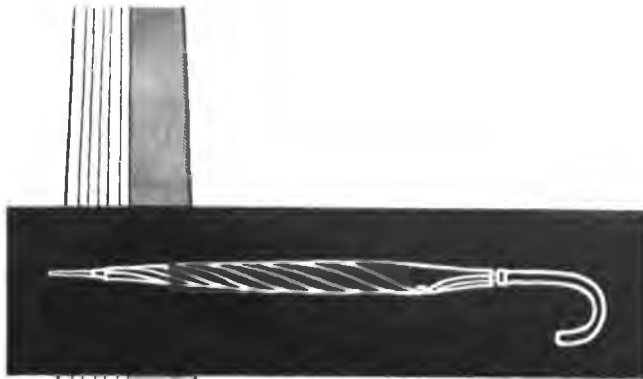
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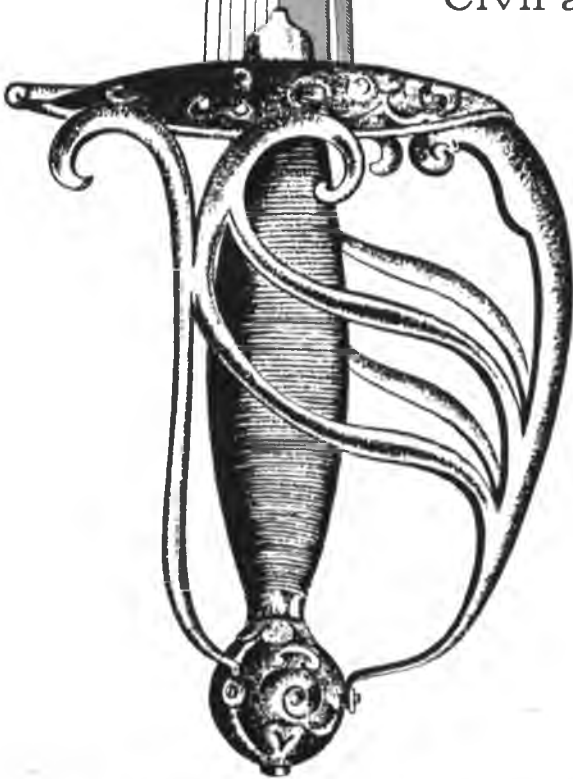
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The chief events of interest recently have been, of course, the annual camp and the T.A. Golden Jubilee.

This year's camp was held at Dibgate, near Folkstone, the scene of many a bloody exercise battlefield. On the whole, camp was regarded as being quite successful, although the weather could have been kinder. The Battalion was about 160 strong and all volunteers of course. We were particularly pleased to see a number of A.C.F. Cadets from the 4th Essex Cadet Battalion, who took part in all the training.

The main emphasis this year was on weapon training, and some very satisfactory results were achieved with Energa and 3.5 rocket launcher. Shooting on the range was mainly at figure targets and the transitional course was fired for the first time, while each company finished off with a live field-firing exercise at Lydd, with battle effects and overhead fire. Surprisingly, no one was hurt, except a P.S.I., who now knows how not to demolish thunderflashes, and the Commanding Officer, who foolishly took too close an interest in the "Dulen" mortar which unexpectedly exploded. It is understood that comprehensive instructions have now been issued with regard to the procedure to be

adopted when dealing with thunderflashes of all types.

The last week of camp was largely taken up with a 48-hour exercise, reputedly organised by 161 Brigade. It was unfortunate that the two sides had hardly any contact until the very last stages. The Battalion, although bored for most of the exercise, did very well when the opportunity was given them.

The usual guest night was held in the Officers' Mess and was a great success. The loan of the 1st and 2nd Battalion's silver added greatly to the scene, as did the red Mess jackets worn, for the first time since the war, by 12 members of the Battalion. We are extremely grateful to those members of the Regiment who have given or sold their Mess jackets to the Battalion, and the Commanding Officer will be very pleased to hear from any officer serving or retired who is prepared to part with his Mess kit for a small sum. At present our problem is to fit the larger and more prosperous T.A. officers, who are eagerly awaiting the promotion to full Colonel or retirement of Major John Greene and other Regular officers of a similar size, before they can hope to be fitted.

The Sergeants had their usual guest evening, at



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Back row (left to right)—Lt. Kemp, Lt. Osgood, Lt. Dyer, Lt. Amey, Lt. Doyle, Lt. Wright, Lt. Green, Lt. Doyle, Lt. Collens, Lt. Thomas.
Centre row (left to right)—Major Brewer, Major Wilson, Capt. Hollis, Capt. Conridge, Capt. Portway, Capt. Chaplin, Capt. Purves, Major Portway.
Front row (left to right)—Major Lovelace, Lt.-Col. (Q.M.) Gagen, Major Hoale, Lt.-Col. Pepys, Major Stewart, Major Garrard, Major Clibborn.

which the G.O.C. (Gen. Harding) and the Brigade Commander (Brigadier Piggott) were welcome guests. We take this opportunity in wishing Gen. Harding the best of good fortune in his retirement, and congratulate him upon his appointment as a Deputy Lieutenant for the County of Essex. The G.O.C. has always taken a keen interest in the T.A. and in the County Regiment, and we are all particularly pleased to learn that we shall still be seeing something of him in the future in his capacity as a D.L. and member of the T.A. Association.

As a return for the Sergeants' hospitality, the officers invited the Sergeants to the Mess for a drink before dinner. This was generally voted a great success and, judging by the subsequent noisy evening, more than the traditional two warmers were put into the bank on this occasion.

On our return from camp the Battalion was faced only too shortly with the T.A. Golden Jubilee celebrations.

This has been well covered by the national and local Press and no further comment is necessary, except to say that the Battalion was represented at the revue held by Her Majesty The Queen in Hyde Park on Sunday, June 22, 1958, by:—

<i>Officer Commanding:</i>	Company
Major M. C. Portway	" D "
<i>Colour Party:</i>	
Capt. D. V. Purves (Queen's Colour)	" B "
Lt. M. J. Amey (Regimental Colour)	" S "
W.O.2 H. C. Rulten	" D "
Sgt. H. Mildren	" H.Q. "
Sgt. J. E. Juson	" A "
<i>Detachment:</i>	
W.O.2 P. A. Stokes	" A "
W.O.2 F. Bretton	" B "
W.O.2 D. Anderson	" H.Q. "
W.O.2 W. E. Perry	" S "
Sgt. H. Manwaring	" S "
Cpl. J. H. Cox	" H.Q. "
Cpl. A. N. Pallant	" C "
L/Cpl. F. C. Deadman	" C "
L/Cpl. R. Easterbrook	" D "
L/Cpl. S. Verdon	" S "
Pte. B. F. Knights	" S "

and that their turnout and bearing was well up to the high standards set by 4th Essex on similar occasions in the past.

In addition, each T.A. Centre was open to the public on July 5, 1958, and a display, followed by a dance in the evening, was the general agreed method of bringing the name of 4th Essex to the public eye.

"A" COMPANY

Camp, 1958, is over, and doubtless has been adequately reported in the columns of this journal, so we will content ourselves with saying that it was enjoyed. It was pleasant to go to Dibgate with a larger Company, and more than pleasant to introduce our various "new chums" to T.A. camp, even though many of them were by no means new to soldiering. It is hoped that they had a good time and will feel disposed to bring more members to our ranks. It was their presence that brought back, after too long an

interval, the Gaza Cup, awarded this year for recruiting. Let it be admitted that our friends of "D" Company were breathing more than heavily down our neck, for the leading score swung from "D" to "A" and back several times before the final.

Life is quiet at Halbutt Street at present, for holidays, etc., have brought the usual temporary fall in attendance. However, some useful work is still being done and as often as possible this is carried out in the open and made as practical as evening periods will allow. Both Chigwell and Buckhurst Hill have been graced by our presence on several evenings this summer.

Naturally, a good part of our activities have been directed towards the celebration of the T.A. Jubilee year. C.S.M. "Sam" Stokes and Sgt. Juson represented the Company on the Hyde Park review, and Major D. F. Garrard and C/Sgt. Womack were on the Westminster Abbey parade. Capt. Conridge also attended as an usher within the Abbey.

Our local celebrations took the form of a display at the T.A. Centre, Wood Lane, Dagenham, where we combined with the five units quartered therein. A great deal of effort and thought went into the preparation of this function, and it is to be regretted that more of the townsfolk did not attend. However, the juvenile section turned up in force, and perhaps we may have started an interest. After the display finished, local V.I.P.s were entertained to a cocktail party. "A" Company then had the pleasure of acting as hosts, at Halbutt Street, to all the units concerned, and to other guests. We had a dance with a buffet supper, and by all accounts this was an outstanding success. Our guests have asked if we intend to have similar functions. We shall!

In conclusion, may we of this Company send our best wishes to the 3rd East Anglian Regiment.

"B" COMPANY

For "B" Company this year's annual camp was a great success. Although our numbers were small, there was a most noticeable Company spirit apparent from the day camp began until the party held on the last day.

All ranks appreciated the facilities given for firing all Company weapons, and rivalry was strong when it came to the turn of the Energa and 3.5 rocket launcher. Once we got moving on the Brigade exercise our role proved interesting, and until the last hours, when an irate landowner caused trouble for no good reason, we kept well in the picture and contributed in no small measure to the scuppering of part of the "enemy" forces. Our bodily needs were amply satisfied by C/Sgt. Carmichael and his able helpers, who sometimes outnumbered the remainder of the Company. Lt. John Stansby was on our camp strength and his experience and personality helped greatly.

Capt. D. C. Purves, C.S.M. Bretton and L Cpl. Knights represented the Company at the T.A. review in Hyde Park, while L.Cpls. Shelley and Bridge attended the Jubilee service at Westminster Abbey. On July 5 we held our own Jubilee dance at the Maldon Centre, which, thanks to the great efforts of Capt. Purves and his committee, and in particular of Sgt. and



Major Garrard, "A" Company, receives the "Gaza Cup" from Brigadier F. J. C. Piggott, Commander, 161 Infantry Brigade (T.A.)



'A' Coy.—Dibgate 1958

Mrs. Rhodes and L Cpl. Knights, was a most enjoyable occasion. C.S.M. Bretton was M.C. and the Mayor of Maldon, Alderman Tonkin, was principal guest.

Sgt. Rhodes came to us from the 1st Battalion after camp to take over from Sgt. Pettitt and we wish him and Mrs. Rhodes a pleasant stay in the area. His duties as P.S.I. should be eased when Company H.Q. is moved to Maldon.

For the first time the unit was represented in the Maldon Carnival and a brave show was made by Capt. Purves, Sgt. Pettitt, Cpls. Knights and Stewart, and L Cpl. Bridge in their Waterloo-period uniforms. Mrs. Purves, as Madame Pompadour, provided a delightful contrast to the businesslike, khaki-uniformed representatives of the Modern Army who followed in trucks. These were men of "B" Company and "S" Company, who came over from Manor Park to lend us their very welcome support.

The "bullet pushers" had a very satisfactory day on Middlewick Range, on August 24, in preparation for the rifle meeting in September. Thanks are due to the seven Cadets from Maldon, who gave us great assistance in the butts. It was noted that some of them were very useful shots, and we hope to see more of them in the future.

Our first "boy" recruit, Pte. Cobbold, from Coggeshall, has been enlisted and it is to be hoped that, with the general increase in T.A. strength, many other new names will be added to our nominal roll.



Maldon Carnival, 1958

"B" Company 4th Battalion The Essex Regiment (T.A.) were represented by Madame Pompadour (Mrs. D. Purves), Capt. Purves, Cpl. Knights, Cpl. Stewart, Sgt. Pettitt, L.Cpl. Bridge

"C" COMPANY

Although only six months have passed since the last notes, the problem this time is not an impatient Adjutant but deciding what to leave out. We finished our last notes with camp just before us, and this proved to be most successful and enjoyable. Journeying by road to Folkstone, the first incident came early in the proceedings, the O.C. on the Company motorcycle sprung a puncture in the Blackwall Tunnel only to be passed by many of the Unit in their luxurious limousines. He has a suspicion that on at least one occasion he saw the raised fingers of scorn. But the sun always shines on the righteous, for the Commanding Officer passing in his "gin palace" preferred a lift to the then despondent Major.

Training was varied and hard and the results achieved satisfactory, but the Company feels it had more than its fair share of the Divisional Commanders' attention during his short visit. The G.O.C. arrived just in time to see us (jointly with Alpha Company with which we enjoyed many camp training activities) firing the Energa quite accurately and at considerable expense, in view of a rash offer of a packet of cigarettes per hit, and then to our surprise in the afternoon the Commander came to see a platoon exercise under the direction of Capt. J. Hollis. All attempts to deter him from close inspection by such devious methods as using the dampest approach to the area and suggestions that "A" Company nearby were on most interesting training, failed. The General appeared to be favourably impressed, but little did he know that until ten seconds before the attack the "enemy" under Lt. G. Dyer were lost in a sea mist which had drifted over the scene.

The Brigade Scheme was an experience about which our recruits are inclined to boast to new men: They found out what C Sgt. R. Dowler can do with a No. 3 Burner (other than blow it up) and learnt just how cold the corner of a ploughed field becomes in those hours before a May dawn. Experiences of a different kind are related of the Company party which was held at the Swan Hotel, Hythe, and here the lesson came the following morning.

Our new P.S.I., C.S.M. R. Franks, joined us a few days before camp from the then 1st Battalion, and we are glad to say he is rapidly understanding the T.A. and has now been joined at The Armoury by his family. This arrival, however, meant that C.S.M. "Bill" Bailey was to depart to the 3rd East Anglian Regiment. We congratulate him upon his appointment to the new Regiment and wish him and his family good luck. Best wishes are also extended to Cpl. A. Pallant who marries in September and Cpl. F. Deadman on his promotion.

The Territorial Jubilee has dominated our summer activities. Cpls. Pallant and Deadman, resplendent in their borrowed blues, represented the Company in the Royal Review in Hyde Park. Those who watched the parade on the "goggle box" may be assured that they did not get wet.

The Armoury, unlike other T.A. Centres, was not open to the public on July 5, instead we participated in the Essex County Police Show which was held near by. We had the honour of presenting the Colours

and drums, we believe for the first time at Epping since before the war, and these, together with various infantry weapons and equipment, attracted considerable attention. Much of the hard work was done by some of our young recruits who had not then completed their enlistment, which shows great promise for the future.

A grand dance was our contribution to the Jubilee Celebrations, and the event, which was open to the public, was held at The Armoury on Saturday, July 19. The efforts of a team under Capt. Hollis and the P.S.I., kindly assisted by some of the wives of members who prepared an excellent buffet, were rewarded by a well-supported and entertaining evening.

It may have already been gathered from these notes that recruiting has greatly improved. Some of our recruits come from as far afield as Bishops Stortford, Herts, and in addition, the Company may also become a family affair. One man has brought in his brother, a former R.A.C. man; a recruit is bringing his father, an ex-B.S.M.; and Sgt. Ward is trying to enlist his son. We have also had our casualties which, we believe, stem from a good camp. Pte. Edwards has joined the Royal Marines and Pte. Bryan has enlisted in the Parachute Regiment. Good luck to them both, but we selfishly hope that this trend will not continue.

" D " COMPANY

A moment of contemplation on events during the six months just passed and camp leaps immediately into the void.

Dibgate could be described as a "popular" location, a veritable paradise, in fact, when compared with Fingringhoe or Stanford. The weather started well, and in blazing sunshine " D " Company, from its numerous and far-flung outposts, emerged in a variety of vehicles to sample the joys of Folkestone. Thereafter, the sun hastily fled.

However, in spite of rain, gales and fog, the fortnight was a success. As always, a mixed bag of activities, scheduled and unscheduled, arose to enliven proceedings. One moment the Company would be blasting off at tanks with rocket launchers, the next hunting for fire buckets to equip a last-minute ladies' latrine for the Battalion concert, or creeping about the countryside at 1 a.m. dodging flares, but not cow pats, on a night patrol exercise.

The scribe of these notes was not present with the Company for Exercise "Island Fling." He envied, however, their apparently comfortable and static role in a defensive position around Canterbury since he himself spent the time, as an umpire, forced marching across Kent in the enthusiastic company of a party of Suffolk Regiment Nijmegen marchers! Even the novelty of being televised by the B.B.C. failed to subdue the sting of the resulting blisters!

So successfully had the Company organised the Battalion concert on a previous occasion that it was asked to repeat the performance. This they did with even greater success.

Transforming a broken-down tin hut into a palace of entertainment approaching in stature that of the Leicester Square Odeon, a concert of gigantic proportions was presented. The number of entertainers,

mostly recruited from the Dover Engineering Works, almost constituted a source of embarrassment, since by midnight they were still in full swing. Two professional ladies from London made a popular diversion, appearing in next to nothing and causing universal eye strain.

Mention, too, must be made of C.S.M. Rulton who received, at a special ceremony, a certificate of merit from the hands of the Brigade Commander. A few days later he likewise distinguished himself at the Company party, on the last night of camp, by calling the barmaid "Sir"!

Outside camp, the other high-light of this six months has been the Jubilee Celebration of the Territorial Army.

Major M. C. Portway, C.S.M. Rulton and Cpl. Easterbrook represented the Company at the Hyde Park Review, and were supported by various members of the Company in the large audience. C.Q.M.S. Stock also attended the service at Westminster Cathedral.

The local Jubilee celebrations included the opening of all four of the Company outposts for a display of weapons and equipment. Anything that had the slightest connection to the military field was pushed into service and the Company folding dinghy became a tribal war canoe! Owing to the four-way distribution, exhibits were somewhat thin on the ground and many items had to be rushed from drill hall to drill hall during the afternoon!

During the evening a highly successful dance was held at Saffron Walden, the only moment of crisis being that the band's pianist turned out to be the secretary of the local Royal Artillery Association whose piano we had shanghaied!

Post-camp promotions go to Cpl. Brundell (now Sgt.), L/Cpl. Easterbrook (now Cpl.), and Ptes. Halls, Swan and Webb (now L/Cpls.). Very many congratulations to all of them.

A change in P.S.I.s has occurred once again and Sgt. Bullock has taken over from Sgt. Sutton. We wish both him and his wife a happy sojourn with the wild Indians of Portways Partisans.

These notes close with anticipation of things to come. The Company has taken up canoeing and a river crossing exercise, at Burnham, is scheduled for September. It is hoped that the Gaza Cup will not be the prize for recruiting next year, as we are certain to lose a lance-corporal or two in the muddy waters of the Crouch.

" S " COMPANY

Again the time has come round for " S " Company to get the old death watch beetle ticking over and write our last six months' history. It is always the intention after every issue of *The Eagle* to jot down all the interesting things that happen, so that it will be a simple matter to write the notes. It never happens, though.

Camp was thoroughly enjoyed by all the Company and our new entrants were favourably impressed and, including "Bluebottle," they certainly enjoyed themselves. "Dad" saw to that. Following up our remarks in the last issue, " S " Company certainly



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W.O.s and Sergeants—4th Battalion, The Essex Regiment (T.A.)—Dibgate, 1958.

set a standard in rifle company training. Exercise "Highland Fling" proved that, when "S" Company were capturing prisoners right, left and centre.

Since camp we have been getting down to work, and at the present time we are running a cadre for the cadets. They are keen and very quick at absorbing anything. Woe betide any instructor who gives different answers to the same question (as has been done), the cadets are on him like a ton of bricks. In addition, we are running driving cadres for motor cycles and one-tonners, as well as carrying out our normal training.

Attendances since camp have been first-class and all ranks are really keen. Our favourite recreational sport is snooker, with a penny on the pink, and fortunes are made and lost every drill night. Golden B— has his usual phenomenal luck and does everything to the balls except sink them. He is always in the money though.

We are getting keyed up for the winter, and are determined to have a good session of social activities this season. This completes our missive for this issue, and in the next one we hope to be able to say we have obtained a goodly number of new entrants.

"H.Q." COMPANY

The period April/September 1958 was one of the busiest that the Battalion has experienced for a long time, including as it did the annual camp, the T.A. Golden Jubilee Parade at Hyde Park, and celebration dances to T.A. Centres. In all these "H.Q." Company was heavily committed. Just prior to camp the Company Commander (Major C. E. A. Whyte) was posted as G.2 (Int.) to 54 Divisional H.Q. Although this posting to Divisional Staff in theory takes him away from the Battalion with which he has served for many years, we are looking forward to seeing him regularly at Ilford in the future. The Company was again

commanded at camp by Major D. B. Wilson, who has replaced Major Whyte, and despite some indifferent weather and at times indifferent messing, very useful training was completed by all platoons during this period, which included a three-day exercise for the whole Brigade.

Immediately after camp the whole Company effort was concentrated on organising a dance in celebration of the T.A. Golden Jubilee. This took place on the evening of July 5, at Ilford, and was probably the most ambitious function of its type yet attempted by "H.Q." Company. The official guests included the Mayor and Mayoress of Ilford, Mr. A. E. Cooper, M.P., the Honorary Colonel and his lady, Major and Mrs. Palmer of the Depot Warley, to mention, if we may, only a few. Some 250 people were present and the success of the evening was due to the work of all T.A. personnel, the Permanent Staff and their wives, to whom we are very grateful.

The Golden Jubilee Parade had taken place some two weeks previously, in Hyde Park, and the Company was represented by C.S.M. Anderson, Sgt. Milden and Cpl. Cox, when, as has been the case on so many occasions this summer, the weather all but ruined a grand spectacle. The Brigade motor-cycle trials were held on July 27, at Colchester, and a Battalion team was sent under the direction of "H.Q." Company. Although a considerable amount of training was organised before the event by the team captain, C.Q.M.S. Beeton, "H.Q." Company, the team was unfortunately disqualified on the day.

As these notes are being completed, it is learnt that severe financial restrictions are likely to be imposed on future training. However this may finally affect us, plans are already laid for a Company weekend in September. All ranks are looking forward to this event, since it will be the first occasion for some months that such a programme has been possible.

Obituary

WE REGRET TO REPORT THE FOLLOWING DEATHS

CAPT. C. T. SPARROW, M.B.E.

It is with deep regret that we report the sudden death of Capt. Sparrow on August 2, 1958.

Charles Sparrow commenced his military service in July 1913 when he enlisted as a boy in the Army Reserve, being posted to the 3rd Battalion of the Regiment. He quickly decided to make his career in the Army and in November of that year he enlisted as a Regular, being posted to the "Pompadours." A keen and smart young soldier, shortly after attaining man's service he was appointed Lance-Corporal, reaching the rank of Sergeant in April 1917. By this time he was on active service in France with the 2nd Battalion, where he took part in much hard fighting from May 1915 to the end of the 1914-18 War. The war had taken more than a heavy toll of the old Regular Army and men of Sparrow's calibre and experience were invaluable in building up the post-war army. It was therefore due to him and others of his kind that the "Pompadours" were able to once again reach their high standard of discipline, drill and turn-out, not forgetting the team spirit which later proved so successful in the field of sport and elsewhere.

Charles Sparrow won promotion to Warrant Officer Class II in 1923, and in 1926 was posted from India to the 1st Battalion, where he later became Regimental Sergeant-Major. In 1935 he was appointed as Garrison Sergeant-Major of the Colchester Garrison, being discharged in 1940 on promotion to commissioned rank, later becoming Captain and Quartermaster of the West Yorkshire Regiment. He completed his World War II service as a Staff Captain on the Eastern Command Pool and in 1945 was released.

Capt. Sparrow's overseas service was considerable, having served in France in World War I, followed by Malta and the Black Sea Army, in the Constantinople area, India, the Saar, and Iceland.

He was appointed to be an Additional Member of the Military Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire in 1943 and held the 1914-15 Star, British War Medal, and Victory Medal 1914-18, Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, Silver Jubilee Medal 1910-35, 1937 Coronation Medal, and the Defence Medal and War Medal 1939-45.

After the termination of his long and distinguished military career, he became Appointments Officer to the Ministry of Labour at Cambridge, and then was appointed as Youth Employment Officer to the Surrey County Council at Walton-on-Thames, where he made his home.

Charles Sparrow was most energetic and thorough in all his work, a sound disciplinarian.

Those who were privileged to serve with him invariably respected him for his keenness and efficiency.

He will be much missed by his many friends.

MAJOR GEORGE JOHNSON

Members of the old Walthamstow Volunteers, the 7th Battalion, The Essex Regiment, and residents of both Walthamstow and Chingford will be sorry to hear of the death of Major Johnson, who died at his home at 34 St. Mary's Road, Cromer, on Saturday, July 19, at the age of seventy-six.

Major Johnson lived in Walthamstow for a number of years but moved to Chingford after the 1914 War. He was the son of a well-respected Walthamstow resident, his father being an inspector in the Metropolitan Police.

He was educated at Monoux Grammar School, and in 1905 was commissioned in the old 1st Volunteer Battalion of The Essex Regiment and served in the old "E" and "K" Companies in Church Hill Road, under Capt. Goodchild.

Upon the formation of the 7th Battalion he took command of "G" Company and, being mobilised in August, 1914, he served throughout the 1914-18 War, landing at Gallipoli with his company.

He took part in the operations there until his health failed and he had to return to England.

Back in England he continued to serve with the Provisional Battalion in Norfolk.

When, after the war, the Battalion was re-formed, he continued to serve until 1931, when he retired.

It is doubtful if any officer was better known than he, and there is no doubt but that he was held in high esteem and affection by all ranks.

Perhaps his greatest service to his old comrades was the part he took in forming and soundly establishing the Old Comrades' Association, and the fact that under its present name of "The Eagle & Gun Regimental Association" it is still firmly established, is in a large measure due to the solid foundation Major Johnson laid.

His military career finished did not mean he had ceased to give service to his fellows, and for many years he was a member of the City of London Special Constabulary.

In civil life he held a responsible position with the City Corporation where also he enjoyed the friendship of his colleagues.

During the last war his health failed and he had to retire. He went to live at Cromer, but although so far away, his interest in all to do with his old comrades remained unabated.

A few months ago he and his wife suffered a severe blow by the sudden death of one of his daughters in West Africa.

During the past few years Major Johnson's health deteriorated and he was an invalid, being faithfully cared for by his wife, to whom all who know them will extend their sympathy.

The cremation took place on Wednesday, July 23, 1958, at the Norwich Crematorium at St. Faith's, Major H. Staff, the Secretary of the Eagle & Gun Regimental Association, attended to represent the large number of Old Comrades who were unable to attend.

Mr. John Bury (8274 Conductor). Mr. Bury first enlisted in the Regiment in October 1904 and served with the 1st Battalion until 1911, after which he was with the Indian Corps of Clerks until 1930. He rejoined the Essex in 1939 and was Orderly Room Sergeant of the 7th Battalion at Ingatestone until his discharge on medical grounds in 1942.

Mr. Bury retired in 1950 and suffered continued illness until his death in January of this year.

Mr. W. Alton (6008788), a Life member of the Association who died on July 9 last.

Other deaths of which we have been notified only recently are:

Mr. E. Monks, who died at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, on January 9, 1958.

Mr. A. Clifton, killed in a railway accident on June 6, 1958.

Mr. E. T. Brown (Sgt. Brown, who enlisted in 1895).

Capt. H. E. Blower, who died in February 1957.

Mr. C. S. Butterfield (Lt. 2nd and 4th Battalions), who died in April 1958.

Mr. A. Knight (Lt. 3rd and 11th Battalions) died in 1955.

Mr. J. Elmer Astle (Lt. 10th, 12th and 17th Battalions), who died on January 10, 1958.

Mr. J. A. Blake (late 7th Battalion).

PERSONALIA AND CORRESPONDENCE

August 31, 1958.

DEAR EDITOR,

May I take this opportunity of thanking the many friends and the Association for subscribing to the very cherished carved eagle, and the cheque that the Colonel of the Regiment so kindly presented to me on the occasion of the last Regimental dinner.

It was not until my return home in the early hours, when I woke up my wife and opened the envelope containing the cheque, that I realised how very generous friends, both in and out of the Regiment, had been.

We are, indeed, grateful for a most tangible and acceptable gift. The eagle will always hold the place of honour on our mantelshelf and the cheque is providing many acquisitions which help to make a home really comfortable.

I am glad to say we are settling down well in our new life and surroundings at Chelsea, but we will never forget the happy and interesting life that the Regiment made possible for us at Warley. I would, therefore, particularly wish to thank Gen. Sir Geoffrey Howard, Brigadier Wilmer, Brigadier Paton and the many Depot Commanders under whom I was privileged to serve for so long.

The Royal Hospital is in the process of forming a museum, and having been made Curator and Secretary I have quickly found, to me, a most congenial occupation.

My wife and I would once again thank all the friends who have so kindly contributed to our continued happiness.

Yours very sincerely,

S. H. ANDREW, *Major.*

The Royal Hospital,
Chelsea,
London, S.W.3.

Correspondence and publicity in connection with the last reunion has again enabled us to renew our contacts with many old comrades with whom we had lost touch. Unfortunately we also learned that one or two of the older members had been lost to us, and we extend our sympathy to their relatives.

A number of members wrote regretting that they would not be able to attend this year's reunion, and we shall hope that they will be able to join us at Warley next year.

We would like to extend our grateful thanks to the very many letters received expressing good wishes to the new Regiment.

June 30, 1958.

DEAR SIR,

I heard with great interest the very brief announcement of your memorial on this morning's wireless news. My elder brother, Capt. Charles Ralph Dixon (Mike, to his brother officers), was commissioned to the Regiment in 1907 and was killed in the Gallipoli landing in 1915, having served in the 1st and 2nd Battalions. I have been unable to find any "write up" of yesterday's proceedings in the Press and would be much interested if you could send me an account (perhaps in the local paper), and also let me know if you have any subscription list still open.

I wonder if there are any who served with my brother still alive?

Yours sincerely,

W. A. DIXON, *Captain.*

Over-Seas League,
Overseas House,
St. James's,
London, S.W.1.

DEAR SIR,

May 23, 1958.

I have safely received the May issue of *The Eagle*, and naturally it is with great regret that I learn that the Regiment is losing its individual identity, but I feel sure that all members of the Old Comrades' Association will still manage to find time to get together once a year.

It is noted that in the Amalgamation news it is mentioned that investigations are in hand to open local branches, and I would be only too pleased to make myself an active member should one be formed in my locality.

Mr. Judge's suggestion is very good and I have subscribed thereto and trust you will find an old member who has not been in touch with us for some time and to whom you can forward a copy of *The Eagle*.

I am assuming that the usual ticket for the reunion on June 30 is at 3s. 6d., and I have enclosed cheque to cover the cost.

Please will you notify me whether your four-star hotel accommodation is still available for those who wish to stay overnight, as I shall be only too pleased to avail myself of the Sunday church parade.

Yours sincerely,

G. E. ALLDRITT.

12 Gloucester Road,
Burnt Oak,
Edgware, Middlesex.

June, 1958.

DEAR SIR,

Every year I come to the reunions, which I seem to enjoy more each time, besides meeting the old friends, so this year I made up my mind to write to you and thank you for all those previous years, and I shall be there this year if I have to walk.

I remain,

Yours respectfully,

H. EDWARDS.

(Ex-Sgt. H. Edwards, 22259739.)

Flat 5,
55 Faraday Road,
North Kensington,
London, W.10.

May 25, 1958.

DEAR SIR,

I've been given to understand that my Regiment are holding a reunion.

I served with the 1st Battalion Essex Regiment at Gallipoli; my number at that time was 7770. I also served in France with the 2nd Battalion; my number then was 20790. I was wounded on the same day as Sgt. Rogers, M.M., of 2nd Battalion.

I would be grateful to get in touch with him if he is still alive.

Yours faithfully,

W. H. BROWN.

Ward G. 48,
Star and Garter Home,
Richmond,
Surrey.

EDITOR'S NOTE.—Can any of our readers help with information concerning Sgt. Rogers.

The latest report from the Star and Garter Home informs us that Mr. W. H. Brown (who writes in the previous column) has been a patient at the home since 1944. He is now dependent on a wheel chair for locomotion, and has to wear a spinal jacket for support, but in spite of these disabilities he is always cheerful.

June 16, 1958.

DEAR SIR,

I had a very interesting meeting with an old member of the Regiment last Sunday, June 15. I was on duty outside my L.T.E. garage and I got into conversation with a police constable on duty who noticed my Association Badge. This P.C. turned out to be a Pte. R. Dabson, late of "B" Company, 1st Battalion, 1919-22.

Most old members of the Regiment will remember him as the man who was kidnapped at Bandon Barracks, Southern Ireland, in 1921. He was held a prisoner for two weeks and then released. At this time he was working as a waiter in the Officers' Mess.

We had a long talk and I gave him all the up-to-date news. He asked me if I would arrange for him to be sent the invitation to his month's reunion. Will you do this for me?—and he also asks to join the Old Comrades' Association. I was serving with this man in 1919-22 and I remember him well. I hope to be down for the service on June 29. I cannot get away for June 28.

Kind regards,

J. HOWARD.

(Ex-Sgt. J. Howard.)

79 McCall House,
Tufnell Park Road,
Holloway, N.7.

June 8, 1958.

DEAR SIR,

I must apologise for being unable to attend this year's reunion, having made prior arrangements for a holiday with friends—I had not realised the importance of the occasion.

I am, however, in correspondence with Mr. Denis McKenna, who left us—The Pompadours—whilst we were in Cawnpore in 1926. He was then a lance-corporal in the Q.M.'s office and went to Simla as a clerk. He was discharged to the Civil Service and is now home on retirement leave, living at 16 Farmly Road, North Chingford, E.4. You may care to contact him as he is most interested in the Regiment—I have sent him the circular *re* the anniversary reunion.

My best wishes to all.

Yours sincerely,

A. OAKMAN.

66 Priory Close,
Bradford-on-Avon,
Wilts.

Mr. W. Wright (formerly 6493 Sgt. Wright), who now lives at Ludlow, wrote and said how much he regretted being unable to attend the reunion. He assured us that he would be there in spirit.



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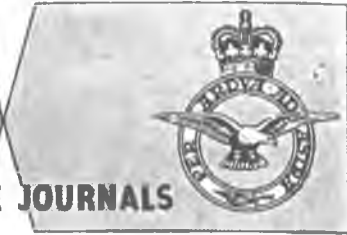
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Col. R. A. Chell, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., T.D., has sent us a report concerning the sad death on August 15 last of Major H. James, V.C., M.C., of the Worcestershire Regiment. This gallant and intrepid soldier will be remembered by many members of the 10th Essex. He served as Brigade Major 53 Infantry Brigade in 1918, and Col. Chell was his opposite number with 55 Brigade. Some of Major James's exploits are recorded in the 10th Battalion's History. Col. Chell was able to be present at the funeral.

Mr. W. J. Swan, D.C.M., of Saffron Waldon has sent us a cutting from a Scottish newspaper which shows Capt. R. M'Cornish on parade with his Gordonstoun Army Cadets. Capt. M'Cornish will be remembered by many of the 5th Essex with whom he served in Italy and Germany.

Major Jack Beazley, the Hon. Sec. of the Essex County Rifle Association informs us that a bronze N.R.A. medal (as issued to a recruit) estimated to be of the 1908 period, has been found in Ilford. Though of small monetary worth, it could be of sentimental value and may well belong to one of our readers. Enquiries should be forwarded to Major J. E. Beazley, M.B.E., T.D., at 37 Falmouth Gardens, Ilford, Essex.

The funeral of Capt. Sparrow whose sad death is reported on another page, took place at the Woodman Road Cemetery, Warley, on August 8, 1958. Major B. J. Palmer, Major T. R. Stead, Capt. E. T. Stevart, R.S.M. Baldry (Depot) and R.S.M. Luscombe (4th Battalion) represented the Regiment. Among the Old Comrades were Majors Staff and Elliott, R.Q.M.S. Bathurst, C.S.M.s Meadows and Stevenson, Sgts. Piggott and Austin, Messrs. H. W. Purser and P.C. Munn. Pall bearers were provided by the W.O.s and sergeants from the Regimental Depot and the 4th Battalion.

Many members will remember Mr. Austin, mentioned above (formerly Sgt. Frank Austin), who was the Education Sergeant attached to the 2nd Battalion in Malta and Turkey during the period 1922-25. Though the occasion was a sad one, we were very pleased to see him once again.

We heard recently of Mr. A. Ashton (formerly Sgt. Ashton, 3501 and 599890) who served with the 1st and 2nd Battalions from 1915-22. Mr. Ashton is now living in Brussels and is a commercial traveller. Unfortunately he has suffered from ill health for some time past and the necessary medical treatment has caused him considerable financial hardship. We are glad to say that the Association was able to make a grant to assist him.

We were pleased to receive a visit from Mr. B. Box (formerly Sgt. B. Box, 7757185), who has been convalescing after spending some weeks in hospital at Harold Wood. Mr. Box has been suffering from coronary thrombosis, but is now, we are glad to say, gradually regaining his health.

Lt.-Col. Tommy Gagen, who has been busy opening the Brentwood Branch of the Association, tells us he had has a very good response from members, and the first meeting of the Branch is to be held in the Church Hut, Warley Barracks, at 7 p.m. on Friday, October 3, 1958.

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The Editor.

June 16, 1958.

DEAR SIR,

We have recently become aware of the fact that many people, even among those in Her Majesty's Services, have very little knowledge of the work carried out by The Star and Garter Home at Richmond, Surrey, and are not even aware of the fact that it is an independent charity requiring much financial help if the grievously disabled ex-Servicemen resident there are to be looked after in the way that their comrades would wish.

At the present time we have 200 patients in the Home which is full. Five of them took part in the Boer War, two-thirds served in World War I and the remainder in World War II or later. You will, therefore, appreciate that we have men of all ages here, our oldest being eighty-seven, while our youngest, who was admitted in November, 1956, was then under twenty-one.

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On account of the increased cost of everything, we now have to spend more than three times as much as we did in 1939 to maintain our patients properly. In fact we need about £40,000 a year in gifts and legacies to bridge the gap between our present dependable income and known expenditure.

Any contribution, however modest, that any of your readers can send, or, better still, any annual subscription, would be deeply appreciated by my fellow Governors and myself on behalf of our unfortunate comrades who cannot look after themselves and are doomed to inactivity for the rest of their lives. Gifts should be sent to The Commandant, The Star and Garter Home for Disabled Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen, Richmond, Surrey.

Yours sincerely,
ALANBROOKE,
President.

Richmond, Surrey.

THE ESSEX REGIMENT OFFICERS' DINNER

The 44th/56th Dining Club of The Essex Regiment held its last annual dinner at the United Service Club on Thursday, June 5, 1958, before its amalgamation with its counterpart of the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment: 61 officers attended.

Brigadier C. M. Paton, C.V.O., C.B.E., D.L., Colonel of The Essex Regiment, was in the Chair and the guests were Col. Sir Francis H. D. C. Whitmore, BT., K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., T.D., J.P., the Lord Lieutenant, and Col. Sir John Ruggles-Brise, BT., O.B.E., T.D., D.L., J.P., the Vice-Lieutenant.

Other officers who attended were Lt.-Gen. Sir Geoffrey Howard, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., D.L.; Brigadiers R. E. G. Carolin, C. S. Mills, G. H. Wilmer, D.S.O., M.C.; Col. G. M. Gibson, T.D., F. R. Grimwood, D.S.O., R. W. Littlehales, O.B.E. (Hon. Sec.), A. Noble, D.S.O., T.D., D.L., S. C. W. W. Rea, O.B.E., N. R. Salew, O.B.E., D.L., A. J. R. Waller, D.L., J.P.; Lt.-Cols. C. F. V. Bagot, O.B.E., D. A. Beckett, D.S.O., M. W. Holme, M.B.E., M.C., A. H. Kelly, D. E. Long-Price, O.B.E., L. W. W. Marriott, K. F. May, O.B.E., R. Neave, S. G. L. Pepys, E. C. Van der Kiste, W. N. C. Waite, G. H. Walker, C. L. Wilson, O.B.E., M.C., Majors S. H. Andrew, H. G. Aylmer, D. W. Browne, M.C., J. D. Castle, T.D., R. G. Chillingworth, T.D., A. G. de la Mare, M.C., R. S. P. Dix, A. W. Moody, L. A. Newbold, B. J. Palmer, A. J. M. Parry, M.C., T. E. A. Robinson, T. R. Stead, H. N. Stenning, J. E. Stewart, F. W. Waddell, M.B.E., D. A. C. Wilkinson, K. P. L. Wilson; Capt. P. D. Blyth, F. H. Crouchman, G. C. P. Morgan, B. M. Parsons, J. R. Paxman, D. B. Riches, H. J. Orpen-Smellic, W. A. Casterton Smelt, O.B.E., R. W. Start, E. T. Stevart, P. L. Philcox, M.C., Lts. D. R. Brady, J. E. Hutchings, M. Jones; 2/Lt. P. J. Sincok; and E. S. Keyworth, Esq. (Hon. Treasurer).

In welcoming the guests, the Chairman drew attention to the fact that the Lord Lieutenant had denied himself the pleasure of attending his own Regimental dinner in order to be present with the officers of his County Regiment. This act of unselfishness was greatly appreciated. The Chairman then read out messages from Their Majesties the Queen and Queen Mother, which had been received in answer to loyal messages which had been sent to them. He also said that the Queen Mother had graciously agreed to become Colonel-in-Chief of the new amalgamated Regiment, an honour of which the Regiment was most proud. A telegram of good wishes was also received from the new Regiment.

The Chairman stated that the amalgamation had taken place very smoothly and he called on Lt.-Col. Waite, who had just given up command of the 44th/56th, to give a short account of the final stages.

The Chairman then presented an engraved wooden eagle and a cheque to Major S. H. Andrew in recognition of his services to the Regiment for over 40 years.

The Lord Lieutenant spoke of the support he had always received from retired officers of The Essex Regiment in filling important appointments in the

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REGIMENTAL DEPOT NOTES

During the many discussions which took place after the decision to amalgamate The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment with The Essex Regiment, it was decided that the new Depot should be formed on the Depot of The Essex Regiment at Warley, and also that the new Regimental Headquarters should be established there.

Eventually the historic day, June 2, arrived and the Amalgamation which had filled our thoughts and occupied our activities for so many weeks was an established fact.

To mark it, all ranks from both Regiments, then at the Depot at Warley, paraded on the Square, where they were addressed by the Commanding Officer, Major B. J. Palmer, after which the parade gave three cheers for the New Regiment. At the same time the new Regimental Flag was hoisted and a notice-board with the new title was put up outside the Depot gate. During the remainder of the day the Battle Honour boards and other notice-boards were altered so that by mid-day we were well and truly the Regimental Depot, 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot). But to remind us of the glorious past remain the Essex Regiment Museum and the Regimental Chapel.

Unfortunately it was not possible for us to change our badges on June 2, as they had not arrived from Ordnance. When they did arrive they were incomplete and it was some weeks before we were all properly dressed. Most of us thought we had prepared ourselves mentally for the change, but when it came it was a moment full of nostalgia. Like so many other things in life, however, one gets accustomed to changes and we have all now become used to the new badges, which daily have more and more meaning.

The Staff have been together long enough now to have become thoroughly integrated and friendly, and we like to think we are now rather a better Depot than we were before. The main changes in staff can be seen from the lists of officers, warrant officers and sergeants which appear elsewhere in this Journal. We wish those who have left us the best of good fortune, and can honestly say we were sorry to see them go.

We have been fortunate in having a very full quota of trainees over the period from June to the present. This has meant few spare moments as well as several crises in accommodation and training instructors.

Though we are still far from getting as many as we need, the number of regular enlistments has shown a welcome rise since Amalgamation, due mainly to the doubling of our recruiting area. The fact that we had a small all-Regular squad in training for a short period is a healthy sign, and something which has not happened since before the war. New recruiting posters and pamphlets have been produced and any reader who would be good enough to help in their distribution

or display will be very welcome, and we will be grateful if he would get in touch with the Adjutant.

The first passing-out parade for recruits who joined the Regiment after June 2 took place on August 23. The parade was taken by Lt.-Gen. Sir Reginald F. S. Denning, K.B.E., C.B., Colonel the 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot). In his address, Gen. Denning told the recruits that they were going to a Battalion which had already made its mark in Germany, not only in shooting, but also in every other sphere. They had the honour to be the first to join the new Regiment since it was formed. Behind them were the traditions of two famous regiments and an example to follow which had been set for more than two and a half centuries. After the parade the Colonel of the Regiment visited the NAAFI tea-room and spoke with parents and friends of the recruits.

A great number of officers, N.C.O.s and men have passed through our "Held Strength" since June 2, and even more of their M.F.O. baggage has been in and out of the Q.M.'s Stores. We try to make all ranks in transit as welcome as possible. We are also pleased to see any past or present members of the Regiment, if at any time they are in the area. Anybody who has not done so before, would find a visit to the Chapel and the Museum worth while.

TRAINING COMPANY

These notes are the first to come from the Training Company of the Depot of our new Regiment. We are conscious that we are helping to make Regimental history. Our Staff, consisting of all ranks from both of our former Regiments, is now well integrated, and we all hope we are laying good foundations for future generations to build up the spirit of the 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot).

The number of recruits, both Regular and National Service, and other members of the Regiment who have passed through the gates of the Depot and our hands has been large, and we have been very pleased to meet them all.

Lt. Pike, Sgts. Cracknell and South have joined the Staff from the Battalion. Lt. Hutchings, who can regard himself as a founder member of the new Training Company has left us for the Airborne Forces, and we wish him well in his new sphere. The C.S.M., C.S.M. Archer, was unlucky enough to break his arm and to have it badly set, which meant all the unpleasantness of having it broken again and re-set. But we hope to have him back to duty in the near future.

ORDERLY ROOM

Congratulations to L. Cpl. Pennells on his marriage, and to Cpl. Law, our P.T. expert, on his forthcoming wedding.

Since our last issue, an indescribable amount of "bumph" seems to have passed through our hands



The Colonel of the Regiment Lieutenant-General Sir Reginald F. S. Denning, K.B.E., C.B. taking the salute at the Passing Out Parade at Warley on 23rd August, 1958.

and the pressure of work has of necessity been even greater than usual. This has, of course, been due to the Amalgamation and the arrangements required for the final reunion of the Old Comrades of the Essex Regiment, Civic Sunday and the Essex County Show.

We congratulate S/Sgt. Hewitt on his well-deserved promotion and would like to thank him, together with Mr. Copping and Mr. Crow, for all their good work. We now have quite a few new faces in the Orderly Room. L Cpls. Vickory and Crockett have departed to more lucrative and less strenuous jobs in Civvy Street, and "Peanuts" Avery can hardly wait his turn. In their places we welcome Ptes. Critchell, Hect (from 1st Northamptons) and Darvill (from Bedford). We hope their stay will be a happy one.

We have just had the joyous news that the administrative inspection is only two months away, so this report is shorter than usual, while we take up pen and paper again and tackle our jobs with renewed vigour. Will we ever be ready in time?

We send greetings to all members of the new Regiment and look forward to welcoming any who dare to find their way into our archives (at least we're more up to date than the Q.M. who has just destroyed his old files for 1936!).

OFFICERS' MESS

During the period a large number of visitors and guests have visited the Mess, including a number of former officers of the 16th Foot. We were glad to see them all, and particularly the latter.

A number of entertainments which may be of interest to readers are given chronologically in the next column. It can be appreciated from this shortened list that the Mess Staff have not had many idle moments.

May 3. Major Dix's wedding reception.

May 8. Last Regimental guest night for the Essex Regimental Depot. Guests included: Lt.-Col. Holmes, Major Edwards, Major McMillen and Capt. Philcox.

May 31. Luncheon following an Association Committee Meeting.

June 2. Special guest night during which a presentation of a carved Eagle was made to Brigadier C. M. Paton, C.V.O., C.B.E., D.L. Those attending were: The Lord Lieutenant of Essex, Col. Sir Francis Whitmore, Bart., K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., T.D., J.P.; Brigadiers G. H. Wilmer, D.S.O., M.C., G. Shenstone, C.B.E., T.D., D.L., and C. S. Mills, Cols. C. Portway, M.C., T.D., D.L., J.P., G. M. Gibson, T.D., N. R. Salew, O.B.E., D.L., A. Noble, D.S.O., T.D., D.L., and E. M. C. Waite, Lt.-Cols. L. W. W. Marriott, C. A. Southey, P. S. Clementi-Smith, and S. G. L. Pepys, Majors B. J. Palmer and S. H. Andrew.

June 15. Civic Sunday tea on the lawn for 310 guests.

June 21. Lt. M. Jones's wedding reception.

June 28. Reunion cricket lunch.

June 29. Remembrance Sunday lunch on lawn for 60 guests.

SERGEANTS' MESS

The morning of June 2, 1958, dawned dull and overcast and matched all our moods. This was the day the Regiment was to be amalgamated, and it was with mixed feelings we passed through the main gate for the last time as members of the Essex Regiment, to the Depot Square where a small parade was to be held to mark the occasion. After a short address by the Commanding Officer, the Flag of the old Regiment was lowered for the last time and the new Regimental Flag

of the 3rd East Anglian Regiment hoisted. Fanned by a slight breeze it began to blow proudly in the wind, giving us the signal to go forward to the future with confidence. Partings are always sad, but in this modern world one has learned to take the changing moods of life in one's stride, and it is in this spirit we go forward as members of the new Regiment, determined to uphold the great traditions of both our Regiments.

R.S.M. H. Willmott, who has been the Regimental Sergeant-Major at the Depot for the past two years, has now left us to take up the appointment of Regimental Sergeant-Major with the 5th Battalion the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.). His familiar figure will be missed from our midst and from the sports field where he has always been a tower of strength. To him and Mrs. Willmott we offer our best wishes.

The appointment of Regimental Sergeant-Major has been taken over by R.S.M. R. Baldry, and to him and Mrs. Baldry we extend a very warm welcome and hope their stay with us will be a happy one (even with such a small bath and no fridge!).

To the small members of the Mess, namely, W.O.2s Cassidy and Archer, S/Sgt. Boreham and Sgts. South, Cracknell and Hirst (A.C.C.) we also extend a warm welcome and hope they will soon settle in. To all those who have passed through in the past month's either on postings or to return to civilian life, we say welcome and good-bye, and the best of good fortune in all your doings.

The social life in the Mess is flourishing and we are often joined at our social evenings and dances by members of 4th Essex (T.A.). It is great to have them with us on these occasions to share in our fun. (There is always a "cuppa" at the end.)

Mrs. Piggott finally decided to join the new Regiment and immediately informed us she was the oldest member. How she managed this we are still trying to discover.

The new honorary membership cards are in the process of being sent out, and it is hoped that members will come along to visit us often.

Now we must away to prepare for our annual administrative inspection.

CRICKET

In spite of the bad weather this summer, the Depot cricket team at Warley played some very enjoyable games and has met with a certain amount of success. To date, eleven matches have been played and five cancelled because of rain. Four games were won, six lost and one drawn. As can be seen, the policy has always been to go for a result, and this has meant, in fact, that two matches which probably could have been drawn were just lost in an exciting finish.

We were extremely sorry to see R.S.M. Willmott leave us half-way through the season. He has been playing for the side since 1954, and it was fitting that he scored an undefeated 28 in his last knock. We wish him all good fortune with both bat and ball at Bedford.

Those who have distinguished themselves through

the season include Pte. Parker (our most consistent bat with an average of 22), Cpl. Mitchell (19 wickets at 7.5 runs apiece), Ptes. Mackie and Pearson. Pte. Dunn has also been useful behind the stumps, while Sgt. Tocock (scorer) and L/Cpl. Salter (umpire) have done their jobs most conscientiously and willingly.

Mention must be made of the last match between The Essex Regiment and The Gents of Essex. A galaxy of talent assembled to represent the Regiment on a damp afternoon at the end of June, and hopes were high that the Gentlemen would suffer a heavy defeat at our hands. The visitors declared at 149 for 8, but when Lt.-Col. David Longprice joined Mike Holme at ten-past six, our score was 27 for 9 and 20 minutes were left for play! These two defended their wickets with all the means at their disposal (and in their own vastly different styles!) to save the game with the highest stand of the innings.

Now thoughts are already turning to hockey and football, and in a fortnight's time another cricket season will be over. It will be pleasant to play a game again that befits the weather, but we are all secretly looking forward to a sunny 1959, when we shall once more take the field on Warley's sacred turf!

HOCKEY

Our last issue went to press before the final of the Eastern Command Minor Units' Tournament had been played. Our opponents were H.Q. Eastern Command and the game took place on April 9 at Chelsea. The weather was appalling and conditions could hardly have been worse, with torrential rain falling through most of the game.

In spite of the muddy state of the pitch, the game was of quite a high standard, but H.Q. Eastern Command were too good for us and ran out winners by 4 goals to nil. All members of the team received a runners-up medal.

Already training is starting for the coming season, and with the arrival of Major Kitto, Capt. French and Lt. Pike, we have high hopes of pulling off the Command Shield. We are also entering for the District Major and Minor Units' competitions.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES

The Editor acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following contemporary journals and periodicals:

"The Wasp," "The Covenanter," "The Britanica," "The Snapper," "Tobruk Echo," "The Journal of the Royal Hampshire Regiment," "The Queen's Own Gazette," "The Waggoner," "The Roussillon Gazette," "The Royal Army Pay Corps Journal," "The Suffolk Regimental Gazette," "The St. George's Gazette," "The Light Bob Gazette," "The Red Hackle," "The Ranger," "Empire and Commonwealth."

Regimental Chapel



The new Memorial Window in the Regimental Chapel.

The Chapel at Warley was originally built for the East India Company in 1857. It was taken over as the Essex Regiment Chapel on February 25, 1925. Since then there have been many alterations and additions as memorials or as gifts. After the last war

subscribers from the Essex Regiment and the county added a memorial in the form of a tower and chime of bells.

At the Annual Civic Sunday Service this year a stained glass window in the base of the tower was dedicated by the Right Rev. F. S. Allison, D.D., Bishop of Chelmsford. It contains the county arms, the Regimental badges, and the Divisional signs of all formations in which battalions of The Essex Regiment saw operational service between 1939 and 1945. A photograph of this window appears in this issue.

The building and precincts remain the property of the Crown, and the War Department are responsible for maintenance of the exterior. The War Office have recently approved the alteration of the nomenclature of the Chapel to "3rd East Anglian Regiment and Essex Regiment Chapel."

A new Chapel Committee is being set up which will be responsible for additions, maintenance and alterations to the Chapel in future. It is hoped that this committee will start work shortly.

Empire Field of Remembrance

The Empire Field of Remembrance for 1958 will be held at Westminster from November 6 to 11.

The Field will be opened at 12 noon on Thursday, November 6, by a short service conducted by Canon Stancliffe, assisted by the Dean of Westminster.

In keeping with the aim of the organisers that the opening ceremony of the Field shall, whenever possible and practicable, be linked with some event of national significance, the Service of Dedication of the 1958 Field on November 6 will commemorate in particular the Golden Jubilee of the Territorial Forces 1908-58, and an appropriately designed badge cross will be planted by Maj.-Gen. W. R. Cox, C.B., D.S.O., Director of the Territorial Army.

A Regimental Memorial Space, with surround and representative crosses, is being arranged by the Association. Small remembrance crosses will be on sale at the Field.

Brigadier C. M. Paton, C.V.O., C.B.E., D.L., Associate Colonel of the Regiment, has expressed his intention of being present at the opening ceremony on November 6, and it is hoped that any members who can do so will attend at that time.

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Chairman: Mr. W. F. Marr.

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Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: Major H. J. Staff, 3 Knebworth Avenue, Walthamstow, London, E.17.

10th Battalion (1914-19)

Reunion and dinner first Saturday in December annually, at Talbot Restaurant, London, Wall.

President: Col. R. A. Chell, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., D.L.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. L. W. Bird, M.C., F.C.A., 38 Worrin Road, Shenfield, Essex.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ESSEX REGIMENT ASSOCIATION HELD AT WARLEY BARRACKS ON SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 1958

Chairman: Col. N. R. Salew, O.B.E., D.L.

There were 75 members of the Association present.

The Chairman opened the meeting and read a letter from the Colonel of the Regiment—Brigadier C. M. Paton—regretting his absence through illness. He (the Chairman) said on behalf of all present that he proposed to send to Brigadier Paton a telegram of good wishes for his speedy recovery.

1. Minutes of previous General Meeting were read by Major T. R. Stead, unanimously adopted and signed by the Chairman.

2. Major B. J. Palmer gave a summary of the proposal to form local branches of the Association throughout the county, which was received with enthusiasm by all present.

The question was raised of holding reunions at Warley in future, and the Chairman explained that owing to the small staff which would subsequently be available at Warley this might present difficulties. The reunion meeting for next year would, however, be held at Warley.

3. Major S. H. Andrew introduced the Annual Report, Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts, which had been circulated among all members present, and recommended their adoption. Lt.-Col. S. G. L. Pepys proposed, and Mr. S. E. Hollier seconded, that the Annual Report be adopted, and this was carried unanimously.

4. Major Palmer then spoke on the formation of a new Committee subsequent to the Amalgamation. He informed the members that though their funds were not affected by the amalgamation, there would be only one "Colonel of the Regiment" of the 3rd East Anglian Regiment, which meant the three associations would have the same head and should have the same committees. Therefore the General Committee and other committees would have to be re-arranged. He asked for the members' agreement for the present General Committee to carry on until such time as a new committee representing the Amalgamated Regiments was formed. Capt. L. W. Bird proposed, and Mr. R. Paul seconded, that the present committee should continue, and act as caretakers. Major Palmer then went on to explain the amalgamation and described the new badges (cap and collar) and the shoulder title (East Anglia). The purple colour will be kept on the flag, although the new Regimental Colour is yellow.

The Regimental Chapel and its funds will remain as at present, but it will be the Chapel of the new Regiment as well as of The Essex Regiment.

Mr. Clark here proposed that an open invitation be sent to the Old Comrades of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment to attend the next year's reunion. This was seconded by Mr. Paul and carried unanimously.

Mr. Treacher asked about the future of the Museum, and Major Andrew said that a Museum would be opened at the new Brigade Depot in due course and all members of the Brigade would send contributions.

The future of our own Museum was not yet known, but it would be preserved. A member then asked about the future of the trophies won by the Battalions, at present held by the Regiment. Major Palmer explained to the meeting that the Silver held by the Regiment was under the authority of the Charity Commissioners, who would appoint trustees to control it.

The Chairman announced that H.M. The Queen Mother had been appointed Colonel-in-Chief of the 3rd East Anglian Regiment.

The salute after the service on Sunday, June 29, would be taken by Gen. Sir Geoffrey Howard, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., D.L.

The Chairman informed the meeting that this was the last occasion Major Andrew would be present as the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer of the Association, and thought it would be true to say that he had eaten, slept and drunk "Regiment" for the past forty years. The Association were indeed grateful to him for all he had done, both in administrative work and welfare. These remarks were received with acclamation. The Chairman then informed the meeting that at the meeting of the Officers' Dining Club, held in London recently, a carved eagle had been presented to Major Andrew, on behalf of the Regiment, as a recognition of his services. Turning to Major Andrew, the Chairman said: "We wish you the best of luck in the future, and although old soldiers eventually fade away, may the fading last a very long time." These remarks were greeted with prolonged applause.

Major Andrew rose and said: "Thank you very much. I hope I shall be available to help in the future, but the time has come for me to go. I'm sorry to go and thank you all very much."

The Chairman informed the members that Major T. R. Stead would take over from Major Andrew. He closed the meeting by expressing the hope that he would meet everybody at the service on the morrow and wished them a very happy weekend.

The meeting closed at 5.30 p.m.

GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES OF GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE ESSEX REGIMENT ASSOCIATION HELD AT WARLEY BARRACKS ON SATURDAY, MAY 31, 1958

Chairman: Brigadier C. M. Paton, C.V.O., C.B.E., D.L., Colonel of the Regiment.

Present: Col. G. M. Gibson, T.D., Col. N. R. Salew, O.B.E., D.L., Col. A. Noble, D.S.O., T.D., D.L., Col. R. A. Chell, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., D.L., Lt.-Col. C. L. Wilson, O.B.E., M.C., D.L., Lt.-Col. L. W. W. Marriott, Lt.-Col. K. F. May, O.B.E., Lt.-Col. P. V. Upton, M.B.E., T.D., D.L., Lt.-Col. S. G. L. Pepys, Lt.-Col. T. G. Gagen, Major H. G. Aylmer, Major F. W. Waddell, M.B.E., Major H. J. Staff, Major B. J. Palmer, Major S. H. Andrew, R.S.M. H. F. Willmott, Mr. F. W. Vere, Mr. H. W. Purser, with Major T. R. Stead and Mr. S. Rees in attendance.

The Colonel of the Regiment formally opened the meeting at 11 a.m. and spoke of the death of Col.

C. D. Martin and asked the members to stand for a few moments in silent tribute to him.

Regrets for non-attendance had been received from Col. T. A. Martin and Col. R. W. Littlehales, Lt.-Col. V. C. Magill-Cuerdon and Capt. E. T. Stevart.

MINUTE 23.

The Minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated, were passed and signed. The Chairman stated that all matters arising would be dealt with under respective sub-committee reports.

MINUTE 24.

(a) (i) *Aid*.—Major Palmer reported that during the period since his last report 77 applications for aid had been received and 58 cases had been given assistance to a total of £383 16s. 4d. This meant that aid payments were running at approximately last year's level.

(a) (ii) *Quarterly Grants and Annual Subscriptions to Charitable Institutions*.—The list had been circulated to members and Major Palmer recommended its acceptance. There was one vacancy in the list of recipients of quarterly grants and the Aid Committee requested authority to select a suitable applicant. This authority was given by the General Committee.

Annual subscriptions were recommended to be continued, but Col. Salew stated that whilst the Forces Help Society and Lord Roberts' Memorial Workshops, which were operated from the same office, received a total of £5 5s. 0d. in subscription, S.S.A.F.A. received only £3 3s. 0d. After a short discussion it was agreed that the subscription to S.S.A.F.A. should be increased to £5 5s. 0d.

(b) *Memorial Cottage Homes*.—Major Palmer spoke of the rota system of redecoration for the Homes, which the last meeting had suggested should be investigated. The sub-committee were not in favour of a rota system, which they felt would be more costly. The need for redecoration depended to some extent on the amount of self-help provided by individual tenants, and he recommended that the existing system was satisfactory and should be continued. This was agreed by the meeting.

(c) *Regimental Journal*.—Major Andrew spoke of the need for the Annual Sweepstake to assist the Fund, and suggested it be enlarged to include the new Regiment as well as both old Regiments and the income split three ways. The Chairman remarked he thought the suggestion a good one and agreed to approach the Bedfs Herts on the point. He felt that it would be a good start to get the two sides together. He also mentioned that the two years' grace which we had after the amalgamation would be useful for this purpose.

(d) *Reunion*.—Major Palmer presented his report and also mentioned the County Show. He said that a tent licence for drinks had been granted.

At this stage the Colonel of the Regiment informed the Committee that the Band of the Regiment had received an "Excellent" report and our Bandmaster was to be the Regimental Bandmaster of the new Regiment.

(e) *Museum*.—Major Andrew reported that he was in some difficulty keeping the Museum rooms as tidy as he would wish, owing to the impossibility of providing a permanent orderly for the Museum. The

present establishment did not provide for one and the Chapel orderly was fully occupied in the Chapel.

There was also the difficulty of heating in the winter. O.C. Depot agreed to do what he could to help in this matter.

The Brigade Museum would be formed at Bury St. Edmunds some time in the future, but this would not take place until the Brigade Depot came into use.

(f) *Regimental Chapel*.—Major Palmer presented the Chapel sub-committee report and informed the members of the Committee that the Memorial Window was now completed and was to be dedicated at the Civic Sunday Service. With reference to the altar frontal which the Army authorities had been asked to provide for the Chapel, he had now heard that owing to the Chapel funds being sufficient, the Army were not prepared to buy them and the sub-committee had therefore shelved the matter for the present. Col. May asked whether the curtains which had been faded and splashed with distemper could not be dyed, and it was suggested an estimate be obtained for this work to be put in hand.

The Colonel of the Regiment spoke of the Chapel also becoming the Chapel of the new Regiment; the War Office were still considering this and the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment were very grateful for the suggestion and were taking a keen interest.

The Chairman also spoke about Freedoms and said that once amalgamated, Freedoms would not apply to the Regular Battalion. The Lord Lieutenant is consulting Freedom boroughs to see whether they will extend the honour to the new Regiment.

Major Aylmer asked that consideration be given to the idea of retired officers of the Regiment having pews earmarked and purchased, but it was agreed that this is hardly a matter on which they could be circulated.

(g) *Finance*.—Grants were recommended by Col. Gibson, who presented the Finance sub-committee's report. The sub-committee asked for the General Committee's authority to re-invest the Post Office savings credit and increase the insurance of Museum items not yet covered. He also moved the adoption of the Balance Sheet. The adoption was carried.

On the proposition of the Chairman it was agreed that a proportion of the cost of the new Tradition cards should be met from the funds of the History account. It was also agreed that the account will be shown in future as a cash account and appear in the Balance Sheet next year.

(h) *E.R.A. Branches (formation within the Central Association)*.—A draft has been circulated to all members and Major Palmer read out 14 areas with over 25 old comrade residents, and gave names of old comrades whom the sub-committee suggested might be approached. After discussion, the Chairman recommended that the letter be sent to those names which had been approved. The Chairman's recommendation was unanimously agreed to.

(i) *Amalgamation*.—The Colonel of the Regiment informed the members that on June 2 the two Regiments in Dortmund would merge and command pass

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Brigadier C. M. Paton

C.V.O., C.B.E., D.L.

AN APPRECIATION

Brigadier C. M. Paton, C.V.O., C.B.E., D.L., became the Colonel of The Essex Regiment on March 16, 1950, in succession to Brigadier C. M. Wilmer, D.S.O., M.C.

During his tenure of office a large number of Regimental matters required attention as a result of the war years and the gradual contraction of the Army. It fell to his lot to have the responsibilities of the Battle Honours, the Bi-centenary of the "Pompadours", the completion and dedication of the bell tower of the Chapel, the Charity Commissioners' Scheme for the funds of the former 1st and 2nd Battalions, the financial arrangements for the Regimental History and, finally, the Amalgamation.

Brigadier Paton was not entirely fit when he became Colonel, and during his tenure he has had two serious illnesses, aggravated, no doubt, by the amount of work he did for the Regiment. In addition to being Colonel, he has an appointment with the Order of St. John, which many would have considered to be sufficient in itself.

Brigadier Paton has been indefatigable in his efforts and nothing, however small, has been too much trouble for him. The Regiment owes him a great debt of gratitude for the way in which he has steered the Regimental ship through the troubled and dangerous currents to safe waters.

It is with thankfulness and pleasure we learn that he is to continue as Associate Colonel for the Amalgamated Regiment.

Reunion, 1958

Judging by the general comments and the correspondence received, it can be safely said with justification that the 1958 Reunion and Remembrance Service on June 28 and 29 was a success.

Very nearly 600 members were present at the Reunion on the Saturday, and for the Remembrance Service the following day the Regimental Chapel was just able to seat everyone, but only after extra chairs had been placed in the aisles and, in fact, in every space in which an extra chair could be placed.

For some two weeks prior to the day of the Reunion it rained almost every day, until as the big day approached even Major Andrew began to look perturbed. (He had previously announced confidently that fine weather was a certainty for the two days.) R.S.M. Willmott, who was in charge of so many of the arrangements, including the erection of tentage, was finally compelled to wear a pair of Wellington boots in order that his dress might not be too much impaired for the normal parades.

The Reunion week-end commenced, as in the past, with the annual cricket match versus the Gentlemen of Essex, and though the start was delayed owing to the state of the wicket, an enjoyable game ended in a draw. Details of the scores are to be found on another page, sufficient to say that the Regiment may be considered lucky in the final result.



Photo: Southend Standard

Colours of the 1st Battalion on their final parade. Colour Officers: Lts. J. E. Hutchings and P. J. Sincock. Escort: Sergeants Wright, Bennett and Richardson.

The annual general meeting was held at the sports field and was very well attended. The minutes of this meeting are published elsewhere in this issue. At 5.30 p.m. a general move was made towards the Officers' Mess lawn, where refreshments were taken, and before very long the Reunion was well and truly under way, with the Regimental Band providing a delightful background of suitable airs. As an experiment, it had been decided that the lawn bar should remain open much later than in previous years, and this proved to be a popular decision as many members were enabled to delay their visit to the gymnasium dance and to continue their reminiscences with a sufficiency of refreshing stimulants at their elbow.

American author, writing an hour-by-hour account of D-Day, is anxious to contact members of The Essex Regiment who took part in the Normandy landings from midnight June 5 to midnight June 6, 1944. Please write to the Research Editor, "The Reader's Digest," 25 Berkeley Square, London, W.1

The dance floor was soon crowded, the dance section of the Regimental Band providing a most acceptable mixture of modern and not so modern selections. Refreshments here were available from the marquee bar outside the gymnasium until midnight, when activities for the day closed down. A total of 70 old comrades had reserved bed and breakfast for themselves at the Depot, and though all beds were duly occupied, the assembly for breakfast was somewhat short of the total number. Perhaps not surprising in the circumstances.

Promptly at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday, the parade of over 200 old comrades assembled on the Depot square and, led by the Regimental Band and the 100-year-old Colours of the 1st Battalion, marched to the Chapel. Seating was a task, but this was finally resolved, and at 1100 hrs. precisely, the Remembrance Service commenced. Conducted by the Rev. R. Yale, C.B.E., Q.H.C., C.F., Assistant Chaplain-General, assisted by the Rev. F. S. Jarvis, C.F., the service included the ceremony of the laying-up of the Colours of the 1st Battalion and also the dedication of a memorial panel in memory of Canon Alan D. Johnson, M.C., Chaplain to the 4th Battalion. A most moving address by the Rev. Yale recalled many of the glorious traditions connected with the Colours. At the conclusion of the service the parade reformed under Major H. J. Staff, and led by the Association Standard carried by Mr. P. C. Munn, marched past the saluting base. Lt.-Gen. Sir Geoffrey Howard, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., D.L., took the salute in the absence of the Colonel of the Regiment, Brigadier C. M. Paton, C.V.O., C.B.E., D.L., and later inspected the parade. It appeared that the General had a word to say for almost every member on parade. A lunch meal in the gymnasium had been arranged for those members requiring it and the marquee bar again functioned. At 3 p.m. the last adieus were being said and the week-end's activities came to an end.

It has not been possible in this short account to mention the very many personalities who were present, nor to thank all those at the Regimental Depot who worked so hard to make the week-end a success. Amongst the latter, R.S.M. Willmott, C Sgts. Belcher and Hewitt, and Mr. Purser surely deserve special mention, and almost every member of the staff, plus a large proportion of National Servicemen, worked untiringly. One thing only marred the complete success of the occasion, the very regrettable illness which prevented the Colonel of the Regiment, Brigadier Paton, from being present on this memorable occasion. It is, however, pleasant to record that he is making steady progress towards recovery.

OLD COMRADES' REUNION, 1959

The next annual reunion will be held at Warley in 1959, and will take the form of a joint reunion of members of both Regiments.

In view of the likelihood of increased numbers and other contributory factors, it may not be possible to hold the reunion on the last Saturday in June as in the past.

Full details will be circulated as soon as definite arrangements have been made.



The Association Standard carried at the head of the parade after leaving the Chapel. Standard Bearer: Mr. P. C. Munn. Escorts: Mr. W. A. Cowlen and Mr. F. W. Vere.

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 Lt.-Gen. Sir Geoffrey W. Howard, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., D.L., taking the salute at the march past after the Remembrance Service

ESSEX REGIMENT ASSOCIATION BRANCHES

As many readers will already know, the resources at Warley are unlikely to be available to the Association after 1959 except on a very much reduced scale, and because of this the Colonel of the Regiment and the Association Committee believe that the best way of keeping the Association strong and active is to form as many branches as possible throughout the county. During the past few months, a considerable amount of spade work had been put in by a number of enthusiasts in various parts of the county, as a result of which it is hoped that before the end of this year a number of branches will be established.

Initially it is hoped to form branches at 12 separate centres, and in most cases members have already offered to undertake the initial task of getting a branch started. Known ex-members of the Regiment have been, and are being circulated with a view to arranging first meetings at which working committees will be formed.

For the information of all concerned, the following is a list of the twelve Branch centres, with names of members who have already offered their services in the initial setting-up process:

Braintree: Capt. P. B. Lake, Folly Lodge, High Garratt, Braintree.

Brentwood: Lt.-Col. T. Gagen, 290 Warley Hill, Warley, Brentwood.

Chelmsford: Major M. W. C. Phillips, 40 Roxwell Road, Chelmsford.

Colchester: Lt.-Col. P. H. A. L. Franklin, Grove Corner, Beach Road, West Mersea, Colchester; Capt. H. Tebbutt, "The Royal," Butt Road, Colchester.

Grays: Major W. A. Matthews, "Hermanns," 34 Stanford Road, Grays.

Halstead: Major M. C. Portway, Thelric House, Hedingham Road, Halstead.

Romford: Col. R. A. Chell, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., T.D., 27 Reed Pond Walk, Gidea Park; Major H. J. Young, T.D., Brexhill, Havering Atte Bower; Capt. J. Court; 123 Seymer Road, Romford; Lt. G. James, 12 Reed Park Walk, Gidea Park.

Southend: Capt. G. F. Chinnery, 61 Mannering Gardens, Westcliff-on-Sea.

Woodford: Col. H. Craig, O.B.E., T.D., D.L., 64 Monk-hams Avenue, Woodford Green; Major H. J. Staff, 3 Knebworth Avenue, Walthamstow, E.17.

It is hoped that arrangements in respect of **Ilford, Dagenham and Barking,** and **Clacton-on-Sea** will be made in the near future.

It is of course desired that all ex-members of the Regiment shall be made aware of the setting-up of branches, but unfortunately the addresses of many

are not known to the Association. Members are therefore urged to assist by giving the widest possible publicity to the scheme.

Enquiries should be addressed to the nearest branch or to: The Hon. Secretary, The Essex Regiment Association, Warley Barracks, Brentwood, Essex.

ASSOCIATION OF SERGEANTS (PAST AND PRESENT), ALL BATTALIONS, THE ESSEX REGIMENT

MINUTES OF THE 29TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, HELD IN THE SERGEANTS' MESS, DEPOT, THE ESSEX REGIMENT, ON SATURDAY, MAY 31, 1958, AT 1900 HRS.

Chairman: Major F. W. Waddell, M.B.E.

Members present (36): Lt.-Col. T. G. Gagen, Major G. S. Elliott, Major H. J. Staff, Capt. (Q.M.) E. Stevart, R.S.M. H. Willmott, P. C. Munn, W.O.2 R. Jenns, H. Purser, W.O.2 Strudwick, C. R. Fortey, Sgt. Toccock, F. Francis, M.M., Sgt. Bennett, R. Wash, Sgt. Moule, W. A. Cowlen, Sgt. Richardson, J. W. Barrett, G. Arney, G. Barford, S. Rogers, S. Jones, A. Mason, C. F. Gambles, G. W. Cook, A. Piggott, H. Millington, P. Ward, J. Taylor, J. Elliott, J. H. Carnall, D.C.M., A. Kemp, E. Ironmonger, E. Whitehead, J. Howard.

Non-members, representing 4th Battalion, The Essex Regiment (T.A.): W.O.2 R. Franks, Sgt. W. H. Tranham, Sgt. T. Bullock.

Act of Remembrance.

All members present stood in silence in respect of the following members who have recently passed away, and other members who may have also passed away since the 1957 Annual General Meeting: J. Murphy, D.C.M., M.M., H. Cox, R. Turner, E. Clayton (17 years Secretary).

1. The Minutes of the 1957 Annual General Meeting were read, and it was proposed by C. F. Gambles and seconded by E. Ironmonger "That being a true record, they be confirmed."—Carried.

2. *Accounts.*

Having been audited by the Association auditors, the accounts were open for inspection, and it was proposed by F. Francis and seconded by E. Whitehead "That they be accepted."—Carried.

3. *Correspondence.*

A reply to a letter forwarded to the Regimental Secretary of the Bedfs Herts O.C.A., on October 4, 1957, on the occasion of that association's annual dinner, was read.

Acknowledgement of letters of condolence were read from: Mrs. A. F. Murphy, Mrs. R. Turner, F. J. Martin (son-in-law of E. Clayton).

Letters of inability to attend the 1958 Annual General Meeting, received from the following, were read: C. H. F. Monk (late 1st Battalion, Bandmaster), Stanway; D. F. Wakeling, M.B.E., Rayleigh; J. Smith, E. Tilbury; C. Humm, London; E. Aldridge, Thorrington; W. M. Norton, Brentwood; T. Judge, Wanstead; A. Sorrell, Billericay; A. J. Mobbs, Folkestone; L. A. Platt, Swindon; H. F. Game, Cambridge (£1 donation to Benevolent Fund); H. E. Smith, M.B.E., Braintree; W. J. Jones, Ipswich;

W.O.1 R. Luscombe, Ilford; H. Smith, Brentwood; B. Bowtle, Chelmsford; J. Collins, M.C., Dublin; A. E. Cooper, Southend; A. Dearman, Stapleford Abbots.

4 *Future activity of The Association in view of the amalgamation of The Regiment.*

In opening the discussion, the President gave a resume of the events which have taken place to date and remarked that the amalgamation was going smoothly. He also read a letter he had received from the Colonel of The Regiment on the subject, and also informed the members that no Association of Sergeants existed in the Bedfs Herts Regiment.

After considerable discussion it was proposed by H. Purser and seconded by C. F. Gambles: "That the Association continues to function in its present form, and that membership be offered to members of the Sergeants' Mess of the amalgamated Regiment."—NOT carried.

It was then proposed by Lt.-Col. Gagen "That should the Association cease to function through non-interest or other cause, then its funds be given to the Essex Memorial Homes Fund."—This proposal was NOT seconded.

Capt. E. Stevart proposed, and Mr. P. C. Munn seconded, "That the assets remaining on any termination of the Association should be given to the Essex Regiment Chapel Fund"—NOT carried.

Proposed by W. A. Cowlen and seconded by Lt.-Col. T. G. Gagen: "That the Association continues to function in its present designation until ability to continue is NOT possible, and that the financial assets standing to the credit of the Association on termination be given to the Sergeants' Mess Fund of the 4th Battalion, The Essex Regiment (T.A.), Ilford."—This proposal, having been put to the vote was carried by a firm majority.

5. *Election of Officers.*

Proposed by E. Ironmonger and seconded by A. A. Kemp: "That the President, Secretary, Committee and Auditors for 1957-58, if agreeable to re-nomination, be elected to serve for 1958-59." All were willing to serve for a further period and were unanimously re-elected.

6. *Secretary's Report.*

The Secretary reported as follows:—

- (a) Membership to date (on paper) is 317, an increase of 11 since the 1957 Annual General Meeting.
- (b) 180 members had been notified by post of the 1958 Annual General Meeting, of whom 33 had replied.
- (c) The dinner attendance on October 5, 1957, was 56 (an increase of five members on 1956), which included three invited guests and 12 guests invited by members.
- (d) The Secretary wished to thank all members for their continued loyal support, but desired their help to contact over 100 members whose addresses were not known.

7. *Annual Reunion Dinner.*

Proposed by H. Purser and seconded by Major G. S.

Elliott: " That the annual reunion dinner be held at Cannon's Restaurant, Duke Street, Chelmsford, on the first Saturday in October, 1958; and that the cost of the dinner be 10s. 0d. per head. Members may invite *one* male guest."—Carried.

The following members elected to serve on this committee: H. Purser, E. Whitehead, P. C. Munn. The latest date of application to the Secretary for tickets is September 20, 1958.

8. *Any Other Business.*

Benevolent Fund. The President drew attention to the fact that the income of the Benevolent Fund was quite inadequate, and that at the present rate of expenditure on wreaths alone, it would soon be non-existent.

After discussion it was decided that, when sending out notices for the next Annual General Meeting, the Secretary should include details of expenditure during the previous 12 months and invite subscriptions.—Carried.

Annual General Meeting. It was suggested that the next Annual General Meeting be held on the date of the annual reunion dinner, 1958, at 1800 hrs.

Vote of Thanks. Proposed by Major G. S. Elliott and seconded by Lt.-Col. T. G. Gagen: " That a vote of thanks be accorded to the President for presiding, and to the Committee and Auditors for their loyal work to the Association during the past year."—Carried.

Conclusion. There being no further business to transact, the meeting concluded at 2005 hrs.

GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING

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to Col. Barrow. A Celebration Parade would take place at a later date, when the new Colours would be presented. He expressed his thanks to the members of the Inter-Regimental Committee for their very considerable help in connection with the amalgamation.

He also expressed the Committee's deep gratitude in every possible way to Major Stuart Andrew, who had given unparalleled service to the Regiment for over forty years. The Chairman's remarks were received with acclamation.

The Chairman then said Major Stead would take over when Major Andrew left. The Association would carry on normally, merger would be gradual, the first feature being the formation of a new Committee.

The Chairman expressed his thanks for the help of members and for all work put in on committees, the results of which showed how much work they had done.

MINUTE 25—ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

(i) *Gift to Mr. Snell.*—Major Andrew stated that he had received from Mr. Snell a reply to a letter sent asking his views on the nature of a parting gift and Mr. Snell would like a chair. Mr. Purser proposed a cheque be handed to Mr. Snell to make his own purchase. It was generally agreed that a plaque should be fixed to indicate the purpose of the gift, and it was eventually suggested and agreed that £25 be given and presented to Mr. Snell at the reunion.

(ii) Date of the next meeting was agreed as November 22, 1958.



Photo: Southend Standard
The Colours on the altar of the Regimental Chapel after the laying-up ceremony.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

In view of the high costs involved in producing a separate Christmas card for the Association, it has been decided that the card which is being prepared for the New Regiment shall be made available to all members and ex-members of the Regiment.

The outside of the card will depict, in colour, a soldier of the 16th Foot (period 1688) and a soldier of the 56th Foot (period 1792). In the centre will be the new Regimental crest of the Eagle (in gold), with the encircling Garter (in silver). The inside will contain a traditional Christmas greeting only.

The cost of the cards will be 6d. each, post free.

Cards should be available in early November, and samples will gladly be forwarded on request.

A small number of 1957 cards are also available at 9d. each.

Further enquiries should be addressed to: The Hon. Secretary, The Essex Regiment Association, Warley Barracks, Brentwood, Essex.

(iii) It was agreed that a suggestion regarding letter-headings be passed to General Denning for consideration.

The meeting closed at 12.40 p.m.



Lt.-Gen. Sir Geoffrey W. Howard and Col. R. A. Chell, talking to Mr. A. J. Harvey, D.C.M., at the Remembrance Service Parade

5th BATTALION THE ESSEX REGIMENT COMRADES' ASSOCIATION

The reunion of the 5th Battalion was held this year on July 27, at the home of the Regiment, Warley Barracks.

It had been previously decided, that in view of the reorganisation taking place in the present military sphere, it would be a good idea to muster a parade at Warley for perhaps the last time.

The Commanding Officer of the Depot, Major B. J. (Ben) Palmer, and Major T. R. (Tom) Stead, gave their support to the idea, and with their excellent co-operation the reunion was organised.

There was a very good attendance in spite of the variable weather conditions. Two hundred were present for the service in the Regimental Chapel, and 170 sat down to a high tea in the Gymnasium.

After the service, conducted by the Rev. S. Moore, T.D., C.F. (T.A.), Senior Chaplain, East Anglian District, the salute at the march past was taken by Col. C. Portway, M.C., T.D., D.L., President of the Association.

The parade was headed by the band of 517 L.A.A. Regiment, R.A. (5th Essex), T.A., which also played in the Chapel and during tea in the Gymnasium.

After tea the annual general meeting was held. It was decided, among many other issues, that the reunion for 1959 would be held at Witham at the invitation of that branch.

To complete the day, the staff at the Depot again came up trumps, and a bar in the Gymnasium, established by the W.O.s' and Sergeants' Mess, was well patronised.

SAFFRON WALDEN AND DISTRICT BRANCH

Activities are at their lowest during the summer months and, beyond a general satisfactory progress in numbers and in interest, this branch has little to report.

Numbers of active members show a steady increase and we are pleased to register on our roll Old Comrade of the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, the first of whom joined the branch some months ago.

Our numbers at the Old Comrades' reunion at Warley were lower than is usual because the Warley reunion unfortunately clashed with the final day of Saffron Walden Carnival Week. Not unnaturally, the many attractions offered by the carnival processions, entertainments and fairs, to wives and families meant that many members rightly enjoyed a family day rather than travel to Warley, but this temporary lapse in meeting our old comrades will, we hope, be more than cancelled out later in the year.

Four members, Col. T. A. Martin (1st, 2nd and 3rd Battalions), Mr. C. Walters (1st and 10th Battalions), Mr. W. J. Swan, D.C.M. (5th Battalion), and Mr. C. H. King (5th Battalion), attended the Old Comrades, Church Parade and Service of Dedication on Warley Sunday. These four, representing as they do Regular, Territorial and War-time Service Battalions of the Regiment, show the nice balance attained in this branch of members from all categories, a balance which ensures that members at our reunions and socials can certainly count on meeting others with similar interests and backgrounds, and old battles, whether on active service or with the Regimental Police, can be refought. Thanks principally to our able and energetic Secretary, Mr. Charlie King, we are hoping to stage a

grand reunion and variety evening on Saturday, October 25, in the Masonic Hall, Saffron Walden. Our ceiling of accommodation will be a little over 200 but, anticipate we shall easily fill this number from our local supporters and friends.

Finally, the branch, established in 1951, welcomes the news learnt at the Warley reunion that other branches are in process of formation. If the secretaries of new branches will please send their names and addresses to our Secretary—Mr. C. H. King, 1 Prospect Place, Thaxted Road, Saffron Walden—then future mutual activities can be arranged.

This branch is eager to entertain and be entertained by other branches of the Association; so get cracking Dunmow, or Romford, or wherever the new branches are established.

CEDARS O.C.A.

6TH ESSEX 459 H.A.A. (T.A.) 64 S/L.

Since re-forming the above in 1956 we are pleased to report the membership is still growing, but we shall be pleased to hear from any ex-members.

Two photographs of the laying up of 6th and 7th Battalions' Colours in 1956, given by Percy Brady and framed by Jack Brown, were handed to Major S. H. Andrew by our Chairman, Major J. D. Castle, to be hung in the Museum.

We were well represented at Warley and Chelmsford for the Golden Jubilee celebrations.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in October at the T.A. Centre, East Ham, E.6.

The annual reunion dinner will be held next March, also at the T.A. Centre.

Our grateful thanks to Col. H. Leslie Clarke and Majors Slatter and Harris for their interest in our Associations.

Any further information will gladly be supplied by the Hon. Secretary: G. W. Leaford, 75 St. Saviours Road, West Croydon, Surrey.

7th BATTALION

THE EAGLE AND GUN REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

This Association has now completed 37 years work, and it must be a source of satisfaction to all that whilst many similar Associations, formed after the 1914-18 War, have "faded away" our Association not only continues but is firmly established.

It is sad to think that our membership continues to fall. *Anno Domini* takes its toll, but if only the large numbers who served prior to, and during and after the last war, would come in, our numbers would be substantially increased.

Though we have about 700 on our books, we have only about 200 full members and 70 honorary members, i.e. those who have paid their subscriptions to date, so quite a few are slacking, or is it lack of memory?

We have lost seven of our very old stalwarts during the last 12 months and, since April of this year, our Founder, Major George Johnson, and also our Chairman for the last 20 years, Col. C. D. Martin. Such men as these are a sad loss and hard to replace.

Our parades, such as Remembrance Sunday and Gaza Day, have been very well attended and our thanks are due to Padre C. F. Fox for so kindly conducting our services on these occasions.

On the social side we have been pretty active—canteen concerts, coach outings and visits to the theatre at various times. Annual competitions (indoor games) have been well supported and it is hoped that this support will continue.

Since the disbandment of the original 459 Regiment, the Headquarters at T.A. Centre, Whipps Cross, were taken over by the City of London Yeomanry, well known as "The Rough Riders."

What wonderful comrades they are to us; thanks to the kindness of their C.O. we enjoy the same privileges as we always did and, in addition, we have to give our heartfelt thanks for the splendid donations made to our funds.

THE 29th DIVISION ASSOCIATION

43rd Parade and Lunch, Sunday, April 27, 1958

The 43rd anniversary parade was held on the Horse Guards Parade and was attended by some 250 members. The parade was taken by the President, Gen. Lord Freyburg, V.C., G.C., M.C. Headed by the Band of the Royal Artillery, the Division marched to the Cenotaph, and at 12 noon the President laid the Divisional wreath in memory of all ranks. Wreaths were also laid by representatives of the old 24th Regiment, the South Wales Borderers, and by the 87th Field Ambulance.

The Last Post and Reveille were sounded and the Division then marched, with the Band leading and playing to the Drill Hall of the Westminster Dragoons, where lunch was provided.

This year we were glad to be joined on the Horse Guards Parade by members of the Australian ex-Service Association who took part in the parade and Cenotaph Ceremony.

The following members of the Essex Regiment attended the parade: Messrs. C. G. Boik, A. H. Chappell, F. Bakes, E. Fuller, J. E. Tresadern, A. I. Perdeaux, A. E. Mount, A. A. Pooley, F. Vere, A. E. Wiltshire, J. Saunders and E. Walters, Capt. White, and Major H. J. Staff.

In the past we have had many enquiries regarding this 29th Divisional show. There must be quite a number who should be able to attend and it would be nice to meet more people who served in the 29th Division.

Full particulars may be had from the Hon. Secretary: Major C. F. P. Ball, D.S.O., M.C., Devonshire House, Mayfair Place, London, W.1.

10th ESSEX (1914/18)

This 40-year-old battalion wants to record how much it has to say "thank you" to Major Stuart Andrew for his kindly help and advice since World War II. He completely won us into the Regimental fold, came—and we know will come—to our dinners, and as he, on joining the 3rd Battalion from Sandhurst at Felixstowe in 1916, reported to a company commander who is now our chairman—Maj.-Gen.

Sir Donald Banks—we always feel he rather specially belongs to us.

Our annual dinner will be at the Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, E.C. 2, on Saturday, December 6. Notices will be sent in due course to all on our address list. Any old 10th men who know they are out of touch please write to Leslie W. Bird, M.C., 118 Newgate Street, E.C.1.

At the very fine Remembrance Service at Warley on June 29 we had a goodly contingent on parade and Gen. Sir Geoffrey Howard had many individual chats with us.

One of the most faithful members and supporters of this Battalion, Arthur Styles of Luton, was involved in a serious motor accident at Devil's Elbow, a well-known steep bend not far from Braemar. He and his party had visited Col. Robert Forbes at Balglassie only three days before. At the time of writing, Styles and his wife are still in Bridge of Eann Hospital, making good progress and are cheered at intervals by visits from Colonel and Mrs. Forbes.

REUNION DINNER

7TH (H.D.), 30TH AND 70TH BATTALIONS

The Annual Reunion Dinner of those temporary units of the Essex Regiment to which was entrusted the ground defence of Essex aerodromes, oil installations, service stores and similar "vulnerable points" during 1939-42 was held at the Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, on Friday, October 10. The battalions concerned were the 7th (H.D.), 30th and 70th.

Thirty-eight old comrades dined under the chairmanship of Col. H. F. Kembell, T.D., D.L. From Warley came Major T. R. Stead, who is now in charge of the affairs of the Essex Regiment Association. One of the greatest pleasures of the evening was the presence of Major S. H. Andrew, who came along from his new duties as Captain of Invalids at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, to dine with these old comrades of the Essex Regiment.

Notable amongst those unable to attend this year were Lt.-Col. J. C. Lockwood and Major G. C. Benham.

REGIMENTAL JOURNAL

The new Regimental Journal, *The Wasp and The Eagle*, will be published in May and November of each year. This Journal will, of course, include news of the Essex Regiment Association and former members of the Essex Regiment, as in the past. The cost will be 2s. 6d. per copy, post free, as at present, and it is hoped that subscribers will continue to support the new Journal. No alterations are required in the case of standing Bankers' Orders.

The Essex Regiment Officers' Dinner

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county and of the valuable work done by ex-other ranks in all forms of industry and trade. He had become very fond of Warley Barracks and all who had served in the County Regiment. He congratulated the Colonel of the Regiment in the tactful handling of the amalgamation and in the smooth successful way in which it had been achieved.

ESSEX ARMY CADETS' ANNUAL CAMP

The Essex Army Cadet Force returned on Sunday from a fortnight under canvas at Yaverland Camp, near Sandown, Isle of Wight. In all, about 600 Cadets attended and had a most interesting and enjoyable time. In spite of the poor weather conditions some very useful training was carried out. All Regiments had day and night exercises on the Downs, which included sleeping out in bivouacs with the Cadets catering for themselves. The island provided ideal conditions for adventure training, one Regiment being out for four days, and the highlight was the cliff climbing, within a few hundred yards of camp, under the instruction and supervision of a Royal Marine officer who was attached for the two weeks. Each climbing period finished with a "go" down the "Death Slide" which provided a thrill and a sense of achievement.

Discipline was good, and this year was noted for the speed with which Regiments settled in, adopted the camp routine and got down to their training. There were very few fatigues to interfere with the programme.

The 1st Essex Cadet Regiment ("H.Q.", West Ham) under Major M. H. Heppenstall, M.B.E., 3rd Regiment (Brentwood) under Major D. G. Mullis, 6th Regiment (Chelmsford) under Major L. A. Sutton, and 7th Regiment (Prittlewell) under Lt.-Col. F. Williams, attended the first week; 2nd Regiment (Dagenham) under Lt.-Col. L. W. F. Bonnor, O.B.E., 4th Regiment (Barking) under Lt.-Col. H. A. Mahood, 5th Regiment (Braintree) under Capt. D. T. Watson, and 8th Regiment (Colchester) under Capt. R. Putman, were in camp the second week.

County H.Q. consisted of the County Cadet Commandant, Col. P. V. Upton, M.B.E., T.D., D.L., J.P., his Staff Officer, Col. R. W. Littlehales, O.B.E., Assistant Staff Officer, Major F. W. Waddell, M.B.E., the "Q" Officer, Major H. R. Pouch, M.B.E., the Deputy Cadet Commandant, Lt.-Col. R. D. B. Woods, and the Training Officer, Major A. R. Ward.

CADET SHOOTING TROPHY CHANGES HANDS

The Essex Army Cadet Force 303 individual and inter-Regiment shooting competition was held at Purfleet on July 13, 1958, under wintry conditions, with a strong side wind blowing.

The 4th Essex Cadet Regiment won the inter-Regiment trophy from 1st Essex Cadet Regiment, who had held it for the past seven years, and did so by a handsome margin of 47 points. Bdr. D. Divall, 1st Regiment, shot very well to score 30 at each range and win the first prize for both distances as well as the aggregate.

The results were as follows:—

Inter-Regiment Trophy (Teams of 10):

1	..	4th Essex Cadet Regiment (H.Q., Barking)	476 pts.
2	..	1st Essex Cadet Regiment (H.Q., West Ham)	429 "
3	..	3rd Essex Cadet Regiment (H.Q., Brentwood)	385 "
4	..	7th Essex Cadet Regiment (H.Q., Prittlewell)	282 "

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