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## The Colonel-in-Chief

A Regimental Christmas Card was sent by The Colonel of The Regiment on behalf of The Regiment to Her Majesty The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief.

The following letter was received by The Colonel of The Regiment from Her Majesty's Private Secretary:

CLARENCE HOUSE,  
S.W.1.

*My Dear General,*

*Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother has greatly appreciated the Christmas Card which Her Majesty has received from you, Brigadier Paton and All Ranks of The 3rd East Anglian Regiment.*

*The Colonel-in-Chief sends to the Regiment her warm good wishes for Christmas and the New Year.*

*Yours sincerely,*

MARTIN GILLIAT,  
Private Secretary.

Lieut.-General Sir Reginald F. S. Denning, K.B.E., C.B., D.L., Colonel, The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot).

## REGIMENTAL NOTES

The 1st Battalion arrived at Southampton from Malaya in H.T. *Nevasa* on February 16. They were met by The Colonel of The Regiment and Lady Denning, the Associate Colonel and Mrs. Paton, Lt.-Col. Holme, the C.O., who had flown home earlier, and Mrs. Holme, the Brigade Colonel, The Regimental Secretary and many other officers, friends and relations.

In addition to the gracious message from Her Majesty The Colonel-in-Chief, which was read over the ship's public address system by The Colonel of The Regiment, messages of welcome were received from H.M. Lieutenant of Essex, the Mayor, Alderman and Burgesses of the Borough of Watford and the Mayor and Burgesses of Harwich, to all of whom replies were sent by the Commanding Officer.

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After leave the Battalion assembled at Horse-shoe Barracks, Shoeburyness, and Laindon Camp, Essex. They have had a very busy time, and reports of their activities appear in this number of the Journal and will also appear in the December number.

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At the beginning of July the Battalion will go to Northern Ireland for a normal tour of duty. They will be stationed at Abercorn Barracks, Ballykinler.

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On June 8, Lt.-Col. M. W. Holme, O.B.E., M.C., on the conclusion of his tour of command,



handed over the Command of the 1st Battalion to Lt.-Col. C. C. Norbury, M.B.E., M.C. Colonel Holme is to take an appointment at the School of Infantry, Warminster.

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The Colonel of The Regiment and Lady Denning with the Associate Colonel and Mrs. Paton attended the enthronement of the Right Reverend J. G. Tiarks, M.A., Lord Bishop of Chelmsford, which was held in the Cathedral Church, Chelmsford, on March 10. Before the ceremony they were among the guests entertained to lunch by His Worship the Mayor of Chelmsford.

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The following messages were exchanged on Gallipoli Day, April 25, "Gallipoli Day Greetings from the Colonel and All Ranks The Royal Hampshire Regiment."

"The Colonel, the Associate Colonel and All Ranks The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot) thank the Colonel and All Ranks, The Royal Hampshire Regiment for their Gallipoli Day Greetings which they sincerely reciprocate."

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A letter of thanks and appreciation was sent to The Ship's Commandant.

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### Regimental Diary, 1963

The Regimental Diary produced for 1962 appears to have been well received, and it is intended to produce a diary on similar lines for 1963. When all the details have been decided information re the Diary will be sent out to all concerned.

### The Army Art Society

The Society, which exists to encourage Art in the Army and sister Services, is holding its 31st Exhibition from September 5 to 12, 1962, at the Chenil Galleries, King's Road, Chelsea, S.W.3. All ranks of the Army, Royal Navy, and Royal Air Force, past or present, permanent or temporary, may submit works for consideration.

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Further particulars will be supplied by the Secretary at the above address.

## THE REGIMENTAL CALENDAR

- July 15 Service of Remembrance in the Regimental Chapel, Warley, 3 p.m., followed by the Annual General Meeting and Annual Reunion of The Essex Regiment Association.  
Full details and tickets for the Service can be obtained from: Major T. R. Stead, Secretary, The Essex Regiment Association, Regimental Headquarters, Warley Barracks, Brentwood, Essex.
- July 20-22 East Anglian Brigade Week-end.
- July 22 Salamanca Day.
- August 13 Blenheim Day.
- September 9 Regimental Remembrance Service and Annual Reunion, Kempston Barracks, Bedford.  
Full details can be obtained from: Major D. T. Tewkesbury, M.B.E., Secretary, The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association, Kempston Barracks, Bedford.
- September 15 London Branch Annual Reunion Dinner, Chatham Rooms, Victoria Station, London, S.W.1.  
Hon. Secretary: W. G. Aldridge, Esq., 111, St. Hilda's Way, Gravesend, Kent.
- September 22-23 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.), Rifle Meeting.
- September 29 10th Bn. (1914-1918) The Essex Regiment Annual Dinner. Hon. Secretary: Mr. L. W. Bird, M.C., "Strathboro," Worring Road, Shenfield, Brentwood, Essex.
- September 29 Saffron Walden Branch Social and Reunion. Hon. Secretary: Mr. C. H. King, 1, Prospect Place, Saffron Walden, Essex.
- October 5 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) Officers' Dinner Club, Annual Dinner.
- October 6 6th Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (1939-45) O.C.A. Annual Dinner and Dance, The Euston Tavern, Euston Road, London.  
Hon. Secretary: F. G. Sugars, 5, Cowbridge Crescent, Luton, Beds.
- October 12 7th, 30th and 70th H.D. Bns. The Essex Regiment Annual Dinner.  
Hon. Secretary: Major H. J. Young, T.D., Broxhill, Havering-Atte-Bower, Essex.
- October 13 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (1939-1945) O.R.s Reunion in London.  
Full details can be obtained from: Mr. F. W. Eames, 72, New Park Drive, Adeyfield, Hemel Hempstead, Herts.
- October 20 Watford Branch Annual Reunion Dinner. Hon. Secretary: Mr. J. V. Hackman, 34, Judge Street, Watford, Herts.
- March 30, 1963 7/59/459 Dinner Club — Officers' Annual Dinner.
- April 27, 1963 6th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment (1914-1918) Annual Reunion Dinner.  
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The fourth dinner of the 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot) Dinner Club took place at The United Service Club, Pall Mall, London, on Friday, May 4th. One hundred and thirteen members were present. The guests were H.M. Lieutenant for Bedfordshire, Major Simon Whitbread, J.P., H.M. Lieutenant for Hertfordshire, Major-General W. A. G. Burns, C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., and the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford, the Right Reverend J. G. Tiarks, M.A. The Colonel of The Regiment, Lieut.-General Sir Reginald Denning, presided.

A source of pleasure to those present was the attendance of the Officers of 1st Battalion who had been unable to attend the dinners of the past two years owing to their tour of duty in Malaya.

Messages of Loyal Greetings were sent by The Colonel of The Regiment, on behalf of all present, to Her Majesty The Queen, and Her Majesty The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief of The Regiment. During the evening the President read out the gracious replies sent by Their Majesties.

After proposing the Loyal Toasts, General Sir Reginald Denning welcomed the guests who had honoured the Club with their presence that evening. He gave a brief summary of The Regiment's progress during the past year including the Territorial Battalions. The Associate Colonel, Brigadier Paton, told the assembly that the monthly services in The Regimental Chapel continued to be well supported. Also, that plans were well in hand for the loan of the 16th Foot Museum to the Borough of Bedford.

Lt.-Col. Holme, C.O. of the 1st Battalion, gave an interesting account of the Battalion's activities in Malaya during the past two years.

After the Toast of "The Regiment" had been honoured the company broke up and the remainder of the evening was spent in renewing old friendships and exchanging reminiscences. When the time came to go home it was the unanimous opinion of all present that the evening had been one of the best ever enjoyed by the Dinner Club.

In addition to The Colonel of The Regiment and the Associate Colonel, the following Officers attended the Dinner:—

General Sir Henry C. Jackson, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.; Brigadiers: S. D. Mills, C.B.E., M.C., Hanbury Pawle, C.B., T.D., D.L.; Colonels: G. A. Anstee, O.B.E., M.C., J.P., D.L., G. M. Gibson, T.D., F. R. Grimwood, D.S.O., R. A. Humbert, O.B.E., T.D., J.P., D.L., R. W. Littlehales, O.B.E., J. G. Mileham, A. Noble, D.S.O., T.D., D.L., S. C. W. Rea, O.B.E., M.C., D.L., M. L. Reynolds, O.B.E.,

R. H. Senior, G. N. H. Sheffield, M.B.E., G. R. Steel, M.B.E., W. N. C. Waite, O.B.E.; Lieutenant-Colonels: H. L. H. Boustead, J. H. Busby, M.B.E., A. C. Clarke, O.B.E., P. H. A. L. Franklin, M. W. Holme, O.B.E., M.C., H. F. Howell, L. W. W. Marriott, J. L. de V. Martin, D. Milman, M.C., B. J. Palmer, M.B.E., A. J. M. Parry, M.C., S. G. L. Pepys, J. S. Ross, M.C., P. O. B. Sherwood, C. Simmons, P. S. Clementi-Smith, C. A. Southey, G. L. Sprunt, M.B.E., C. D. J. A. Tempest, G. E. J. Warland, F. H. B. Webster, C. L. Wilson, O.B.E., M.C., D.L., A. C. Young; Majors: L. W. Allan, M.B.E., S. H. Andrew, M.B.E., D. G. M. Anstee, J. A. Bacon, H. Berridge, R. H. Brooks, K. Burch, D. R. C. Carter, F. H. Crouchman, L. S. Evans, V. A. French, I. S. Graham, R. J. Gresty, R. L. Jackson, J. B. Kitto, G. C. Lucas, R. H. Medley, C. J. S. McMillen, C. C. Norbury, M.B.E., M.C., P. L. Philcox, M.C., M. W. C. Phillips, P. L. Purdy, R. J. Randall, J. C. Richardson, E.R.D., A. F. F. H. Robertson, T. E. A. Robinson, J. C. Salazar, M.C., J. W. Scragg, T. R. Stead, H. N. Stenning, D. T. Tewkesbury, M.B.E.; Captains: M. Adkin, P. J. R. Alderton, G. R. Barnett, D. Bebbington, D. R. Brady, P. F. Chapman, M. L. A. Duffie, P. H. Gill, M. W. Green, W. J. G. Hancock, M. Jones, H. O. Parker, B. M. Parsons, J. R. Paxman, W. R. W. Pike, C. M. F. Randall, C. B. Scott, R. J. Sibley, W. L. Simmons, W. A. C. Smelt, O.B.E., M. S. Smythe, D. J. Thorogood; Lieutenants: R. G. Bates, S. A. Burrage, R. S. Cross, W. T. Dodd, V. J. Gee, P. W. King, M. J. Lewis, P. Sincock, D. W. F. Taylor, A. R. A. Veitch, K. Woodrow; Second-Lieutenants: B. A. R. Harrington-Spier, H. W. Lambert, M. J. Menage, C. A. Styles, B. T. Thomas and D. J. Wright.

## Regimental Remembrance Day Bedford, November 19, 1961

The Annual Regimental Remembrance Sunday was observed at Bedford on November 19, 1961. The unsettled weather to be expected at this time of the year did not deter a large number of retired Officers and Comrades from travelling from afar to take part in the ceremonies that day. Fortunately the threatened rain held off and, although a somewhat bleak and dull day, there was no interference with the morning's programme.

The Service of Remembrance was held in the Church of The Transfiguration at Kempston and was conducted by the Reverend J. E. Bowers, Chaplain to the 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.). The provision of extra chairs enabled the large demand for seats to be met and the Church was



[Photograph by: *The Bedfordshire Times*

*Regimental Remembrance Day, Bedford, November 19, 1961. The Colonel of The Regiment salutes after laying the Regimental wreath.*

filled to capacity shortly before the Service was due to start.

At 11 o'clock the Colonel of The Regiment, Lieut.-General Sir Reginald F. S. Denning, K.B.E., C.B., D.L., entered the Church accompanied by the Associate Colonel, Brigadier C. M. Paton, C.V.O., C.B.E., D.L. Once they had taken their places, the Regimental Colours of the 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) were marched slowly down the aisle whilst the Band played the Traditional Voluntary "Valse Destiny." After the Colours had been taken by the Chaplain and draped on the Altar, Branch Standards followed and were placed on either side. The Service began with the singing of the Regimental Hymn. After reading the First Lesson, the Colonel of The Regiment read the Roll of those Comrades who had died since our last Remembrance Service. The Second Lesson was read by the Associate Colonel and, after a short Anthem by the Choir, the Address was given by the Chaplain. The Service concluded with the Regimental Prayer.

After the Service the Parade formed up outside the Church and within a few minutes was

marching proudly down the main road towards the barracks. The long column comprised the 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment escorting their Regimental Colours, the Band and Drums of the Battalion, a detachment of the Bedfordshire A.C.F. and then the Comrades in their Branches marching behind their Standards. At the entrance to Addison Howard Park the Salute was taken by the Colonel of The Regiment who was accompanied on the dais by the Associate Colonel and by Lord Luke, Honorary Colonel of the 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.).

On arrival at Kempston Barracks, troops and comrades wheeled into position in readiness for the Wreath Laying Ceremony. The Colours were marched to the Regimental Memorial which was flanked by two sentries and the Branch Standards. The arrival of the Colonel of The Regiment was the signal for "Last Post" which rang out from the Keep, to be followed by "Reveille" played by the Corps of Drums. The Colonel of The Regiment then went forward to lay the Regimental wreath, the



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*Regimental Remembrance Day, Bedford, November 19, 1961, the Regimental Colours of the 5th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment (T.A.) and the 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) carried on this occasion by the 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) being carried into Kempston Barracks after the wreath laying ceremony.*

first of the many tributes to our fallen. The laying of the final wreath concluded the ceremonial activities for the day.

After the parade had been dismissed everyone made their way through the archway and into barracks. The Officers' Mess, which had remained empty since the previous May, had been refurbished for the day and over eighty Officers and their wives soon filled the ante rooms and dining room where they were able to enjoy an excellent buffet luncheon and meet old friends. Meanwhile the Old Comrades packed the Social Club and the old Corporals' Mess where refreshments were also available.

So ended another Regimental Remembrance Sunday which, in spite of changed circumstances, was observed in the tradition of previous years. This was made possible through the willing help given to the Secretary, The

16th Foot Association, by the 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.).

## THE REGIMENTAL CHAPEL

Our regular monthly services have continued to attract a large and widely representative gathering of former members and friends of the Regiment. As always, we have enjoyed the staunch support of the Royal Army Chaplains' Department, through the medium of the Senior Chaplain at Colchester, the Revd. J. M. Pickering, M.B.E. At our service in April we were especially pleased and honoured to have with us the Provost of Chelmsford, the Very Revd. C. E. Gordon, M.A., who gave the address, and at this and other recent services, we have



[Photograph by: *The Bedfordshire Times*

*Regimental Remembrance Day, Bedford, November 19, 1961. 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) marching from the Church of the Transfiguration, Kempston, to the Regimental Memorial.*

had a very good and welcome representation from the 1st Battalion.

Two wedding ceremonies have been held during the first half of 1962. On March 24, Miss Valerie Gagen, youngest daughter of Lt.-Col. Tommy Gagen, and a former member of our Chapel Choir, married Mr. Brian Burton, from Forest Gate; and on June 2, Miss Evelyn Reddell, daughter of Mr. J. Reddell, who served in the Regiment for many years, was married to Malcolm Welton, of Wickford.

The Revd. Pickering officiated at both ceremonies, and we take this opportunity of wishing both couples every happiness in the future.

## The Essex Regiment Museum

Visitors to the Museum during 1961 were comparatively few in number, and this was mainly due to the transfer of the Museum from its old site in the barracks to its new home in the R.H.Q. building. The figures for this year are, however, much more encouraging. Several parties have visited us from the 1st

Battalion, and also Major David Purves, with some of his Company, from 4th/5th Bn. The Essex Regiment, T.A.

We have been grateful to receive a number of presentations, including two 44th Regiment Spode Plates, given by the daughter of Mrs. Dorothy Maitland; a Sir John Helliker Medal (West and East Ham Volunteers), by Mrs. Rowena Wren; the medals of Sgt. B. Gordon, by Mrs. N. Winterman, and those of Pte. J. Hopkins, 56th Regiment, by In-Pensioner Hopkins. A World War I trench dagger was presented by Mr. Harry Moore.

## Recruiting

The good figures for the period August to October, 1961, reported in the last issue have continued into May this year. Twenty-seven men enlisted direct from civilian life in February when we shared top honours for numbers recruited in that month by a Line Regiment with The Royal Ulster Rifles. The following table shows the current trend:—



	<i>Direct from Civilian Life</i>	
	<i>Men</i>	<i>Juniors</i>
October, 1961 .....	23	1
November, 1961 .....	19	—
December, 1961 .....	9	—
January, 1962 .....	22	5
February, 1962 .....	27	—
March, 1962 .....	20	4

Unofficial figures for April enlistments are 21 men and 7 juniors.

Within two weeks of the Battalion returning from disembarkation leave, two travelling demonstration teams were formed to visit Army Cadet Force Detachments and Youth Clubs in the three counties. By mid-June approximately forty-five organisations will have been visited by the teams. In addition four other teams were deployed one week later, one each to Bedford, Luton, St. Albans and Watford for an indefinite period. These activities are bearing fruit and have received attention in the Press. The Regimental Information Kiosk will be visiting shows at St. Albans, Stevenage, Watford, Romford, Dagenham, Bedford, Kempston, Hemel Hempstead, Southend and Bishops Stortford during the summer.

The appointment of Regimental Recruiting Officer will cease in October when those duties

will be taken over by the Brigade Recruiting Officer at the Brigade Depot, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk. Sgts. Potton and Bennett have left the recruiting staff for other duties, Cpls. Johnson and Carter return to the 1st Battalion in June.

The conclusion to be drawn at this point is that the picture of recruiting for the Regiment is considerably brighter and we believe that the existing target figure will be reached by the end of the year.

## THE UNION JACK SERVICES CLUBS

These clubs, which consist of the The Union Jack Club, The Union Jack Families Club and The Union Jack Women's Services Club, are situated just outside Waterloo Station, London. Membership is open to all serving personnel below commissioned rank. Subscriptions are paid by the Army Council to cover membership of all eligible personnel of the Army.

Further details can be obtained from: The Comptroller and Secretary, The Union Jack Club, 91, Waterloo Road, London, S.E.1.

A copy of the *Regimental Journal* is sent to the club for the reading room.



*The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment and The Essex Regiment Plots at The Empire Field of Remembrance, Westminster Abbey, November, 1961.*

## PERSONALIA

Congratulations to Lady Luke on being among the successful candidates at The Trinity College of Music local examinations, held in Bedford in November. Lady Luke gained Honours and Prize in Grade II (Preparatory) Section for Organ Playing.

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We were glad to hear from Capt. R. G. Nash, late 16th Foot, who now lives at "Kelsale," 25, Fitzmaurice Road, Ipswich. He sent a cutting from the local evening paper in which they report the return home of the 1st Battalion in February. Capt. Nash wonders how many will remember the move of the 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment to Malta in 1925 in the previous *Nevasa*?

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The Personal and General column of the February 16 issue of *The Bedfordshire Times and Standard* included a reference to Major Keith Burch. It reported his posting to the War Office as a G.S.O. II in the Directorate of Staff Duties and also his promotion to Major.

Major Burch was educated at Bedford Modern School. While he is holding this appointment at The War Office, Major and Mrs. Burch are living at 29, Stoneleigh Avenue, Worcester Park, Surrey.

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We are pleased to hear from R.S.M. D. Driscoll, formerly The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment. He is now serving as R.S.M. of the 4th/5th Bn. The Northamptonshire Regiment (T.A.), London Road Drill Hall, Peterborough, Northants. He has joined the Regimental Association and we hope to see him at a Regimental occasion one of these days.

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Capt. John Bushell wrote in February to tell how sorry he was not to be able to meet the *Nevasa* when the ship called at Aden on February 4 with the 1st Battalion on board. But this day was an important one in the lives of Capt. and Mrs. John Bushell in that their second daughter was born on that day. An announcement of the birth appears elsewhere in this number.

Capt. Bushell gives us news of Major Stahelin who is also serving in Aden—we gather that he was able to meet the *Nevasa* where he met Major and Mrs. Charles Lucas. Capt. Stuart Green was at the Command Arab Language School in Aden in February prior to joining the 3rd Battalion of The Federal Army, which we expect he has now done.

Capt. Bushell's address is: H.Q., Federal Army, Seedaseer, Lines, B.F.P.O. 69.

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We were very pleased to hear from Major Geoffrey Gaden. The announcement of his son's engagement appears elsewhere in this

number. "Cap" Gaden tells us that his son owns a property eighteen miles north of Keith and he also manages a large property, sheep and cattle, five miles from his own.

Major and Mrs. Gaden are living at 81, Livingstone Avenue, Pymble, New South Wales, Australia.

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Mr. W. Blackman, of 14, Cort Way, Fareham, Hants, has asked if any readers can let him have any photographs or negatives of The Pompadours taken in India, North West Frontier, Egypt or the Sudan. Photographs would be returned to senders if required.

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Lt.-Col. Hugh Gregory, M.C., T.D., who retired in June, 1961, has now settled down in Cornwall. We wish him and his family every happiness in the future.

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Mr. G. F. Brown, formerly with 1st Bn. The Essex Regiment in U.K. and in Palestine and Egypt in 1936, has recently corresponded with Colonel Salew. Mr. Brown, now on the staff at Epsom College, would be glad to hear from any of his former comrades.

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A 65th birthday party was held on Saturday, March 31, 1962, at Billericay for Mr. "Freddie" Vere—1st Bn. The Essex Regiment, 1914-19. Mr. Vere has been a staunch supporter of The Regiment and The Association for many years and he, with his wife Audrey, spent a memorable evening amongst his very many friends.

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Mr. Albert James Keech was admitted as an In-Pensioner to The Royal Hospital, Chelsea, on March 5. Formerly No. 5944011, he served with the 16th Foot between 1902 and 1924 and was discharged with the rank of Sergeant. Mr. Keech has been a Member of the Regimental Association for many years and, until moving to Chelsea, lived in Halifax.

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Lt.-Col. Peter Sherwood returned to England in January after having lived in East Africa since his retirement in 1953. For the past seven years he has been teaching at a private preparatory school in Kenya. In addition, he informs us that he had a profitable side-line as the only professional magician in East Africa. His eldest daughter, Judith, was married recently and is still in Kenya; so also is his elder son, Timothy. Jane and John are still at school, in Belgium and Bedford respectively. He is shortly taking up an appointment as a lecturer to schools and as this will involve a good deal of travel throughout Britain, Peter Sherwood hopes that he will have a chance to renew several old friendships.

We have recently heard from Mr. Arthur Lovegrove who joined 10th Bn. The Essex Regiment in 1940 and later served with The Pompadours.

After his demobilisation in 1945 Arthur Lovegrove became a professional actor and has remained in the profession since that time. He has appeared in many West End productions and his Army roles have included "Journey's End," Westminster Theatre 1950; "Touch It Light," Strand 1958; and "The Bad Soldier Smith," Westminster 1961. He is at present appearing at the Arts Theatre in the R.A.F. comedy "Nil Carborundum."

He is the author of the very successful comedy "Goodnight Mrs. Puffin" which has recently celebrated its 300th performance.

We extend our congratulations and wish him continued success in the future.

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A recent visitor to R.H.Q. was ex-No. 6020875 W. L. Gates, who served with 2nd/5th and 1st/4th Essex in North Africa, Italy and Greece. Mr. Gates now lives at 18, Morton House, Brandon Street, London, S.E.17, and would welcome news from former comrades.

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We extend our congratulations to Major W. A. Matthews on his very well earned Territorial Decoration which was gazetted on November 17 last.

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Mr. P. C. Munn has recently located the following comrades, all of whom convey their best wishes to all members:—

Mr. E. J. Reid, 1st and 2nd Bns., and Messrs. R. Brook (Sgt.), A. Ross (W.O.II) and L. Dorkins (Sgt.) all of 10th Bn. The Essex Regiment 1940-43 and subsequently of 9th Bn. The Parachute Regiment.

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Major P. Steyn, D.S.O., who served in the 8th Bedfords in World War I, has retired from farming in Kenya and now lives in South Africa (address: 5, Dinglewood Court, Rosmead Avenue, Kenilworth, Cape Province). He spent the greater part of last year visiting his daughter in Texas, U.S.A., and timed his journey onwards to England to coincide with the home leave of his son, Capt. Peter Steyn, M.C. The latter, who served with the 1st Bn. 16th Foot during the last war, has now given up tea plantation work in Assam and has joined his firm's head office in Calcutta. (Address: c/o Messrs. Shaw Wallace & Co., 4, Bankshall Street, Calcutta, 1.)

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The War Office has approved the appointment of Lt.-Col. S. S. Smith, D.L., as Honorary Colonel of the Bedfordshire A.C.F., the vacancy being created through the resignation of

Colonel G. A. Anstee, O.B.E., M.C., J.P., D.L. At the January meeting of the Bedfordshire A.C.F. County Cadet Committee, Lt.-Col. Smith was re-elected Chairman, an office which he has now held for 14 years.

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A reunion dinner held in the Swan Hotel, Bedford, on Saturday, April 7, 1962, was attended by 27 ex-Officers of 5th Bn. Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) and their ladies. A telegram containing the good wishes of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was received during the evening. The dinner was so popular that it was decided to dine together again during the autumn and Major C. J. Corkerton has agreed to make the necessary arrangements.

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We are glad to report that Mr. A. Barker, ex-1st/5th Bn. The Essex Regiment, is recovering from the accident he sustained in July last. His progress though somewhat slow has been sufficient to enable him to discard his crutches.

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Mr. C. H. King, Hon. Secretary of the Saffron Walden Branch, is very keen to have a Reunion of the ex-stretcher-bearers who were with 1st/5th Bn. The Essex Regiment during 1939-45, and requests that those interested should write to him at his home address: 1, Prospect Place, Thaxted Road, Saffron Walden.

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Former Essex Regiment readers will be sorry to hear that Major Frank Waddell and Major Barney O'Hagan have both been in hospital recently. Major Waddell, after a major operation, is now on the way to recovery, and Major O'Hagan now at his home again, has been ordered a strict diet and will not unfortunately be able to attend Regimental functions for a time.

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Her many friends in the Regiment will have learned with deep regret of the death of Mrs. Dilley, of 20, Irwin Road, Bedford. As the wife of R.S.M. V. Dilley she played a very full part in Regimental activities, and on his retirement was untiring in her efforts as a Case Secretary for S.S.A.F.A. The funeral service took place at St. Cuthbert's Church, Bedford, on January 25, 1962, and was attended by Colonel and Mrs. G. A. Anstee and Major and Mrs. D. T. Tewkesbury.

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The *London Gazette* announces the resignation from the Bedfordshire Army Cadet Force of Major E. E. Ashby, M.C., who first wore the Regimental cap badge in April, 1913, when he joined the Special Reserve Battalion of The Bedfordshire Regiment. On transfer to the Regular Army, he was posted to the 1st Battalion in Mullingar and reached W.O.II rank

in December 1915. He was commissioned in February, 1917, and continued to serve in the Regiment until retiring with the rank of Major in 1945. In July, 1951, he was granted a T.A. Commission and employed as County Administrative Instructor to the Bedfordshire Army Cadet Force. After over ten years service in this capacity he has now had to retire on reaching the age limit. Capt. F. W. Boutwood, M.B.E., has been appointed as his successor and has already started his administrative duties with the A.C.F.

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Mr. S. M. Golder, ex-Pioneer Sergeant with the 1st Bn. The Essex Regiment in 1936 and now living at Feathersten, New Zealand, has written to us and given a most interesting description of what might be termed an "Old England Room" which he set up in his house in New Zealand. The room contains many reminders of Queen and Country, including silk replicas of The Regimental Colours which Mr. Golder made whilst with the Battalion in Palestine.

Mr. Golder has been kind enough to suggest that the Colours replicas might come to The Regiment in due course of time.

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One of the former Essex Regiment (Pompadors) comrades, Mr. W. H. Brown, has been resident at the Star and Garter Home for many years and was recently visited by Lt.-Col. K. F. May, O.B.E. Colonel May reports that Mr. Brown though severely restricted physically is in good heart and was delighted to see his visitor. At Colonel May's request a copy of Colonel Martin's History was sent on to Mr. Brown.

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Mr. E. Farnsworth, ex-Private No. 600156, who now lives at Silvertown, London, E.16, has unfortunately had a long spell of ill-health and has now had to have an amputation of his left leg. He served in The Essex Regiment for many years after enlisting in 1911 and sends his best wishes to The Regiment. We were glad to be able to help Mr. Farnsworth with a grant from Benevolent Funds.

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Mr. A. C. Miller, Governor of Winchester Prison, has been appointed Governor of Hindley Prison, Lancs. He will be remembered by his many friends as Major "Dusty" Miller who served, before the 1939-45 War, in the 5th Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) and during the war with the 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.).

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Mr. T. Fewster, who many will remember from the days when he was O.R.Q.M.S. at the Depot, The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, is now living at West Hartlepool, where he has a post with the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

We were delighted to hear from Lt.-Col. Roger Hatch who tells us that his son, Guy, has just completed the course at The Joint Services Staff College. Those who are members of the Royal United Service Institution may remember that Guy Hatch contributed an article on Training in the November, 1961, Journal of the Institution.

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We are sorry to learn that Brigadier "Gowk" Shearman has been ill and hope he is now much better.

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Major Patrick Barrass who served in The Essex Regiment and retired a few years ago has been appointed station manager for the Channel Air Bridge at Southend Airport.

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Lt.-Col. A. J. M. Parry has taken up his new appointment with the Central Fighter Establishment R.A.F.

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In the "Peeps in the Past" feature of the February 23, 1962, issue of *The Hertfordshire Mercury*, we were interested to note that the February 24, 1912, issue of the paper carried an announcement that Captain the Hon. Nigel Gaythorne-Hardy, Rifle Brigade, had been appointed Adjutant of the 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment, in succession to Capt. F. Swarder.

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With effect from March, 1962, the address of Major and Mrs. M. V. McArthur is: Packhorse Farm, Mark, Highbridge, Somerset. Major McArthur is due to retire in June.

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Capt. D. R. Palmer writes from Holsworthy, New South Wales, Australia, where he is attached to the 1st Bn. The Royal Australian Regiment. He is enjoying the opportunity to see Australia very much, and hopes during his tour to visit our Allied Australian Regiments. Capt. Palmer reports that considerable interest in The Regiment is shown by the Australian Army and he has requested that four copies of the Regimental Journal should be sent out to him for distribution to the Officers' Messes. He expects to return to England in December.

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M. H. Mallet, who served in The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, has been appointed to a Permanent Commission in the rank of Flight Lieutenant in the Royal Air Force with effect from January 2, 1961.

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Our readers from Essex will be saddened to learn that Mrs. Kathleen Josephine Piggott passed away in November last. Following a fall at her home, Mrs. Piggott was removed to hospital but died there a short time later. Very many members of the Sergeants' Mess of the former Essex Regiment will remember her gay company, and in later years her not unreason-

able claim that she was the "senior member of the Mess." She will be remembered with much pride and affection, and we extend our sympathy to Mr. Piggott.

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A member of the Metropolitan Essex Branch of the Association, Mr. H. Crawley (ex-Private No. 38408) would be glad to have news from any of his old Comrades. He served during World War I with 1st, 3rd and 11th Battalions of The Essex Regiment and now lives at 75, Cheyneys Avenue, Canons Park, Edgware, Middlesex.

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The following have been selected to attend No. 17 Technical Staff Course, assembling in January, 1963, at the Royal Military College of Science, Shrivenham: Major J. W. Scragg and Capt. W. J. G. Hancock. Capt. B. M. Parsons has been selected to attend a course at the Australian Staff College.

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Major K. J. T. Hoile is now serving with the Public Relations Staff in Cyprus and we hear from him quite frequently. The second part of his article "The Chequer Board" appears in this number.

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Major A. F. Mackain-Bremmer has taken up an appointment at The School of Infantry, Warminster.

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Capt. S. A. Green is now serving in Aden, and Capt. P. F. Chapman is attached to the Support Weapons Wing, School of Infantry, Netheravon.

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Lt.-Col. B. J. Palmer, M.B.E., on relinquishing his appointment with the Ministry of Defence, has taken over the command of The East Anglian Brigade Depot.

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In a further letter from Capt. David Palmer, he tells us The Regiment is well represented in the 1st Bn. The Royal Australian Regiment with whom he is serving on attachment. In the Mess there is a Regimental Plaque which was presented to The Royal Australian Regiment by the 1st Battalion when they were serving together in Malaya recently and also a carved wooden eagle presented by The Essex Regiment when they served together in Korea.

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The Annual Reunion of the 7/59/459 Dinner Club took place at The United Service Club, Pall Mall, on Saturday, March 31. Members of the 7th Bn. The Essex Regiment, 59th H.A.A. Regiment and the 459th (Essex Regiment) H.A.A. Regiment were present. Capt. J. Schofield presided.

Major John Salazar wrote from Dar-Es-Salaam, where he was serving with the 1st Bn. The Tanganyika Rifles. The Battalion had just returned when he wrote from a two months camp in the Northern Province, a great relief from the hot weather in Dar-Es-Salaam. While in camp Major Salazar was able to visit the Ngorongoro crater which he describes as a splendid place 7,000 feet high and full of game. He enjoyed some wonderful geese and duck shoots. Major Salazar has now returned home.

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Major R. H. Brooks writes to tell us that he and another officer from The Military Prison and Detention Barracks, Shepton Mallet, fired for the Army Small Bore Team and received the 1962 A.R.A. Badge. The team from the M.P. and D.B. were runners-up in the South Western District Minor Units Competition. Major Brooks was a member of the team. His address is now: Fairlawn, Wesley Slope, Frome, Somerset.

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The following was published in the "In Memoriam" column of *The Times* of March 26, 1962:

"4th Bn. The Essex Regiment (T.F.).—In proud and glorious memory of all ranks of the Battalion who fell in the attack on Green Hill, First Battle of Gaza, March 26/27, 1917, and throughout the First World War. From the Officers who survived the Battle and who, dining together at this time, will remember them."

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The annual dinner for officers of the 4th Bn. The Essex Regiment (T.F.) who survived the First Battle of Gaza, March 26-27, 1917, was held at the Trocadero Restaurant, London, W.1., on March 26, 1962. Past Commanding Officers of the Battalion are also eligible to attend this dinner. Major R. W. Lee presided, and those present included:

Colonel A. Noble (Hon. Colonel, the 4th/5th Bn. The Essex Regiment, T.A.), Lt.-Cols. L. W. A. Chappell, N. St. L. Moore, D. J. M. Smith, and D. F. Garrard (O.C. 4th/5th Bn. The Essex Regiment, T.A.), Major A. J. Beach, Capts. E. Barrett, H. G. Cruse, C. H. Gadston, G. G. G. Johnstone, S. Smith, R. H. J. Stronge, and Major J. N. Coker (Hon. Secretary).

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A regular visitor to The Essex Regiment Museum is Mr. J. H. Brown, of Hatfield Broad Oak. Both he and Mr. E. A. Garland, another of our visitors, wish to be remembered to all 6th Battalion Old Comrades.

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The Medway Towns Branch of The Old Contemptibles Association are having a Com-

memorative Plaque unveiled in St. John's Church, Railway Street, Chatham, Kent, on Sunday, September 23, 1962, at 3.30 p.m. An open invitation to attend the ceremony is extended to all members of the former Essex Regiment, and further details can be obtained from the Secretary, Mr. A. E. Ward, M.S.M., 529, Canterbury Street, Gillingham, Kent.

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Another ex-Pompadour, Mr. Isbell, who was with the 2nd Battalion in N.W. Europe in 1944, was contacted recently by Mr. Percy Munn. Mr. Isbell is now employed by British Railways at Ilford on Traffic Control duties.

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Colonel J. G. Mileham, who has been serving in Ghana as Service Adviser, B.D.L.S. Office of the High Commissioner, Accra, has returned home. Later he is to take up an appointment with SHAPE, in Paris.

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News of Major J. R. Oldfield has been received. He is the British Army Exchange Officer at the Canadian Joint Air Training Centre, Rivers Camp, Manitoba. We understand he does not find Manitoba very attractive, as it is apparently a snow-covered waste in winter, and a burnt, parched desert in the summer. Spring is very beautiful, but last year only lasted four days. Major John Oldfield hopes to be in England for next year's Regimental dinner.

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After 31 years in the Army, Bandmaster B. George Wootton is retiring to take up the appointment of Director of Music to the Jamaican Police Force. Mr. Wootton enlisted in The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment at Kempston Barracks in 1931, and served with both the 1st and 2nd Battalions. During the 1939-45 War he was stationed at Kempston with the Regimental Band. Later he transferred to the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, and for the past eighteen months he has been serving with a T.A. Band in Brighton.

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Major A. F. F. H. Robertson has been posted to an appointment at The Royal Air Force College, Cranwell.

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Major P. E. Edwards has been posted to an appointment with The Armed Forces School of Instruction, Federation of Malaya.

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Major H. F. Rawkins is taking up an appointment at The Army School of Physical Training, Aldershot.

We were very pleased to receive the following report from Major K. J. T. Hoile who is serving with the Army Public Relations Staff in Cyprus:—

"A unique occasion occurred recently, when two officers of The Pompadours led the Army (Cyprus) rugger fifteen to a 21 to 6 victory over the Royal Air Force in the Annual Inter-Services Match. It was probably the first time that a representative team had both the captain and the leader of the pack from the same Regiment, more especially as they are both on secondment from the Regiment. The officers concerned are Captain Peter Morton and Lt. David Taylor, both of whom are doing a tour of duty with 2nd Bn. The Parachute Regiment. Peter Morton has captained the Parachute Regiment side all the season but David Taylor had only arrived in Cyprus a few weeks before he was selected to play in the Army side." Major Hoile hopes that as they read his account they will not curse the fact that there was another officer of The Pompadours on the touch line. The Cup was presented to the Army side by General Sir Dudley Ward, then Commander-in-Chief, Near East.



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Capt. Peter Morton, The Pompadours, captain, Army Rugger team (Cyprus), receives the cup from General Sir Dudley Ward, then Commander-in-Chief Near East.



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A very interesting caller at R.H.Q. was Mr. M. Shafi and his nephew, Mr. Afzal, of M. D. Karamelahi and Sons, one time Contractors to The Essex Regiment in India. Mr. Shafi and his nephew are now Army Contractors in Cyprus. They were very interested in news of former officers of The Essex Regiment. After leaving R.H.Q. they called on Colonel "Tommy" Gagen.

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We very much regret to announce the death of the Rev. W. R. F. Addison, v.c., which occurred at St. Leonards-on-Sea on January 7, 1962. The Rev. Addison was awarded The Victoria Cross for conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty during the operations at Sannaiyat, Mesopotamia, in April, 1916. He was well known to many officers and men of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment as he was closely connected with The Regiment during his service as a Chaplain to The Forces. In 1923-24 he was at Aldershot when the 1st Battalion were stationed there and again in Malta when the Battalion served there in 1925-1927. He went with the 1st Battalion to China with The Shanghai Relief Force in 1927 and lived in the Officers' Mess until the Battalion went to India in 1928.

Later he was stationed at Bordon when the 2nd Battalion served there and officiated at the wedding service of Colonel and Mrs. Steel.

One member of the 16th Foot writes, "He was much loved and Church Parade was a real pleasure to hear him conduct the Service."

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Major Lester Allan writes that Mrs. Allan and he are finding the running of a caravan camp very hard work but they are enjoying it and making a success of it. Their address is:—Cooks Trailer Court, Burford Road, Carterton, Oxon.

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Major Tony Ward-Booth wrote a very interesting account of his experiences in the Congo where he is serving with H.Q. 3 Nigerian Brigade. He describes Leopoldville as a really magnificent city, clean, beautifully laid out with most imposing buildings.

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Major-General Man Mohan Khanna, Indian Army, who was attached to the 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, in 1936, at Chakrata, India, is at present attending a course at The Imperial Defence College, 37, Belgrave Square, London, S.W.1. He and his wife will be in England until the end of this year. They would very much like to get in touch with officers of the Battalion who were in Chakrata at the time and will be grateful if they would write to him at The Imperial Defence College.

## THE CHEQUER BOARD

### PART II

Hither and thither moving, mates and slays,  
And one by one back in the closet lays.

*(Continued from Page 310 of Volume I, No. 6,  
December, 1961.)*

Those members of the Regiment who, like the verses of the ancient Persian poet, Omar Khayyam, may have been wondering why I used only one half of his verse to introduce the last article. When the idea was conceived, I intended to write a complete version of the whole operation, culminating with the return of the Brigade Group to its base in the U.K., but this proved impossible, as even the Commander had no idea of when we would be returning.

However, to continue the story, where it was left at the last edition, readers may like to be reminded that the Brigade Group had just arrived in Kenya, and had taken up residence in Kahawa. Needless to say, as 24 Brigade had made a very rapid move in order to thwart General Kassem's designs on Kuwait, we were met by a very small but efficient rearguard. In the usual manner, they did their level best to cope with a complete Brigade Staff, all worrying about their own particular problems, and endeavouring to find the numerous bits of paper that would, in the normal course of events, have been handed over to them by their opposite numbers. Things quickly sorted themselves out and the week-end saw quite a number of both officers and men having a look at Nairobi. Though I cannot be certain, I have a feeling that the Commander either saw or heard about the night life of the big city, for on Monday there was a training conference. Adventure training and safaris were the order of the day, with a series of Brigade exercises to keep everyone busy in more than the true sense of the word. Troops and officers alike disappeared in all directions, with Mount Kenya, the Rift Valley, the Tsavo National Park and Mount Kilimanjaro, all claiming their fair share of visitors. Needless to say, the stories that came back were varied and amusing. One group of officers who were on their way to the Tanganyika border to visit a detachment of the Field Squadron, came across two young ladies stranded in the wilds with no food and no petrol (I can just hear the remark "trust the officers"). However, for reasons of diplomacy, I will not name the officer who remarked on his return: "Trust me to get myself into the same party as the Padre on an occasion like that!"

The exercises were to prove just as interesting as the small safari parties. The first took us through the beautiful country of the White Highlands and north along the Rift Valley to Nakuru. Here everyone was given time off to go and see the glorious sight of the flamingoes on Lake Nakuru and the Menengai Crater. We then moved over the Abedares by way of Thompson's Falls and into the Northern Frontier Province north of Nanyuki. Our nearest neighbours proved to be a tribe of crossed origin between the Kikuyu and the Masai. The troops immediately settled down to bartering and spear-throwing contests. One young National Serviceman was a little shattered when an old warrior offered him his daughter and his wife for the princely sum of ten shillings. There were a number of other minor exercises carried out, which I will not bother to record, but mention of the final, and most interesting of all, is essential.

Exercise "White Sands" was to take the whole of the group to the millionaire's playground of Africa, Malindi. Apart from the inevitable series of punctures, which keep any driver in East Africa busy, the journey to the coast was uneventful. Brigade H.Q. staged at Mtito Andei overnight, before proceeding to Mombasa the following day. Apart from the dust, it was very enjoyable to drive through country alive with game. We had seen giraffe, gazelle, baboons and ostrich, but for the first time, many of us had a glimpse of elephant. The heat of the coastal plain, in comparison with the 6,000ft. plateau from which we had come, was somewhat uncomfortable, but the thought of a refreshing swim in the Indian Ocean kept morale high. Next day we headed north and did a night crossing of the Kilifi Ferry: Malindi was almost in sight. The base was soon established on the airstrip, but, having arrived by night, morning entailed a certain amount of moving and getting spread out. Even the pepper ticks, which we managed to pick up in remarkable numbers, and which can make life quite miserable, were forgotten in rush to get organised and get to the beach. All the branches, departments and units immediately went on to shifts, for the Commander had made it quite clear that the exercise was to be continued with skeleton staffs. A five-minute drive in a Land Rover was all that was required to reach Malindi, and there, bathed in bright tropical sunshine was a beach of glorious white sand, gently lapped by the deep blue waters of the Indian Ocean. The setting was enhanced by the fringe of waving palms along the beach and, across the bay, the ocean rollers breaking to white spray on the coral reef. It took about 30 seconds flat before the first body hit the water, and what a joy it was to get rid of the combination of dirt, sweat and murrum dust that we had collected en route. For five days,

apart for the time spent in bed and on duty, everyone was swimming or sunbathing. Some of the richer gentlemen took off early one morning to do some big game fishing, but the expedition proved a failure, as the weather was rough. As one can imagine, there was little sympathy given when they returned home, not only empty-handed, but looking somewhat green. A sports meeting was arranged one afternoon and was a great success, but like all good things, our stay had to come to an end. I am sure that nearly every man regretted the day we left that tropical paradise to start on the long journey back to Nairobi.

The route back was to take us through the Garsen and Garissa, over some 500 miles of murrum track and back into the capital by way of Thika. It was a tired and dirty unit that arrived in Kahawa, three days later. The story of the chequer board had almost run its course; we had certainly done our fair share of moving; mating, I must leave to the imagination of those who have been in the Services; but inevitably destiny won the last game. To the regret of everyone, we were to return to England less one of the soldiers, who was drowned at Mombasa while on leave. Soon we were winging our way home again, for there was more work for the Strategic Reserve on hand: Berlin was the subject of yet another controversy. The return journey was very similar to the trip out, though I managed to get on the one aircraft that broke down in Aden. After a short stop at El Adem, we were soon circling over London Airport. Needless to say, we arrived in the cold light of an October morn, and after the warmth of the tropics, found the road move to Colchester a little chilly. Even the warmth of the homecoming, to which everyone was looking forward, was cooled down by the wife who, seeing her husband for the first time in three months, remarked: "Hello darling, it's nice to have you back, but I'm not looking forward to all the work you will mean around the house."

That evening, to be precise, I popped into the "Maypole" for my normal pint or two of bitter.

K.J.T.H.

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EXTRACTS FROM  
**THE LONDON GAZETTE**

HONOURS AND AWARDS

The Queen has been graciously pleased to confer the award of the Territorial Efficiency Decoration upon the following officers:—  
*East Anglian Brigade*

*Essex*

Major D. B. Wilson.

*Bedfs./Herts.*

Major W. J. Darville

Major D. V. Monico

Lt. A. R. Bennett

REGULAR ARMY

*Staff*

Colonel (Temp. Brigadier) T. L. G. Charles, C.B.E., D.S.O., late Infantry, retires on retired pay, November 13, 1961, and is granted the hon. rank of Brigadier.

Lt.-Col. D. A. Beckett, D.S.O., O.B.E., from Para. to be Colonel, December 9, 1961, for seniority February 1, 1961, and precedence next above T. R. Newton Dunn, M.C., B.A.

Brigadier P. C. Hinde, D.S.O., late Infantry, to be Supernumerary to Establishment, April 14, 1962.

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

Lt.-Col. C. D. J. A. Tempest (Emp. List 1) to be Supernumerary to Establishment, November 14, 1961.

The undermentioned Lieutenants to be Captains, December 16, 1961:

C. B. Scott

P. S. Morton

G. R. Barnett

D. R. Palmer

Capt. K. J. T. Hoile to be Major, December 22, 1961, and with precedence in the East Anglian Brigade next below J. D. A. Fitzgerald, 1 East Anglian.

Major A. J. M. Parry, M.C., to be Lieutenant-Colonel (Emp. List (1)), January 3, 1961.

The undermentioned Officer Cadets from The Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst to be Second-Lieutenants, December 22, 1961:

Hugh William Lambert

Michael John Ménage

Brian Anselm Robert Harrington Spier

David John Wright

2/Lt. K. Woodrow to be Lieutenant, March 11, 1962.

REGULAR ARMY—SHORT SERVICE COMMISSION

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

Capt. F. H. Crouchman to be Major, November 14, 1961.

O/Cdt. Thomas Benjamin Thomas to be Second-Lieutenant, November 4, 1961.

Capt. G. A. Chilton (Emp. List 3) relinquishes his commission on completion of service, March 17, 1962, and is granted the hon. rank of Major.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

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

Capt. (Hon. Major) J. P. Dunphy having exceeded the age limit, relinquishes his commission, November 22, 1961, retaining the hon. rank of Major.

Major (Hon. Lt.-Col.) V. C. Magill-Cuerden having exceeded the age limit, ceases to belong to the Reserve of Officers, November 15, 1961.

Capt. (Hon. Major) A. R. Simpson, Emp. List (4), relinquishes his commission, July 1, 1959, retaining the hon. rank of Major.

Major (Hon. Lt.-Col.) F. H. B. Webster having exceeded the age limit, ceases to belong to the Reserve of Officers, November 30, 1961.

Major I. D. McDowall having exceeded the age limit, ceases to belong to the Reserve of Officers, December 9, 1961.

Lt. (Hon. Capt.) J. Irvine relinquishes his commission, July 1, 1959, retaining the hon. rank of Captain.

Lt.-Col. (Hon. Colonel) H. C. R. Hose, D.S.O. (Emp. List (1)) having exceeded the age limit, ceases to belong to the Reserve of Officers, February 7, 1962.

Lt.-Col. (Hon. Colonel) N. A. C. Croft, D.S.O., M.A. (Emp. List (1)) having exceeded the age limit, ceases to belong to the Reserve of Officers, February 7, 1962.

Major T. E. A. Robinson having exceeded the age limit, ceases to belong to the Reserve of Officers, February 7, 1962.

Major (Hon. Lt.-Col.) J. Harrison having reached the age limit, ceases to belong to the Reserve of Officers, February 14, 1962.

Major D. A. C. Wilkinson having reached the age limit, ceases to belong to the Reserve of Officers, February 16, 1962.

Major J. P. Haythornthwaite having exceeded the age limit, ceases to belong to the Reserve of Officers, February 17, 1962.

Lt.-Col. (Hon. Brigadier) D. Rossiter, M.B.E., having exceeded the age limit, ceases to belong to the Reserve of Officers, February 21, 1962.

Lt. (Hon. Capt.) G. P. C. Lewis having exceeded the age limit, relinquishes his commission, February 28, 1962, and is granted the hon. rank of Captain.

Capt. (Hon. Major) J. A. Curtayne relinquishes his commission, July 1, 1959, retaining the hon. rank of Major.

Capt. (Hon. Major) D. A. G. North relinquishes his commission, July 1, 1959, retaining the hon. rank of Major.

Lt. M. R. J. Dutton from Active List, to be

Lieutenant, March 13, 1962.

Major (Hon. Lt.-Col.) G. E. J. Warland having reached the age limit, ceases to belong to the Reserve of Officers, March 28, 1962.

Lt. D. R. Brady relinquishes his commission, January 30, 1962.

Capt. J. S. McCarthy resigns his commission, July 1, 1959.

The undermentioned Captains relinquish their commissions, July 1, 1959, and are granted the hon. rank of Captain:

J. E. Messenger

R. O. Johnson

H. T. J. O'Sullivan

Capt. V. J. Philbedge relinquishes his commission, July 1, 1959.

Lt. P. Sheridan-Patterson relinquishes his commission, July 1, 1959.

Capt. E. N. Peirce relinquishes his commission, July 1, 1959, and is granted the hon. rank of Captain.

Capt. D. E. Hookham-Miller relinquishes his commission, July 1, 1959.

Lt. R. W. Anderson resigns his commission, July 1, 1959.

#### TERRITORIAL ARMY

##### *Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment*

Lt. D. A. E. Finch from Green Howards, to be Lieutenant, December 13, 1961, with seniority March 20, 1958.

John Ernest Oliver Screen to be Second-Lieutenant (on probation), January 17, 1962.

Capt. (Acting Major) D. W. F. Willard to be Major, October 11, 1961, with seniority March 21, 1960.

Notification appeared in *The London Gazette* (Supplement) dated April 10, 1962, that all Officers of the former Bedfordshire Regiment (T.A.) and the former Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) were transferred to The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) on May 1, 1961.

Hon. Major Malcolm Schofield Beevers (late R.A.O.C.) to be Captain, April 16, 1962.

Lt. Stewart John Durston-West from Reserve of Officers, Class III, 3 East Anglian, to be Lieutenant, March 29, 1962, with seniority May 7, 1959.

##### *The Essex Regiment*

Patrick Christopher Gates Ward to be Second-Lieutenant (on probation), October 20, 1961.

2/Lt. I. M. Kennard (on probation) is confirmed in his appointment as Second-Lieutenant, January 6, 1960. To be Lieutenant, January 6, 1962.

Lt. T. C. B. Swayne to be Captain, October 21, 1961.

2/Lt. T. A. Nightingale (on probation) is confirmed in his appointment as Second-Lieutenant, March 10, 1960. To be Lieutenant, March 10, 1962.

Capt. R. C. Tomkins from Bedfs./Herts., to be Captain, January 1, 1962, with seniority June 25, 1958.

Capt. J. R. Howard from Intelligence Corps, to be Captain, February 1, 1962, with seniority July 8, 1959.

Capt. (Acting Major) G. H. Brewer, T.D., to be Major, April 15, 1962, with seniority November 1, 1957.

2/Lt. R. J. Bench from Y. and L., to be Second-Lieutenant, March 1, 1962, with seniority March 27, 1960. (Now Lieutenant).

L/Cpl. Michael Packford to be Second-Lieutenant (on probation), March 28, 1962.

W.O.C.I.II Arthur Eric Beeton to be Lieutenant (Q.M.), April 9, 1962, with seniority March 28, 1962.

Harry Frederick Woolrich to be Second-Lieutenant (on probation), February 8, 1962.

2/Lt. G. E. T. Green (on probation) is confirmed in his appointment as Second-Lieutenant, May 18, 1960. To be Lieutenant, May 18, 1962.

##### *Parachute Regiment*

Capt. M. J. Amey from Essex to be Captain, October 20, 1961, with seniority February 1, 1960.

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Discuss in general terms the problems of service reserve personnel and with special reference to reinforcing Army units, in Germany and elsewhere overseas, in an emergency.

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## 1st BATTALION NOTES



The Regimental signboard is packed away at Terendak Camp by Sgt. R. Hammerton and L/Cpl. A. Chapman.

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These notes, coming as they do at the transition period when the 1st Battalion is poised between Malaya and Northern Ireland at Shoeburyness, will at least cover a diversity of places and conditions if nothing else. Our last days in Malaya and the move to England some 8,000 miles away; our activities in Shoeburyness and the three Regimental counties of Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Essex, and finally our preparations for the move to Northern Ireland will be reported.

The main event in November was the visit of the Band and Drums and a Drill Squad of 30 soldiers to the That Luang Festival in Vientiane, capital of Laos. The That Luang is the principal religious festival in Laos, but recently it has come to be a national holiday with a big fair and displays staged in the capital. After weeks of intensive practice under Lt. P. Sincock, the R.S.M., Mr. Baldry, and the Bandmaster, Mr. Brown, the Band, Drums and Drill Squad flew off for their three-day tour, which included two public performances before the King. The time spent in practice certainly paid dividends and the Battalion's display turned out to be the highlight of the Festival, which also included displays by French and American troops. Our performers were congratulated by the King and highly favourable reports were forthcoming from Her Majesty's Ambassador and Military Attaché in Vientiane, together with an invitation to return next year if possible. We shall have to see whether we can



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The Regimental Sergeant Major, Mr. Baldry, and the Bandmaster, Mr. Brown, in Vientiane, Laos.



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*The Battalion Drill Squad, under Lt. P. Sincock, at the That Luang Festival, Vientiane.*

manage it from Northern Ireland! A message of thanks and congratulations was also received from the Foreign Secretary, Earl Home.

The month of December heralded the advent of parties and packing cases. All the Battalion baggage had to be crated—a mammoth task for the Q.M. and his staff. We also had to say farewell to all the many friends that we had made during our stay in Malaya. On December 1, the Sergeants' Mess gave their Farewell Ball and a fabulous affair it turned out to be too. Over 200 guests were entertained at this lavishly laid-on function. On December 15 the Officers' Mess gave their Farewell Cocktail Party. Unfortunately the demonstration by the Battalion Drill Squad and the Beating of Retreat by the Band and Drums was rained off, when the heavens opened just before the performance was due to start. However the cocktail party, at which the Governor of Malacca was the guest of honour, was a great success. The Drill Squad and the Band and Drums performed a week later—much to the appreciation of all who saw them.

During the whole of December many Platoon and Company parties took place—far too numerous for them all to be mentioned here. They were highly successful, with plenty of beer, high spirits and singing. Several enterprising Platoons joined forces with their opposite "Kiwi" and "Aussie" numbers from The New Zealand Regiment and The Royal Australian Regiment, the other two Infantry Battalions in Terendak Camp. Children from

the local orphanage, which had been adopted by the Battalion under the auspices of Lt. P. F. Bye, were invited up to the Camp and given an enormous tea which had been entirely laid on by the men.

Christmas Dinner was, as usual, a lavish and well organised affair, thanks to the extremely hard work put in by all the cooks. The dinner for the 550 soldiers who sat down in the Cook-house was served out by the Officers and Members of the Sergeants' Mess in a time of fifty minutes. This was considered by the experts to be a Battalion record, but this will no doubt be challenged by some Old Comrade as soon as *The Wasp and Eagle* goes into print! Another notable party of the Christmas festivities was the Battalion Concert, put on by those two redoubtable old troupers Capt. Alderton and Sgt. South. All the old faces appeared again—C/Sgt. Watson, Sgts. Harris and White, Cpl. Willis, L/Cpl. Rickard and Pte. Basham—to name only a few. The show was of an even higher standard than that produced on Blenheim Day in August. Members of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry Advance Party, who were with us by then, praised the high standard of the show and said they doubted whether they would be able to achieve anything like this during their tour in Malacca.

On December 13 the Battalion Advance Party under Capt. Hancock left the Battalion to fly to the U.K. to spend their Christmas at home and in slightly cooler conditions than the constant 110 degrees of Terendak Camp!





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*Orphan children from Malacca are given a Christmas Party by the men of the 1st Battalion.*

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January produced more parties and packing cases—with the emphasis rather more heavily on the packing cases now. However, just to stop anyone in the Battalion getting “Timex” too soon, the Colonel was directed to write and run a jungle exercise for the Royal Australian Regiment who had only recently arrived in Malaya from Australia. This was to be their first exercise in the “Ulu” and they had trained desperately hard for it, with marches and runs for all ranks every day for about a month. “C” Company provided the enemy for the exercise, called “Arunta Pack” for some obscure Australian reason, which took place over some of the ground north of Kuala Kangsar covered by the Battalion in its operational days during “Op Jaya.” Although “C” Company undoubtedly had the advantage of knowing the ground intimately, they certainly gave the Australians the “run-around,” leaving them thoroughly chastened and realising that they had still much to learn about jungle lore. Some sterling work was done on this exercise by the Assault Pioneer Platoon, under Cpls. Marshall and Willis, who must have built more bridges per day than any other Platoon in Malaya. On January 2, the C.O. went up to the capital of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, to receive a hundred-year-old Kris—a Malayan ceremonial sword, for services rendered by the Battalion during the Emergency. The Kris was presented by the Deputy Prime Minister, Tun Abdul Razak, who praised the part the Battalion had played as the last Battalion of British Infantry on active service during the Emergency. Yet another presentation in recognition of the Battalion’s services in Malaya took place when the G.O.C. 17 Gurkha Division came

down from Seremban to present a Ceremonial Gurkha Kukri. A parade of all ranks was held and the R.S.M. even managed to dig out some men from the dim recesses of the Q.M.’s compound for it.



[Photograph by: Public Relations Service, FARELF  
Cpl. Sutcliffe and Dmr. Adey try their hands at some native drums at the That Luang Festival, Vientiane.

A great deal of sport was played in these closing stages of our stay at Malacca, notably football, hockey and cross country running. The Battalion Cross Country Competition was held over a stiff 5-mile course, resulting in a win for "B" Company with "H.Q." Company a very close second. Individual placings were: 1st, Pte. Hurrell, "H.Q." Company; 2nd, Cpl. Randall-Wood, "B" Company; 3rd, Pte. Hayward, "H.Q." Company; 4th, Lt. Gee, "B" Company, and 5th, Pte. Holder, "B" Company.

The Battalion football team, spurred on to even greater successes by their mascot monkey "Pompadour Jack," who turned up at most matches expertly handled by his owner and trainer, Pte. Holder, went from victory to victory. Having won the Nan Tai Cup, a local knock-out competition, the Battalion team were 1st equal at the head of the local Malacca League. They also won the Government Services Challenge Cup and were runners-up in the Victory Cup Final when they were narrowly beaten 1-0. Their last triumph in Malacca was a Charity match in aid of the top Malayan footballer, Abdul Ghani, who was going to England for 12 months to play for Burnley. Abdul Ghani produced a team full of stars, which was virtually the Malacca State team. The Battalion, playing magnificent football, won 4-0 in an exciting game.

On January 18, having got up at the unearthly hour of 4.30 a.m., the main body left Terendak Camp for the last time to the strain



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"Pompadour Jack"—the Battalion football team mascot.



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*The Battalion Football Team v. Abdul Ghanis' XI. Back row (left to right): Ptes. Harrison, Scott, Steed, Dørville, Harris, McRae. Front row (left to right): Ptes. Nash, Howe, Sawford, (Captain) French, Slocombe.*



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*The main body of the Battalion pulls out of Tamplin station, played out by the Band of The Royal Australian Regiment.*



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*Pte. Nelhams, L/Cpl. Hills, L/Cpl. Potter and Pte. Ayres embark on the Troopship "Nevasa" at Singapore.*

of martial music played by the Band of The Royal Australian Regiment. Their band was again at Tamplin Station some 28 miles away to play us out as the train taking us to Singapore finally pulled away. Before this the Colonel of The Royal Australian Regiment had presented a plaque to the Battalion. Unfortunately he did not realise at the time that some wily "Pompador" had pinched the cap badge out of his hat! So it was farewell to Malacca and hello to Singapore for one week while the Battalion waited for the *Nevasa* to come in with the main body of the K.O.Y.L.I., who were taking over from us. This week was spent in Nee Soon transit camp, a never-to-be-forgotten spot for all who have visited the Far East. But although the accommodation was a bit primitive, everyone had an enjoyable time. Plenty of sport was played and visits arranged to many places of interest in Singapore—by far the most interesting being the visit to the famous Tiger brewery. Now we all know what really goes into those bottles and cans and also what gives us such awful hangovers the next day! At last January 26 arrived and the main body embarked on the Troop Transport *Nevasa* and set out on the 22-day journey to the U.K., played off by the band of the Queen's Own Highlanders on the quay-



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The C.O. of The Royal Australian Regiment presents a badge plaque to the Battalion on their departure for home. Major R. J. Randall, Second-in-Command of the Battalion, is seen receiving the plaque at Tamplin station.



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The Deputy Prime Minister of Malaya and Minister of Defence, Tun Abdul Razak, explains the history of a 100-year-old ceremonial Kris to the C.O., Lt.-Col. M. W. Holme, O.B.E., M.C. Tun Abdul Razak had presented the Kris to the Battalion as a "thank-you" gift from the Federation Government of Malaya.



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*The Band and Drums march on at the Thai Luang Festival, Vientiane, capital of Laos.*

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side. After a tour of 2½ years, the Battalion left with many pleasant memories and having made many friends. Our nickname of "The Pompadours" or "The One and Threes," as our Colonial friends were wont to call us, had become household names throughout Malaya.

The journey home on the *T.T. Nevasa* was most uneventful and generally enjoyed by all even if only for the fact that each day brought us nearer to dear old "Blighty." A ship of 22,000 tons, she was built in 1956 and gave us as good a degree of comfort as has ever been achieved in a Troopship. With a speed of 20 knots and fitted with stabilisers, she ploughed her way through the worst weather with a steadiness that only those with the weakest of stomachs and wobbliest of sea legs complained about. On the fourth day out of Singapore a burst steam pipe in the engine room caused the ship to drift aimlessly and out of control for 10 hours. Consequently shore leave at Colombo was stopped in order to make up lost time, much to the chagrin of all on board. However, shore leave was taken at Aden. The concensus of opinion was that, although Aden was all right for a visit, it would not be a good place for a three year tour. One would even get tired of the "Bum Boats" after a while.

Most of the Suez Canal was passed in daylight, giving us something of interest to look at after endless days of nothing but sea to stare at. Members of the Battalion who had served with the 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment in Egypt in 1951/53 were able to see their old camp at El Ballah. They became quite intolerable for a short time, with their back slapping, their numerous reminiscences and their telling us all tall stories of how "rugged" it was in those days. And so on to Gibraltar, with the weather steadily deteriorating each day. Here the Battalion had a pleasant surprise in that our Regimental Recruiting

Officer, Major Purdy, was waiting to greet us into port, having somehow managed to wangle a free air passage out from the U.K. After a brief stay at Gibraltar, we sailed on, happy in the knowledge that England was not many days away. Not even a Force 10 gale in the Bay of Biscay could dampen our spirits.



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*The G.O.C., 17 Gurkha Division, presents Lt.-Col. M. W. Holme with an inscribed kukri to mark the Battalion's departure from Malaya.*



*Packing up at Terendak Camp, Malacca, Cpl. J. Bailiff and his wife are assisted by their children, John and Caron.*

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On February 16 the *Nevasa* sailed slowly into Southampton water on a typical winter's day. This indeed was England with its grey, overcast sky, its biting cold and whistling wind. On the quayside to meet us were the Colonel of the Regiment, General Denning; the Associate Colonel, Brigadier Paton; the Brigade Colonel, Colonel Martin; the C.O., Lt.-Col. Holme, who had seen the Battalion off in Singapore and then flown off to England; Major Gilmore, representing the 1st East Anglian Regiment, and a whole host of officers, friends and parents. At 4.30 p.m. the *Nevasa* sidled into her berth, to the accompaniment of the R.A.S.C. Central Band, who played us in on the dockside and who gallantly competed with the Regimental Band under Bandmaster Mr. Brown, who were playing on board. The Colonel of the Regiment then boarded the *Nevasa* and read out the following gracious message of welcome from our Colonel-in-Chief Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother:—

I send my warmest greetings to All Ranks of the 3rd East Anglian Regiment on your return home from Malaya.

Yours has not always been an easy task, and it is with pride that I learn that the 1st Battalion has always set a very high standard in whatever duty it has been called upon to undertake, so often in most difficult conditions. The Battalion will shortly be leaving for Northern Ireland, and I hope that in the meantime your stay in Essex will be an enjoyable one, and I send my best wishes to you all for a happy reunion with your families.

ELIZABETH R.,  
*Colonel-in-Chief.*

February 16, 1962.

The following reply of thanks was sent by the Commanding Officer to Her Majesty:—

"All Ranks First Battalion The Third East Anglian Regiment on their arrival today in the United Kingdom from service in Malaya submit with humble duty their gratitude for the inspiring message of welcome from Her Majesty their Colonel-in-Chief which was read to them on arrival by the Colonel of the Regiment."

HOLME,

*Lt.-Col. Commanding First Battalion.*

There only remained a brief and exciting tussle with the Customs Officials on disembarkation the following morning and then the Battalion dispersed on its well-earned leave.

Meanwhile the Advance Party, having assembled on January 24 after their Christmas and New Year festivities, proceeded to get down to some hard work at Horseshoe Barracks, Shoeburyness, and Laindon Camp which were to be our homes for the next few months. Horseshoe Barracks turned out to be an old Gunner Station, having been founded in the early 1800's by the famous Colonel Shrapnel after he had been turned out of Woolwich when the locals there protested that his new shell was killing off all the livestock. Battalion "H.Q.," "A," "H.Q." and "D" (Training) Companies were to be located here; the other two Companies, "B" and "C" Companies, having to go to Laindon Camp, some 22 miles away, because there was insufficient room to hold the whole Battalion in Shoeburyness. A lot of hard



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work was put into both these camps as they had been unoccupied for some considerable time.

By April 1, most of the Battalion had returned from leave and frantic preparations were made for the first big commitment in the U.K.—the March through Southend. Having been granted the Freedom of the Borough in 1959 before leaving for Malaya, the Battalion was to exercise its right of marching through Southend with “bayonets fixed, drums beating and colours flying.” This we did on April 11, through streets packed with people. Following this the Band and Drums “Beat Retreat” before a very large and appreciative audience. All ranks on parade were then entertained by the Mayor and Corporation.

The Battalion’s main task whilst in the U.K. is to be recruiting. Thanks to the splendid efforts of our Recruiting Team under Major Purdy while we were in Malaya, the Regiment now consistently figures among the leaders in the monthly recruiting charts. It is up to the Battalion to consolidate this lead and to give our Recruiters as much help as possible. To this end we have provided three more Sergeants and two Corporals to act as Special Recruiters in our Regimental area.

They are: Sgt. Hardy, St. Albans; Sgt. Hughes, Romford; Sgt. Templeman, Southend; Cpl. Smith, Romford; Cpl. Passway, Dagenham.

Teams of regular soldiers have been sent to Watford, Luton, St. Albans and Bedford to work under the Specials there. A Battalion display team, comprised of Capt. Randall, C.S.M. Ladley, Cpl. Willis, Cpl. Franklin, Pte. Anderson, Pte. Basham, Pte. Palmer and Cpl. Stopes, is doing sterling work in visiting and lecturing to Cadet Units and Youth Clubs throughout the three Counties. In addition, 4,000 letters to all our Old Comrades have been sent out explaining exactly how they can go about helping us with the problem of getting more recruits.

However not all our activities are confined to recruiting and the Battalion has been kept extremely busy with all sorts of other varied tasks. It took part in and ran the East Anglian District Rifle Meeting at the end of April. Fifty of our men have been sent off to reinforce 1 East Anglian in British Guiana, others are soon to fly to Aden on Heat and Acclimatisation Trials. Preparations are being made for a march through the Boroughs of Watford, East Ham and Ilford, and on May 20 the Battalion will lay up the Colours of the 2nd Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment in Luton.

All in all we are undoubtedly in for a busy and interesting time before we leave England in July to face new problems and challenges in Northern Ireland.

## THE EAST ANGLIAN BRIGADE DEPOT

### GENERAL

Work has at last begun in Gibraltar Barracks after many delays, and the stage has now been reached when the Officers’ Mess block and the M.I. Room are all that are left standing. The sight of the “wrecker” striking against the walls is a depressing one, but we keep our eyes on the future when fresh buildings will rise from the rubble, and we can occupy a modern and permanent home.

The fifth of November was celebrated in a traditional manner, under the direction of Q.M.S.I. Knox, with a huge bonfire and firework display. This was preceded by a short play by the children, on the story of Guy Fawkes. It was a bitterly cold night, and the hot Rum Punch arranged by the Sergeants’ Mess was greatly appreciated.

The Administrative Inspection in December by Major-General Freeland (late Royal Norfolk), who had recently arrived to command 54 (East Anglian) Div./District, resulted in a good report.

All too quickly Christmas was upon us. Once again we had admirable help from all and sundry, but particular mention must be made of the assistance given by C.S.M.I. Talkington and his P.T. staff in the preparation of the gymnasium for both the Permanent Staff Party and Sergeants’ Mess Ball. There was no conjuror this year for the Children’s Party, but a number of cartoon films, and the presence of Father Christmas was as popular as ever.

In cross country running and football, the Depot teams have done very well. The District Cross Country Minor Units Competition was won and the football team were “runners-up” in both the Major and Minor Units Competition.

The Mayor of Ipswich (Mrs. Green) visited the Depot in February to “see the form.” She spent the morning visiting both Training Company and the Junior Soldiers’ Wing. On March 9 we were visited by the G.O.C.-in-C. Eastern Command, General Sir Roderick McLeod, who has recently taken over Command. There have been eight Passing-Out Parades since our last notes. They were:—

October 13, Mayor of Bedford

November 8, Brigadier E. H. W. Backhouse, C.B.E., D.L.

December 1, Mayor of Hertford

December 15, Colonel G. V. Martin, M.C., Brigade Colonel

January 17, Lord Mayor of Norwich

February 9, Major-General I. H. Freeland, D.S.O.

March 2, Lt.-Col. A. G. R. Noble, M.C.,  
O.C. Brigade Depot

March 23, Brigadier A. E. Harding, D.S.O.,  
O.B.E., E.R.D.

On March 20, 1962, Lt.-Col. A. G. R. Noble, M.C., gave up the command of the Depot to Lt.-Col. B. J. Palmer, M.B.E. We wish every fortune to Lt.-Col. Noble in his new appointment, and extend a hearty welcome to Lt.-Col. Palmer.

#### RECRUITING STAFF

The number of N.C.O.s employed on recruiting duties increased threefold during 1961, and the Brigade now disposes 20 Special Recruiters and 14 Regimental Recruiters, all borne on the strength of their regular Battalions. As a direct result of this increase in recruiting staff, the number of recruits joining the Brigade in 1961 was double that of the previous year. The statistics for the second half of 1961, when most of the additional recruiters began to function, were even more encouraging. Providing Battalions can continue to stand the strain of "carrying" the large number of high grade N.C.O.s employed on recruiting duties, there is every reason to hope that by mid 1963 our Units will be up to full strength.

C/Sgt. A. Ealden and Sgt. T. Hardy, both 3rd East Anglian Regiment, have recently joined the team, and are employed at Colchester and St. Albans respectively. Cpl. R. L. Carter, 3rd East Anglian Regiment, has left the recruiting world recently to return to his Battalion. He is a highly experienced recruiter and will be sadly missed.

The Brigade H.Q. Recruiting Staff now have seven attractive window displays in circulation, and have plans for several more. These are proving most popular, and demands consistently exceed the supply available.

The Special and Regimental Recruiter often works in semi-isolation in an unfamiliar civilian world and his job is by no means easy. The way in which these N.C.O.s maintain their high personal standards and their enthusiasm in the difficult circumstances under which many of them work is most encouraging and augurs well for continued success in the future.

#### OFFICERS' MESS

Christmas activities were as usual most successful. We had a large Cocktail Party on December 15, when about 200 people came, it being a better night than 1960, hence the larger numbers. There was much discussion about whether we could seat everybody in the dining room for the Christmas Dinner and finally we sat down 47 people, wives and girl friends included. Mrs. Watts excelled herself in the cooking line, and it was voted a great success. Afterwards Fred Turnbull again organised

racing which was most popular. This year the Subalterns organised a dinner and dance to which they kindly invited all married officers.

A Guest Night was held on March 13 for Colonel Noble, Capt. Dale and Capt. Gunton departing and for Colonel Palmer on his arrival.

There seems to have been a tremendous turn round of Officers. Firstly Colonel Noble has departed, to whom we wish every good fortune in the future. He took a great interest in the Mess, and it is largely due to his efforts that the Mess is financially sound. We welcome in his place Colonel Palmer; Chris Dale has also departed and so has Brian Gunton, who has been invalided out; Norman Miller too has left us, so has Stewart Rowsell, Bill Kitchen and Ernie Morgan, to all of them we say goodbye and best wishes for the future. John Hutchings is relieving Chris Dale as Adjutant, and Mark Adkin has taken over from Norman Miller. Martin Lewis is with us again, and Peter Philcox has relieved Ernie Morgan: Charles Trollope coming as his Second-in-Command; Harold Halcrow and Willie Reeve have also joined us. Welcome to them all. We have 7 officers living in at the moment, and that has been about the average number. Our Military Mess Staff have nearly all left us and those who are with us now will soon depart, leaving us with a civilian staff.

Our future looks brighter on the financial side as Regiments of the Brigade are contributing to our funds. For this we say "Thank you very much." The Mess has again joined the Flempton Golf Club and has also subscribed as Mess Members to the Newmarket Race Club. We have sent invitations to a good many retired Officers to become Hon. Members, and we trust that they will make full use of the Mess.

#### SERGEANTS' MESS

Since our last notes were published, many changes have taken place.

Among those who have gone to face the rigours of "Civvy Street" are the following:—

C/Sgt. Jan Kechenek, 3 East Anglian.

Sgt. "Jim" Maslem, 3 East Anglian.

Sgt. "Busty" Day, 3 East Anglian.

Sgt. "Bill" Keily, 3 East Anglian.

To all of these we wish the best of luck for their future ventures.

Changes have been made among the Permanent Staff also. W.O.I "Ted" Smith, 1 East Anglian, has taken over the Chief Clerk's chair from O.R.Q.M.S. "Bill" Maltman, 3 East Anglian, the latter departing to civilian life. C.S.M. Ray Pond has left the C.S.M.'s chair in "H.Q." Company to fill the one vacated by R.Q.M.S. Clough. Our congratulations to R.Q.M.S. Pond on his new appointment. C.S.M. John Denny has returned to his

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Regiment, 1 East Anglian, after his tour here as C.S.M. Training Company. C.S.M. "Ted" Holden has taken his place, and is, we gather, enjoying his new job. C.S.M. Ron Simmonds, 3 East Anglian, has taken over the intricacies of "H.Q." Company and stopped using nicotine both at the same time, which is no mean feat. We tender our hearty congratulations to W.O.II Harry Ward on his award of the M.B.E. in the New Year's Honours List. Well done, Harry. Congratulations also to C.S.M. and Mrs. Holden on the birth of a son, to S/Sgt. and Mrs. Fell a daughter, and to Sgt. and Mrs. Law a son. Bandmaster Pearson, 3 East Anglian, who has just returned from the British Military Mission, Libya, is with us at present awaiting release.

Finally, we would like to extend an invitation to all members of the Messes of the Brigade to visit us whenever they are in the vicinity.

### JUNIOR SOLDIERS' WING

The Winter Term started with 35 new Boys and a further four joined during the term, however, this did not detract from the musical or sporting standard achieved in the Wing.

In sport both the football and hockey teams won and lost a game against the Silver Jubilee School. The football team travelled to Oswestry to play in the 1st Round of the Army Cup and were unfortunate to be drawn against the Light Infantry Brigade who were the eventual champions.

It was during this term that the Boys started, in Hobbies under Capt. Spinks (Royal Army Education Corps), to make their own film which is now almost complete and has been the source of a great deal of fun.

The Band played on three Passing Out Parades during the term but the climax of their efforts was at Christmas where they played at the Carol Service and the Officers' Mess Ladies' Night. In addition they were once again invited to play in the Wards of the West Suffolk Hospital. Under Capt. Gunton's choral leadership they made a substantial collection for the Parish Church Restoration Fund singing carols in the Quarters.

The Spring Term started amidst hard winter weather which interfered with the Sports Programme and can probably be blamed for the "flu" epidemic which at one stage had over 30 boys in bed. A suggestion that the whole Wing should be sent home on leave was regrettably frowned upon by the medical profession on the grounds that the virus might be a 'Benheim Camp' special and should not be spread around East Anglia.

On March 2 the cross country team took part in the Army Championships in Aldershot and under extremely adverse conditions were placed 8th out of 17 teams.

In the 54 (East Anglian) Division/District Arts and Crafts Exhibition held in Colchester recently the following Junior Soldiers received awards:—

#### WOODWORK

First: J/Drm. Donaldson  
Second: J/Drm. Masterson  
Third: J/Bdsm. Smith, B. (208)  
Highly Commended: J/L.Cpl. Storr

#### POTTERY

First: J/Drm. Moore (073)  
Second: Pte. Phare (Training Company)  
Third: J/Drm. Moore (073)  
Highly Commended: J/L.Cpl. Storr.

#### PHOTOGRAPHY

First: Lt. P. P. G. Rogers, R.A.E.C.  
Highly Commended: Lt. P. P. G. Rogers, R.A.E.C.

### FOOTBALL

The Depot have enjoyed quite a successful season. After a poor start, the team went from strength to strength, and in a three month period after Christmas only two matches were lost, unluckily both those being the final of the Eastern Command Major and Minor Units Competition, but nevertheless a tribute to a constantly changing team. Amongst the most heartening results were the win against the Royal Fusiliers in the Army Cup (3—1) and a (5—1) victory over the 2 Field Regiment R.A. in the Major Units Competition, after 2 Field Regiment R.A. had previously knocked out 1st East Anglian Regiment.

Earlier in the season the Depot had some extremely talented players at their disposal. L/Cpl. Hindle (1st East Anglian Regiment) who represented Kings Lynn against Everton in the F.A. Cup, and Cpl. Davies (1st East Anglian Regiment) were both experienced footballers, and we were very sorry to see Fairbrother and Hedges return to the Pompadours, but they were duly replaced by Cpl. Slater (1st East Anglian Regiment) who led the side admirably after Christmas and finished as leading goal scorer; the arrival of Pte. O'Connell (1st East Anglian Regiment), a senior professional goalkeeper, strengthened the defence. Of the regulars the three stalwarts who appeared in nearly every game were L/Cpl. Balls (3rd East Anglian Regiment), L/Cpl. Bolton (1st East Anglian Regiment) and Pte. Everson (3rd East Anglian Regiment), the former being a consistently sound player.

For the record the results were:—

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## Cross Country Running, 1961-62

This has been a fairly successful year for Cross Country, considering this is the first time that the Depot has participated in outside events.

In early January, 1962, a Depot cross country team was formed and training started for the East Anglian District Minor Units Cross Country Championships, which took place at Colchester on Wednesday, January 24. A fit and confident team took part, and managed to win:

1st East Anglian Brigade Depot	115 pts
2nd 209 Signal Squadron	133 pts
3rd 19 Ofp.	150 pts

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As a result of winning the East Anglian District Championships, the team went forward to the Eastern Command Championships, which were held at Canterbury, February 14. This time the standard was much higher and the Depot were beaten by their old rivals, Depot The Intelligence Corps:

1st Depot The Intelligence Corps	13 pts
2nd Depot The East Anglian Brigade	39 pts
3rd Home Postal Unit R.E.	42 pts

In this race Cpl. Thompson, 1st East Anglian Regiment, achieved considerable success by being runner-up.

Finally, but not least, one must remember the men who trained mainly in their own time, and produced a first-class team spirit:

Cpl. Thompson (1st East Anglian), L/Cpl. Balls (1st East Anglian), L/Cpl. Dickson (2nd East Anglian), Pte. Staff 125 (1st East Anglian), Pte. Owen (1st East Anglian), Pte. Hedges (3rd East Anglian), Pte. Staff (1st East Anglian), Drm. Smith (2nd East Anglian).

## The Editor Regrets . . .

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## 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.)

During the winter months Civil Defence Training has been the main Battalion activity but Officers have attended a Brigade Exercise at Frinton and a Divisional Exercise at Colchester, and the Battalion has taken part in a Brigade Tactical Exercise at Stanford P.T.A. The Stanford exercise was marked by intense cold, water bottles froze and the Battalion water tank had to be thawed out before midnight. The Regimental Sergeant-Major claimed it was the first time he had driven a vehicle with two blankets over the steering wheel! It was no surprise to discover that it was the coldest night in Norfolk since 1909. The Battalion took part in the November Remembrance Parades at Kempston Barracks and at Hertford and provided small detachments elsewhere in the two Counties. A small number of N.C.O.s have been able to attend specialist cadres organised by the School of Infantry touring teams and in February we held two Recruit Training Camps at Letchworth which Army Cadets were invited to attend.

The Regimental Band and Corps of Drums have played on a number of occasions and have a full programme during the coming summer. The Band were invited by the Mayor of Watford to play at his Civic Reception and Dance and their programme was greeted with much favourable comment and was followed by a number of enquiries for their services.

The Lords Lieutenant of the two Counties have awarded their Certificates for meritorious service to the T.A. to the following members of the Battalion:—

Bedfordshire: Staff Sergeant H. E. Waters (R.E.M.E.), Sgt. R. C. Baker and Cpl. L. E. Hazel.

Hertfordshire: W.O.II (O.R.Q.M.S.) B. W. Crook, Drum Major C. H. Coombs and Sgt. C. J. Thrussell.

In February the Brigade Commander carried out the annual Administrative Inspection of the Battalion and visited all T.A. Centres.

At Thetford Range in April the Battalion took an easy second place in the Brigade Rifle Meeting, losing to The Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Regiment by only twenty-two points.

Recruiting has now opened for the T.A. Emergency Reserve (The "Ever Readies") and we have had a fair number of applicants and a very large number of enquiries. Enlistment is restricted to serving members of the T.A. who have at least one year's service and can achieve the necessary certificate of proficiency but men with former Regular Army service, including National Service, may be considered immediately on enlistment into the T.A. if they have the necessary qualifications.

We have a very full programme of coming events including the Battalion Civil Defence Competition at Stevenage in June, the two County shows and a number of local fêtes combined with Recruiting engagements.

Annual Camp is at Millom, Cumberland, from June 16 to 30.

#### OFFICERS' MESS

In November the Officers gave a reception at Luton Town Hall for Civic Leaders of the two Counties. Amongst those present were Major and Mrs. Simon Whitbread, The Honourable Hugh and Mrs. Lawson-Johnston, Major-General and Mrs. Moore, Brigadier A. E. Harding, Brigadier and Mrs. Sykes-Wright, Lord and Lady Luke, the Mayors and Mayoresses of Bedford, Hertford, St. Albans, Dunstable and Luton and the Mayor and Bailiff of Hemel Hempstead, the Chief Constable of Bedfordshire and Mrs. H. R. Pratt, the Chief Constable of Hertfordshire and Mrs. Wilcox, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Hastings, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Goodhew, Colonel and Mrs. Allason, Colonel G. A. Anstee, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. A. C. Young,

Major and Mrs. Tewkesbury, Mrs. A. E. French, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. M. F. T. Baines, the Town Clerks of Bedford, Hertford, Watford, Luton, St. Albans and Hemel Hempstead and representatives of the County Civil Defence Organisations and Press. We are most grateful to the Mayor and Corporation of Luton for allowing us to use the Corporation Committee Rooms and to their Parks Superintendent for the wonderful display of flowers.

We have been pleased to see the Brigade Colonel, Colonel G. V. Martin, and Lt.-Col. M. W. Holme, C.O. 1st Battalion, and hope that Officers of The Regiment and the East Anglian Brigade will always pay us a call if they are around Hertford. The Officers' Regimental Ball is to be held at Ashridge House on July 13, shortly after our return from Camp, and we hope to see many past members of The Regiment and friends. We are sorry to lose Nigel Longmore, Paul Daffarn, Peter Dyer, John McMullen and Mike Brown who have transferred to T.A.R.O., and Roger Tomkins who has moved to Warley and joined the 4/5 Bn. The Essex Regiment. We welcome David Finch from the Green Howards, John Screen



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1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiments (T.A.) Regimental—Civic Reception—Luton Town Hall, November 24, 1961.



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*Remembrance Parade, Hertford, November 12, 1961.*

and Major Malcolm Beevers who has joined the Permanent Staff as Adjutant and Administrative Officer in a new appointment to be filled by a fulltime T.A. Officer. We congratulate Jimmy Darville on his appointment as Battalion Second-in-Command and Brian Keatley and Peter Simmons on their promotion to Major.

#### THE DINNER CLUB

The membership of The Regimental Dinner Club is open to all former members of the 5th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment (T.A.) and the 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.). Notices have been sent to all Officers whose addresses we have been able to trace, but the Secretary, at 28, St. Andrew Street, Hertford, would be delighted to hear from any former Officer who has lost contact with us. Members of the Dinner Club receive invitations to all Regimental functions and copies of the Regimental News Letters.

#### SERGEANTS' MESS

There seemed to be a considerable lull of activity in the Sergeants' Mess these past few months owing to the bad weather we have been having, although the two main functions that were held in November and January were very well supported. An Indoor Games Tournament was held on November 24 which

consisted of darts, crib, dominoes and a miniature range competition. The following teams took part: O.C.A.'s Hertford and Ware, the Royal Navy, Hertford Police, Fire Service and Civil Defence, No. 1 Company and "H.Q." Company. The Commanding Officer presented the Cup to "H.Q." Company who won by a very narrow margin, after a play off at darts between Civil Defence, No. 1 Company and "H.Q." Company. It was a most enjoyable evening and it is hoped that this competition will be a regular occurrence every four months. A Sergeants' Mess Ball was held on January 27 at the Ware T.A. Centre. This was very well supported by members of the Mess, and also by members of O.C.A.s Ware, Hertford, Bedford and Watford Branches. Lord and Lady Luke, the Mayor and Mayoress of Hertford, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Simmons and Officers and ladies of the Battalion were present. During the evening the "Anniversary Waltz" was played to commemorate the wedding anniversary of Major and Mrs. V. A. French, and after the waltz a gift on behalf of the members of the Mess was presented to Mrs. V. A. French. The Battalion Dance Band was in very good form and gave us some enjoyable music throughout the evening. A very fine display of Regimental silver with the Colours of The Regiment was one of the main attractions and was appreciated by all present.



We welcome into the Mess, Sgt. Rand and W.O.II Parrott who has joined us as P.S.I. of No. 2 Company; we say farewell to W.O.II Carr and Sgt. Copley, P.S.I.s of No. 4 and No. 1 Companies, who have now left us to try their hand in "civvy street." We wish them every success.

#### No. 3 COMPANY

The main task in this current period has been to train and prepare for the coming C.D. Camp, and the greater part of our efforts have been to this end. We have been greatly assisted by the regular C.D. staff at Luton who have put their training facilities and instructors at our disposal—in fact they have prepared and carried out a very comprehensive training programme for us. The natural apprehension of the Infantryman was very apparent at the start of the course, but the excellent standard of the instruction has overcome this difficulty and now we seem to be enjoying rescue, first aid and all the other duties that would fall to us in this role. We took part in the C.D. Exercise "Spring Double" and the Company were deployed at Luton Airport as part of a C.D. Mobile Column. There were bodies everywhere—on top of towers, down deep holes and liberally littered over the countryside. The Company quickly settled to the task of rescue and some of their rescue methods showed the Infantryman's aptitude for improvisation. The

C.D. authorities seemed to be impressed and we were congratulated on the performance.

In spite of, or shall we say, as well as, Civil Defence training the military side is not being neglected. Recent activity in this sphere took the Company to Stanford Practical Training Area for the Brigade Exercise "March Hare" and contact was made with the "enemy" during the cold small hours of Sunday morning. A short and spirited battle ensued saving East Anglia from the "Viking" hordes.

#### No. 4 COMPANY

During the winter months we have been heavily engaged on Civil Defence training in preparation for Annual Camp. The training has been carried out in conjunction with the Bedfordshire Civil Defence Authority, and we are most grateful to them for the instruction, equipment and enthusiasm they put into the programme. The final test will come at Millom and show how much we have profited from their help.

Since the last notes appeared we have been delighted to welcome back C.S.M. Baker, fully recovered from his illness and up to his usual form! P.S.I.s come and go—out goes C.S.M. Carr with our very best wishes and good luck in "civvy street." In comes Sgt. Kelly who is currently holding the fort for us. Never have we polished and tidied up so often. The new motto is "if it does not move, file it." Con-



[Photograph by Home Counties Newspapers, Luton.

No. 3 Company enjoying Civil Defence rescue operations in the snow at Luton.

gratulations to Sgt. Barker on his recent marriage and may Mrs. Barker never cease to polish those shooting trophies! We welcome Capt. Keatley who has joined us as Second-in-Command of the Company. Lt. Dunn has returned to us from Brigade H.Q. and apparently is none the worse for the experience.

## 4th/5th Battalion The Essex Regiment (T.A.)

There have been a number of changes in the Battalion in the last few months. We say good-bye to Major Wilson, Capts. Brady and Wiggins, Lts. Osgood and Furlong, and wish them well in T.A.R.O. In their places we welcome Capt. Tomkins, our new R.S.O. from 1 Bedfordshire/Hertfordshire (T.A.); Capt. Howard, from the Intelligence Corps (T.A.), as Second-in-Command, "A" Company; Capt. Rawlinson as our new pay officer; Lt. Bench, from the Hallam Regiment (T.A.) to "A" Company. In addition, we are pleased to receive into the Mess Lt. (Q.M.) Beeton as our second Q.M., and 2/Lts. Ward and Packford from our potential officers cadre.

On the training side, we have had a study day in January, to prepare for a Battalion exercise in March. On this exercise we held a guest week-end and 75 citizens came out to see what the T.A. gets up to—eleven of them have now become full volunteers. In shooting, we have made progress, and opted to change to the 7.62 S.L.R. for competitions. R.Q.M.S. Stokes won the Veterans Cup at the Divisional Shoot; Pte. Ward came second in the Young Soldiers, and 2/Lt. Ward and Lt. Kennard won the Young Soldiers' L.M.G. Cup.

Major R. H. Medley leaves us after camp, and the present strength and activity of the Corps of Drums is attributed to his interest in our music. We wish him well in the future, and welcome Major Morgan as his relief, and hope he will enjoy his stay with us.

### THE BAND AND DRUMS

The Band suffered a loss when Mr. Snape retired due to ill health. We welcome Mr. Baldwin as our new Bandmaster and look forward to a continued improvement in band recruiting. Our numbers now total 25, with R.A.R. attached, and we are stronger than we have ever been. One Sunday each month the Band and Drums train together, and this has proved a great success. The Corps of Drums

has been built up and is now well over strength. They now have No. 1 Dress.

### PERMANENT STAFF

We extend our best wishes to R.S.M. Luscombe, who served for five years with the Battalion, and all but became a fixture! We welcome R.S.M. Jenkins as his relief. We welcome Sgt. White in replacement of Sgt. Edwards.

### WIVES' CLUB

The Wives' Club continues to flourish and meets every Wednesday evening. Activities over the last few months have included demonstrations by Singer Sewing Machines, Max Factor, selecting a choice joint, modern jazz in church music, among others. We wish Mrs. Medley and Mrs. Luscombe all the best in their new locations and would like to thank them for all their work on behalf of the club.

### "A" COMPANY

Since last going to press, we have had an encouraging spate of recruits, and have much pleasure in welcoming them to the fold; one of these was so impressed, that within two months he dashed away to Forest Gate and enlisted in our Regular Battalion. Best wishes for your future, Pte. Loveday. We have also had to say goodbye to Major G. V. Ashton, r.d., as O.C.; he has gone to Battalion H.Q. to explore "pastures new." Capt. F. W. Kemp has taken over command, and in his place as Second-in-Command, we welcome Capt. J. R. Howard. Whilst in a welcoming mood, may we also extend "the friendly hand" to 2/Lts. Ward and Bench, who want to learn about the T.A. way of life the hard way. Congratulations are due to Pte. and Mrs. M. Ingiewicz on their recent marriage, and also to L/Cpls. Burgess and Perkins on reaching the exalted height of one stripe.

We recently held a recruiting stand in the Odeon Cinema, Brentwood; results are still coming in from this, but meantime we would like to thank the manager and his No. 2 for the help given to us. We would also like to express our thanks to all ranks of the 3rd Essex Cadet Regiment for the way they assist us on exercises, etc.; we have never yet asked without getting the help required.

### "B" COMPANY

Again we are able to report brisk recruiting of the right type of volunteers, who have been replacing "dead wood," with the result that we have been recording full attendances. Chelmsford is now well manned and we are able to take full advantage of the palatial accommodation and facilities. We are fortunate in having three P.S.I.s, who run an energetic parade every Friday. S/Sgt. Gilder continues to run his M.T. Course, aided by our qualified drivers,

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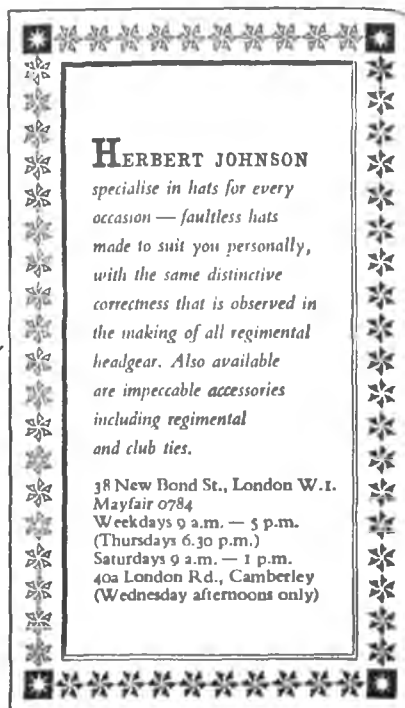


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to the advantage of the Company. Sgt. Cubitt (ex-C.S.M., 22 years service with The Middlesex Regiment) has our new recruits in hand and should have them in good shape by camp. One of many week-end activities was an exercise at Thetford, where two young ladies provided the bait for our patrols on an all-night exercise. Major Bob Barnes, who organised this scheme for us, has, unfortunately, been moved to Glasgow. After three years of full support to us, we wish him luck with the 9th H.L.I., with whom he now wears the kilt. Another parade which attracted publicity was a forced march competition from Maldon to Chelmsford. Though Major Purves and 2/Lt Dentith returned the best time, C.S.M. Bretton brought his senior N.C.O.s in as a team (average age over 40) to win the competition. All competitors completed the course in under three hours. Sgt. Attridge (recently transferred from the R.A.S.C.) has passed an Anti-Tank course, and as soon as we can find a gun for him, he will train a support detachment. Four volunteers, after considerable training, have taken their cooks trade test and should prove valuable assets in the Battalion cook house at camp.

Judging by the number of men we have practising with the Battalion team, our chances at the Battalion rifle meeting of holding our trophies should be good. Also the enthusiastic support to range days has been most gratifying and augers well for the future. Major T. R. Stead gave us a most enjoyable evening when he conducted us on a very interesting tour of the Regimental Museum and Chapel one drill night. All ranks were most impressed with the exhibits.

Our Company Clerk (S/Sgt. Gilder) and our P.S.I. (C.S.M. Richardson) are amongst our most active recruiters, and at the time of writing are preparing a recruiting stand which will be manned by volunteers for a week at a local cinema. We have sent four men to the Regular Army and "Pat" Hutchinson's uncle (Pte. White) reports that he has been selected for the Queen's Company of The Grenadiers. Lastly, it is a pleasure to record that Sgt. Wright and Cpl. Jasper have been awarded The Lord Lieutenant's Certificate for Meritorious Service.

### "C" COMPANY

Whilst the harsh winter months have not assisted recruiting, they did not affect an unusually active period of training. The hope of our P.S.I., Sgt. T. Culling, for a rest was not fulfilled. Shooting went on until late November and began again in the February snow: everyone looks forward to the time when the whole unit is equipped with the 7.62 S.L.R. In January, C.S.M. Frank Lawrence retired from the T.A. His sudden retirement was regretted

by us all and marked the end of many years good service to the Regiment and the Army. His successor is C.S.M. R. Dowler. Congratulations go to Cpl. Wellard on his promotion.

The new centre at Harlow is progressing slowly, and it is hoped that the considerable efforts of the Platoon Commander, Lt. T. H. Millbank, and Sgt. K. Percy, will bring their just rewards. In Battalion .22 shooting, we are well represented: C.S.M. Dowler and the father and son team, Sgt. E. and Pte. M. Ward, still retain their cunning with all weapons, but new faces are appearing, among them Ptes. Simmons and MacLean.

Two week-end exercises in the Stanford P.T.A. during March placed a heavy burden on the Company and their families, which was cheerfully accepted. The first with civilian guests was amusing, for they had no privileges, and apparently enjoyed it. A reporter came with us, and the subsequent newspaper report was great help to the unit, and taught at least one officer the dangers of joking with the Press. The second week-end was even harder, as with more than seven degrees of frost, it was the coldest night for 40 years. It was said the volume and standard of patrolling was excellent; perhaps assisted by the need to keep warm.

Congratulations to Capt. and Mrs. Thomas on the birth of a second son. This Company is extremely prolific, and if rumours are correct, the next notes may consist of a rash of such announcements. At least long term recruiting is assured!

### "D" COMPANY

The new year of Infantry Training is well under way. By the time these notes are in print, we shall have been to camp at Sennybridge. Most of us have been there before, but it will be the first time and the first T.A. Camp for Ptes. Dann, Reeve, Scott-Sandy, Sharp, Sutton, Crosdale, McBride, White, M.C., Silvey, Lister and Nicolson. So far, this year, we have had two week-ends at Stanford P.T.A., which were enjoyed by all the Company, in spite of choosing probably the wettest and coldest days available. The first was an open week-end, and "D" Company was joined by three guests, Ptes. McBride, Silvey and White, all of whom were obviously sufficiently impressed to sign on. Otherwise, our year is taking its normal course of training, coupled with the usual foul weather when we pick a Sunday on the ranges.

A number of recruiting displays in surrounding towns and villages have paid dividends, and a vote of thanks must go to the stalwarts who always man the stand. Invasion of other places is being planned, and no stone will be left unturned. We are now the proud possessors of a modernised and newly-decorated canteen in which, it is hoped, many happy hours will be spent. Already the Com-

pany Fund is feeling adverse effects, owing to the number of table tennis balls being expended. A "Tramps" supper and ball, held at our Dunmow T.A. Centre, was a great success, and many other events are being organised. The morale of the Company has been somewhat boosted by a weekly visit by members of a local Keep Fit Club (strictly female), who carry out their exercises at the Braintree Centre under a very capable instructress, Mrs. O. Seamer, our resident caretaker.

Congratulations to the following on their recent promotions: Capt. T. C. B. Swayne, C/Sgt. McDowell and Sgt. Easterbrook. We must not forget a recent addition to our attached strength, and credit must go to Sgt. Simons, our P.S.I., and his wife; we congratulate them on their recent achievement, the birth of a daughter, Tina, and we have placed her name on the list, pronto, for a married quarter.

#### "H.Q." COMPANY

Since our last report, we have withstood the rigours of Stanford P.T.A. on a Battalion and Brigade week-end exercise. On the first occasion, we were joined by civilians as official guests. The subsequent reports indicate that despite the rain and cold "a good time was had by all." We now await potential recruits. A good percentage of the Company have successfully classified on Rainham and Purfleet ranges. On one occasion we had the added attraction of a snowstorm, and it was gratifying to see "H.Q." Company stalwarts on the firing point throughout, whilst less intrepid members of the Battalion rifle team scurried for cover. Perhaps snow has an adverse effect on the S.L.R.

We welcome interested visitors to Ilford T.A. Centre any Monday or Thursday evening. We are still in need of recruits.

### The Essex Army Cadet Force

The Essex Army Cadet Force Boxing Championships were held at Chelmsford on November 25. The results of the Inter-Regiment Competition were as follows:

- 1st—6th Essex Cadet Regiment (Chelmsford)
- 2nd—8th Essex Cadet Regiment (Colchester)
- 3rd—2nd Essex Cadet Regiment (Dagenham)
- 6th—7th Essex Cadet Regiment (Southend)
- 7th—1st Essex Cadet Regiment (Ilford)
- 8th—3rd Essex Cadet Regiment (Brentwood)

The Cup for the best boxer, presented by Capt. R. Smith, was won by Cadet R. Williams of the Colchester Detachment of the 8th Essex Cadet Regiment. Despite a much depleted team owing to injury and influenza, the Essex A.C.F. won ten titles in the Eastern Command A.C.F. Boxing Championships held at Woolwich on

January 6. In the Inter-County Heraphath Trophy, Essex, who have been the holders for three years, were placed second to Hertfordshire. Four Cadets took part in the South National Boxing semi-finals at Aldershot on February 3.

The Essex Army Cadet Force Cross Country Meeting took place at Chelmsford on March 30 and produced some very close results. The Senior Race was won by Cadet M. Elliott of the Hatfield Peveril (E.Y.) Troop, 6th Cadet Regiment. The Junior Race Team Competition was won by the Leigh-on-Sea (R.A.) Troop, 7th Cadet Regiment, and the Junior Individual Competition by Cadet D. Orme, Waltham Abbey (E.Y.) Troop.

The final of the Essex A.C.F. Inter-Detachment Soccer Knock-out Competition between the Upminster Platoon of the 3rd Cadet Regiment and the Dagenham Platoon of the 2nd Cadet Regiment held at Ilford on April 8 was one of the best finals for a number of years. It was won by Upminster by 4 goals to 2.

The Inter-Unit and Individual .22 Shoot took place at Warley Barracks on April 15, and was marked by a possible scored by Cadet M. Brown of Leyton County High School. Cadet Brown is not 15 years old and only started shooting within the last year.

### Our Contemporaries

We acknowledge with thanks:—

St. George's Gazette.—A Regimental Paper for The Fifth Fusiliers.

Invicta.—The Journal of The Queen's Own Buffs, The Royal Kent Regiment.

The Wish Stream.—Journal of The Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst.

The Covenanter.—The Regimental Journal of The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles).

The Waggoner.—The Journal of the Royal Army Service Corps.

The Light Bob.—The Regimental Journal of The Somerset and Cornwall Light Infantry.

The Red Hackle.—The Chronicle of The Black Watch, The Royal Highland Regiment.

The Poacher.—Regimental Journal of The 2nd East Anglian Regiment (Duchess of Gloucester's Own Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire).

The Men of Harlech.—The Journal of The Welch Regiment.

The Royal Army Pay Corps Journal.

The Lion and The Dragon.—Journal of The King's Own Royal Border Regiment.

The Roussillon Gazette.—A Journal of The Royal Sussex Regiment.

The Britannia and Castle.—The Journal of The 1st East Anglian Regiment (Royal Norfolk and Suffolk).

## Bedfordshire Army Cadet Force

The outstanding event of the past year has been the success of the Clophill Detachment in The Earl Roberts Imperial Cadet Trophy 1961.

Fifty-three teams from Great Britain and countries which are members of the British Commonwealth of Nations returned scores and the Clophill Detachment was first equal with the Islamia Collegiate J.C.C. Battalion, Peshawar, Pakistan, each scoring a total of 314 out of a possible 320.

The detailed results were:—

### ISLAMIA COLLEGIATE J.C.C. BN., PESHAWAR, PAKISTAN

Fire Director:—Cdt./S.U.O. Zabab Khan					
1—Cpl. Zeb Khan ...	18	18	18	20	74
2—Sgt. Masud Ahmad ...	17	19	18	20	74
3—Cpl. Raj Mohammad ...	17	18	17	20	72
4—Cpl. Rahmamkul ...	18	17	17	20	72
Handicap for using No. 1 Rifles ...					22

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### CLOPHILL DETACHMENT, BEDFORDSHIRE A.C.F., GT. BRITAIN

Fire Director:—L/Cpl. I. Porter.					
1—Cpl. C. Kenna ...	20	19	20	20	79
2—Cdt. A. Fowler ...	20	19	20	20	79
3—Sgt. A. Lucket ...	20	19	19	20	78
4—Cpl. D. Percy ...	20	19	19	20	78

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The joint winners will each hold the trophy for a period of six months and both teams have been awarded medals. The medals for the Clophill Detachment were presented to the members of the team at a special parade held at Bedford on May 11 by General Sir Lashmer Whistler, President of the Army Cadet Force Association in the presence of the Lord Lieutenant of Bedfordshire and other county dignitaries.

It is interesting to note that the Clophill Detachment which is affiliated to the R.A.S.C., was reformed in 1957. The Unit recruits in the area of the village as well as at Clophill itself. There are not many boys available and its strength at present is about 15 boys, and for this reason its achievements are so much more to its credit. Twice during the last five years it has been graded "Above Standard" at the annual inspection. The team has been practising hard at shooting for the past three years and this brought them success at the last County Meeting when they won five out of eight events open to Cadets. The coaches have been Capt. Turner and S.M.I. Mills.



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The Clophill Detachment, Bedfordshire A.C.F. team, joint winners The Earl Roberts Imperial Cadet Trophy, 1961. Back row (left to right): Sgt. A. Lockett, Cpl. C. Kenna, Sgt. D. Percy. Front row (left to right): L/Cpl. I. Porter, Cadet A. Fowler.

## THE 3rd EAST ANGLIAN REGIMENT (16th/44th FOOT)

### The Pompadours Association

#### CONSTITUTION AND RULES

Progress on the revised Constitution and Rules of the Regimental Association has been satisfactory, and it is hoped to issue the final draft very shortly.

#### REGIMENTAL REUNION AND REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION DINNER

On the kind invitation of the Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion, Lt.-Col. M. W. Holmes, O.B.E., M.C., arrangements were made to hold a Regimental Reunion and a Regimental Associations Dinner at Horseshoe Barracks, Shoeburyness, on Saturday, May 19th. A full report of the day's activities will be included in the December issue of *The Journal*.

# THE BEDFORDSHIRE AND HERTFORDSHIRE REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

## Notes From Branches

1st/5th "YELLOW DEVILS" (1914-1918)  
O.C.A.

At our February meeting most of the business related to matters arising from the third meeting of The Comrades Association Committee held in London. This had been attended by our Secretary, Mr. J. Ward, and he gave a concise report of the proceedings. At the March meeting, a welcome was extended to the President, Mr. C. W. Gilder, and the Chairman, Mr. G. Brown, after their recent illnesses. After the Minutes of the February meeting had been read, the Annual General Meeting of the Association was held under the Chairmanship of Mr. G. Brown. The Hon. Treasurer, Mr. A. H. Walker, presented the balance sheet. He was pleased to report that over £50 had been made in grants to members during the past year and despite other necessary expenses, there was still a healthy balance, which reflected credit to the members. Four Comrades had passed on since the last Annual General Meeting, and by the very nature of its existence, one must expect the membership to gradually decrease yearly. Consequently, it was more than necessary to keep a keen eye on expenditure and the Treasurer thought that had been achieved. The balance sheet was adopted and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Treasurer for his excellent work.

The following officers were elected: President, Mr. C. W. Gilder; Chairman, Mr. G. Brown.

Mr. A. H. Walker asked to be excused from the office of Hon. Treasurer on personal grounds, and his withdrawal was accepted with regret. It was decided to combine the offices of the Hon. Secretary and the Hon. Treasurer, and the present Secretary, Mr. J. Ward, was elected to the dual office.

Sick visitor, Mr. A. H. Walker; Benevolent, Mr. F. King; Committee, Messrs. B. Cox, G. Davies, F. King, J. Law, A. H. Walker.

Mr. C. W. Gilder presided at the April meeting, in the absence of Mr. G. Brown, Chairman, who was ill.

The Secretary, Mr. J. Ward, reported that Lord Luke, Colonel W. S. Chirnside and Mr. Arthur Brooks had all signified their willingness to continue as Vice-Presidents of the Branch.

It was agreed that our annual outing should be to Brighton, and that it should be held on Sunday, June 24.

## HERTFORD

The Annual General Meeting of the Branch was held in November at the Drill Hall, St. Andrew Street, Hertford. Our President, Major J. S. Townsend, presided and the meeting was well attended. Members received reports from the various officers of the Branch and the dates of future events were decided. The accounts were presented and passed, and although they showed a slight loss over the year's working, the finances of the Branch are still in a healthy state. The Chairman, in proposing the adoption of the balance sheet, congratulated the Treasurer for the excellent way he had prepared and presented the accounts. All the officers and members of the committee were re-elected *en bloc*.

A very successful social evening was held at the Drill Hall, St. Andrew Street, in December. About 80 members and their guests attended, and a good time was had by all. January 13, 1962, was Children's Day, when over 40 kiddies gathered at the Drill Hall for their annual Christmas "do." They were welcomed, on arrival, by members of the Committee, and after the usual fitting of paper hats, etc., and a get-together sing-song, sat down to an excellent tea, with all the trimmings. After tea they were entertained to a film show, kindly presented and arranged by our President, Major J. S. Townsend. The party proved to be a huge success and we are indeed grateful to the Mayor and Mayoress of Hertford for their presence and for presenting the gifts to the children at the end of the party. In the evening, after the children had been safely tucked into bed, a very successful social evening was held for members and their wives, which was extremely well attended. Once again our thanks go to the members of the committee and their wives for their efforts in ensuring the success of the party and the social.

Our Branch Small Bore Rifle Club, under the leadership of our old stalwart, Charlie Mansfield, is going great guns. Matches were arranged against the R.N.O.C.A., Ware Branch O.C.A., Hertfordshire Police and Bengoe Rifle Club, the result of which was three wins and one lost in our favour. We would welcome challenges from any other branches that are interested, and can promise them a good evenings entertainment.

Our annual dinner and dance was held at The Shire Hall, Hertford, on Saturday, April 14, 1962, when over 100 members, their wives, friends and guests were present. Our President, Major J. S. Townsend, presided and welcomed the guests, who included the Mayor of Hert-





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ford, Lt.-Col. M. W. Holme, O.B.E., M.C. (Commanding Officer of the 1st Bn. The 3rd East Anglian Regiment), Major D. T. Tewkesbury, M.B.E., Alderman D. Dye and Alderman G. C. Mansfield. During the evening telegrams of good wishes were read from H.M. The Queen and from our Colonel-in-Chief, Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, in reply to Loyal Greetings sent earlier. The Loyal Toasts to H.M. The Queen and our Colonel-in-Chief, The Queen Mother, were proposed by Major J. S. Townsend.

Major Tewkesbury, in proposing the toast of "The Regiment," gave us news of forthcoming events. We are indeed indebted to Lt.-Col. M. W. Holme, O.B.E., M.C., who, in his reply to the toast of "The Regiment," gave us an interesting up-to-date account of the activities of the Battalion. Alderman G. C. Mansfield in proposing the toast of the Branch, paid a warm tribute to the untiring work and efforts of our popular Hon. Secretary, Mr. Charlie Mansfield, a tribute in which all members of the Branch would like to share.

The toast of "Our Guests" was proposed by the President, who, in warmly welcoming them, hoped that they would spend an enjoyable evening amongst us and that their long journey was worthwhile. After dinner the company broke up for dancing and the usual get-together, but despite the extension for liquid refreshment until half-past eleven, the rest of the evening passed all too quickly. We are sure that our members had an enjoyable evening, and we hope that all our guests enjoyed our company as much as we enjoyed having them with us. Our thanks go to all members of the committee for all the arrangements for making the evening such a huge success. To Lt.-Col. C. Simmons, O.C. 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.), for the loan of several fine pieces of silver, which helped to make our top table so decorative; to Mrs. North and her band of helpers for organising such a successful raffle (ask the President?); to "Dorsey" Thrussell for polishing the silver, and to all those other back-room helpers for their small, but valuable contribution, in making such a successful and enjoyable evening.

#### WATFORD

Since the last issue of *The Journal*, we have unfortunately lost another member of the Branch, Mr. H. Robinson, who was a very old member. He died recently at the age of 81, and had been an invalid for several years.

It may interest other branches that we have now moved our Headquarters to the Drill Hall, Clarendon Road, Watford, where we are granted any facilities we require from the local T.A. unit. Our social activities are still thriving, and most of our members meet most week-ends at the Drill Hall. We had a very pleasant sur-

prise a few weeks ago when an old friend of the Branch walked in with his wife, ex-R.S.M. H. Palmer; no sooner had he been welcomed, and in walked his namesake, the other ex-R.S.M. Palmer, and his wife, and the rest can be left to the imagination!

#### ST. ALBANS

Well, comrades, we started another year, at our January meeting we elected our President, Lt.-Col. J. H. Bushby, M.B.E.; Chairman, Mr. S. R. Smith; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. H. R. Howard, for yet another term of office, at the same time thanking them for their loyal service in the past. In February the A.G.M. took place, which was a great success, the Branch had a large number of Comrades in attendance. The Chairman's report on the year went to show we are still very much alive, although our numbers are getting less, as Comrades, we are keeping the Branch together. The Hon. Secretary reported the Branch Funds were on the increase; the Dinner Fund, which was started two years ago, was a great help for the older Comrades, when we have a Branch dinner; he also thanked all members for the collection of Bun Pennies. On the Benevolent side, the Branch, with the aid of the Regimental Association, had helped a few of our members, who are very grateful. One or two of our Comrades had a hard time with illness this winter, but pleased to say they are improving. The Secretary thanked all the Branch for their loyal support, and said it had been a good year; also, with the 1st Battalion coming home, we were looking forward to yet another interesting year.

The Branch welcomed Cpl. "Mick" Smith, who is home from Malaya with the Battalion; we look upon him as our representative in the Battalion, as he was a member of the Branch before he re-enlisted, and congratulate him on being promoted to Sergeant—it makes some of us wish we were much younger.

It is my pleasure to add some notes from Comrade George Austin, who was our Secretary. He is still very active, every year he arranges the 2nd Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (Signal Section) 1939-45 Reunion, on February 24, at the "George," Fleet Street, London. This reunion is a great success, ex-members travelled from Liverpool, Norwich, Nuneaton, etc., to meet up with their old pals. Any ex-member would be welcome to come along, and should contact Mr. G. Austin, 63, Crabtree Lane, Hemel Hempstead, Herts., who will give all details.

Now this was my old Battalion, and I have been to many of these reunions and they are great; to meet up with 70 or 80 old pals, it does one good, so please support George Austin; the boys think he is one of the best.

We regret the passing of Mrs. A. M. Bacon, widow of the late Comrade Bill Bacon, St.

Albans, which occurred on March 7, 1962; and also the death of Mrs. E. Clarke, late of Queen Street, St. Albans, aged 95, widow of the late Comrade J. Clarke, St. Albans.

#### BEDFORD

Branch meetings continue to be well attended, despite the bad weather we have experienced this winter. We were visited by Sgt. White, home from Malaya, who is taking up an appointment of P.S.I. with 4th/5th Bn. Essex Regiment (T.A.), in place of Sgt. Herring, who vacated it last year on retirement. Sgt. Herring has since suffered from a stroke, and we all hope that he will improve.

Our January meeting was reasonably well attended, even though snow was lying on the ground. The Social Club had been flooded out, followed by a severe freeze-up, but it was still possible for the meeting to take place, because Mr. Hill, the caretaker, had prepared a room for us, complete with bar—thank you, Mr. Hill, we appreciate your efforts.

The Branch A.G.M. was held at Kempston Barracks on Friday, April 2, 1962, at which the officers were elected for the ensuing 12 months. Mr. Ted Cannon was elected a Vice-President and we are very pleased that the Branch has honoured "Ted" in this way.

#### HITCHIN

Branch meetings are held regularly, but the attendance has been disappointing. Members were guests of the Ware Branch on the occasion of their annual social and games evening, and again on February 24, 1962, on the occasion of the Ware Branch annual dinner. Both events were most enjoyable, and we thank you, Ware Branch, for inviting us and looking after us so well.

The Branch was represented at the Regimental Remembrance Service, held on November 19, 1961, at Bedford. The Standard was carried by Mr. J. H. Selby, and the Branch wreath was laid by our Chairman, Lt.-Col. L. J. Cooper.

On November 25, 1961, we held a very successful social evening at the Railway Junction Hotel, Hitchin, in spite of the fog. We were glad to have with us the Branch President, Lt.-Col. A. C. Young and Mrs. Young, and the Secretary of the 16th Foot Association, Major D. T. Tewkesbury, M.B.E., and Mrs. Tewkesbury. We were also very pleased to welcome members and their wives from the Saffron Walden Branch of The Essex Regiment Association.

The Branch Annual General Meeting was held on March 5, when the following officers were elected: Branch President, Lt.-Col. A. C. Young; Branch Chairman, Lt.-Col. L. J. Cooper; Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. W. Prutton;

Hon. Treasurer, Mr. E. Foster, Standard Bearer, Mr. J. H. Selby.

We are sorry to hear that Comrades E. Foster and R. Reynolds are not enjoying good health, and wish them a speedy recovery.

#### LUTON

Since our last notes we are glad to report that the Branch has taken a new lease of life, which is due, in the main, to our new President, Major Harry Beasley, who, by his keen interest, has been successful in bringing back some of the former members to our meetings, and a few new ones.

Owing to the many Regimental functions this year, it has been decided to hold the Branch dinner later in the year.

We congratulate the 1st Battalion on its successful tour of duty in Malaya, and wish all ranks a happy time during their stay in Shoburness and in Northern Ireland.

#### 6th BN. THE BEDFORDSHIRE REGIMENT (1914-1918) O.C.A.

The 27th Annual Reunion Dinner was held at The Bath House Hotel, Dean Street, London, on Saturday, April 28, 1962. Twenty-two former members and six guests enjoyed a very good dinner. Lt.-Col. A. T. Hitch, D.S.O., our President, took the chair and was supported by Master Grundy. Among the guests were Lt.-Col. A. C. Young, The Regimental Secretary, and Major D. T. Tewkesbury, M.B.E., Secretary, the 16th Foot Association. After the Loyal Toast had been drunk, Master Grundy proposed the toast to the President and gave an interesting account of his great friendship with the late Capt. D. M. Saunders. He paid a warm tribute to Colonel Hitch, the President. In his reply, Colonel Hitch thanked Master Grundy for his kind remarks and expressed his sorrow at the death of Capt. D. M. Saunders, M.C. The President then read the gracious messages received from Her Majesty The Queen and Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief, in response to messages of loyal greetings which had been sent earlier. The toast to The Guests was proposed by Mr. Craddock, who welcomed them and thanked them for their company. Major Tewkesbury responded and gave a very interesting account of the activities of the 16th Foot Regimental Association. He also thanked the President and members, on behalf of the guests, for their welcome and kind hospitality.

The Hon. Secretary, Mr. Johnny Day, gave an account of the position of the Association's affairs and reported that the following members had been called to the Higher Command since their last reunion: Capt. D. M. Saunders, M.C., Mr. E. M. Hunter, Mr. W. Smart. Ten members were on the sick list. Three apologies for non-attendance at the dinner had been received,

but three new members were present. He considered that in view of the years which had passed by since the 1914-18 War, they had a good muster present. He thanked members for their attendance and mentioned it was the 25th anniversary of his appointment as Hon. Secretary of the O.C.A. He hoped to continue in office for many years to come. Mr. Johnny Day then paid a further tribute to the memory of the late Capt. Saunders, and read a letter from Harold Tony, M.M., in which he paid a tribute to the memory of Capt. Saunders at Gauville.

After the health of Mr. Johnny Day had been drunk, the company broke up to revive old friendships and exchange reminiscences.

The next reunion dinner will be held on April 27, 1963.

#### 6th BATTALION THE BEDFORDSHIRE AND HERTFORDSHIRE REGIMENT

(1939-1945)

On September 30, 1961, our first mixed venture was held at the Euston Tavern, London, N.I., when some 54 members and wives assembled for a dinner-dance on the occasion of our 14th Annual Reunion. A very enjoyable meal was served, following which the company was addressed by our former Battalion Second-in-Command, Major G. Hickson. At the Annual General Meeting, Major P. E. Watson, who for many years has been a most ardent supporter, was elected Chairman of the Association, the remaining officers being re-elected *en bloc* for the ensuing year. The entertainment and social evening, which followed, was voted a great success by all present, and the committee have decided, without hesitation, to repeat this form for 1962. The 15th Annual Reunion will therefore again be a dinner-dance at the same venue, to be held on Saturday, October 6, 1962. Our regular members will be notified in due course, and any former subscribers or ex-members of the 6th Battalion who are interested in our activities should contact the Secretary, as follows: Mr. F. G. Sugars, 5, Cowridge Crescent, Luton, Beds.

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### SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE REUNION

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Warley, Sunday, July 15

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE, 3 P.M.

During the service, Memorial Pews will be dedicated in memory of the following:  
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Lt.-Col. A. H. Kelly.

The address will be given by the Ven. W. N. Welch, M.A., Archdeacon of South-end.

A march past will take place immediately after the service. Medals should be worn.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 4.30 P.M.

R.H.Q. Lawn.

REUNION, 5.0 P.M.

R.H.Q. Lawn. (Cash bars and buffet will be available.)

PLEASE NOTE that admission to the *Service in the Regimental Chapel* will be by ticket only.

Applications for tickets should be addressed to the Secretary, The Essex Regiment Association, Warley Barracks, Brentwood, or to Branch Secretaries.

### The late Miss H. V. C. Souter bequest

The Essex Regiment Association has acknowledged with grateful thanks the receipt of £500 bequeathed by Miss H. V. C. Souter to the Benevolent Fund of The Association.

Miss Souter was the grand-daughter of Lt. Thomas Alexander Souter, 44th Regiment of Foot, who was present at the Last Stand of The Regiment at Gundamuk, Afghanistan in 1841, when he saved The Regimental Colour by wrapping it around his body under his posteeen before the final massacre took place.

The Colour now rests in the Regimental Chapel at Warley.

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## Notes From Branches

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

The 31st Annual Reunion Dinner of the Association took place on Saturday, October 21, 1961, at The Lion and Lamb Hotel, Brentwood. The following officers of The Regiment attended: Lieut.-General Sir Reginald F. S. Denning, K.B.E., C.B., D.L. (Colonel, The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot) and Brigadier C. M. Paton, C.V.O., C.B.E., D.L. (Associate Colonel). Thirty-five life members were present, including two new members, and seven invited guests. Letters of inability to attend were received from Lt.-Col. D. F. Garrard, T.D., Major T. R. Stead, and twenty-three members. All present observed "Silence" in respect for members who had passed away since the previous meeting of the Association, and the company then sat down to enjoy an excellent dinner. Telegrams in reply to those sent, were received from Her Majesty The Queen, and Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother (Colonel-in-Chief, The 3rd East Anglian Regiment) wishing all members present a pleasant evening. Toasts were acclaimed to H.M. The Queen, The Regiment, The Association, Absent Members and Visitors.

General Denning responded for The Regiment, saying how pleased he was to be invited on this second occasion, and it was gratifying to see so many members present, remarking that the Association and Branches had imbibed a real spirit of loyalty during the amalgamation of the two Regiments. He gave a resume of his visit to the Battalion in Malaya, who were second to none, and stated what a pleasing sight it was to approach the entrance to their Barracks and see "Pompadors" emblazoned on the Regimental Board. Brigadier Paton thanked the Association for inviting him again, and referred to the continued support given to the Regimental Chapel by the excellent attendance of Old Comrades and their families at the monthly services (the first Sunday of each month at 11 a.m.) and hoped that the beautiful Chapel would long continue to serve the Regiment. He also spoke on recruiting for The 3rd East Anglian Regiment and trusted that all ex-members of the Regiment would do their utmost to encourage the young men to enlist in their County Regiment. Capt. W. J. Barry, late 2nd Bn. The Essex Regiment, replied for the visitors and commented on the excellent work fulfilled by the Association Secretary. He remarked how proud he was to be invited to the

dinner, and on his suggestion, all present paid tribute to the Secretary by rising to the strains of "For he's a jolly good fellow."

### OLD POMPADOURS' REUNION

Keeping alive the memory of the Arras battle, of March 28, 1918, survivors of the event met at Chelmsford on March 24th, where dinner and an exchange of reminiscences quickly passed the evening. The most recent gathering, one of a series started in 1928, was attended by 18 men, with nine wives present for the first year. Due to the passage of time, the number has been decreasing all too fast, and it was felt that the extension to the ladies would help to brighten up the proceedings, which it certainly did. Many incidents connected with the battlefields visit last year of a party of 17 were recalled with pleasure, and the Chairman, former C.S.M. J. H. Carnall, D.C.M., presented Mr. Jack Finn, M.M., with a leather brief case in recognition of the work put in to ensure the success of the trip to France and Belgium. On behalf of the ladies who went on the pilgrimage, Mrs. Mitchell (Brentwood) presented a propelling pencil to the same recipient.

The passing of two former regular attendants at the dinner, ex-Sgt. "Ted" Manning (Warley) and ex-C.Q.M.S. L. "Dewey" Cook (Colchester) was sympathetically referred to, and the absence through ill-health of others was reported and received with regret. A desire was expressed from several quarters for another journey to the old battlefields some time in the future, "before," as one present put it, "we had the order to parade at Victoria complete with one bathchair for each old sweat."

### 6th BATTALION ESSEX (T.A.) "CEDARS" O.C.A.

On Saturday, March 24, this Branch held its Annual Reunion Dinner at the T.A. Centre, East Ham, when the Commanding Officer of 300 L.A.A. Regiment, R.A. (T.A.), Lt.-Col. R. E. S. Wass, welcomed the Old Comrades. Colonel Sir John Ruggles Brise, Bt. C.B., O.B.E., T.D., J.P., Her Majesty's Lieutenant for Essex, presided. Among the guests was Lt.-Col. M. W. Holme, O.B.E., M.C., the Commanding Officer of the 1st Bn. The 3rd East Anglian Regiment, recently returned from Malaya, and in his reply to "The Guests," he gave a most interesting account of the Battalion's activities. The oldest Old Comrade present was 80-year-old Alf Hastings. The Band of 300 L.A.A. Regiment, R.A. (T.A.), provided the music during dinner, and a most enjoyable evening was spent by all present.

Information regarding this Branch can be had from: Hon. Secretary, Mr. G. W. Leaford, 75,

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#### 7th BN., "THE EAGLE AND GUN" REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

A very enjoyable Comrades' Reunion was held at Whipps Cross on March 24. Unfortunately the date coincided with that chosen for other Regimental functions, but despite this, a total of almost 100 comrades attended and a very happy evening was spent.

We are very sorry to have had to say goodbye to Major Sam Maddocks, M.B.E., T.D., and Mrs. Maddocks, who have been in charge of the caretaking and catering affairs at Whipps Cross since 1950. Major Maddocks enlisted in 1914 and served with the Royal Artillery. He was with 459 (Essex) H.A.A. Regiment, R.A., (T.A.) when he retired from the Army in 1950. The Maddocks family have been most loyal servants during their long period with us, and we wish them every happiness in the future.

#### 7/59/459 DINNER CLUB

The annual cocktail party was held at the T.A. Centre, Whipps Cross, on Saturday, January 20, 1962. Fifty-six members and their wives and friends attended and we were very pleased to have with us, as guests for the evening: Brigadier and Mrs. C. M. Paton, Colonel and Mrs. A. Noble, Colonel N. Salew, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. R. E. S. Wass and Major and Mrs. T. Stead. The evening, as usual, was a great success, and Brigadier G. Shenstone, in a short speech, said how pleased he was to see so many present, and hoped that the function would be carried on for a long time to come. He also made a presentation of a cheque from the Dinner Club to Major and Mrs. S. Maddocks in appreciation for all they had done for the Club and to mark their retirement from Whipps Cross, which, unfortunately, was to take place on March 31, 1962. They would be sadly missed. Fortunately, they would be moving not too far away, and we should all hope to see them at future occasions.

The Officers' Annual Reunion Dinner was held at the United Service Club, Pall Mall, on Saturday, March 31, members coming from as far as Devon, Birmingham and Paris to attend. Capt. J. Schofield, one of the officers serving in the 7th Battalion during the 1914-18 war, presided. Thirty-three members attended, and we were very pleased to have with us as the guest of the evening, Lt.-Col. Digby Thompson, M.C., T.D., Commanding Officer of The Inns of Court and City Yeomanry, who so kindly allows us the full use of the facilities at the T.A. Centre, Whipps Cross, without which it would be difficult to keep going our various Old Comrade activities. The numbers still attending this function is very encouraging, but as is

always the case, there are still a large number of old faces we would like to see, and who we hope will put in an appearance on future occasions.

The date for the dinner next year is—Saturday, March 30, 1963, and we look forward to an increased attendance.

#### 9th BN. THE PARACHUTE REGIMENT (formerly 10th Bn. The Essex Regiment)

##### REUNION DINNER

The first Reunion Dinner of the 9th Bn. The Parachute Regiment was held at the Duke of York's Barracks, Chelsea, on January 13, 1962, General Sir Gerald Lathbury, K.C.B., D.S.O., was guest of honour. Some 80 comrades attended, the great majority of whom were formerly with 10th Essex. The evening was a great success.

The original 10th Essex was formed in September, 1914, as part of "Kitchener's Army" and served with great honour and distinction until its disbandment in 1919. The 10th was re-formed in July, 1940, and became part of the East Coast Defence Force until November, 1942, when the Battalion became 9th Bn. The Parachute Regiment. The new Battalion formed part of our "D" Day forces, being parachuted into Normandy at 00.50 hours. It served throughout the N.W. Europe campaign and later spent some 2½ years in Palestine in the difficult role of internal security. The Battalion was disbanded in 1948.

Honours awarded during the period 1942-48 included two D.S.O.'s, four M.C.'s and 11 M.M.'s.

##### SAFFRON WALDEN

Among the very successful social events organised by the Branch, a summer outing, the first to be arranged, took place on July 30 last when some 100 members, wives and children spent a most enjoyable day at Walton-on-the-Naze. The party was organised by Messrs. C. King and C. Thurgood who hope to make the outing an annual event.

The Branch was well represented at the annual Service of Remembrance at Warley, some 30 members and their wives attending as representatives for the Dedication of the Memorial Pew to their late President—Colonel T. A. Martin, M.B.E. The Branch was also represented at the Service of Remembrance at Bedford on November 20.

The annual Social and Reunion on October 21 was held at the Town Hall, Saffron Walden, and almost 300 members and friends enjoyed a very happy evening. Parties came from Brentwood, Chelmsford and London and we were pleased to have with us Wing Commander and Mrs. Elliott, Major and Mrs. Stead and Mrs. Helen Martin.

## SAFFRON WALDON BRANCH



[Photograph by David Campbell, 6A, Church Street, Saffron Walden

*A happy group at the Children's Christmas Party.*

The Branch Sweepstake in November raised over £80 for Benevolent Funds and this has enabled us to extend our benevolent activities. During the past six months almost £60 has been given in grants, including Christmas gifts of 10s. each to 28 old age pensioners.

At the Annual General Meeting on April 14 the following officers were elected:—

Secretary: Mr. C. H. King; Treasurer: Mr. K. C. Clayden; General Committee: Messrs. A. J. Butcher, S. A. Carter, E. W. Elsom, H. Miller and W. Willis; Entertainment Commit-

tee: Messrs. W. A. M. Gilbey, H. Ling, C. Meekins, A. Norman, D. Robins, G. Start and W. F. Start.

Please book the following date for our next social and reunion at Saffron Walden Town Hall—Saturday, September 29. Members and friends from all Branches will be welcome.

## BRENTWOOD

Since the closure of the Regimental Depot at Warley, the Branch has suffered a considerable

BRENTWOOD  
BRANCH

*Members of the Branch at the Saffron Walden Branch Social. The group includes Mr. and Mrs. Ashton, Mr. and Mrs. Rees and Mr. and Mrs. Halls.*

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decline in membership and support, and we must shortly decide what future activities are within the scope of the Branch. A meeting to discuss the position will be arranged at a later date.

We are sorry to have to record the prolonged illness of our Chairman, Mr. Frank Ashton, who has been a patient in Brentwood and District Hospital for the past twelve weeks and feel sure that all members of the Regiment will wish him a speedy recovery to health.

#### METROPOLITAN ESSEX

The Branch had a very successful Annual General Meeting in January, and made several alterations to Branch rules. The most important of these was the decision to allow Life Members. Any member paying a fixed sum of two guineas now becomes a Life Member.

The Chairman, Colonel H. Craig, O.B.E., T.D., D.L., in his address, felt that as he had held the Chair since the formation of the Branch, a new occupant should be elected. Colonel Craig was, however, re-elected unopposed. There were no other nominations for the post of Secretary, and the meeting's insistence that the present Secretary continue, means that the Branch will be under the same management for another year. We welcome Mr. G. L. Stuart and Mr. R. Bury to the Committee.

The Branch was recently able to help a former T.A. member who had approached the Secretary regarding his (the member's) entitlement to a Territorial Efficiency Medal. As a direct result of Capt. Faint's efforts, the happy "Terrier" has now received the medal and the 1st clasp.

Major Harry Staff is still very busy in the area, visiting the sick in hospital and at home, and carrying out the most disturbing duty of attending funerals as Regimental representative.

Membership remains fairly constant, despite all our efforts to increase our numbers. We have had several "recruiting" drives, and in this respect we must acknowledge the very great help we have received from Major T. R. Stead, Secretary, The Essex Regiment Association.

#### ROMFORD AND DISTRICT

The Annual Dinner was held at the T.A. Centre, Upminster, on Friday, February 23. Colonel J. C. Lockwood, C.B.E., T.D., J.P., presided and among the guests were Lt.-Col. M. W. Holme, O.B.E., M.C., Commanding Officer 1st Bn. The 3rd East Anglian Regiment, Major C. C. Norbury, M.B.E., M.C., C.O. designate, and Major P. L. Purdy, Regimental Recruiting Officer. The Chairman, Colonel R. A. Chell, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., D.L., proposed the toast of "The Regiment," and in his reply Lt.-Col.

Holme gave a most interesting account of the Battalion's recent activities in Malaya and their plans for the future. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all present and thanks are due to the Hon. Secretary, Stanley Court, for the excellent arrangements made.

#### SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT

Following our Annual General Meeting in December, we suffered a double blow when force of circumstance caused the resignation of both our Secretary and Chairman in January. Capt. Hammond, the Chairman, and Mr. Dalton, the Secretary, have both done sterling work for the Branch and we have every reason to be grateful to them for all that they have done. To fill the vacancies, Major Saunders and Mr. Harrod agreed to carry on until new officers could be elected.

The Committee having decided to concentrate on recruiting members to the Branch during the forthcoming year, met in January to discuss their plans, and decided that as the 1st Battalion was to be stationed at Shoeburyness during the spring and summer, that would be the appropriate time to launch a recruiting drive. New headquarters for the Branch have been found at "The Spread Eagle" at Prittlewell, and future meetings will be held there, normally on the last Thursday of each calendar month.

The first meeting to be held at our new meeting place was on March 29. All told about 40 members attended. This is a great increase



SOUTHEND BRANCH

Major A. W. Saunders, Chairman, Mr. George Pearson, a Boer War veteran, and Lt.-Col. M. W. Holme, O.B.E., M.C., Officer Commanding The 1st Bn. The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot), at the Branch Social Evening.



#### SOUTHEND BRANCH

*A group of members and guests at the Branch Social Evening.*

on our usual attendance and we were delighted to welcome a number of new members. On this occasion we were proud to have as visitors Lt.-Col. Holme, Capt. Pike and R.S.M. Baldry as well as several other members of the Battalion and also Major Purdy, the Regimental Recruiting Officer.

During the evening Colonel Holme showed a film of the Battalion's activities in Malaya followed by a short talk on the recent activities of the Battalion. This was the first opportunity that our members have had of getting such up to date information, and every one present was most interested in all that the Commanding Officer had to show and to tell us. Capt. Pike also gave a most interesting talk about his adventures in driving from Warley Barracks to Singapore, and although he made the journey sound a very easy one, we realised how many hazards and dangers he and his companions had to face. As a memento of their visit to the Branch, Colonel Holme was presented with a silver Armada dish, which he was pleased to accept on behalf of the Battalion, and which, he said, would be treasured by them. We are most grateful to the Colonel and those members of the Battalion who visited us for the interest which they have shown in our Branch since they came to Shoeburyness, and we hope to see a lot of them during their all too short stay here. At our next meeting we are looking for-

ward to meeting some more of the serving members of the Regiment as on that occasion they have accepted our challenge to a darts match.

Our Entertainments Committee composed of Messrs. Allicker, Lafin and Saunders have arranged an attractive programme for the rest of the year and we are looking forward to meeting many new members. Any one who would like to have information about our Branch and who would like to attend our meetings is invited to get in touch with the Secretary, Mr. C. F. Harrod, 9, Whittingham Avenue, Southchurch, Essex, or with Major A. W. Saunders, 52, Chalkwell Avenue, West-cliff-on-Sea. We shall be delighted to meet any new members.

### Engagements

MR. DAVID WELLS AND MISS ANN  
RICHARDSON

The engagement was announced on Christmas Day, 1961, between David, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wells, 11, Hardwick Road, Bedford, and Ann, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson, Myerscough Hall, Bis-borrow, Lancashire.

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CADZOW

The engagement is announced between John Michael Burton, son of Major and Mrs. G. Gaden, of Pymble, New South Wales, and Helen Joan, daughter of the late Mr. J. Cadzow, of Terowe, South Australia, and Mrs. Blight, of Keith, South Australia.

LT. T. ST. JOHN-MUNSON AND MISS  
VALERIE HUMPHREY

The engagement is announced between Lt. Thomas St. John-Munson, R.E.M.E., only son of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Munson, of 96, Brassey Road, Winchester, Hants, and Valerie, only daughter of Squadron-Leader L. F. Humphrey, A.F.C., A.F.M., of Geneina Lodge, Bourne Lane, Twyford, Hants., and the late Mrs. Humphrey.

### Marriage

WILSON—THOMSON.—On March 3, 1962, at St. Nicholas' Church, Cranleigh, Capt. Michael Wilson, The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot) to Miss Jill Barbara Thomson.

### Birth

BUSHELL.—On February 4, 1962, at Aden, to Captain and Mrs. John Bushell, a second daughter, Philippa Xanthe Frances.

## Obituaries

JESSOP.—It is with deep regret that we report the death of ex-Sgt. G. L. Jessop, at Welling, Kent, on May 6, 1961. Sgt. Jessop enlisted at Warley in 1905, and served with 1st and 2nd Bns. The Essex Regiment in Malta, France, Turkey and Ireland. He was awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal and was a Life Member of the Association of Sergeants.

### CAPT. D. M. SAUNDERS, M.C.

We regret to report the death of Capt. D. M. Saunders, M.C., which occurred at 46, Lowndes Square, London, on November 10, 1961, after a long illness. The funeral service was held at St. Michael's, Chester Square. D. M. Saunders was born in 1894 and educated at Tonbridge and Clare College, Cambridge. He was a Territorial in the Honourable Artillery Company before the 1914-1918 war, and on the outbreak of war, joined the 60th Rifles and served in their ranks in France. At the end of 1915 he was commissioned into The Bedfordshire Regiment, after serving with the 10th (Training) Battalion at Colchester. Capt.

Saunders was posted to the 6th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment in France, joining them at Becourt Wood. He continued to serve with the Battalion until the end of the war, taking part in many engagements. He was appointed Adjutant and was awarded the M.C. while with the Battalion.

Master Grundy, writing from The Royal Courts of Justice, London, states he was considered a fine officer, always so considerate and courteous, and nothing was too much trouble for him. For many years he was a Vice-President of the 6th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment (1914-1918) O.C.A.

In the Second World War, Capt. Saunders re-joined The Regiment, but in 1943 was promoted Colonel and sent to Washington as Military Advisor to the late Sir Harold Butler, the Minister then responsible for the British Information Services.

His business interests were in the advertising world. He was Chairman of J. Walter Thompson Company, London, from 1947-1959, and a prime mover in the formation of the European Association of Advertising Agents, becoming its first Chairman in 1961.

FRENCH.—On November 23, 1961. Mr. French, who served with 10th Bn. The Essex Regiment in France in World War I, and sustained a head injury whilst in the line. He had suffered from a mental disorder for some years prior to his death. The Regiment was represented at the funeral.

NEAVE.—On November 26, 1961, in hospital, at Brentwood. Mr. W. J. Neave enlisted in The Essex Regiment in 1897 and served throughout the South African War with the 1st Battalion, continuing his service until 1905. In 1914 he was recalled and served throughout the First World War with 3rd Bn. The Essex Regiment. Since his retirement, Mr. Neave lived in Brentwood. He was 83 years old at the time of his death. The Regiment was represented at his funeral.

COOK.—On December 9, 1961, Mr. Leonard Albert Cook (ex-9407 C.Q.M.S.) who enlisted in The Essex Regiment in January, 1910, and served mainly with the Pompadours until April, 1919, when he was transferred to the Reserve. Mr. Cook, after his retirement, worked at Paxman's of Colchester, and after losing his wife in 1951, he continued to live with his son at Colchester.

HIGDON.—On December 11, 1961, Mr. T. S. Higdon, of 298, Camp Road, St. Albans. Formerly No. 25250, Mr. Sigdon served during the First World War with the 2nd and 6th Bn. of The Bedfordshire Regiment. He

was severely wounded in 1918, and, as a result, was discharged in February, 1919. Throughout the rest of his life he suffered a great deal of pain and underwent several operations for the removal of shrapnel and bone splinters. The funeral service was held at Garston Crematorium and St. Albans Branch was represented.

#### MAJOR D. M. HAWKINS

On December 12, 1961, The Regiment lost one of its oldest officers, through the death of Major D. M. Hawkins, who was in his 88th year. Donald McLeod Hawkins was educated at Windlesham House and Dover College. He originally intended to make a career in the Army, but after leaving school he moved to Canada, where he worked for many years on the staff of the Canadian Pacific Railway. On the outbreak of the First World War, although already 40, he quickly volunteered for service and joined The Bedfordshire Regiment. He was on active service in France with the 8th Battalion and rose to the rank of Major. After the war, Major Hawkins and his wife settled in Horsham. He became Secretary to Dame Alice Goodman, and was able to give invaluable help to her in the many aspects of her social work.



*The late Major D. M. Hawkins.*

Major Hawkins was always extremely proud of his connection with the 8th Battalion, and made a particular point of attending their reunions. He was also a very loyal supporter of Regimental occasions and, in spite of advancing years and the difficulties of travel, regularly attended functions at Kempston Barracks and reunions in London. The funeral service was held at Crawley Crematorium on December 16, 1961. Major D. T. Tewkesbury, M.B.E., represented The Regiment. We extend sincere sympathy to his widow and their son.

**LORD O'HAGAN.**—On December 18, 1961, at Beaulieu, aged 79 years, Maurice Herbert Towneley Towneley - O'Hagan, the third Baron O'Hagan, served with Essex R.H.A. during the First World War, and later became Honorary Colonel of 6th Bn. The Essex Regiment and of the 4th (Cadet) Battalion.

**LARKINS.**—On December 21, 1961, Capt. A. S. Larkins, of 273, Goldington Road, Bedford. Formerly a regular N.C.O. of the 16th Foot, on completion of his service, he joined the Bedfordshire A.C.F., obtained a commission and was promoted to Captain. The funeral service took place at Bedford Crematorium and was attended by many representatives of Bedford Branch and from the Bedfordshire A.C.F.

**COPPS.**—On December 26, 1961, at 15, Byde Street, Bengoe, Hertford, Mr. William George Copps, who served with the 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment during the 1914-1918 War.

**DURRANT.**—In December, 1961, at 11, Coopers Close, Kimpton, Beds., Mr. Edwin Durrant, who served in The Bedfordshire Regiment during the First World War.

#### LIEUTENANT-COLONEL A. H. KELLY

Arthur Hamilton Kelly was born on May 26, 1903. He was educated at Bedford School and was commissioned from Sandhurst into The Essex Regiment on August 30, 1923. Apart from a short period on the Staff, his service was spent in the 1st Battalion. He was with the Battalion during the Palestine operations in 1936, and served with them in Egypt, the Sudan and Iraq during the last war. He was seriously wounded on the evening of May 28, 1941, while leading an attack on the Iraqi position near Falluja. From then on he was never quite fit, and following a period in Germany after the war, he retired in 1948. He was re-employed as a Retired Officer in the War Office and was so employed when he died suddenly, on December 31, 1961, following an operation on the leg so seriously hurt at Falluja.





*The late Lt.-Col. A. H. Kelly.*

Arthur Kelly came from an Essex Regiment family, for his father commanded the 1st Battalion during the late 1880s, and his elder brother served in the 1st Battalion until a serious accident, which cost him a leg, cut short his active military career. His son, James, also served in the Regiment. Arthur joined the 1st Battalion in Bordon at a time when there was an emphasis on games, and when almost every subaltern was in one or other of the Battalion teams. He, on the other hand, had no athletic back ground, but was artistic in outlook. He "illuminated" quite brilliantly, and some of his work can be seen in the Rolls of Honour in the Regimental Chapel. He was interested in stamp collecting and acting, and he could sing and dance well. Shy and retiring, this introduction to a Battalion might have daunted lesser persons. But it was a challenge to Arthur, and something of his character and determination was to be shown in these early days of his career. With patience and hard training, he was soon to make his mark as a quarter-miler, and he was in the athletic teams in the vintage years, when the Battalion won the Eastern Command Team Championship and was third in the Army Team Championships. It was never easy to watch him finish—white face, head rolling—he willed himself to the finish, and he always "ran himself out."

Arthur was a delightful friend, warm, kind and generous to a fault. He was the most modest of men, but his quiet personality and example left an imprint on all those who knew him. His quiet personality could, however, be deceptive, for if he felt strongly about anything, he could be most determined. In the frustrations and disappointments in peace time soldiering, he remained unruffled and good tempered. Arthur had a great sense of fun and enjoyed having his leg pulled, as much as he enjoyed pulling the legs of his friends. There will be many—both officers and men—who read this obituary who will look back on acts of kindness from Arthur. His sudden death, at an early age, came as a great shock, and we who knew him so well have lost a charming friend.

To Georgie, Aphie and James go our sincere sympathy in their sorrow.

**CRAWLEY.**—On January 3, 1962, at Hertford, Capt. E. G. Crawley, who enlisted in The Hertfordshire Volunteer Battalion, The Bedfordshire Regiment in 1897. His Regimental number was 1, a fact of which he was very proud. On the formation of the Territorial Force in 1908, Capt. Crawley continued to serve with the Hertfordshire Regiment (T.F.) and went to France with the 1st Battalion in 1917. In 1917 he was commissioned as Lt. (Quartermaster) and posted to The Northamptonshire Regiment, with whom he served in Palestine. He retired in 1919. He was an early member of The Old Contemptibles' Association, and for many years President of the Hertford Branch of that Association. At the time of his death he was aged 84.

**MAJOR J. G. CULVER, M.C., M.M.**

Major J. G. Culver, M.C., M.M., died in St. Andrew's Hospital, Billericay, at midday on Sunday, January 7, 1962, after some four months' illness. He was one of the bravest and most determined soldiers the Regiment can ever have produced. He was with the 10th Bn. The Essex Regiment, from its formation in 1914 until the day he was taken prisoner (March 21, 1918) and seriously wounded. He was always to be found wherever there was "trouble," and in battle he was fearless. Reference to his bravery can be found in his Battalion's history, "With the 10th Essex in France," and it is interesting to recall that when he was commissioned, in the Somme, in 1916, he was not sent home to a Cadet Battalion to learn how to lead and fight, but was a Sergeant one day and a Second-Lieutenant the next, with the Battalion into which he had enlisted.

During the Second World War he served with the Home Guard and was Commander of the Hornchurch Company of the 20th Battalion.



*The late Major J. G. Culver, M.C., M.M.*

When the Home Guard was resuscitated at the end of 1951, Major Culver came back at once and was Second-in-Command of the 20th Battalion until its final disbandment. Always a good rifle shot, he was still the inspiration of the Hornchurch Rifle Club up to the time of his illness and was consistent in his regular attendance at the evening shoots at London Road Drill Hall, Romford, and at Rainham. For many years he lived at Station Road, Hornchurch, and moved to Ramsden Heath on his retirement.

**MURRELL.**—On January 19, 1962, the death occurred of Mr. R. B. Murrell, of 1, Galloway Close, Kempston. He was 59. A regular soldier, he will be remembered by many as the Drum-Major of the 2nd Bn. 16th Foot, just before the war.

**EVANS.**—On January 20, 1962, ex-Sgt. J. F. Evans, M.M., who served throughout the First World War with 10th Bn. The Essex Regiment. He was living at Thundersley at the time of his death. The Regiment was represented at the funeral.

**CAILES.**—On January 26, 1962, Mr. C. T. Cailes, who served in the 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.). He was a member of the Watford Branch of The Old Contemptibles Association.

**CLAYTON.**—In January, 1962, Mr. F. W. Clayton, who served in the 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.), No. 1547, Corporal. He was a member of the Bishop's Stortford Branch of The Old Contemptibles' Association.

**CLEMENTS.**—We regret to report the death of Mr. F. J. Clements, of 20, Henry Street, Luton, which occurred in January. Mr. Clements was with the 1/5th Bedfords in the First World War and maintained his interest in The Regiment through the "Yellow Devils."

**O'FARRELL.**—On February 6, 1962, at The Royal Hospital Infirmary, In-Pensioner F. J. O'Farrell, aged 81. Formerly No. 4/6884, Mr. O'Farrell served in The Bedfordshire Regiment from November, 1913, until February, 1917. He was admitted to The Royal Hospital as an In-Pensioner in July, 1960. The funeral took place at Brookwood Cemetery on February 13, 1962, and was attended by R.S.M. Herd, 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.).

**LT.-COL. F. A. HAMILTON, O.B.E.**

"Bill" Hamilton, as he was affectionately known in the Regiment, died on February 8, 1962. Born in 1880, Lt.-Col. Hamilton, after passing through Sandhurst, was commissioned in The Essex Regiment, in 1901, together with Colonel Richard Neave, with whom he had also been at Cordwalles Preparatory School. He joined the 1st Battalion in Bangalore in 1902, and served with them throughout their tour in India and Burma, until 1912, when he left to join the Indian Army Cavalry. Subsequently he served for many years, mainly in India, including the North West Frontier, where he was appointed Inspector of Communications.

"Bill" Hamilton had a charming personality, a quick wit, and, with his keen sense of Irish humour, he possessed an inexhaustible supply of Irish stories. He was a very keen sportsman and a regular rider to hounds, being Master of the Quetta Hounds for three seasons. Although the Regiment lost sight of him for longish periods, we were always pleased that he was able to be with us at some of our Regimental dinners. His passing will be deeply regretted by his many friends in The Regiment.

**SLADE.**—Mr. Justice Slade died on February 10, 1962. Gerald Osborne Slade was born in 1891 and became very well known to the public before his appointment to the High Court Bench, because of his strenuous career at the Bar, during which he was briefed for many famous cases. Mr. Justice Slade served with The Essex Regiment during World War I, and among his many other activities, he was Chancellor of the Diocese of Chelmsford, from 1934 to 1948.

**BRIGHT.**—On February 17, 1962, at his home at Witham, aged 72 years. Major Frederick

Gerald Bright, M.C., had been a practising solicitor in Witham for 40 years, and was Clerk to the Witham Urban District Council from 1946 to 1959. A native of Maldon, Major Bright served with 5th Bn. The Essex Regiment during the First World War. He served at Gallipoli and in Palestine, was awarded the Military Cross and was twice Mentioned in Despatches. Since his service days Major Bright has been a member of 5th Battalion Old Comrades Association.

#### COLONEL R. W. WREN, T.D.

Colonel Richard William Wren died at Hayward's Heath Hospital on February 19, 1962. After service with the County of London Regiment, he was commissioned in The Essex Regiment in 1917, and served throughout the remainder of the First World War. He took over command of 6th Bn. The Essex Regiment in 1937. As a business executive, and being possessed of a very clear brain, decision on all essential matters came easily to him, and his enthusiasm and drive, together with his charming personality, quickly enabled him to familiarise himself with his command. He was very proud of his Regiment and most punctilious over all Regimental affairs. He was a good speaker and took part in many recruiting drives, winning many recruits for the Regiment, and gaining many friends. Those who served with a Territorial Battalion in peace as well as in war, are well aware that the social side plays an important part of the popularity and success



The Late  
Colonel  
R. W. Wren,  
T.D.

of a unit, and Colonel and Mrs. Wren contributed in no small measure to the successful functions organised by the 6th Battalion.

Perhaps his hardest task was in 1938, when he had to inform his Battalion that it was to be split up and converted into two Searchlight Battalions. This decision he took in his stride,

and he asked for, and received, the full support of his troops at this difficult time. Very few of his Battalion resigned. After the conversion he commanded 1st/6th Bn. (64th Searchlight Regiment) for some two years, and might then have retired to a less active role, but not so, Colonel Wren. He applied for and was appointed as O.C. Troop Ships, and his many subsequent journeys took him as far afield as Japan. He survived the many hazards of his new command and retired at the end of the war, retaining a lively interest in all Regimental affairs.

To those officers and men who knew and served under him, Colonel Wren will be greatly missed.

HOWARD.—On February 26, 1962, Mr. A. Howard, at Brentwood. Mr. Howard served in The Essex Regiment during the First World War, when he was severely wounded in the arm. He was subsequently in the employ of Brentwood Post Office for over 30 years.

ALLEN.—On April 8, 1962, the death suddenly occurred of Mr. T. Allen, 62, Leasway, Bedford. He was 69. As Secretary of the Bedford Branch of the British Legion and of Bedford United Services' Association, Mr. Allen was well-known by all local ex-Servicemen. His own service had been with the 2nd/5th Bedfords, and also the 11th Bn. The Essex Regiment in the First World War. The funeral service was held on April 11 at Christ Church, Bedford, where for many years he had been a Sunday School teacher. It was attended by representatives of the many ex-Service organisations with which he had been so closely connected.

SPARY.—On April 12, 1962, at 9, Cowper Road, Markyate, Hertfordshire, Mr. Edwin Spary, at the age of 85. Mr. Spary enlisted in The Bedfordshire Regiment in August, 1893. He served in the Boer War and took part in the Battles of Paardeburg, Drifontein, Johannesburg, Diamond Hill, Witteburgen, and he was at the relief of Kimberley. He was discharged from the Army on conclusion of his service, on August 2, 1905, from Warley Barracks.

WHITE.—On April 14, 1962, in hospital at Tottenham, Mr. Harry William White, aged 66 years. Mr. White saw service with 7th Bn. The Essex Regiment during the 1914-18 War and after his Military service he spent over 25 years with the County of Essex Constabulary from which he retired in 1945. He was from 1946 to 1960 on the staff of Ongar War Memorial Hospital.

ALLEN.—On April 18, 1962, Mr. H. Allen, of 2, St. Peter's Avenue, Arlesey, Bedford, died aged 75. Mr. Allen served throughout the First World War in The Bedfordshire Regiment, in the 1st and 4th Battalions. He was a member of the bombing section at Hill 60. He was employed at the London Brick Company at Arlesey from January, 1933, until his retirement through ill health in September, 1956. The funeral service was held at Arlesey Parish Church on April 26, 1962, and the Regiment was represented by Major G. H. Darlow, T.D.

TAYLOR.—On April 22, 1962, Mr. Brian Frederick James Taylor, who served with 5th Bn. The Essex Regiment during the First World War. Mr. Taylor had been Chairman of the Board of the *Essex Weekly News* since 1952 and a director of the company since 1926.

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